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Leo Frank Hung by Mob in Sight of Mary Phagan's Home; Taken 100 Miles

Whole Countryside About Milledgeville Prison Mystified by Abduction and Lynching of Noted Convict---Body Found Hanging to Tree.

MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—A small but well organized mob took Leo M. Frank from the state prison farm at Milledgeville late last night, brought him 100 miles to almost within sight of the former home of Mary Phagan, the girl he was charged with killing, and hanged him to a tree. No shots were fired.

The body, bare-footed and clothed only in prison trousers and shirt, was found two miles from Marietta at 8:30 o'clock this morning. It was believed the lynching occurred about daylight.

While officers were searching the country about Milledgeville early today, local officials viewed as significant the fact that several automobiles well loaded had left this town in the direction of Milledgeville last night. After the return of some of these machines today officers started out on the road which they believed the automobiles had traveled. They had gone only two miles when they saw the body of Frank not more than 150 yards from the roadside.

News that the body had been found spread rapidly in the town and surrounding country. Within a short time hundreds of persons crowded the Roswell road on their way to the scene. At 9:15 o'clock no effort had been made to cut down the body.

Sheriff Hicks was not in town and the coroner took no immediate action.

It is believed now the stop at the bridge over Little River near Eatonton when the mob members talked loudly and fired many shots was a ruse to delay any one who might be pursuing them. If such was the intention it was successful, as ground in the vicinity of the bridge was thoroughly searched. At the time the search was being made, it is probable, Frank already had met death.

The crowd increased rapidly as the day wore on. By 10 o'clock many women and children were seen mingling with the men in the woods at the edge of which the body still hung. At that hour no effort had been made to dispose of the body, although Coroner Booth had been summoned.

MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—Frank's body was cut down at 10:15 o'clock this morning but not until another spectacular phase had been added to the case. A citizen spoke to the crowd demanding mutilation of the body.

Newton Morris spoke immediately after and pleaded with the throng to allow an inquest to take its proper course.

As there was an evident difference of opinion a vote was suggested and taken. It was overwhelmingly in favor of allowing the coroner to take charge of the body.

It was cut down and the two-mile trip to Marietta started.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—The mob arrived in the vicinity of the prison farm practically unnoticed and proceeded methodically to its business. First, all wires from the institution to Milledgeville, three miles away, were cut. All wires except one telephone line from Milledgeville also, was severed.

Five men then went to the house on the prison grounds, occupied by Warden J. T. Smith, attacked him and made him their prisoner. At the same time a small squad of men went to the home of J. M. Burke, superintendent of the farm.

Burke was forced to go to the gate nearest the dormitory, where, it was believed Frank was kept, and the two guards on duty were ordered, while guns were leveled on them, to open the gates. The mob rushed in, quickly got Frank and hurried him out to one of the automobiles. He was forced down into the car, while a member of the mob is said to have flourished a rope in front of him and then placed it in the automobile with him.

Without delay, those who had been guarding Warden Smith left him and joined the balance of the mob. The automobiles were started at once in a northerly direction.

Pursuit Was Impracticable

Only a limited number of guards at the prison and wire communication with Milledgeville made immediate pursuit impossible. Some time elapsed before word could be brought here and officers started in the direction taken by the mob. None of these officers reported for several hours after they left. The first report of the route taken came from the newspapermen who left Macon at about the same time officers got started from Milledgeville.

Frank had sufficiently recovered from the wound in his throat, inflicted by another prisoner a month ago, to leave the prison hospital Sunday and take his place in the sleeping quarters with the other prisoners.

Mrs. Frank, who had been almost constantly with her husband since Creen attacked him, was informed of last night's developments shortly after they occurred. She was reported to have maintained her composure and declined to comment.

