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# Frank Starts Prison Work; NoisyCrowd atGovernor's Home Dispersed by Militia

Solicitor General Hugh Dorsey Issues Statement in Which He Says That He Believed That Slaton Was Disqualified to Pass Upon the Case and Declares He Cannot Find in His Statement Single Reason Why Sentence Should Have Been Commuted.

"I DID MY DUTY," STATES THE GOVERNOR; "INNOCENCE WILL BE PROVED"-FRANK

Major I. T. Catron and Lieutenant Arnold Parker Injured by Missiles Thrown by Members of the Crowd at the Governor's Home-Many Arrests Made by Police During the Day-Slaton Hanged in Effigy in Two Cities Monday.

Atlanta passed one of the most exciting days in her history Monday following the exclusive announcement in The Constitution that the sentence of Leo M. Frank had been commuted by Governor John M. Slaton. Some of the most important developments of the day and night follow:

Crowd estimated at 1,200 people marched last night to home of Governor John M. Slaton, near Buckhead, creating considerable disturbance on the way. They were met by battalion of the Fifth regiment, which quickly dispersed the crowd.

During the night Lieutenant Arnold Parker was injured by brick; Major I. T. Catron was struck by bottle; one member of crowd was hit over head with automatic, and several prisoners taken. Many arrests made by police during day.

Mass meeting held Monday afternoon in senate chamber. Sheriff Mangum makes address, telling of his trip with Frank to prison farm.

Frank arrives in Milledgeville and gives out statement, in which he expresses his thanks to governor and asserts his innocence will eventually be proved.

Solicitor Dorsey gives out statement, in which he scores action of governor in commuting sentence.

Governor Slaton gives out statement, in which he analyzes case and tells why he commuted Frank's sentence. "I am confident I did right," he says.

Governor Slaton and Frank burned in effigy in Newnan; governor hanged in effigy in Marietta and Woodstock; Valdosta starts fund for monument to Mary Phagan.

Developments came thick and fast yesterday following the departure of Leo M. Frank to Milledgeville to begin serving a life sentence there. The prisoner left Atlanta, accom-panied by Sheriff Mangum and a num-ber of deputies, at 12:01 o'clock. The party reached Macon shortly before 3 o'clock, there secured an automobile and by 5 close o'clock, there secured an automobile and by 5 o'clock Frank was an inmage of the state prison farm at Milledgeville.

Shortly after being admitted report-ers were permitted to see him.

His appearance spoke clearly the tremendous strain through which he had mendous strain through which he had gone. Upon being asked whether he had anything to say, he said in clear and composed language: "I am grateful beyond words to the governor for the way he has disposed of the case. I felt confident all the while that it would turn out as it has. Somehow I just felt confident that I would not hang. Of course. I am unsettled, as you see from connect that I would not industry course, I am unsettled, as you see, from the tremendous nerve-racking experi-ence through which I have been drawn, especially during the last trying hours of this ordeal. No person can know I especially during the last t of this ordeal. No person what I have gone through.

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ommendation of the state board of par-dons was as surprising to me as it was unprecedented. "No defendant within my recollection has had the benefit of more appeals to the judicial processes, state and fed-eral, than Leo Frank. His guilt was conclusively established beyond a rea-sonable doubt to the satisfaction of an impartial jury of twelve reputable Georgians and their verdict was ap-proved by the trial judge and affirmed by the supreme court of Georgia. Re-peated efforts to have the judgment set aside have been denied by the state supreme court, the United States district court and the supreme court of the United States. "With the unbroken record of all available courts declaring Frank guilty of the heinous crime with which he was charged, the influential friends of

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Belleves Innocence Will Be Proved. "And I am not composed enough his time to give you an intellige Believes Innocence Will Be Proved. "And 1 am not composed enough at this time to give you an intelligent and connected conversation. Just say that 1 feel more than 1 can express in words, and am happy that my life is saved. Time will prove, as I have often told you, the fact of my absolute inno-cence of the murder with which I am charged. ł charged

told you, the fact of my hosolate find-cence of the murder with which I am charged. "I felt in my heart all the time a secret assurance that I should not hang." And with a firm look directly in the face of his interviewer, he paus-ed briefly and added, "I am innocent." "I had begun to think I wouldn't get to see this place," was the significant remark nade by Frank to Warden Smith, just after his arrival with Sheriff Mangum at 4:55 o'clock. Both Frank and the sheriff appeared very nervous when they reached the prison, and the sheriff heaved a sligh of relief as he delivered his charge to the penitentiary officials. The strain of the trip down from Atlanta had told on both. The sheriff remained here but a few minutes, returning to Macon in the automobile in which he had made the hurried trip out. Frank was first registered and then dressed in his suit of stripes, after which he was taken to the bunkroom of the main building for a bit of rest before being given his breakfast. Striet orders were issued to permit no one to see him, except on specific order from the prison commission in Atlanta. Also Superintendent J. M. Burke and War-den Smith were instructed by the prison commission it o immediately double the force of guards at the ed by the immediately commission to he force of g rison e the guards at the prison.

