MOB'S OWN STORY IN DETAIL: How Plans Were Formed And Put Into Execution Without Slightest Hitch

THOUSANDS VIEW BODY

Men, Women and Children March Past Casket in Undertaking Parlors---Crowd Grows Threatening When Refused Permission to See Body---Remains Taken to Brooklyn at Midnight Following Services in Chapel.

After having been viewed by many thousands of men, women and children as it lay in the undertaking parlors of Greenberg & Bond, the body of Lee M. Frank is now on route to Brooklyn, where the funeral exercises will be held. On the same train are Mrs. Frank, Alexander Marcus, her brother-in-law; Rabbi David Marx and several other friends of the family.

Although it was first attempted to prevent the public from seeing the body of the dead man, the threatening nature of the crowd which gathered at the undertaking parlors led to the decision that it would be best to admit the public, under police supervision.

Full details of the laying of the plans for the removal of Frank from Milledgeville and their successful culmination were disclosed Tuesday.

STORY OF HOW MOB LYNCHED FRANK.

"The public will never know the identities of the 22 brave and loyal men who took into their own hands the execution of a law that had been stripped from them by Governor Slaton. I would not advise inquisitive authorities or persons to try to reveal them. They are as secretly banded together now, as at the moment they invaded the state prison."

This was the statement of a citizen of Milledgeville to a reporter for The Constitution Tuesday afternoon. He was thoroughly aware of the movements of the lynching classmen, of the process of organization, of their plans, and of their painstaking system of advance preparations. He would neither admit nor deny that he was a member of the mob.

"The mob that hanged Leo Frank, the murderer of Mary Phagan, did not go about it with a spirit of lawlessness nor vindictiveness. They felt it a duty—a duty to their state and commonwealth, a duty to the memory of Mary Phagan, whom all Cobb county loved, and whose memory is cherished in everybody in the halls you are ever there to the west."

FIRST PLANNED FOR MONTHS AGO.

"They would have lynched him more than a month ago if some one hadn't put careful and prohibited a 'look.' Governor Harris was apprised of the plans and ordered the militia to be in readiness. That was the day when the county police were scooping in the edge of Fulton and Cobb counties on the lookout for automobiles from Marietta."

"Governor Harris and the military authorities no doubt received widespread charges for this apparently unnecessary action, but if the truth were known it gave Leo Frank at least one month of grace he would not have received from the hands of the men who were about to go to Milledgeville for him."

"Ever since the day Governor Slaton committed the sentence of Frank this morning's hangings has been, in process of formulation. Minute and definite plans were drawn, and there was not a missing thread from the fabric of the perfected scheme when the twenty-five men set out early last night on their journey to Milledgeville."

PREVIOUS MAN CHOSEN AS LEADER.

"Meetings were held in a spot so conspicuous that you would be astonished to hear it named called. A leader was chosen, a man who bears as reputable a name as you would ever hear in a lawful community. He was a man respected and honored. Hundreds of men would obey him—the twenty-five would have gone through hell and high water with him."

"The choice twenty-five (although this wasn't the entire number available) were men whose worth was known, collectively and individually. I doubt that you would find anywhere a body of men more loyal, faithful, obedient and determined. They were resolved to bear whatever burdens arose as though it fell upon the individual shoulder, and to go through with their plans at any cost."

"They were business-like, as well as determined. Like business ventures, they would not go into it without first knowing every lay,
WHERE FRANK WAS HANGED

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