Captain J. M. Burk's Story

"I was called to the door just as I was preparing to retire," said Captain J. M. Burk, superintendent of the state prison farm at Milledgeville, "when I passed the threshold two strong men grabbed me and in an instant snapped handcuffs on my wrists. Four others nearby, armed, stood guard over me. When I remonstrated they declared it was no use for me to squirm as they had come for Leo Frank and were going to get him. I was marched up to the penitentiary building by a guard which was redoubled as we proceeded. When we reached the building a demand was made for the gate to be opened, and when the trusty prisoner awaited official orders, one of the men began cutting the wires and informed the prisoner that he would be killed as soon as an entrance was effected. The gate was then unlocked and S. Hester, a night guard, came forward, but he was immediately covered and ordered to throw up his hands. Half way up the steps I was halted while half a dozen men rushed by me and made a dash for Frank's room. One of the prisoners who witnessed this scene declares that four men seized Frank by his arms and legs, while a fifth grabbed him by the hair and he was dragged out and bumped down the stone steps. Frank never uttered a word, but apparently he was suffering intensely and groaned from pain inflicted in handling him in his wounded condition. The affair was completed within five minutes, it seemed to me.

Whole Procedure Well Ordered

"The whole procedure was well ordered and methodical and only few words were spoken. That evidently was agreed upon. A leader did all the talking. Only two of the men were masked, but I did not recognize any of them. Just as they started off the leader said, 'Now, boys, for the swamp!'

"Then, in less time than it takes to tell it, they were off over the hill towards Meriwether."

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—John M. Slaton, former governor of Georgia who commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death passed on Leo M. Frank and who is here visiting the Panama-Pacific exposition, was informed this morning that Frank had been lynched.

"The act was a consummate outrage," said Mr. Slaton, "and every man engaged in the lynching should be hanged, for he is an assassin. I believe the governor of Georgia will use all the power of the state to punish the malefactors who disgraced the civilization of Georgia."

FREIGHT RATES LOWER

Hollow Tile Order Is Made by Corporation Commission, Lowering Rates in the State

As a result of the complaint about high freight rates on hollow building and drain tile by the Pawhuska Vitrified Brick and Tile company, the corporation commission has made an order lowering the rates.

The later tate rate was considerably lower than the state rate and Oklahoma makers of the could not compete with those in other states. The rates from Pawhuska ranged from 7 to 13 cents, but under the new order they are practically the same as the interstate rates, from 5 to 8 cents.

ROOSEVELT MAY BE G. O. P. CHOICE

Dick T. Morgan Says Many Prominent Republicans Think Teddy Will Be a Factor in 1916

IN A JOURNEY from the national capital to Oregon, down the Pacific coast and thence to Oklahoma I found it the general belief among Republicans that the grand old party is going to come back in good form next year, both in the election of members of the house and in the election of president," said Representative Dick T. Morgan of the eighth Oklahoma district, to The Times this morning.

"This belief is due to the prevailing notion that the business depression of the past three years has been largely due to economic and financial policies of the Democratic administration. Generally speaking, the people approve of the president's foreign policy without regard to politics, but regard other policies of the administration as failures. They do not think the business depression has been due to the war in Europe, but to the tariff policy of the Democrats.

War Helped Farmers

"In the granger states it is understood that the good prices that have been received for wheat and some other farm products has been due to the extraordinary demand created by the war in Europe. This is actually true.

"One discouraging feature is the general disposition among Republicans to get together, but there does not seem to be much centralization of sentiment as to candidates. There are so many good and capable men for the big job that there is no uneasiness on that score.

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GRAND CHORUS IS BEING ARRANGED

Thousand Voices Singing in Unison Will Be Heard at Meeting of State Teachers' Association

A CHORUS composed of 1,000 voices is to be one of the stellar features of the annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Teachers' association, to open in Oklahoma City on November 15, Thanksgiving Day. This announcement was made today by R. H. Wilson, president of the state association, who with Prof. Arthur Green, director of music in the Central State Normal school at Edmond, is making arrangements to have the state schools represented in the song carnival thus proposed.

Such a chorus will be the largest ever assembled in Oklahoma and one of the largest ever assembled in the United States, and the students who participate in this chorus will be made honorary members of the State Teachers' association.

