

INTIMATES WOODWARD IS PLAYING POLITICS

Atlanta Mayor's Defense of Frank Lynching Stimulates Mob Spirit, Says Slaton.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Ex-Governor John M. Slaton of Georgia, who commuted the sentence of Leo M. Frank to life imprisonment, issued today a statement condemning an address condoning the lynching delivered here last night by Mayor J. G. Woodward of Atlanta, and terming the Mayor "old and garrulous." He called the Frank case a "football of politics." Commenting on Mr. Woodward's statement that three-fourths of the people of Georgia, including himself, believed Frank guilty, Mr. Slaton said: "Similar utterances made before the lynching naturally resulted in subsequent lawlessness. In one breath he proposes to defend the fair name of Atlanta and Georgia, and in the next breath he casts on them the most terrible condemnation."

"Mayor Woodward suggested that I could not with safety return to Georgia within a year. Such a statement is not only a gross reflection on the State, but is absurd and ridiculous, and it is further stimulative of the mob im-

pulse, coming from an official who should stand in favor of law and order. It is in accordance with utterances of others who expect to utilize the Frank case for political preferment.

"I was born in Georgia, and I love her and her reputation. I shall return there in accordance with my original intentions.

"I think Mayor Woodward's statement is an affront to the people of Georgia instead of a defense. He is old and garrulous."

STORY OF RACE PREJUDICE

Told by a Georgian, Who Says It Affected a Frank Juror.

Harry Rose of Elberton, Ga., a Jew who has lived in Georgia for sixteen years and whose wife is a native of Elberton and the daughter of a Confederate veteran, made this statement yesterday at the Hotel Martinique, where he is staying:

"The average Northerner can have no idea," Mr. Rose said, "how the anti-Jew mob element in Georgia is dominating the State. I suppose you've heard that one of the men who served on the jury that convicted Frank said before the trial that he'd like to kill 'the d—n Jew.' I heard him myself in Sparta, and several of my friends heard him at the Arnold Hotel in Greensboro.

"And now I see that the Mayor of Atlanta has said in San Francisco that the lynchers carried out the jury's just verdict. Mayor Woodward has been making political capital out of a good many things, but I didn't think he would go so far.

"It bewilders one to note how the anti-Jew spirit is being used by public men for their own political advancement. You can have no idea how the spirit has spread. The day that Governor Slaton commuted Frank's sentence I was in Toccoa, Ga., on business. A mob composed of men who knew me well came to a store I was in with ropes and guns and threatened to lynch me, simply because I was a Jew. I happened to be a personal friend of the Sheriff and he talked to the mob and managed to disperse it. But I hear I shall be exposed to the same danger when I go back. I had a telegram from my wife today telling me to stay here a while longer, but I'm going back Saturday, and I'm going to do my share in trying to have indictments found against those who were in that mob that came after me.