

# PEOPLE HERE EAGER TO SIGN FRANK PLEA

Children Work Hard in Campaign to Get 1,000,000 Names in New York.

## ANXIOUS TO SAVE LIFE

Woman's Peace Society Hopes to Induce Georgia Officials to Halt Young Man's Execution.

A million persons, appealing for the life of Leo M. Frank, sentenced to die next month for the murder of Mary Phagan, the little factory girl of Atlanta, Ga., will be represented by the lists of signatures which began to deluge the Woman's Peace Society yesterday at its quarters on the first and second floors of the Cosmopolitan Garden, 32-46 West Twenty-third Street. This city is being circularized by scores of little girls and boys, some of them as young as 6 years, by young men and young women, and their elders, as follows:

"Come and help us. Every hour counts. Sign the protest against the death of Leo M. Frank."

When a million names shall have been obtained the petition will be forwarded to the Governor and Pardoning Committee of Georgia.

The children, particularly, lent their untiring efforts to this movement to save the life of the condemned man. A large number of the boys and girls who worked all day getting signatures were free from school yesterday on account of a Jewish holiday. When they heard of the plan to get a million signatures to an appeal for Frank they went to the headquarters of the Woman's Peace Society and placed themselves at the disposal of the women directing the campaign.

Thousands of lists, carrying from 100 to more than 2,000 signatures were returned to the Woman's Peace Society soon after they had been placed in the hands of the little ones. Others were brought in by persons of all ages and classes to whom they had been distributed by mail or otherwise.

On the main floor of the Cosmopolitan Garden a large space near the entrance was set aside for children working with the petitions. More than a dozen little boys and girls stood behind a long, low counter all day, and as thousands of persons passed in and out of the building they halted them and explained the nature of the petition. Nearly every one signed gladly.

The crowds of persons gathered around the registry attracted others and at all times the number of persons was very large. Many waited patiently for a chance to sign the appeal.

On the second floor, where the signed petitions were kept, there also was a large crowd who believed the young man condemned to death in the Georgia capital ought to have another trial and a fair one. Many of them signed the petition there, and hundreds of them carried away petitions to procure signatures.

So many petitions already have been signed and so many petitions have been sought that the Woman's Peace Society is about to run short of blanks.

This appeal for Frank's life was started by Mrs. D. J. Adams, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Peace Society, and more than a dozen of her associates, including Miss Bertie Ship-

ley, Mrs. Emma L. Muller, Mrs. Ethel Stewart, and Mrs. E. T. Wooisey.

They explained that the Woman's Peace Society, which opposed the death penalty as well as advocated peace and woman suffrage, believed Leo M. Frank was entitled to a fair trial, which he had not obtained, and that there was every reason why he should not be made to pay with his life for a crime of which millions of persons believe him innocent.

"The idea of saving human life," said Mrs. Adams yesterday, "has appealed to us more strongly since the European war. Many of us had been in Europe and when we returned we decided to make a practical application of the principles we stand for. Of course, we first thought of trying to stop the war, but that seemed impossible just at present. Finally we turned out attention to matters at home, and the one life which it seemed ought to be saved was that of Leo M. Frank."

One of the first little girls who went out to get signatures was Sadie Garfinkle, 7 years old, of 257 Seventh Avenue. In less than thirty minutes she returned with more than 100 names.

Louis Perlman, 7 years old, and his sister, Rose, 8, living at 120 West Twenty-fifth Street, worked together to get signatures and obtained more than 1,500 in the course of the day.

Harry Ancess, 9, of 405 West Twenty-fifth Street was another youngster who worked faithfully. When he made a report to headquarters his petitions had more than 500 signatures.

Lillian Meyer, 10, of 214 Seventh Avenue obtained as many signatures as the other children, as did Louis Offner of 215 West Fifteenth Street. The zealotness of the children was hardly greater than that of older persons who circulated petitions.

More than 500 names each were obtained by H. Moskowitz, 32 East Sixtieth Street; Richard D. Sager, 1 Madison Avenue; Harry Gendzier, 161 Clinton Street, and Mrs. Pauline Blitz, 158 East Eighty-fourth Street.

Several business men who were in too great a hurry to stop and give their names left petitions for Frank signed by 1,000, 1,200, and 1,500 persons.

One list of 1,500 signatures represented

the students of the Eron Preparatory School, 187 East Broadway.

The Woman's Peace Society received hundreds of letters yesterday from business men and individuals requesting blank petitions.

As a precaution Julius Glassman of 240 Fifth Street went to Police Headquarters to ascertain whether persons procuring signatures to the Frank petition were required to obtain a permit to stand on the streets and ask men and women familiar with the Frank case to sign the papers. He was informed by Lieutenant Thompson that they would need no permits as long as they conducted the campaign in an orderly manner.