### DORSEY'S STATEMENT.

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Avering that he considered Govern-or John M. Slaton disqualified to pass upon the Leo M. Frank case, Solicitor Hugh M. Dorsey, who prosecuted the prisoner, Monday afternoon issued a statement denouncing the bestowal or issued a explaining why he had he governor to oppose and ex ore the clemency before gone

The statement, in full, is as follows: "The statement, in full, is as follows: "The action of Governor Slaton nul-lifying the judgments of the state and "The action of Gove lifying the judgments federal courts and over overriding the rec-

### Satisfied of Verdict.

Satisfied of Verdlet. "I did not appear before the pardon board because I felt confident that, with the evidence and the court rec-ords before them, there would be no interference with the course of jus-tice. When their decision refusing to recommend commutation was trans-mitted. I felt it to be my duty to plead for the enforcement of the law by the chief executive because I knew the force of the influences at work to upsat the judgments of the courts and of the pardon board. "I knew that the senior member of Governor Slaton's law firm, Rosser, Slaton & Phillips, was the leading counsel for Frank, not only throughout

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GOVERNOR'S. About & o'clock several thousand people gathered on the vsidewalks be-tween the city hall and Five Points. At \$:30 o'clock they began to move northward, with Governor Slaton's country place, near Buckhead, as their objective. A Feachtree and Ellis streets a stud of city police was mobilized to stop them, but the crowd surged past. The crowd, now numbering over 1,-200, continued out Peachtree street to Porter place, where they divided, and part went Peachtree street, while the remainder proceeded out West Peach-tree.

tree. At Fourth street, on Peachtree, the Peachtree street crowd was met by another squad of police, and some were

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house. The crowd was gradually dispersed. Dut this was not accomplished uatil reveral men and officers of the militia had been wounded by stones, bottles and other missiles from the crowd. The militiamen, too, were forced a num-ber of times to use the butts of their guns to force the crowd back.

Two Soldiers Hurt.

Among those who were hurt were

only considered his duty in this case. Enters Hardware Store. The crowd on the way out broke into the branch store of the King hardware store on Peachtree street, at Tenth, presumably in search of arms and ammunition. Bricks and building material were picked up by the crowd from houses in course of construction along the way. An incident at the governor's resi-dence before the arrival of the militla was the discovery by County Police-man Haney of a man within 100 yards of the house with a revolver. He had slipped through the cordon of police. He was quickly overpowered, disarm-ed and placed under arrest. Governor Slaton stated last night that, according to reports made to him by the county police, a large portion of the erowd was made up of boys be-tween the ages of 12 and 18 years and that the older element are not repre-sentative of the people of Georgia. In the governor's residence with him hast night were Coloney with torney for Frank; R. L. Cooney and Ashley Jones of the New York Life Insurance company; A. L. Waldo, At-torney Robert Jones, Albon Jones and WILLIAMEROUS DIMENDIA

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DEVELOPMENTS.

DEVELOPMENTS. Numerous developments followed Frank's secret removal from the Tower to the state prison in Mil-ledgeville at midnight Sunday. Gov-ernor Slaton delivered through press to the public a voluminous ex-planation of his act of commutation. Which is carried elsewhere in full. The governor gave out his statement at his country home near Buckhead, on the Peachtree road. He did not come to his office throughout the day, al-though scheduled to appear there be-tween 9 and 10 o'clock Monday morn-ing to give his statement to the news-Paper men.

ing to give his statement to the news-paper men. Considerable excitement prevailed throughout the city from early dawn Monday, at which time The Constitu-tion brought first news of the commu-tation, until last night, when the ten-sion subsided. Large assemblages gathered in various parts of the down-town district and upon the capitol grounds.

### Invade Governor's Office.

Invade Governor's Office. Among the incidents that arose dur-ing the day was the invasion of a t crowd of men into the office of Gov-ernor Slaton, where they asked of his secretary, Jesse Perry, that they be admitted to the office of the chief ex-creating and be allowed to talk with him relative to the case. The secre-tary threw open the doors, revealing the absence of the governor. This occurred during the morning. In the afternoon a gathering of about 1 1,000 collected upon the streets adjoin-ing the city hall. Speeches were made by citizens picked from the crowd. Much excitement was caused at one time when Policeman J. A. Bozeman, assigned to plain clothes duty to min-cle in the throng, attacked Chief J. L. Beavers was sternly admonishing the plain clothes man, when Bozeman sud-lenly drew back his fist and struck the clife in the face. Beavers clutched him in the collar, ripped off his badge, disarmed him and bundled him into a nearby patrol wagon, which had oven kept with engine going at the curb-stone at Marleita and Forsyth streets for any emergency that might arise. A gneat number of arrests were made during the day. The slightest

disorder merited a trin to police head-quarters. Patrol wagons were kept working overtime. More arrests were made in the vicinity of the city hall than any other spot. 'But a few oc-curred on the capitol grounds.

