

CAN'T CONVICT SLAYERS

Say No Jury in Cobb County Will Find Lynchers Guilty.

LEADING CITIZENS IN MOB

Men Who Hanged Frank Are Well Known in Church and Social Circles. It Is Said—Show No Signs of Guilty Conscience—Were 'Merely Carrying Out Law's Mandate.'

Special to The Washington Post

New York, Aug. 19.—The Times today prints the following dispatch from Marietta, Ga.

The murder of Leo M. Frank will go unavenged by the law if it is to be punished in the county where it was committed. No jury in Cobb county would convict the murderers no grand jury would indict them no official would undertake to prosecute them.

This is not to say that Cobb county is terrorized for it is not. It is to say that the vast majority of its people even those who deplore the lynching as a violation of law, believe that Frank got no more than his deserts, and that the mob simply carried out the law of the land.

The word mob does not seem descriptive although it is correct for these men did not display the ordinary characteristics of a mob.

Liquor played no part in it as it does in most lynchings. The lynching had been planned for months and the plans were carried out with order and precision.

The feeling in Marietta is illustrated by a searing and sarcastic telegram sent by the chief of police to Detective Williams.

Leo Frank lynched here yesterday. Come quick and help investigate. H. H. Tooney, chief of police.

Lynching Planned Weeks Ago. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 18.—The public will never know the identities of the 25 men and boys who took part in the lynching of Leo M. Frank.

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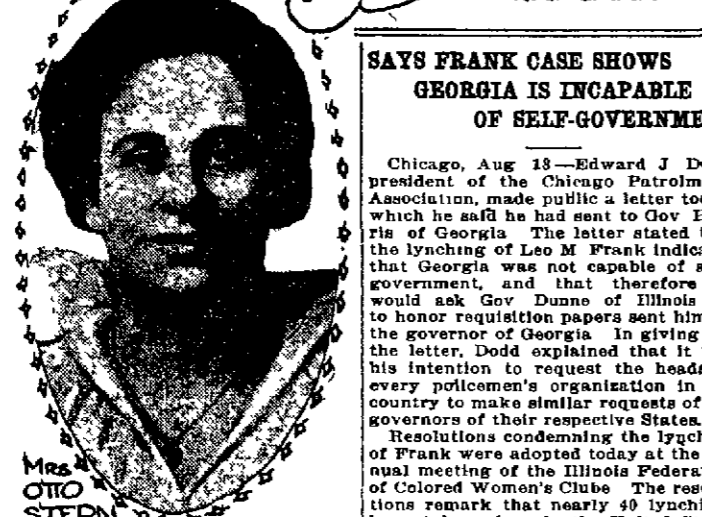
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WIFE, MOTHER AND SISTER OF LEO FRANK, WHO MET DEATH AT HAND OF GEORGIA MOB



Mrs. R. Frank, Mrs. Leo M. Frank, Mrs. Otto Stern.

SLAYERS OF LEO FRANK MUST PAY PENALTY, SAYS GOV. HARRIS

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DEFENDS GEORGIA MOB

Mayor of Atlanta Says Frank Lynching Was Justifiable.

WARNS SLATON TO STAY AWAY

Tells Franco Audience That Former Governor, Who Commuted Death Sentence of Lynched Man, Had Better Not Return to State Now—People Will Stop at Nothing to Defend Woman.

Special to The Washington Post

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—J. G. Woodward, mayor of Atlanta, in an address here last night declared that Leo M. Frank, who was lynched Monday night, suffered the "just penalty for an unpardonable crime."

Mayor Woodward's address was made at a banquet of the California State assessors' associations.

Little or no applause greeted his remarks, although he was listened to with close attention.

Know Case Intimately. In the course of his speech Mayor Woodward said:

"I am going to take occasion to tell of the events that have put Georgia on a world-wide map. I wish you to know that I am going to endeavor to set you right. People throughout the United States have obtained their ideas of the Frank case from a poisoned and subsidized press and press reports."

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TAFT FLAYS LYNCHERS

Killing of Frank a "Damnable Outrage," He Asserts.

"MURDER OF WORST KIND"

Former President, at Salt Lake City, Declares Defense of Such Actions "Makes a Decent Man Sigh"—Attempt to Blame Slaton "All Tommorrow"—Never Civic Justice in Mob Law.

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Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 18.—"The lynching of Leo Frank was a damnable outrage," was the comment of William Howard Taft as he stepped off the train today to attend the American Bar Association convention.

"There was no excuse, no mitigating circumstances, to justify the action of the Georgia mob."

Mr. Taft said that the Georgia mob was responsible for the lynching of Frank by the Georgia mob.

"There is never civic justice in mob law. This talk that Gov. Slaton was responsible for the lynching of Frank by the Georgia mob is a very bad thing."

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say that it will equal that of the 1900 storm, which was estimated at \$15,000,000.

For more than 48 hours Galveston was under a deluge of water, with the world except for a few feeble wireless messages which told of scraps of news.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Monday night the wires went down after several days of the storm, which had been brewing all the afternoon.

From that time until late today only the wireless has been able to send a few fragments of fact from the United States station at San Antonio.

Despite the fact that a thousand feet of the wall was battered away, Galveston attributes its salvation as a city to the big dike which was built a few years after the storm of 1900.

The mayor proclaimed the city under martial law, and after a survey of the losses announced that Galveston would not call on other communities for aid.

The surprisingly low loss of life is due probably to the season of 1910. The population Monday night sought refuge in the strong buildings of the city, whereas in the disaster of fifteen years ago, the residents remained in their homes feeling secure against the gale which took the lives of 8,000.

