

original sentence as passed on Leo M. Frank by the original trial jury." F. A. Hill, President of the Merchants and Farmers Bank: "Leo Frank was convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan by a fair and impartial trial and Governor Slaton refused to let justice prevail, and the people have carried out the law."

## MARIETTA CITIZENS LAUD MOB'S WORK

*But Mayor Denies That Officials  
Knew That Crime Had  
Been Planned.*

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MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—Mayor E. P. Dobbs today denounced a report that some local officials had advance knowledge of the plot to lynch Frank. The Mayor sent this statement to The Atlanta Journal:

"In your article today purporting to come from Marietta concerning the lynching of Leo M. Frank, you intimate that the Marietta and Cobb County officials knew that several automobiles had left Marietta last night on this mission.

"I desire in the interest of justice and truth to say that the Marietta and county officials had no knowledge of any automobiles leaving Marietta well loaded last night, nor were they apprised of the return of any machines today.

"None of the officials had any intimation of such an undertaking until the body was found about two miles from the city this morning.

"E. P. DOBBS, Mayor."

Many citizens commented publicly on the lynching today. The Rev. Randolph R. Claiborne, rector of St. James Church, was almost alone in denouncing the mob. He said:

"Nothing could have been more horrible. A century will hardly wipe out the stain. The responsibility for the stain on Georgia's honor rests upon the men whose consciences led them to defy her courts."

The views of other citizens on the lynching follow:

Dr. Charles A. Wikle, ex-City Councilman of Atlanta:

"The people of Marietta and Cobb County are a law-abiding people, a people who hold the purity and chastity of women above everything else, and that man, be he white or black, who violates the chastity of our women may be sure of swift and certain punishment. The manner in which our officials handle offenders makes lynch law possible. The Frank case is not dissimilar to others."

E. L. Faw, a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church:

"The citizens simply executed, in a quiet businesslike way, the sentence of the courts which the officers of the law were unable to do on account of the ruling of Governor Slaton."

M. D. Hodges, a leading druggist:

"Inasmuch as Governor Slaton disregarded the sentence of all our State courts, the people have carried out the