

The Lancaster News.

VOL. 10, NO. 74, SEMI-WEEKLY.

LANCASTER, S. C., TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1915.

\$1.50 A YEAR.

SLATON COMMUTES FRANK'S SENTENCE

Mary Phagan's Slayer Will Serve Life Term.

GOV. DEFENDS HIS ACTION.

Decision Was Received With Unfavorable Comment—Trouble Stopped by Extra Police.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—Leo M. Frank's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment today by Governor Slaton. Announcement of the governor's decision came several hours after Frank had been secretly taken from the jail here and hurried to the state prison farm at Milledgeville. Frank was sentenced to be hanged here tomorrow for the murder of Mary Phagan, in April, 1913.

Governor Slaton still was at his country home when he announced his decision on the case over the telephone to The Associated Press. In making this announcement the governor dictated the following brief statement:

"All that I ask is that the people of Georgia read my statement of the reasons why I commuted Leo M. Frank's death sentence to life imprisonment, before they pass judgment. "Feeling as I do about this case I would be a murderer if I allowed this man to hang. It may mean that I must live in obscurity the rest of my days, but I would rather be plowing in a field than to feel for the rest of my life that I had that man's blood on my hands."

Governor Slaton was completing a long statement giving his reasons for his action, and this he said would be made public later.

Early extra editions stated definitely that Frank's sentence had been commuted and early in the morning crowds began to gather on the principal downtown street corners. The arrest of a man who attempted to dismount a policeman by grabbing the horse's reins, stirred the crowd at Forsythe and Walton streets to excitement and they followed the officers to the city hall, a block away, where they took the prisoner pending arrival of a patrol wagon.

Speakers started to harangue the crowd from the city hall steps but were stopped by an extra force of police. It was stated that a delegation was coming here from Marietta, the former home of Mary Phagan.

Two hearings were held here on Frank's application for executive clemency, one before the state prison commission May 31 and the other before the governor. The latter hearing extended through several days and ended June 16.

Before the prison commission oral argument on Frank's behalf was made by his counsel and by jurists, lawyers and prominent citizens of Georgia, Illinois and Massachusetts. Petitions bearing hundreds of thousands of names from various state legislatures, societies and committees and thousands of letters urging clemency for Frank were presented to the commission.

In opposition to the application there were filed a letter from Solicitor Dorsey, who prosecuted Frank and a protest from citizens of Cobb county, Ga., where Mary Phagan formerly resided.

Frank's counsel, prior to the appeal for executive clemency had made seven unsuccessful attempts before the county superior and state supreme courts to obtain a new trial or the setting aside of the verdict. The federal district court refused to grant him a writ of habeas corpus and the United States supreme court declined to grant a writ of error for review of the case and also denied Frank's appeal in habeas corpus proceedings. Four times the sentence of death was passed upon him.

The first official announcement of the Georgian's decision was made at 8:42 o'clock this morning. Extra editions of the local newspapers containing the unofficial announcement, caused considerable excitement among a number of crowds of men, who began gathering on various street corners and around city hall, and who discussed the governor's grant of clemency to Frank. Mounted

(Continued on Page Eight.)

CATHEDRAL SUFFERS.

French Exert Efforts to Save Rheims Structure.

Paris, June 20.—Albert Dalimier, under secretary of fine arts, has returned from Rheims, where he went to see what further damage had been done to the cathedral by recent German bombardments.

"Five shells fell in the cathedral Thursday, causing additional destruction," he said. "Measures of protection naturally are restricted. Sand bags have been piled around the base of the exterior and the most important parts of the interior have been walled around with planks which save them from damage from shell fragments but afford no protection against the explosion of entire shells. Everything movable has been removed."

KING OF GREECE SHOULD RECOVER

Berlin Specialist Declares That Ruler Was Neither Poisoned Nor Wounded.

Amsterdam, June 20.—Prof. Kraus, the Berlin specialist, who returned Saturday from the sick bed of the King of Greece, in an interview in the Vossische Zeitung, says:

"King Constantine neither was poisoned nor wounded but was suffering from a natural illness. The first symptoms were those of influenza, but the Greek doctors soon diagnosed the case as one of pleurisy."

"Owing to the general weakness of the patient the Greek surgeon in attendance could not perform an operation of rib resection, but made only an incision in the chest. After this operation the King had a serious attack of weakness."

Drs. Kraus and Eislerberg of Vienna remained with the King 17 days. They found his heart was displaced. As the patient's condition improved the surgeons recommended resection of the rib. The King bore the operation well, according to Dr. Kraus, and later smoked some cigarettes.

