

LEO FRANK'S MOTHER DIES OF HEART DISEASE

**Grief Over Her Son's Fate in 1915
Said to Have Contributed to
Hasten Her End.**

Mrs. Ray Frank, mother of Leo Frank, who was lynched by a mob in 1915 after having been taken from the Georgia State Penitentiary, where he was serving a term of life imprisonment, was found dead of heart disease in her suite at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn on New Year's night. Grief over her son's fate is believed to have been a contributory factor to Mrs. Frank's death.

Mrs. Frank had been under a physician's care for some time. A relative called her on the telephone on Thursday night, and when there was no answer the switchboard operator of the hotel sent a bellboy to the room. He found Mrs. Frank dead on the floor.

Her son Leo, whose fate is held to have contributed in some degree to Mrs. Frank's death, was arrested, tried and convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, a young girl employed in an Atlanta pencil factory of which Frank was manager. The justice of his conviction was strongly contested and the case was vainly appealed. Finally, after a bitter contest in and out of the courts, the sentence of death was commuted to life imprisonment by the Governor of Georgia. A short time afterward a mob entered the penitentiary, carried Frank away and hanged him. This was in 1915.

About a year ago a negro, believing himself at the point of death, swore that Frank was innocent and that a certain negro had killed the Phagan girl. Mrs. Frank had prayed daily for her son, and when she was informed of the negro's statement vindicating him she said she expressed thanks that at last his name had been cleared.

Simple funeral services for Mrs. Frank will be held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otto Stern, 152 Underhill Avenue, Brooklyn, at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The burial will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Cypress Hills. It was said yesterday that the public would be admitted to the services.

Sherman Page Coe.

Sherman Page Coe, Vice President of Faber, Coe & Gregg of this city, cigar importers, and a brother of Major Gen. Frank W. Coe of Washington, D. C., died yesterday at his home in Bronxville in his fifty-first year. He had been in business here for twenty-five years, starting with Acker, Merrill & Condit. He belonged to many clubs, including the Bankers, Riding, Aldine, Westchester Biltmore and New York Athletic. Three daughters survive.