

# WOODWARD IS RAPPED BY GOVERNOR SLATON

## Mayor Is "Old and Garrulous," Says Former Governor in Answer to Speech.

San Francisco, August 18.—Former Governor John M. Slaton, of Georgia, who commuted the death sentence of Leo M. Frank to one of life imprisonment, today issued a statement condemning an address delivered 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 and condoned the lynching, 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 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 impulse, 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."

### Defends Frank Lynching.

San Francisco, August 18.—J. G. Woodward, mayor of Atlanta, Ga., in an address here last night declared that Leo M. Frank suffered the "just penalty for an unspeakable crime." The Atlanta mayor at the same time warned former Governor Slaton, now in California, not to return to Georgia.

Mayor Woodward's address was made at a banquet of the California State Assessors' association.

Little or no applause greeted his remarks, although he was listened to with close attention.

Mayor Woodward said:

"I am going to take occasion tonight to tell of the events that have put Georgia on the map in a very indescribable light. I am going to endeavor to set you right. People throughout the United States have obtained their ideas of the Frank case from a poisoned and subsidized press and press reports.

"Common decency prevents me from telling you the revolting truths of the murder of Mary Phagan. I wish you all knew the truths as I know them. I know them, for I have been with this case ever since it started, and I have read every line of evidence that was introduced. I know that there is not a member of the jury that tried Leo M. Frank who would change his decision if put to the test again.

"Georgia is the leading state in the south. Its people cannot be classed with tramps, hoodlums, bandits and law-breakers, but things had come to a point where every avenue of the law had been exhausted and the judgment of the courts set aside by one man, and the people felt that it was up to them to take the law into their hands.

"While we people of Georgia deplore

the deed of Monday night, we know what is behind it, and I want it understood that it is simply emphasizing the fact that, when it comes to a woman's honor, there is no limit we will not go to avenge and to protect.

"There were only two people implicated in the death of Mary Phagan. I know the negro did not commit the deed, and as positive that 75 per cent of the people of Georgia are convinced that the man lynched Monday night committed the deed, and they are on the ground, and ought to know.

"As mayor of Atlanta, I have received tons and tons of letters and petitions and requests asking that something be done for Frank, and they have all gone into the waste basket, for, like all Georgia people, who are in a position to know the truth, I know the facts.

"I know Jack Slaton, have known him for thirty years—ever since he was a young man; I have been friends with him, and, while I hate to say it, I would not advise him to return to Georgia for a year—if ever."

### DODD SUGGESTS BAN ON GEORGIA REQUISITIONS.

Chicago, August 18.—Edward J. Dodd, president of the Chicago Patrolmen's association, made public a letter today which he said he had sent to Governor Harris, of Georgia. The letter stated that the lynching of Leo M. Frank indicated that Georgia was not capable of self-government and that therefore he would ask Governor Dunne not to honor requisition papers sent him by the governor of Georgia. Dodd explained he intended to request the heads of all policemen's organizations to make similar requests.

### CROWD MEETS TRAIN CARRYING FRANK'S BODY.

Salsbury, N. C., August 18.—A small crowd of curious persons gathered at the railway station today in hope of getting a glimpse of the Frank funeral party. They did not know definitely that Frank's body was aboard until a newsboy crying "All about Leo Frank" was rebuked by a trainman.

### NO ARRANGEMENTS YET FOR FUNERAL OF FRANK.

New York, August 18.—No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral of Leo M. Frank, whose body is expected to arrive here early tomorrow. His parents today requested that they be left alone to bury the body of their son as quietly as possible.