NO ONE TO SHOOT MURDERER

Condemned Man Chose That Form of Death—Executioners Scarce.

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RENO, Nev., Aug. 11.—Warden George W. Cowing of the Nevada State Penitentiary faces the strangest situation in his experience as head of the institution. Before Aug. 23 he must find five men to shoot a man in execution of a death sentence for murder.

Andriji Mirkovich, a murderer duly convicted, was under the new statutes of Nevada given his choice of death either by hanging or shooting. He chose shooting, and the date of execution was set for Aug. 23. Warden Cowing has approached a number of men who have absolutely refused to undertake the job of shooting a human being. He is at a loss as to how to carry out the death sentence.

The Warden said that he would have the matter brought to the attention of the court. Meantime he is urging the condemned man to change his mind and go to his death upon the gallows. Mirkovich refuses. He remains passive through it all. If he must die, he wants to be shot.

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