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LEO M. FRANK LYNCHED TODAY

Taken From the Georgia State Prison Farm by Band of Twenty-five Men

HANGED TO A TREE

Life is Taken Near the Home of Girl He Was Accused of Murdering

CORONER TAKES THE BODY

Prisoner Showed Signs of Pain From Rough Handling But Did Not Speak a Word When Taken From Prison—Crowd Threatening

PIECES OF SHIRT AS SOUVENIRS

MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—When the body was cut down, parts of Frank's shirt were torn away by souvenir hunters. It was roughly landed before being put into the undertaker's wagon.

TAKEN 100 MILES

Frank was brought 100 miles from prison to a point almost within sight of the former home of Mary Phagan. No shots were fired. Frank was barefooted and clad only in the prison trousers and shirt. He was found at 8:30 this morning.

It is believed he was lynched about daylight. Several autos, well loaded, left here in the direction of Milledgeville last night. After the return of some of the machines today the officers started out on the road which they believed the auto traveled. They had only gone two miles when they saw the body of Frank not more than 15 yards from the road side.

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SUPERINTENDENT TALKS

Gives Story of How Prisoner Was Taken Away

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo M. Frank Georgia's noted life-term convict, was removed from the Georgia prison farm here tonight by 25 armed men who overpowered Warden Smith. Previous to the attack the wires leading to the prison had been cut.

IS OVERPOWERED

"I was called to the door just as I was preparing to retire," said Captain Burke, the superintendent of the state prison farm today. "Two strong men grabbed me and soon snatched handcuffs on my wrists. Four others stood guard over me. I remonstrated and they declared that it was of no use for me to squirm as they had come for Frank and were going to get him."

THREATEN GUARD'S LIFE

"I was marched up to the penitentiary building. When we reached the building a demand was made for the gate to be opened. Meanwhile one of the men began cutting the telephone wires and informed the guard that if he did not open it he would be killed as soon as an entrance was effected. The gate was unlocked and the night guard came forward. When half way by the steps a dozen rushed by me and made a dash for Frank's room.

DRAGGED DOWN STAIRS

"One prison guard declared four men took Frank by the arms and legs while a fifth grabbed him by the hair and he was dragged out and bumped down the stone steps. Frank did not utter a word but apparently was suffering intensely

AUTO IS DITCHED GALVESTON IS STORM SWEEPED

Much Damage Done in City and Part of Causeway is Carried Away

CITIES ARE CUT OFF

Wire Communication Has Been Demolished and Few Particulars are Learned

WIRELESS NOT OPERATING

Commercial Station Is Out of Business—The Whole of Southeastern Texas Has Suffered from Tropical Storm from the Gulf

PEOPLE BEING RESCUED

GALVESTON (Wireless to San Antonio), Aug. 17.—No loss of life is reported here, but all the houses on the sea wall have been destroyed. Boats on the main streets are taking people from buildings to the United States transport Burford.

REACH TWO TOWNS

DALLAS, Aug. 17.—Communication has been reestablished with San Antonio and Austin.

CITIES CUT OFF

Fate of Galveston Is Not Known at Dallas Today

DALLAS, TEXAS, Aug. 17.—With the cities and towns of southwest Texas isolated from the rest of the world and one of the worst tropical storms of a decade wearing itself out over the coast prairies, the fate of Galveston is still undetermined, although it is believed the storm center has passed inland slightly west of that city.

CAUSEWAY BROKEN

One Thousand Feet Torn Away Is Reported

WACO, Texas, Aug. 17.—A report from Galveston says 1000 feet of the Causeway at Galveston was washed away. No further particulars were given.

STORM STILL RAGES

Report That Wind is Blowing 55 Miles An Hour

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 17.—A report from Wall's, Texas, the nearest point to Galveston retaining a wire communication, reports that the storm is still raging with the wind blowing 55 miles an hour.

VESSEL BLOWN IN

Wind Carries Big Boat Through Galveston Causeway

TEMPLE, Texas, Aug. 17.—A

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received by Andrew Stora, August 21st, 1915, for the clearing of school grounds in district No. 36, at the Forks of Coos River. Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

JOHN BIASCA, Clerk.