The King's condition did not improve rapidly and he was not out of danger when Dr. Kraus left, as his heart, owing to its displacement, was still weak and irregular. Dr. Kraus said, however, that both he and Dr. Eislerberg were of the opinion that with careful treatment and nursing the King would recover.

COURT OF INQUIRY FAILED TO GET NEAR REAL POINT

Annapolis, Md., June 20.—The court of inquiry tomorrow will begin its third week of the investigation to get to the bottom of the "cribbing" scandal at the Naval Academy. Two weeks of inquiry apparently has failed to get near the real point in the case—the manner in which advanced copies of the actual examination in Spanish were obtained.

Who procured these copies and then mailed them to Midshipman J. E. Moss, is as much a mystery as ever. Judge Advocate Watt, it is expected, will continue his efforts to determine whether a fund was started by midshipmen for the purpose of bribing someone to procure the examinations.

NEW SHERIFF FOR KERSHAW.

Isaac C. Hough of Camden Appointed by Governor.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, June 21.—Governor Manning this afternoon appointed Isaac C. Hough of Camden sheriff of Kershaw county to fill out the unexpired term of W. W. Huckabee, who was suspended by the governor some time ago, as provided for under Section 1,137 of the Code. The governor took the position that the suspension created a vacancy, which he had authority to fill.

Seven Bathers Drowned in Surf at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 20.—Seven bathers, including prominent members of the Philadelphia summer colony, were drowned here today in a heavy sea. Scores of others were dragged to the beach in an unconscious condition after life guards and other bathers had battled desperately to save their lives.

One other man was drowned when six fishing smacks capsized simultaneously, throwing a score of fishermen into the water.

GOV. SLATON CALLS MILITIA TO PROTECT HIM

Commuting Sentences Not Popular Among Certain Classes.

THEY EXPRESS REGRETS.

Governor Defines District Around His Home Within Which Force With Bayonets Disperses Crowd.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—With several hundred men and boys clamoring to enter his front gates, which had been barricaded and threatening to overpower 20 county policemen, Governor Slaton called upon the militia late tonight to protect his home. Upon arrival of four companies of militia who had been held under arms and rushed to the governor's country home in automobiles, he proclaimed martial law in a district extending half a mile back and for a distance of about a quarter of a mile on either side.

When the soldiers lined up with fixed bayonets to disperse the crowd, stones, bricks and bottles were thrown at them. A brick struck Lieut. Arnold Parker and rendered him unconscious for a short while. The commanding officer, Major Catron, was struck by a stone, as were several of the men.

The governor proclaimed martial law at exactly 11 o'clock and by midnight the crowd had practically been dispersed. There was no firing.

A telephone message from Milledgeville, where the state prison is located and where Frank was taken after the governor commuted his sentence, said that trouble was feared there tonight and asked that the governor order out the Milledgeville company of militia. The governor told his informant that such a request would have to come from the sheriff of Baldwin county.

At midnight the sheriff had not requested troops.

The governor was surrounded in his home by about a dozen friends, nearly every one of whom was armed with a rifle or pistol. The unexpected arrival of a member of the mob at a dark corner of the front porch caused the governor himself to hastily pick up a large pistol.

In front of the governor's house were more than 100 automobiles filled with persons evidently there to see what the crowd would do. The troops had great difficulty in clearing the road of these machines and many of their orders were met with the retort of "shoot!"

A crowd estimated at 700 men and boys reached Governor Slaton's country home on Peachtree road about 10:45 o'clock tonight. A force of county police was on the large estate and the crowd made no effort to get into the grounds, standing outside and shouting.

"Hanging" at Newnan.

Newnan, Ga., June 21.—Governor Slaton and Leo M. Frank were hanged in effigy here tonight. Later the images were cut down and set on fire and attached by ropes to automobiles, were dragged blazing through the streets.

Guards Increased at "Pen."

Milledgeville, Ga., June 21.—Although officers at the state farm here would not discuss the matter, it was learned from reliable sources here tonight that the number of guards on duty there had been increased since Leo M. Frank's arrival. It also was ascertained that there has been no request made for state troops.

ATTEMPT TO ROB BANK.

Early Morning Try at Federal Bank at Richmond.

Richmond, June 21.—An attempt was made at 2:30 o'clock this morning to rob the federal bank of Richmond. A watchman making his rounds surprised two men at work and fired two shots at them. A squad of police now have the building surrounded. The robbers are believed to have taken refuge on the roof.

