

FRANK'S LAST LETTER REACHES HIS FATHER

*Written Day Before Lynching, It
Speaks of Hoped-For Pardon
—Funeral to Be Simple.*

While the parents of Leo M. Frank were preparing yesterday to receive the body of their son at their home, 152 Underhill Avenue, Brooklyn, many messages of sympathy reached them from different parts of the country. Rudolph Frank, the father of Leo, would not say from whom these communications came.

"I know everybody has sympathy for us," he told reporters, "but what good is it to tell us that? We wish to be left alone in our sorrow. We feel now that this is our affair."

Mr. Frank admitted that among the letters in the day's mail was one from Leo. It was written the day before the lynching. While the family would not show the letter, it was learned that Frank wrote to his father that the wound in his neck was healing rapidly and that he expected to be up and about in a day or two. Frank in his letter appeared cheerful and expressed the conviction that he would be pardoned. He also said that Mrs. Frank, who had been his constant companion and comfort, was well and cheerful.

Mrs. Frank, the mother of Leo, is bearing up bravely. She has expressed the wish that the family be left alone in its sorrow. Her one desire seems to be to have the body of her son.

"I know one thing, and that is that my son belongs to me," she said. "That is all I care about now—when he shall come home to me."

No arrangements were made yesterday for the funeral of Frank, and, according to his sister, Mrs. Otto Stein, no steps will be taken in that direction until the body arrives in Brooklyn. There will be a family conference then, and the wishes of the widow will be consulted in making the funeral arrangements. If the wishes of the family are carried out the funeral will be private. The mother said she wanted no demonstration.

The body is due to arrive at the Pennsylvania Station at 6 o'clock this morning. In the funeral party are the widow and several Atlanta friends of the Franks.

PLANS FUND TO TRACE LYNCHERS OF FRANK

*New Yorker Forming a Committee
to Employ Investigators to Assist
Georgia Authorities.*

Isadore M. Levy, a member of the Board of Education, and a lawyer of 233 Broadway, announced yesterday that he was forming a committee of representative professional and business men of this city to co-operate with the authorities of Georgia in their pursuit of the slayers of Leo M. Frank. Men in every walk of life have been asked to serve. Among those who have agreed to take part in the work of the committee are Judge Edward Swann of the Court of General Sessions, ex-Congressman Edward S. Bennet, and General Roger A. Pryor.

The plan is for the committee to raise a large fund to pay trained investigators who will work under the direction of the Georgia authorities. Beyond raising the money the committee will take no active part, as it is felt that the apprehension of the men who killed Frank is the business of the State of Georgia, and that interference from outside sources would not be an assistance.

It is proposed that the permanent Chairman of the committee, of which Harry H. Schlacht of the East Side Protective Association is Acting Secretary, shall be a prominent clergyman of this city whose name is to be announced today. Several members of the New York Legislature, and others equally prominent, have agreed to serve on the committee.