All the city's resort bath houses and beach amusements have been swept away. The Murdoch, the Breakers and the Surf, bath houses, each of which was a commodious frame structure, were demolished and beached upon the boulevard in debris.

The loss to the city port facilities has been enormous and all kinds of craft have suffered. The United States transport McClellan is high ground on the main island, an artificial spot north of Galveston, just across the ship channel. Many vessels have been capsized and several are reported as destroyed.

Reports from towns in central Texas say that cotton has been beaten into the ground by the heavy rains. It is estimated that 50 per cent of all the cotton in this section was open and that from one-fourth to one-half of the open cotton was lost. On this calculation, the damage will be from 15 to 25 per cent of the entire cotton crop of central Texas.

Bay Towns Suffer Heavily. In bearing the brunt of the storm, Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula served as barriers to break the force of the hurricane against the little bay-shore towns which skirt the large body of water lying to the north of the island.

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War Bulletins

FRANCE. Paris, Aug. 18.—The following official statement was issued tonight at the French war office.

"There has been violent cannonading in Artois, in Champagne and in the Argonne forest, at La Louviere, at the Vaux-Pery, at Bois la Petrie, in the region of Croix des Carmes and on the front at the Selle."

"The struggle by means of mines continues at a great many points near Beauvois, to the south of the Argonne forest, where the Germans have shattered the sapping work of the Germans."

"In the Argonne the various attempts made by the enemy to progress by means of grenades in the region of Marle Therese all have been repulsed. In the Vosges the position taken by us on the Sonnenach ridge is still in our hands despite a very violent bombardment."

"The French war office this afternoon gave out this statement: 'Last night passed in relative quiet along the greater part of the front. There has been reported only artillery engagements in the sectors of the north of Arras and between the River Somme and the River Oise, in the region of Roye and in the vicinity of Lassigny.'

"There was fighting yesterday with bombs and hand grenades in the Argonne forest, at the Bois la Louviere, at Fontaine-aux-Charmes, and in the forest of Cheppy. Our bombardment yesterday of the German positions near the line caused the explosion of several depots of ammunition."

"The German forces of the Soudernach fresh and violent counter attacks during the night against the positions taken by us yesterday were repulsed and we made about fifty prisoners."

GERMANY. Berlin, Aug. 18.—The German statement issued today read as follows: 'The German army headquarters staff read as follows: 'Eastern theater of the war. Army group of Gen. Field Marshal von Hindenburg. The fortress of Kovno together with all its forts and suburbs has been captured by our troops, including far more than 400 material, fell into German possession in the course of the night. The fortress was captured by our troops in the most stubborn resistance on the part of the enemy.'

"The armies of Gen. von Scholtz and Gen. von Gallwitz penetrated toward the railway line of Ochnitz-Breslau. Our foremost divisions are approaching the Bialystok-Besiek Railway."

"Before Novgorodsk front further forces on the northeastern front were captured by storm. We took 800 prisoners and captured twenty cannon. Army group of General Field Marshal Prince Leopold of Bavaria. The left wing met with renewed resistance yesterday in the Kamionka section on both sides of the railway line of Ochnitz-Breslau. Our forces over the way across the Kamionka section. The enemy was driven back to the (name deleted). Our forces reached the southern bank of the Bug."

"Army group of General Field Marshal von Mackensen. This army group has delivered its position on the Bug and into the outer positions of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk. East of Wlodawa our troops penetrated across the Bug and southeast of Brest-Litovsk in an easterly direction."

"In the western theater of the war. In the Vosges French attacks took place after having been prepared for at the expense of considerable quantities of ammunition, against Schraetzmaennle and our positions southeast of Soudernach. The enemy divisions which had penetrated into our positions were driven back again by means of counter attacks. South of Soudernach a small but completely demolished trench section remained in the hands of the French."

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It seems indeed a cruel fate that the cotton growers of the South, that England's friendly South Administration Will Not Help. We are entirely helpless, however, only because our present administration desires us to be helpless in this situation.

There are weapons at hand with which to protect ourselves but we do not grasp them. There are measures at our command to remedy the situation—but we do not exact them. Our word whupped into the ear of Sir Cecil-Spring Rice and the markets of Germany and Austria would be open to the cotton growers of the South. That word is embargo. But it will never be whispered by Lansing—Herman Rider.

GERMAN VIEW OF WAR. Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor, accompanied by his private secretary, Hugh Kerwin, returned to Washington yesterday from San Francisco where they attended a conference of the national and state labor employment agencies and a conference of immigration inspectors and officials.

England Has Dealt South Hard Blow Through Cotton, Says the Staats-Zeitung. New York, Aug. 18 (Wednesday)—The South has always prided itself upon the fact that its great staple commodity cotton, ruled the world. Despite the efforts of chemists and other scientists, no substitute has yet been found to take its place.

The South depends upon cotton. It is the barometer of its prosperity. The cotton crop is discounted in Southern banks before it is harvested. It is the Southern means of exchange, and frequently is used directly in place of money.

The South has been accustomed to supply a great part of the world with cotton, and requires a world market to dispose of its crop. The South now receives the news that cotton is about to be made contraband by Great Britain, and that the markets of the central European countries are about to be closed. The net result of this will be loss to the Southern section of the United States of something like \$150,000,000.

What will the South do about it? Will it stand by and submit to its financial ruin, and like a good Christian turn the other cheek to Britain, or will it turn its wrath upon the present administration, for its weakness in failing to secure its chief interest? There is scarcely a town in the South scarcely a home there that will not feel the pinch of necessity during the coming year."

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