

prompted it, and I want it understood that it is simply emphasizing the fact that when it comes to woman's honor there is no limit to which we will not go to avenge and protect it. I know that there is not a member of the jury that tried Leo Frank who from the day they rendered the verdict to this had any idea that they would change their decision if put to the test again.

"Seventy-five 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. I want to put my city and State in the right light and I have the nerve to do it. I will be home in less than a week and I can go back feeling I have done my duty.

"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. The bulk of the people may understand him, and may realize and believe he did what he thought was right, but I am afraid there are some who will resent his acts throughout all the years to come."

MAYOR OF ATLANTA DEFENDS MOB'S WORK

**Woodward Also, in Address in
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Return to Georgia.**

Special to The New York Times.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17. - In an impassioned speech at a public banquet here tonight, J. G. Woodward, Mayor of Atlanta, Ga., who came West to attend the Dixie Day celebration at the exposition, startled his hearers by rushing to the defense of the lynching of Leo M. Frank. In his address he sounded a warning to ex-Governor John M. Slaton against returning to Georgia.

"I am going to make a few statements of the events that have put Georgia on the map in a very undesirable light," he said. "I am going to endeavor to put 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 of the revolting truths of the murder of Mary Phagan.

"While we people of Georgia deplore this deed of Monday night, we know what is behind the feeling that