

LEO FRANK LYNCHED BY MOB AFTER SWIFT RIDE TO HOME OF MURDERED MARY PHAGAN

Masked Automobilists Drag Convicted Manufacturer From Cell at Georgia Prison Farm and Hang Him to Avenge 14-Year-Old Girl

Struggles Futile for Victim, Weakened From Recent Stabbing by Fellow Prisoner—Posses' Plans Laid With Grim Sureness—Telephone and Telegraph Wires Cut to Prevent Knowledge of Night Riders' Work—State Seeks Assailants

Leo M. Frank, whose sentence of death for the murder of Mary Phagan was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Slaton, was taken from the prison at Milledgeville, Ga., by a masked mob and hanged early today within a short distance of the home of his victim.

When the body was cut down from the tree, several men from Marietta jumped upon the dead man's face. Judge Morris had to spirit the body away to Atlanta in his automobile to save it from the mob.

Governor Harris, of Georgia, is personally conducting the efforts of three sheriffs' posses and a score of volunteer bands to round up the kidnapers. He is holding three companies of militia in readiness to dispatch to the scene in case the murderers of Frank are cornered.

There is no rioting or signs of jubilation in Atlanta. To the contrary, the city which once clamored for Frank's life is sad and is taking steps to have the officials at Milledgeville removed. Connivance with the lynchers is openly charged.

Frank's wife collapsed when she was told of the tragedy and for a time it was feared she would die. His mother said she was glad he was dead, for he might have suffered worse torture if he had been permitted to live.

MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo M. Frank was lynched early today after he had been kidnapped from the State prison farm at Milledgeville and rushed in an automobile almost to Marietta, Ga., where is buried the body of Mary Phagan, the girl whom Frank was convicted of killing in a pencil factory at Atlanta.

Frank's body was found hanging by the neck to a tree two miles from Marietta, on the Roswell road, at 8:20 o'clock this morning, many hours after he had been carried away from the prison farm by a band that apparently had been carefully organized to overcome any resistance.

The dead man's wrists were lashed with handcuffs, fastened behind him.

Prisoner Too Weak to Resist

It was believed that Frank fought desperately for his life, but he probably was easily overcome, as he was still suffering from weakness due to the loss of blood from a wound inflicted by a fellow convict at the prison farm, where Frank was taken after his sentence to death had been commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Slaton.

The lynching party that killed Frank went to the Milledgeville prison farm in eight automobiles and disappeared as soon as they had secured possession of the man they sought. They were next reported on the Roswell road, crossing the Little River, and more than 100 shots were heard near there. It was thought the prisoner had been shot to death. Search for Frank's body in the river was instituted and the Atlanta authorities shortly after 7 o'clock received word that the body had been found in the stream, but this report was later learned to be untrue. Nor was any bullet wound found in the body.

Owing to the fact that they had cut the telephone and telegraph wires into Milledgeville, the lynchers were enabled to gain a good start before news of their attack on the prison farm reached here. After Frank had been hanged the lynchers scattered to their homes. The tree they chose for the execution was apparently as near to the grave of 14-year-old Mary Phagan as the lynchers thought it safe to go.

Judge Morris Pacifies Townfolk

The body was not finally cut down until after speeches had been made by a number of persons in the crowd. One address was by a Marietta man said to have slapped Detective W. J. Burns' face when Burns was investigating the Frank case here. He urged that the body be maintained. Judge Morris spoke in opposition to this, urging that order be maintained.

After the entire crowd had voted against mutilation, the body was lowered from the tree and lifted in a basket into a wagon which started for Marietta, where it was announced an inquest would begin at noon.

During the progress of this, mutterings in favor of mutilation began to be heard again, so Judge Morris ran his automobile alongside the wagon and attempted to lift the corpse into the car.

Men Stamp Heels Into Dead Man's Face

There were then several thousand people in the crowd about the tree when the body was cut down. Despite Judge Morris' pleadings, several men in the throng leaped forward as the body was laid on the ground and stamped on the face with their heels.