Predicts Large Attendance

"We will have an attendance of

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COTTON CONTRABAND

Expected Decision of Allies Has Been Made With Reference to South's Staple—U. S. Will Demonstrate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Official announcement of the decision of the allies to put cotton on the contraband list is expected here at any time. The state department has been advised unofficially but authoritatively of the coming action and such information as officials have received, coupled with latest advices from London, indicates that development of a plan for uniform treatment of the subject by all the entente powers is all that is delaying a formal announcement.

It is generally understood that the move will be protested by the United States government.

WORST STORM IN FIFTEEN YEARS

Even Inland Texas Cities Lose Touch With Anxious, Outside World

GALVESTON CAUSEWAY BREAKS

Unconfirmed Report That Connection With Mainland Has Suffered 100 Foot Breach

WACO, Tex., Aug. 17. — The katy railroad has a report from Galveston offices that one hundred feet of the causeway has been washed away. No particulars are known here.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 17.—Only meagre information was available at noon today concerning the terrific tropical storm that yesterday struck the Texas coast, flooding Galveston and then swept inland doing heavy damage to crops and local property.

So far as known no lives were lost. Galveston, Houston and Beaumont, three of the principal cities of south Texas, still were cut off from wire communication. A brief wireless dispatch stating that Galveston, after weathering one of the worst storms in fifteen years, was under water, brought the only definite information in several hours concerning the fate

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UGLY OUTLOOK ON TEXAS LINE

Infantrymen of 26th Regiment Hasten to Mercedes—Bells Toll Alarm

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 17.—The border situation along the lower Rio Grande assumed an ugly aspect today. Gathering of Mexicans in force last night at Progresso on the Rio Grande, thirty miles above Brownsville, and their daring attack across the river on the troops of the Twelfth United States cavalry, were not the only aggravating features of the situation. Authorities here received reports that 25 horses, including some recognized as animals stolen by bandits in recent raids on the Texas side, were delivered this week in Matamoros, the Mexican town opposite here held by Carranza troops. Delivery of these horses and the fact that the Mexicans at Progresso had been gathered openly and in conspicuously large numbers for two days renewed suspicions among the Americans that Carranza officials were either lacking discipline or without sufficient dependable troops to cope with the situation.

Corporal Willman was killed at the Progresso crossing last night and the wounding of Privates Henry and Jackson intensified feeling in this section that eruptions by irresponsible Mexicans from the other side are likely to continue until the general Mexican crisis is settled. For nearly 20 miles about Progresso crossing alarms were sounded by rifle shots and bells last night. Armed men patrolled roads, women and children were gathered where they could be guarded. Early today more troops reached Mercedes and the Progresso crossing. They were infantrymen from the 26th regiment which reached here yesterday from Texas City. They were started for the Mercedes section yesterday afternoon.

CABINET STOPS WHEAT ORDERS

Consideration of Food Problems and Disposition to Buy at Home Affect the Grain Trade

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The cabinet is considering important recommendations concerning the supply of food, particularly wheat, made by the commission appointed in June by the earl of Selborne, president of the board of agriculture, Lord Milner, as chairman. The nature of the report is guarded closely, but it is intimated the recommendations include provisions to increase the home supply of wheat by guaranteeing to producers a minimum price for their products.

Owing to the magnitude of wheat importation from America, the action of the cabinet in recommendations of the commission probably will have a considerable bearing upon the overseas trade. The fact that the government is considering the wheat question is suggested as a possible reason for the reported cancellations of orders for wheat from America by the entente allies.

THE WEATHER

Rain tonight and Wednesday.

7 a. m.	[illegible]
8 a. m.	[illegible]
9 a. m.	[illegible]
10 a. m.	[illegible]
11 a. m.	[illegible]
12 noon	[illegible]
1 p. m.	[illegible]
2 p. m.	[illegible]

Washington Forecast

Louisiana: Tonight generally cloudy; rain in north portion; Wednesday partly cloudy.

Arkansas, West Texas—Tonight and Wednesday rain.

