

GEORGIA PRISON HEADS EXCORPERATED BLAME FOR PERMITTING FRANK'S DEATH

guards, while the others went on to the home of Supt. J. M. Burke.

Burke was the same quiet spokesman who heard one outside calling him by name.

He stepped outside the door and two strong men grabbed his arms and pinioned them.

He was directed to throw up his hands; he did without hesitation.

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Eight drivers cranked eight automobiles and all the lynchers jumped into their cars.

Warden Smith rushed to the telephone to inform the Sheriff.

At 1:30 A. M. Representative Ennis telephoned the newspaper friend in Atlanta.

He left his secretary, F. R. Jones, telephoning to county authorities all over the State.

"I was called to the door just as I was preparing to retire.

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off and I could see the lights flashing as they went over the hill toward Marietta.

Warden Smith in a statement described the attack as a carefully planned affair.

"I was spending the night at my home adjacent to the main building as I usually do under normal conditions.

Both Capt. Burke and Warden Smith are held blameless by the Board of Prison Commissioners for the seizure of Frank.

They were spending the night at the residence of Capt. Burke and had just shared the body with Frank.

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo M. Frank's body was found hanging to a tree less than two miles from here.

After an all night automobile ride from Marietta, Mary Phagan's self-appointed avengers performed the deed which there have been so many threats in all parts of the State since Gov. Slaton commuted Frank's sentence from death to life imprisonment.

After the body had been a public spectacle for two hours and fifteen minutes, it was cut down.

The crowd gathered with rapidity. Women came, children came. Even babies in arms.

One of the first arrivals was a man in a suit of passion. He was bare-headed, coatless, his eyes blazing like the eyes of a maniac.

At his junction with the crowd, a man ran up to the crowd, jostled his way through and pushed up to a place before the man who was cursing the body.

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waving his arm behind him. "He's out there, strung to a tree about two miles back.

Every one knew whom he referred to, and in less than a minute several automobiles were headed down the road.

Only the lynchers know what happened between the kidnapping and Frank's death, but this much is certain: they covered about one hundred miles by automobile before they killed Frank.

It is thought throughout the State that the lynchers probably came either from the town of Marietta, Ga., or from which Marietta is the seat.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 17.—Best on viewing the body of Leo Frank to satisfy their morbid curiosity that Frank was actually dead, several hundred men, when they discovered the hiding place where the body was being secreted by the undertakers shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon, gathered at the automobile garage of Greenberg & Bond, undertakers, in Piedmont avenue and Ellis street, and threatened to break down the doors of the garage unless permitted to see the body.

When a pane of glass was crashed in by the mob the police realized that the desires of the crowd must be granted. Accordingly an ambulance hearse was summoned and, escorted by a squad of mounted police, it was driven to the wicker casket, which was removed from the garage to Greenberg & Bond's chapel at Houston and Ivy streets, where from 2:30 o'clock on to 7 o'clock the mob gathered.

Continuously during the five hours the mob thronged to view Frank's body thousands of people, including many thousands of women, girls in short dresses, boys yet in knickerbockers, and many women in single file past Frank's casket.

Acting Mayor I. N. Ragsdale, following the denunciation at the garage, addressed the throng from the porch of the chapel, urging them to be orderly to protect the good name of Atlanta.

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With the hideous murder of Leo M. Frank a crime against the mother of Frank has been merged in a crime against the nation. Regardless of the guilt or innocence of the man so cruelly and so foully slain by a mob of savages of the night, this lynching constitutes the most vicious blow that has been struck at organized government in this country in a century, and the South in particular must suffer its effect.

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LEO M. FRANK and his wife in the court room during his trial at Atlanta. Below, Mary Phagan, the 14-year-old girl for whose murder Frank was found guilty.



GEORGIA PRESS SAYS STATE IS NOW DISGRACED

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wick News editorially will say to-morrow: "Is the proud Commonwealth of Georgia vying with bloody Mexico in the outlawry business?"

Instead of taking every precaution to preserve his life and with it the honor of the State of Georgia it seems apparent, from the reports at hand, that the responsible officials through their palpably inadequate protection of him, amounting to passive collusion in the crime, invited the ghastly insult which his murderer constitutes to the sovereignty of his State.

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GEORGIANS IN N. Y. DENOUNCE LYNCHING

Unite in Urging That Frank's Slayers Be Sought Out and Punished.

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Men of New York who were born and raised in Georgia were unanimous yesterday in saying the lynching of Leo M. Frank was a disgrace and a blot on the name of Georgia.

All representative Georgians have felt that the whole Frank case reflected on the State, said P. C. Magnus, president of the Georgia Society.

"The lynching has brought disgrace to Georgia and to the whole country," said Nathan Straus. "There is but one way for Georgia to redeem itself. The State must have no stone returned till the culprits are caught and placed on trial."

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GEORGIA REDEEMED, WATSON PAPER SAYS

"Vigilance Committee Has Carried Out Sentence of Law," Editor Asserts.

ATTACKED BY MARSHALL

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 17.—On the first page of the Jeffersonian, a weekly paper edited by Thomas E. Watson, which was issued to-night, appears the following: "A vigilance committee redeems Georgia and carries out the sentence of the law on the Jew who murdered the little gentle girl Mary Phagan."

"Slaton was Frank's lawyer and the commutation was void. In putting the murderer to death the vigilance committee has done what the Sheriff would have done if Slaton had not been of the same mould as Benedict Arnold."

"Let Jew libertines take notice—Georgia is not for sale to rich criminals." Ever since the sentence of Frank was commuted by Gov. Slaton, Watson has been conducting a bitter anti-Frank and anti-Slaton campaign.

It is but fair to say, however, that a great many people of Georgia felt outraged when Gov. Slaton commuted Frank's sentence, and Watson's incitement to violence fell on fallow soil.

Watson knew this feeling existed and he catered to it to the utmost in his paper.

Louis Marshall says U. S. Should Go After Editor.

ALBANY, Aug. 17.—Louis Marshall, one of Leo Frank's attorneys, said to-night that Thomas E. Watson, a popular editor, was responsible for the agitation which culminated in the hanging of Frank.

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MAYOR OF ATLANTA DEFENDS LYNCHERS

Woodward in Impassioned Speech Warns Slaton to Avoid Georgia.

TRIES TO PUT CITY RIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—In an impassioned speech at a public banquet here to-night, J. G. Woodward, Mayor of Atlanta, Ga., who came West to attend the Dixie day celebration at the exposition, started his hearers by rushing to the defence of the lynching of Leo Frank.

"I am going to take occasion tonight to make a few statements of the events that have put Georgia on the map in a very undesirable light," he said.

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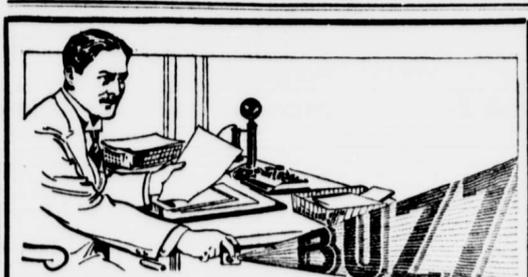
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