The wagon into which the corpse was lifted, the property of a Marietta undertaker, made the start for the town at top speed, but the crowd took undertaker, made the start for the town at top speed, but the crowd took undertaker, made the start for the town at top speed, but the crowd took

Frank's body was brought to the undertaking establishment of Greenburg & Bond, in Atlanta, by Judge Morris. The body was escorted into Atlanta by Chief of Detectives Lanford and a squad of detectives, arriving here at

Governor Will Search for Lynchers

No trace of the lynchers has yet been found, but Governor Harris announced today that he would use every possible effort to apprehend and inflict the law's extreme penalty upon the band.

The machinery of the State laws has already been set into operation in an effort to apprehend the lynchers. Posses which set out to trace Frank after he had been kidnapped are now hunting for traces of the kidnapers.

"No clues have been found to the lynchers. Every effort is being made to apprehend them," the Chief of Police of Marietta said.

The police have been unable to learn the identity of the lynching party from Superintendent Burke. They have tried several times to get him over the telephone, but cannot locate him.

So quietly was the work of the lynchers performed that people in Marietta did not know for more than two hours that the body of Leo M. Frank had been brought to their very doorstep. When the news reached the Cobb he had been kidnapped are now hunting for traces of the kidnapers.

At least 20 men recognized the features that have been depicted in papers of five continents. Identification was made doubly positive by the scar of the severely healed wound inflicted on Frank by his fellow prisoner, William Gibson, a few weeks ago at the prison farm.

Plans Relentlessly Made

The bringing of the body to Cobb County, where Mary Phagan was born and raised, was but an example of the relentless purpose of the mob members. As the mob leaders left the prison officials bound and handcuffed, they informed Superintendent J. N. Burke that Frank's body would be found near the grave of Mary Phagan. To insure this and prevent any possibility of interruption of their plans by officers of the law, every telegraph and telephone wire out of Milledgeville had been cut, save one, which was seldom used. This one wire, communicating with Augusta, flashed the news to the west. This one wire, communicating with Augusta, flashed the news to the west. This one wire, communicating with Augusta, flashed the news to the west.

That single strand and the news it told prevented the purpose of the lynchers from bringing their captive's life to an end in Marietta. Every Sheriff in southern Georgia had been ordered to keep a vigilant watch on all

LEO M. FRANK



FRANK'S MOTHER GLAD HE IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—"Thank God, he is dead and through with troubles," said Mrs. Rudolph Frank, mother of Leo M. Frank, when informed at her home, 152 Underhill avenue, here, today that her son's body had been found. "If he had lived, his life would have been a torture to him, and they might have killed him in a worse way." Mrs. Frank said she had received no messages from Georgia regarding the kidnapping of Leo from the prison farm.

GERMANY'S PROPOSAL TO FIX FRYE INDEMNITY ACCEPTED BY AMERICA

United States Requests, However, That Question of Legality Be Submitted to Arbitration

INSISTS ON RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—In accepting the German proposal that two experts, representing the two Governments, fix the amount of indemnity for the loss of the American sailing ship William P. Frye, and any American property that may have been sunk with her, the United States retains all of her legal rights under international law. In the note to Germany, made public here today, this Government further asks that "an arrangement be agreed upon for the immediate submission to arbitration of the question of legal justification for the sinking of the Frye, in so far as that involves the interpretation of existing treaty stipulations." Acceptance of this by Germany, which is expected, will result in a complete interpretation of the Prussian treaty and Germany is declared whether her interpretation of the American vessel sunk by a German submarine.

RYAN MOVES BEFORE JUDGE TO KILL LAST TRANSIT OBSTACLE

Applies for Definitive Decree in Injunction Suit Brought by David E. Dallam

DECISION IN FEW DAYS

City Solicitor Ryan appeared before Judge Ferguson, sitting in chambers today, and made application for a definitive decree in the injunction suit brought by David E. Dallam before Judge Sulzberger last month to hold up the transit program. Ruby R. Vale, attorney for Mr. Dallam, appeared with Mr. Ryan and gave his consent, as legally required, to the granting of the decree, although he was not a party to the application.