Oklahoma: Tonight rain; Wednesday partly cloudy.

East Texas: Tonight generally cloudy; rain in northeast portion; Wednesday fair.

Kansas: Tonight and Wednesday fair; no much change in temperature.

RECEIVERS FOR MO. P. RAILROAD

Systems Built Up By Goulds Embarassed by Paltry $200,000 Claims

Benjamin F. Bush, president and chairman of the boards of the Missouri Pacific and of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railways, today was appointed sole receiver of the two lines by Circuit Judge Adams at Woodstock, Vt.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 17.—Receivers for the Missouri Pacific and St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroads, which form the Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain system of approximately 7,200 miles of track, were expected to be appointed here today by the federal district court.

The receivership was asked in suits filed here yesterday by the Commonwealth Steel company on two claims for aproximately $200,000.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 17.—The Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain system today consented to the appointment of receivers as requested late yesterday in a petition filed in the federal district court. The system's answer to the petition stated that the allegations in the receivership suit were true.

It developed today that the purpose of the receivership is to make possible an early financial reorganization of the company.

WILL CO-OPERATE ON ROAD WORK

Commissioner Street Will Try to Put Big Tractor on County Roads as Well as Boulevard

IF PLANS now being prepared by Commissioner of Public Property J. G. Street work out to his satisfaction, the city and county will hereafter operate together in working the main traveled roads leading into Oklahoma City. The specifications of a large tractor and road grading machine were completed by the commissioner Monday, and bids for the purchase of the new equipment published today.

The road-making outfit must be able to grade and crown a thirty-foot width of road at one operation. When the machine arrives, it will be put in charge of two experienced men, and will be put to work in smoothing down the grand boulevard surrounding the city. This work, according to Commissioner Street, will only take a short time, as one operation of the tractor will do all the grading and smoothing. Even with the rest of the necessary work to be done inside the city limits the machine would be practically idle most of the time after the first grading process, as a touching up once every month or two would be sufficient to keep the once-graded roads in shape.

It is Commissioner Street's idea to keep the experienced men in charge of the machine all the time, and when the city boulevard and roads are attended to, to work with the county in handling out of town roads with the modern equipment, which would otherwise be lying idle or duplicating its work a good deal of the time. In this way the work will always be in charge of experts and instead of being spasmodic will be carried on all the time.

BUBONIC PLAGUE REPORTED

HAVANA, Aug. 17.—One case of bubonic plague was reported here today. It was the first since early last winter.

1000 Englishmen Go Down to Death on Torpedoed Transport, 'Royal Edward'

First Instance in Which British Transport Has Suffered Undersea Attack—Happened in the Aegean Sea—Carried 1,350 Troops Besides Crew of 220.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The British transport Royal Edwards has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Announcement to this effect was made officially today. Six hundred men were saved out of 1,350 troops and 32 other persons on board.

The text of the announcement follows:

"The British transport Royal Edward was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Aegean last Saturday morning. According to the information at present available the transport had on board 32 military officers and 1350 troops, in addition to the ship's crew of 220 officers and men.

"The troops consisted mainly of reinforcements for the 29th division and details of the Royal Army medical corps.

"Full information has not yet been received, but it is known that about 600 have been saved."

This is the first instance officially reported in which a British transport has been attacked successfully by a submarine. It had been a matter of pride with the British government that it had transported hundreds of thousands of troops across many seas without loss of life. It is probable that the number of troops sent to France and Belgium since the beginning of the war is considerably in excess of 500,000.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The British admiralty's record of transporting great numbers of troops to the various fighting zones without the loss of life, so far as reported officially has been broken after more than a year of war. The torpedo of a submarine has at last found the mark and the transport Royal Edward has gone to the bottom in the Aegean sea with a loss of life which may reach one thousand. The brief admiralty announcement shows that the Royal Edward was engaged in transporting troops to the Dardanelles front.