### Calls for Men.

Calls for Mea. Calls for Mea. Calls for Mea. At 1 o'clock in 'the afternoon the crowd that had gatherod upon the cap-itol lawn suddenly grouped around a speaker who had arisen upon the steps —a gray-haired man, thin and gaunt of frame, who plainly showed his sixty "Who'll follow me?" he cried. He hed the way into the capitol and up the steps to the second floor, where the men packed the senate chamber. A number of speeches were made dis-approving of the commutation. Sheriff Mangum, who had but shortly return-ed from his trip to Milledgeville, ap-peared in the crowd and took the ros-trum. He explained thar Frank was in Milledgeville and not in Atlanta. He gave details of the trip, and declared that it was at the order of the gov-ernor, whose dictates he had been sworn to uphold. His address was brief. Afterward he quit the audience, returning to the jall, where he took a rest. Regarding the situation in Atlanta, Mayor James G. Woodward wired the following message to The New York World Monday afternose in reply to a query received from that paper: "The sentiment of Atlanta is di-vided. The larger part of the pop-ulation believes Frank guilty and that commutation was a mistake. Mass meetings condemning the governor have been held, but there has been no violence. (Signed) "JAMES G. WOODWARD, "Mayor." The police kept the situation com-petently in hand. R-i-enforced mounted squade patrolled the streets. Plain-

"Mayor." The police kept the situation com-petently in hand. Ri-enforced mounted squads patrolled the streets. Plain-clothesmen mixed and mingled with the crowds. At no time did violence seem imminent.

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Frank himself did got know that he story before he was laken from the Tower. 'Usually on Sunday in the Tower, 'Usu

his confinement was practically soll-tary. Shortly after 10 p. m. Sheriff Man-gum entered the cell and told him to prepare to leave the Tower, in which he had been confined for more than two years. The words of the sheriff, which meant the life for which he had longed, and for which his friends have strug-gled so earnestly, were received in the same manner that Frank has received the news of each movement in his fight against the gallows. Out of Side Door of Jail.

Out of Side Door of Jail. Whether the tidings were as dark as

death to his cause or whether they were lighted with the brighest ray of hope, Frank has always been calm, cool and reasoning when they were brought him. And so he was Sunday night. The commutation order of the governor meant to him everything in the world, but he never allowed his emotions to overcome his power of reasoning.
The utmost secrecy was preserved at the Tower throughout the day. Even before Frank was notified of the governors action, Sheriff Mangum had issued an order closing the Tower to everyone. Even telephonic communication with the jail was stopped.
When Frank had prepared himself for the journey, Sheriff Mangum and a number of deputies assembled on the lower floor of the prison and Frank was brought to them by a jailer. An automobile was waiting near the side entrance. While reporters, who had been watching the Tower all day, were keeping their vigil at the front of the prison, the little party went out the side door and entered the car. They were whirled away to the Terminal station.

station. Wife Was in Ignorance. Not even his attorneys, nor his wife, were aware that his sentence had been commuted. Attaches of the Terminal station could hardly believe their eyes when they beheld the nation's most famous prisoner strike into the waiting room between a guard of six deputies, a transfer guard and Sheriff Mangum. Frank had been slipped out of the Tower while a group of reporters were waiting for him. He was lowered into the basement of the building and car-ried to the rear of the jail through a subterranean passage that opened into a maze of alleyways. So cautious were officials in carrying out their program that Frank, himself, was dazed when he heard the an-nouncement at 10:30 o'clock that he was to go to Milledgeville at mid-night. The news was brought by Sheriff Mangum, who ordered the pris-oner to prepare for the trip. Frank was given a rear seat in the train, which was a local and stopped repeatedly on the route. He sate be-side Sheriff Mangum. Guard Patterson and the deputies were congregated nearby. The trip was made mostly in silence. Hardly a passenger on the train was aware that the most talked-of prisoner in America was a fellow-traveler. Frank Takes Auto. At Macon, when the train rolled into