The purpose of the definitive decree would be to establish the case on some definite basis, so that the application for the preliminary injunction to hold up the transit work could either be dismissed or granted. At the present time the preliminary order issued by Judge Sulzberger on July 13 is operative, and the Rapid Transit work cannot continue until the legal tangle is solved.

In giving his decision on July 13, Judge Sulzberger ruled that the case should be

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MRS. R. K. CASSATT POISONED

Closes Newport Residence and, With Husband, Leaves for Season

Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Cassatt, of 150 Locust street, have closed their Newport residence and gone to White Sulphur Springs, because of the illness of Mrs. Cassatt. It is said she was poisoned by something she ate recently. Invitations to a dinner-dance, which Mr. and Mrs. Cassatt were to have given at the Newport Golf Club on Saturday, have been canceled. About 100 persons had been invited to the affair, which was to have been one of the prettiest of the summer. The dinner was to have been served under a tent, with handsome floral and night effects and two orchestras. It is believed Mr. and Mrs. Cassatt will not return this summer to the Newport colony.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Showers tonight, followed by cooler; Wednesday partly cloudy and cooler; moderate northerly winds.

KOVNO FORTS TAKEN; SLAV LINE PIERCED

Germans Capture 4500 Prisoners—Novo Georgievsk Defenses Smashed

ENTIRE FRONT IN DANGER

Grand Duke Ready to Abandon Brest Litovsk Salient—Bielostok Evacuated

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—Capture of the forts of Kovno, between the Niemen and Gostia, is announced in today's official report from the general staff. The Germans captured 4500 prisoners and 24 cannon. It is believed that the fall of the main Kovno fortifications cannot be long delayed. The general staff also reports the capture of a large fort on the northeastern defense line at Novo Georgievsk, together with two intermediate forts. These three forts were taken by storm. The Germans captured 2400 Russian prisoners and 15 cannon at Novo Georgievsk. The forces of General von Scholtz and General von Gallwitz have driven the Russians back, taking 1700 prisoners, one cannon and 10 machine guns, while Prince Leopold of Bavaria and Field Marshal von Mackensen have made further victorious progress.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 17.

Grand Duke Nicholas has accomplished his aim of holding the railways into the interior necessary for the orderly retirement of his troops before the advancing German hosts. As the Russians retire they destroy the lines and wreck the roadbeds.

Government railway officials estimated today that more than 6000 miles of lines, built in Poland at enormous cost, had been wrecked. As the railway lines constitute the only route of advance in many parts of Poland, the Germans will be materially delayed after they have taken the second line of Russian defense.

With the cities virtually denied of their civil inhabitants, who were instructed to leave before the German onrush became a menace to the Russian positions in Poland, and the factories removed to the interior, the Kaiser's troops will be disappointed in their hopes of taking property of great value.

It was announced today that the evacuation of Bielostok was progressing satisfactorily. The banks and other important institutions have been taken to the interior. The evacuation of Riga continues. The famous church bells of that city have been taken to Moscow.