At 3:10 a. m., the police gave it as their belief that the men had escaped going over the roofs of adjoining buildings. The robbers had not succeeded in reaching the vaults of the bank when discovered.

MACKENZEN'S MEN CONTINUE MARCH

Germans Move on Toward Lemberg.

MUSCOVITES IN THE PATH.

Russians Put Up Desperate Resistance Twenty-Four Miles Northwest of City.

Berlin, via London, June 20.—Gen. von Mackenzen's armies are continuing their advance on Lemberg, after capturing Grodek, and have taken Russian trenches, one after another, along a front of almost 24 miles northwest of the city, where the Muscovites are making a desperate stand, according to the German army staff statement today.

The communication reads: "West—North of La Basse canal and on the front north of Arras were repulsed several partial attacks with sanguinary losses for the enemy."

"In Champagne a French division which attacked after blowing up a trench was shot down by our fires. French operations against our outposts in the Parroy forest led to local fighting, in which we maintained the upper hand."

"In the Vosges, we were shelled by the French. Renewed enemy attacks in the Focht valley and south of that point failed."

"An enemy aircraft, one of a squadron which dropped bombs on Lehem in Flanders without doing damage of military importance, was shot down. Several others were obliged to return. Another enemy aircraft was shot down near Veuziers in Champagne."

"East—Russian attacks against our lines in the vicinity of Szawle and Augustowo were beaten off."

"Our advance in small divisions resulted in the capture of advanced positions of the enemy near Budebrzyski and Zalesie, east of the Przasnysz-Myszyniec road."

"Southeast—South of the Pilzen troops under Gen. von Woyrich have taken several advanced enemy positions during the last few days."

"The armies under Gen. von Mackenzen have taken the Grodek position. Early yesterday German troops and the corps of Field Marshal von Arz commenced an attack on strongly entrenched enemy lines. After stubborn fighting enemy trenches, one behind the other, almost along the entire front extending over a distance of 24 miles north of Janow (11 miles northwest of Lemberg), Bisputa and Obiedynski and southwest of Rawa Ruska (32 miles northwest of Lemberg) have been stormed."

"In the evening the enemy was thrown back behind the high road to Zolkiew north of Lemberg and Rawa Ruska. Under pressure of this defeat the enemy also is weakened in his communication. Between Grodek and the Dniester marshes the enemy is hard pressed by Austro-German troops."

"Between the Dniester marshes and the mouth of the river Stry, the enemy has evacuated the southern bank of the Dniester."

M. MAKAROFF RETIRED.

Prince Cherbatoff Succeeds Him in Russian Cabinet.

London, June 21.—The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent says that M. Makaroff, minister of the interior, has been retired and that Prince Cherbatoff has succeeded him. The correspondent adds that Prince Cherbatoff is not well known in public life, although he has been an active member of the Zemstvo and a marshal of the nobility in Poltava province.

MANY RUSSIANS KILLED.

Turks Score Success in Battle Near Olt.

Constantinople, via London, June 20.—Turkish war office statement today said:

"In the battle near Olt (Transcaucasia, 55 miles west of Kars) 200 Russians were killed. Prisoners and war materiel were taken."

"Turkish artillery Thursday seriously damaged a hostile destroyer near Avi Burnu."

WILL MEET AT WINTHROP.

Town Boosters of State to Gather Next Thursday.

Rock Hill Special to Charleston News and Courier, June 19.—On invitation of President D. B. Johnson of Winthrop, Porter A. Whaley, president of the South Carolina Commercial Secretaries' Association, has called a meeting of secretaries to be held at Winthrop College June 24. This is the time of discussion of rural life in the state and the meeting will doubtless be of great interest and profit to the secretaries and their home organizations.

The college is making preparations to give the visitors a hearty welcome and to see that they have a pleasant and profitable day. In this the college will have the hearty co-operation of Secretary W. R. Timmons of the Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce.

ANTI-GERMAN MOBS WRECK 500 STORES

Rioters, Heated With Liquor Found in Demolished Stores, Does \$200,000,000 Damage in Moscow.

Petrograd, via London, June 20.—Moscow suffered damage to the amount of \$20,000,000 during the recent anti-German demonstrations in which nearly 500 stores and factories and more than 200 private ledgings were wrecked.

The infuriated mobs turned the city into wild disorder, according to eye-witnesses. From music stores, pianos and other musical instruments were hurled into the streets until the piles of wreckage made traffic impossible.