In the land fighting a crisis has not been reached in the present stage of the eastern campaign. Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander in chief, will not be able to assure the safety of his armies until the menace presented by the operations of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in Courland is removed. In the Bausk district of Courland the Russian army has been driven back. The chief struggle centers in the region north of the Niemen, notwithstanding the recent success of Russian resistance.

Between the Narew and the Bug the German drive evidently is making some headway, although Petrograd claims that attacks of the invaders in this region have been repulsed after heavy fighting. Along the middle Bug, the Austrians and Germans

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GAS ORDER MAY BE OUT SUNDAY

Conservation Command by Corporation Commissioners Was Signed Up Monday

THE gas conservation order promulgated by the state corporation commission was signed Monday afternoon by all three of the commissioners, J. E. Love, W. D. Humphrey and G. W. Henshaw, and is now in the hands of the printers. One thousand copies will be printed and distributed among those interested.

Arrangements have been made, it is said, to release the order for publication in the newspapers Sunday morning. Until that time its contents will not be given out.

"The order covers every point in the gas conservation law, however," said Chairman Love. Other members of the commission said the order is reasonable and fair.

The corporation commissioners have been at work on the order several weeks.

"I suppose I am different from the other commissioners," said Chairman Love today. "I don't see the necessity of pushing oil production right at this time. Higher prices for oil meet the approval of the oil producers, it is true, but a lower price suits others better. It has a tendency to keep the by-products down to a more reasonable price."

Art Walker of Healdton, who is in Oklahoma City, said today that Oklahoma has a hundred million gallons of crude stored. "There are forty million gallons in the Cushing field alone," said Walker."

This estimate is considered high but Walker contends that it is not too high. He says the fact that so much oil is stored has not lessened production and is not likely to do so.

$640 REWARD FOR MURDERER

Believed Now That 'Hatchet Fiend' at Muskogee Is Negro Seen at Scene of Tragedy

MUSKOGEE, Aug. 17.—To date the reward offered for the apprehension of the "Hatchet Murderer," whose latest crime was the killing of W. R. Province, a Muskogee grocer, on August 11, has reached a total of $640, including $200 offered by the state.

The identity of the slayer still is a mystery, but the general belief at this time is that the negro who was last seen in the store by Mrs. Smith is the man who used the deadly hatchet on Province and then robbed the cash drawer. He is being sought by both city and county officers. He is a tall black negro with a mustache and is inclined to have hollow cheeks and is said to have been working about the city cutting lawns.

WILSON ASKS SHIPPING PROBE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—An exhaustive investigation of ocean transportation facilities and rates between the United States and foreign countries is to be made by the interstate commerce commission at the request of President Wilson, the treasury department announced Monday.

OFFICIALS LIKE NEW LABOR LAW

Workmen's Compensation Act Is Held Up as Good One by the Commissioners

STATE officials continue to insist that the workmen's compensation act, passed by the last legislature, is all right and they believe it is just what the labor unions of the state wanted.

That was the view taken of it by W. C. Jackson of Muskogee, a member of the state industrial commission, when he addressed the convention of the State Federation of Labor at the Overholser theater Tuesday forenoon. He told of the work of the commission in organizing and preparing to put the new law into force.

Judge Jackson reviewed the progress of compensation laws and compared the acts passed by other states with that of Oklahoma. He said one of the best provisions of the law in this state was that which permitted employe and employer to come together and discuss their differences with the full knowledge that anything said by either would not afterwards be used should a suit be filed for damages.

One result of the law, Commissioner Jackson said, is that it has been easier to induce employers to install safety devices. He asked the delegates to call at the office of the commissioners and discuss the new law or any other subject that is of interest to organized labor.

Blessing Not So Sure

Commissioner Blessing followed Jackson and was not so sure that the compensation act was all that could be desired. Blessing is the labor representative on the commission. He said the other commissioners had shown an inclination to be perfectly fair to labor in the administration of the law. It is the intention of the commission, Blessing said, to enforce the law fully, and then if it is not satisfactory, those affected by it can go before the legislature and have it changed.

Blessing said the compensation act is not the same as the framers in-

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