

## CHICAGO PLEA FOR FRANK.

**Mass Meeting to be Held on May 16  
in His Behalf.**

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CHICAGO, May 3.—A mass meeting with some of the city's most prominent speakers to protest in the name of humanity and civilization against the execution of Leo M. Frank in Atlanta, Ga., for the murder of Mary Phagan, is to be held in Powers' Theatre Sunday afternoon, May 16. The meeting will ask the Governor of Georgia and the Prison Board to commute the death sentence to one of imprisonment, as so much doubt of the doomed man's guilt is being felt and expressed.

This announcement followed the formation of a Leo M. Frank committee. Some of those who have signified their willingness to speak in behalf of Frank and Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, President of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Society; Leonora Z. Meder, head of the Department of Public Welfare of the city; ex-Judge McKenzie Cleland, Bishop Samuel Fallows, and Attorneys Patrick H. O'Donnell, and Clarence Darrow.

The various organizations formed to appeal to the Governor of Georgia today consolidated into the Leo M. Frank committee. The Anti-Capital Punishment Society, the original Frank committee formed prior to the United States Supreme Court's hearing of the case, and various other committees and fraternal and benevolent bodies are now in the movement to obtain the commutation of the death sentence of Frank to one of imprisonment.

## RETURN TO HANNA'S STATE.

**Farmers Back from Canada and  
Bull Moose Wander Home.**

Governor L. B. Hanna of North Dakota was at the Manhattan yesterday on his way to Norfolk to present to the Dreadnought North Dakota the handsome silver service which is the gift of the people of North Dakota. The service, which in spite of certain department orders regarding drinkables on naval vessels, contains a punch bowl, is of solid silver, was made by the Gorham Company, and cost \$10,000. Governor Hanna, who is accompanied by Mrs. Hanna, left New York last night.

"Business is fair in North Dakota," said Governor Hanna. "We had a good crop last season, and prices have been good. Ours is a purely agricultural State. There is a big acreage of Spring wheat, our main staple, and of oats, flax, barley and corn, more having been planted than ever before. As a matter of fact, the war in Europe, we feel, has rather benefited us. Our cattle and hogs have been bringing good prices, as well as our wheat.

"There is a good demand for land now, many settlers coming in from other States. What is very noticeable is a marked return from Canada of Americans who had gone across the border in the hope of big returns from investments in cheap lands in the Canadian Northwest. Times are pretty hard up there just now, and the movement this way has rather overbalanced the trend northward.

"As for politics, two years ago we had three parties in the State, which is normally Republican. But from the Progressives there has been of late a strong trend back to the Republican Party."

## The Byron Hits a Coral Reef.

The agents of the Lamport & Holt Line received a cable message yesterday from their agent at Barbados saying that the steamship Byron, on her way to New York, had touched a coral reef off the Island of Nevis in the West Indies and was anchored off the port of Charlestown in the same island. The Byron is reported to have water in her No. 1 compartment and will have to discharge a portion of her cargo, it was said.