MANNYARRESTED.Many arrests were made last night<br/>at Marietta street and Forsyth—the<br/>ering began to collect zhortly after<br/>supper. Uhief Beavers was in charge<br/>of a squad of fifty or more mounted<br/>policemen and patrolmen, who effect-<br/>leared and to keep the crowd in a<br/>scattered state.<br/>News from Milledgeville late last<br/>frank retired early on account of the<br/>state farm. He will be given light<br/>tasks in the farm work as a lifer on the<br/>state farm. He will be given light<br/>tasks in the farm work as a lifer on the<br/>stock and Marietta and adjoining<br/>towns. In Woodstock and Marietta<br/>fovernor Slaton hud been hung in<br/>effigy.Frank con-<br/>the will start today<br/>towns and Marietta and adjoining<br/>towns and Marietta and adjoining<br/>towns. In Woodstock and Marietta<br/>fovernor Slaton hud been hung in<br/>effigy.Frank, con-<br/>test die for the murder of Mary<br/>towns and Marietta estaken out of the<br/>transengers reaching Atlanta last<br/>towns and Marietta and adjoining<br/>towns and Marietta and adjoining<br/>towns and Marietta and adjoining<br/>towns and Marietta and adjoining<br/>effigy.Frank had been commuted have to was streaking the<br/>say onthing else. The machine trav-<br/>towns at medue to die for the murder of Mary<br/>towns and Marietta and adjoining<br/>entigy.Frank na the information that<br/>Mancum ventured the information that<br/>Mancum ventured the information that<br/>might garage.<br/>With a trail of newspaper automo-<br/>the sentence of Leo M. Frank, con-<br/>testing the state of the deputtes and adjoining<br/>and a number of the deputter and adjoining<br/>towns and was staken out of the<br/>the prisoner was taken out of the<br/>sties with purple. The sentence of the deputtes and car-<br/>town of a new day was streaking the<br/>sties with purple. The sentence of the deputter and adjoining<br/>towns and a the sume au-<br/>town of a new day was streaking

# OF FIGHT.

### FOR VICTIM.

FOR VICTIM. Valdosta, Ga., June 21.—(Special.)— Citizens of Valdosta today began a pe-tion with the following purpose in view: "We, the undersigned citizens of the state of Georgia, hereby subscribe one dollar each towards a fund of one thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a monument suitably taking care of the burial place of Little Mary Phagan, who lost her life in the de-fense of her virtue." Contributions are solicited from all Georgians. Charles W. Barnes has been appointed to han-die funds. dle funds.

COMMUTATION.

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COMMUTATION. Wayeross, Ga., June 21.—(Special.) Reniving to an inquiry from The New York World today asking for his opin-ion of sentiment in Wayeross on Gov-ernor Slaton's commutation of Leo Frank's sentence, Mayor Scott T. Bea-ton tonight answered as follows: "The people here generally feel that gov-ernor should have refused commuta-tion, inasmuch as all the courts had decided against Frank and the state pardoning board refused to recommend same. A great many good, conserva-tivo people, however, feel that Slaton neted wisely."

### Slaton Condemned.

Slaton Condemned. Canton, Ga., June 21.—(Special.)— There was considerable excitement at this place today when it became known that Governor Slaton had commuted imprisonment. There was universal condemnation of the governor's act. At least 90 per cent of the people of this county believe Leo Frank guilty and they felt like the law, as interpreted by the lower courts and affirmed by the higher courts, should have been allowed to take its course.

# BURN SLATON

# IN EFFIGY.

IN EFFIGY. Newnan, Ga., June 21.—(Special.)— The effigies of Leo M. Frank and Gov-ernor John M. Slaton were hung to a giant oak in the park at the union station here tonight and set on fire, after which they were dragged blaz-ing through the principal streets of Newnan, accompanied by about fifty automobiles. Later the charred effi-gles were hung to an enormous chau-tauqua sign, which is stretched across the street at the courthouse square. The effigies were prepared in the afternoon from clothing store dum-midnight, when they were out down. The effigies were prepared in the afternoon from clothing store dum-mies, artificial limbs and such mato-rial. Early in the night they were hung to an oak tree in the park, just a fow blocks from the center of town. Some ten or fifteen gallons of kero-seno and gasoline were poured upon them and fire was set to them. The fire department was called out. In the presence of about 1,000 people the fire department made ready to ex-tinguish the flames, but before this could be done the effigies were cut down and attached to the back of an automobile by lines long enough to allow the blazing efficies to drag along through the town and later hung up. Fecing ran at a high tonsion here until midnight. No one was hurt and there was no property damage. **Guards Are Increased.** Milledgeville, Ga., June 22.—Although

### Guards Are Increased.

Guards Are Increased. Milledgeville, Ga., June 22.—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 has been increased since Leo M. Frank's arrival. It also was ascertained that there has been no request made for state troops. There was no disturbance at the prison tonight. Warden Smith stated that Frank would be assigned to work tomorrow, probably in the cotton or corn fields.

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