HAITI HAS CYCLONE BRITISH BOAT SINKS; 1,000 LOST

Transport Royal Edward Torpedoed by German Submarine in Aegean Sea

TROOPS IN A FIGHT

Have Engagement Across Rio Grande with Mexicans

CAPT. REED QUILTS

Resigns Position as Master of Bar Dredge Michie

GO TO SEE RIVER AND HARBOR MEN

Hugh McLain and Henry Sengstacken left this morning for Portland to confer with Chairman Sparkman and the members of the Rivers and Harbors committee there. The Portland Chamber of Commerce, in response to a query, said Sparkman and party were expected there Thursday to spend one day. So the Marshfield men decided to try and see them.

BRUSH FIRE AT NORTH BEND TODAY

The North Bend fire department was called out this afternoon. Brush in the Bangor district was burning fiercely but was put out before damage was done. The blaze started from a bonfire of last night which it was thought was extinguished but which the wind fanned into life again.

APPEAL IS GRANTED

JOHN R. LAWSON WILL GET ANOTHER CHANCE

DENVER, Aug. 17.—The State Supreme Court granted supersedeas in the case of John R. Lawson, convicted and given a life sentence on the charge of murder growing out of the coal strike. The action allows Lawson to an appeal of the case before the court on its own merits.

WHOLE SOUTHERN COAST IS DEVASTATED BY STORM

Many Victims are Reported in Delayed Message Dated Sunday From Capital

1602 MEN ABOARD

Mostly Artillerymen of English Army and Only Six Hundred are Saved

IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

No Particulars are Received Further—Thirty-two Officers were Aboard Nearly All Were Soldiers

THOSE ABOARD AND THE NUMBER LOST

Total number aboard . . . 1602
Total number saved . . . 600
Total lost 1002

LOSS OF LIFE BIG

The British admiral's record of transporting great numbers of troops to the various fighting zones without loss of life, as far as officially reported was broken after more than a year of war. A torpedo of a submarine at last found its mark with the transport Royal Edward in the Aegean sea with a loss of life that may reach 1000.

OWNED IN CANADA

The Royal Edward was 11,117 tons gross and was owned by the Canadian Northern Steamship Company at Toronto.

CRISIS IS REACHED

GERMANS ARE MENACING SAFETY OF RUSSIAN ARMIES

TEUTONS HELD IN CHECK IN SOME PLACES BUT GO AHEAD AT OTHER POINTS

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A crisis has been reached in the present stage of the eastern campaign. Grand Duke Nicholas will not be able to assure the safety of his armies until the menace presented by the operations of Von Hindenburg in the Courland region is removed.

SEEN FROM HERE

The blaze was seen by the night policeman and a few others in Marshfield but it was too far advanced for any assistance to be given from this side of the bay.

CABINET RESIGNS

GREEK KING WILL HAVE NEW SET OF ADVISORS

Today Accepts the Resignations Which Were Tendered to Him Yesterday, Report Says

FUNERAL IS HELD

THE FUNERAL OF A. J. WITTMAN was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence. There was a large attendance of friends.

WILL LEAVE MARSHFIELD THURSDAY

August 19, with 2 autos for Panama Exposition, San Francisco, Fare \$15. Make reservations early. Coggan & Knox, Phone 206-1, Right Cafe.

STAR GROCERY AND WAREHOUSE BURNS AT MIDNIGHT

Total Loss Partially Covered by Insurance—Belief is It was of Incendiary Origin

SECOND FIRE ON THE SAME LOT

This was the first fire at Eastside since three years ago when the Whitty grocery store burned about the same time of night on the same lot and the cause was never learned. The lot was bought by Mr. Johnson from Mr. Whitty and the new grocery building erected.

THE STAR GROCERY COMPANY STORE AND WAREHOUSE AT EASTSIDE WAS ENTIRELY DESTROYED BY FIRE AT MIDNIGHT

and practically everything in the two buildings lost. John Johnson is the manager of the company and with Mr. Lee of Idaho owned the store and stock and the property on which it is located.

