Mob Hanging Better Than Judicial Murder Says John M. Slaten:
Former Governor Declares There Are Conditions About the Frank Case Which Constitute Tribute to Georgia.

San Francisco, August 15.—In an address today in the San Francisco Club head-terms of the Californian Civic league, for-mer Governor John M. Slaten of Geor-gia, who commutes the death sentence of Leo M. Frank to life imprisonment, declared he would prefer to have Frank lynched by a mob than to have him hanged by judicial sentence, be-cause "one reached the body, the other merely reached the body."

Mr. Slaten's address, devoted almost entirely to discussion of the Frank case and the lynching of Frank, was de-livered in the presence of a majority of members of the Californian Civic league and other prominent persons, members of the league.

In his address Mr. Slaten said:"I would prefer Frank to be lynched by a mob rather than that he be hanged by judicial sentence. One attacks the soul of civilization, the other merely reaches the body. It has been such a lesson to Georgia that I hope similar instances will never occur in the future."

"There are conditions about the Frank case which constitute a tribute to the state of Georgia. No wonder it is difficult to open the eyes of Georgians to reason. They forget the iden-tity of the offender in the magnitude of the offense."

"There were many good people—men who were out of favor because of what they were, who disagreed with us be-cause, they said, we set aside the verdict of a jury and interfered with the functions of a duly exercised court of law. But when these people, men who did not regard the truth of the Frank case, their general condemnation of me will turn to gen-eral approval and they will know that I saved the state from a stain which never could have been eradicated."

"Consummate Outrage."

Mr. Slaten was informed this morning that Frank was not yet lynched.

"The act was a consummate outrage," said Mr. Slaten, "and engaged in the lynching should be hanged, for he is an assassin. Such an act is contrary to the civilization of America, and one which every good citizen will condemn."

"I could use no language too con-demnatory. I believe the governor of Georgia will use all the power of the state to punish the malefactors who discredited the civilization of Georgia."

"Their act was one of cowardice, which becomes alone to the assassin. Sacked and Harrased."

"I am shocked and horrified beyond expression. Any man who approves the action of this mob here is unworthy to be a Georgian. Any man who publishes or who condones this offense ought to be driven out of the state. But the conduct of a certain mob of assassins is the conduct of the same sort of people who shoot people from behind a fence or murder a woman from a cowardly heart."

Mr. and Mrs. Slaten, in a week, will go to San Diego to visit the Pana-ma-California exposition, and after-wards will return to their home in Georgia.

"Of course I am not afraid to return to Georgia," he said, "This act of lynching Leo Frank is not that of the good people of my state, it is that of a few criminals. I am going to spend the rest of my life in the purple, but I'll go back home by the middle of September."