AVANZATA ITALIANA VERSO RIVA E PLEZZO

Le Truppe Alpine Scalano Rocce e Si Aprono la Strada Con la Baionetta

Dispacci da Roma dicono che le truppe Alpine italiane operanti nell'alta valle dell'Inn, e precisamente nella difficile regione montana che è difesa dalle opere fortificate austriache di Plezzo, si vanno sempre più stringendo attorno alla fortezza, superando ogni difficoltà. Le truppe scalano rocce scendentissime a picco e quindi attaccando il nemico alla baionetta per costringerlo ad abbandonare le sue posizioni. Le opere fortificate di Plezzo difendono il accesso di Tarvis e al centro ferroviario e stradale importantissimo di Tarvis e sbarrano la strada che da Caporetto per Termona e Plezzo (che gli austriaci chiamano "Piazzetta") porta a Tarvis lungo la valle della Cornina. E' noto che gli italiani bombardano anche le opere fortificate di Malborghetto che difendono gli accessi a Tarvis dall'ovest, cioè dalla strada di Pontebba. Le forze italiane operanti nella conca di Ampezzo hanno sostenuto parecchi attacchi austriaci ed hanno conquistato nuove trincee nelle valli del Bodenbach e del Bacherbach. Anche nella Val d'Ampola al combattimento è la truppe italiane avanzano, sebbene lentamente a causa del maltempo che imperversa in quella regione. Si sono avute infatti gradinate e forti pioggia, e gli italiani hanno trovato gran difficoltà a trincee austriache nelle quali galleggiano cadaveri di austriaci uccisi. Le forze italiane che operano in questa regione hanno per obiettivo quello di risalire la valle dell'Inn, e di occupare la sponda e attaccare Riva alle spalle. (Leggere a 4a pagina le ultime e più dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in italiano.)

Huge Robbery Plot Discovered

PARIS, Aug. 17.—A plot to burn the Exposition and an exhibit of pearls and other jewels, owned by Leonard Rosenthal, known as the "Pearl King," has been discovered, according to reports received here by Rosenthal's agents. Rosenthal is one of the richest men in France, and the jewels exhibited by him at San Francisco are valued at more than \$2,500,000.

LOST AND FOUND

WHAT DID YOU LOSE? WHAT DID YOU FIND? All lost articles advertised in the Ledger will be held by the Bureau of Lost and Found at Ledger Central, where the "Loser" can find the "Finder" and vice versa. If you have found an article that has not been advertised as lost, the "Finder" will also receive your name and address and assist in locating the "Loser" if possible. This free service is available at Ledger Central, 115 N. 12th St. WHITE MILK HANDBAG lost, with contents, Monday night, in 10th St. near 12th St. Return to Ledger Central. PROMISORIOUS NOTE BOOK, 8 stubs used, lost between Broad and Arch, near 12th St. Return to Ledger Central. LIGHT TWEEDS CARD CASE lost between 12th and 13th Sts. Return to Ledger Central. MAN'S UMBRELLA—Lost, Sunday, 6:30 P. M., near 12th St. and Arch St. Return to Ledger Central. LOST CHECK FOR 100.00, payable to order of J. N. Burke, at Ledger Central. LOST CHECK FOR 100.00, payable to order of J. N. Burke, at Ledger Central. LOST CHECK FOR 100.00, payable to order of J. N. Burke, at Ledger Central. LOST CHECK FOR 100.00, payable to order of J. N. Burke, at Ledger Central. LOST CHECK FOR 100.00, payable to order of J. N. Burke, at Ledger Central.

GEORGIA PRISON BOARD ON SCENE WHEN LEO FRANK WAS KIDNAPPED

R. E. Davison, E. L. Raney and T. E. Patterson, the full personnel of the Georgia Prison Board, which refused to recommend clemency for Frank when he was under sentence of death at Atlanta, were on the Milledgeville farm when Leo M. Frank was lynched last night. They were untouched by the kidnapers, and claimed to know nothing of the affair until this morning.

TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

Table with baseball scores for National League and American League. National League: Chicago 0-2, Pittsburgh 0-3. American League: Detroit 3-0, Cleveland 0-1.

QUICK NEWS

GERMANS CAPTURE BRITISH AEROPLANE. BERLIN, Aug. 17.—The War Office this afternoon reported that a British aeroplane was captured at Bapaume. German batteries at Ostend drove off two hostile destroyers.

CITY FARMS PRODUCE VALUE INCREASES

The yield of marketable produce from the 900 acres of the city's farms at Byberry for the first seven months of 1915 represents a cash value of \$26,762.39, or \$2862.17 more than the value of the yield for the first seven months of last year.

DANIELS PROBES CHARGE OF NEUTRALITY VIOLATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today ordered a searching investigation into the report that armored motorboats are being manufactured in this country for shipment to Russia. He declared that such a practice is plainly a violation of neutrality. The boats, it was reported, were for use against German submarines in the Baltic.