THE STORE WAS QUITE A SUBSTANTIAL BUILDING AND BEHIND IT A FEW FEET DISTANCE WAS A WAREHOUSE WHERE OIL AND OTHER GOODS WERE STORED

Both buildings were entirely consumed. Thought Incendiary

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The place was closed as usual at 6:30 p. m. and there had not been a fire in the building for a week. Mr. Johnson does not smoke so it was not possible for him to have left a burning cigar in the place, and anyway, it is believed any trace of fire that could have been in the building would have caused the flames to have broken out at an earlier time.

ALARM IS PHONED

The fire was discovered by Mrs. John West who happened to be up at the time and saw the blaze. She telephoned to the Marshfield central office and the operator in turn called everyone in Eastside who has a telephone so they could give the alarm. Soon many were out to help fight the fire.

NO FIRE PROTECTION

Eastside has no water system and no fire department. The nearest water was a block away and all that could be done was to attempt to save some of the contents. However the fire had such a start when discovered that the whole building was quickly enveloped in flames. The cash register and a few sacks of flour were all that was saved. The buildings were burned to the ground.

SEEN FROM HERE

Mr. Johnson boards at the home of Mrs. Swanson and was notified and was one of the first to get to the fire but like the others could do nothing.

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Mr. Johnson carried a big stock of goods and conducted a good store. He has many friends both in Eastside and Marshfield who regretted to hear of his loss.

THOSE WHO KNOW NEFF SAY THAT THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT HE IS INSANE

It seems that he has some property at Lakeport and about \$600 in a bank at Bandon. It is said that he went security for the school board on some bonds and that the board was in some difficulty financially and Neff feared that he was going to lose his money. He was a member of the school board himself. His acquaintances say that they think he had brooded over the possible loss until his mind had become unbalanced.

NO REAL MOTIVE

Many say that Neff was a good man when in his right mind and they cannot imagine his doing anything murderous unless he was crazed. There seems to have been no reason for his killing Wittmann further than that he thought Wittmann was a sympathizer of Charles Walker, the school teacher, whom Neff blamed for the school trouble.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE LOCALITY ARE MORE EXCITED THAN THEY HAVE BEEN FOR MANY YEARS PAST AND THERE WILL BE LITTLE REST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD UNTIL NEFF IS FOUND OR HIS FATE KNOWN

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POSSE HUNTING FOR MURDERER

R. B. Neff Who Killed Lakeport Man Still at Large In The Timber

PROBABLY INSANE

Women of Neighborhood Are in Great Terror of Attack and Further Bloodshed

SHERIFF IS LEADING HUNT

Assisted by Deputy and Eight Other Men Woods are Being Scoured

LANGLOIS, ORE., AUG. 17.—WITH AN ARMED INSANE MAN AT LARGE IN THE WOODS

and a posse conducting a man hunt to find him, the people in the neighborhood of Lakeport are in terror for fear of attack. R. D. Neff, who last Saturday shot and killed A. J. Wittmann and attempted to kill Charles Walker, the school teacher, has not yet been found. It is believed that he is insane and also that he is armed and the people are naturally in alarm until he has been apprehended.

SHERIFF BAILEY AND A DEPUTY AND EIGHT OTHER MEN FORMED A POSSE WHICH SEARCHED ALL NIGHT WITHOUT SUCCESS

and they are still out today. It is believed that the man will be found today.

HUNTING IN TIMBER

The officers and others are working under the assumption that Neff is in hiding in the Blacklock district between Lakeport and Port Orford and between the county road and the ocean. Here is a large territory which is dense with thick underbrush and small timber and no better place to hide could be found. It will require a thorough search over the entire country side to find the man and then he might escape even a large number of searchers.

SOME BELIEVE THAT NEFF MAY TAKE HIS OWN LIFE AND THE GENERAL BELIEF IS THAT HE WILL NOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT A FIGHT

Those who know Neff say that they are convinced that he is insane. It seems that he has some property at Lakeport and about \$600 in a bank at Bandon. It is said that he went security for the school board on some bonds and that the board was in some difficulty financially and Neff feared that he was going to lose his money. He was a member of the school board himself. His acquaintances say that they think he had brooded over the possible loss until his mind had become unbalanced.

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