

LIKENS FRANK TO BEILIS.

Same Clamor Heard in Georgia as in Russia, Says Rabbi.

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PHILADELPHIA, March 21. — The State of Georgia was arraigned for injustice in the conviction of Leo M. Frank for murder by Rabbi Henry Berkowitz to-day in a sermon at Rodeph Shalom Synagogue. He said:

“Frank's conviction on a charge of murder was brought about by the clamor of the mob. The police were on trial because of some fifteen unpunished murders in Georgia. A victim had to be found.

“The officers of the law, sworn to preserve peace, openly encouraged the mob. Wild stories utterly without basis were set afloat. One of these was that, Frank, being a Jew, the Jews would spend unlimited funds to insure his acquittal. The court and jury were intimidated. The Judge made the astounding confession that after hearing all the testimony he was unable to decide whether the defendant was guilty or not, nevertheless he refused a new trial and inflicted a sentence of the extreme penalty—death.

“Some months ago, when the infamous Beilis trial was being enacted in Russia, the press, the pulpit, the platform, and the people of this land united in ringing denunciation of the scandalous injustice. Our sense of decency and fairness was outraged, and now what a sense of shame comes over us as we painfully realize that within the borders of this fair land it has become possible for scenes to be enacted not unlike those of Russia. The State of Georgia is on trial.”

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