The rioters, heated with liquor found in the demolished wine stores, became reckless in their pillaging, burning many stores and apartments, the owners of which were Russians. Of the total number of buildings destroyed only 113 belonged to Austro-German subjects.

The demonstrations beginning early on June 9 lasted more than 21 hours. Buildings were burned and crumbled to ashes, and the fire departments although active throughout the disturbances found it impossible to cope with the flames.

The Moscow council at a meeting June 19, took measures to quell the disorders and prevent a repetition of the rioting. The number of fatalities is not known.

THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY

Atlanta, Ga., June 20.—Much important legislation is expected to come before the annual session of the Georgia legislature which begins here Wednesday next. The assembly also will witness a change of governors, Nat E. Harris of Macon, succeeding John M. Slaton of Atlanta, June 26.

Measures which it is announced will be introduced will provide for woman suffrage, compulsory education, a secret ballot in all elections, a cotton warehouse system and will abolish locker clubs, prohibit the sale of near-beer, abolish capital punishment and eliminate convention meetings for state and congressional offices by declaring nominees the candidates receiving the highest number of county unit votes.

Another important matter to be considered will be the re-leasing of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, a property owned by the state.

JEWS TO HOLD CONFERENCE.

To Consider Relief Measures for Jews in War Countries.

New York, June 20.—An American Jewish conference will be held in Washington about November 1 next to consider measures for relief of the condition of the Jews in the belligerent countries, it was decided here today at a special meeting of the American Jewish committee, at which Louis Marshall presided.

The committee decided that the conference should be composed of not more than 150 delegates from Jewish national societies throughout the country.

Privy Councillor Dies.

London, June 21.—Emil Rathenau, privy councillor and managing director of the Berlin General Electric Company, is dead, according to a Reuter dispatch from Berlin. Herr Rathenau was 77 years old and a power in the financial and commercial world.

GEN. ANGELES OF VILLA ARMY IN UNITED STATES

Rumor of Disagreement Between Him and His Chief is Current.

MAY JOIN NEW GROUP.

It is Suggested That Angeles is Coming to This Country to Confer With Exiled Mexicans.

Washington, June 20.—General Felipe Angeles, artillery expert and General Villa's righthand man, is in the United States en route to Boston, Mass., to visit his family, according to word that reached the United States government tonight from its border agents. These reports said Angeles had crossed into American territory secretly last Friday night.

Officials here were unable to throw much light on the reasons for the Angeles' departure at a time when his services to Villa in the military campaign would seem to be vitally needed. One explanation advanced was that Angeles was coming to the United States to confer with prominent Mexicans who have been living in exile, taking no part in the revolutionary activity, but who lately have been planning a coalition with some of the forces in the field to enable them to get the "active moral support" which President Wilson announced in his recent statement the United States soon would give some group unless the warring factions could agree among themselves.

A news dispatch from El Paso said that General Angeles was on his way to Washington to represent the military and that Miguel Diaz Lombardo, foreign minister, would reach the border in a few days, en route to Washington to represent the conventionalists civil government in a new peace plan.

Enrique C. Llorente, Washington representative of the Villa-Zapata government, said he had heard nothing of Angeles' movements. The Carranza agency gave out a statement pointing out that Angeles probably never would return to Villa's standard and said the Angeles element admitted that the recent defeat at Leon was a virtual annihilation of the Villista forces and that Villa's days were numbered.

Many officials seemed to take the view also that Angeles had left because of personal differences which began shortly before the battle of Celaya, in which Villa lost the first important contest of his military career. It was said that the services of Angeles then and rumors were current at the time of the personal disagreement.

General Angeles' move coming on the heels of the split between General Carranza and his commander-in-chief, General Obregon, some officials were encouraged to believe that out of the tangle might come a new alignment comprising the best elements of the Carranza and Villa factions, forming an organization which might, if successful in dominating the situation, be accorded recognition by the United States.

MAILS BY AUTOMOBILES.

New Routes to Begin Operation in August.

Washington, June 20.—Automobile rural mail delivery routes will be established in many parts of the country beginning in August. It was announced tonight that orders has been signed by Postmaster General Burleson authorizing the operation of 195 machines on that date.

Under the new plan routes designated as automobile routes will be longer than the old horse drawn vehicle routes and the pay will be more.

Bryan Goes to Asheville.

Washington, June 20.—William Jennings Bryan, who returned today from New York after delivering his first address since resigning as secretary of state, plans to speak again Thursday night at a peace demonstration in Madison Square Garden, New York.

Mr. Bryan left tonight with Mrs. Bryan for Asheville, but will return to Washington Wednesday.