BUSINESS MEN WORK FOR FREE TRANSFERS

The Northwest Business Men's Association has empowered its Transit Committee to appeal to the Superior Court from the recent decision of the Public Service Commission refusing to compel the Rapid Transit Company to issue free transfers on intersecting routes. This action followed a meeting of the association held last night. The committee's stand against the granting of a certificate of public convenience for the building of a Broad street subway and elevated until free transfers are granted was also endorsed.

400-YEAR-OLD RUG UNDER LIBERTY BELL

A Persian rug, said to be 400 years old, lies beneath the Liberty Bell in the Pennsylvania Building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The rug was made in Teheran by Persian women and girls, who worked day and night for 15 years to complete it. The rug, following its completion, graced the palace of the Shah in Teheran. The present Shah, through his friendship for Morgan Shuster, ordered the rug to be sent to the fair.

RUSSIA SAID TO FAVOR ALLIANCE WITH JAPAN

MILAN, Italy, Aug. 17.—A long dispatch from Petrograd outlining the situation in Russia, which gives the impression of being inspired by Sergius Sazanoff, Russian Foreign Minister, is published by the Corriere della Sera. The article says in conclusion: "The proposal for a Russo-Japanese alliance finds no opposition, on condition that it be not aggressive against China and even less so against America, whose friendship is necessary to Russia."

ITALIAN INVENTS TORPEDO CHASER

PARIS, Aug. 17.—A device invented by the Italian Engineer Quartini which makes it possible to drive torpedoes out of their course and explode them has satisfied tests, says a special dispatch from Rome, and arrangements are being made to supply the device to the allied fleets.

"BIGGER GERMANY" IS DEMAND OF LIBERALS

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—Resolutions calling for the extension of German frontiers as the result of the war were adopted by the Executive Committee of the National Liberal party. The resolutions made the following declaration: "The outcome of the present war can only be a peace which, by expanding our frontiers east, west and overseas, will protect us militarily, politically and economically against new attacks and compensate us for the enormous sacrifices which the German nation already has made and is determined to continue until a victorious conclusion."

2000 AMERICANS FIGHT IN CANADIAN RANKS

LONDON, Aug. 17.—"There are 2000 Americans in the ranks of the Canadian military contingent," said Major General Sam Hughes, Canadian Minister of Militia, at a meeting of Americans held here. "I have already written letters of gratitude and sympathy." General Hughes continued, "to mothers of more than 100 American boys who have fallen while fighting in Flanders alongside of Canadian comrades. More than 2000 enlisted, and we could have many more if we wished. Any number of West Pointers offered their services as officers, and some are now with us."

MUST CLEAN BOATHOUSES AT GLOUCESTER

The Gloucester Board of Health has ordered the owners of about 300 boat-houses along the Delaware River front at Market street, Gloucester, to either clean up their places or get out. The order went into effect today. According to the health officials, many complaints have been made about the insanitary conditions at the boat-houses because little attention is paid to the laws regulating sewage and other sanitary arrangements. Some of the houses are so old and out of repair that they are almost falling to pieces.

STATE'S COAL OUTPUT AT HIGH MARK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Pennsylvania produced 81,898,631 long tons (86,821,597 short tons) of anthracite in 1914, according to figures made public today by the United States Geological Survey, the value of the output at the mines being \$158,181,393. This represents but a slight decrease as compared with the previous year, in which the record output of anthracite was attained.

GERMANS PAYING HUGE PRICES FOR FOODSTUFFS

PARIS, Aug. 17.—A Havas dispatch says that Austrian and German agents at points along the Rumanian frontier are paying three times the normal prices for wheat, corn, hay, flax, peas and beans exported from that country. This is the result of heavy export taxes placed on Rumanian agricultural products on Saturday, following the action of the Government on the previous day in removing the prohibition against sending certain food supplies out of the country. The export tax amounts to 400 to 1000 francs (\$50 to \$125) on a bushel and from 200 to 300 francs on a farm wagon load.