

A close-up photograph of a wooden gavel resting on a wooden block. The gavel has a rounded head with several rings and a handle. The background is a blurred white surface, possibly a document or a table. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the wood.

The Leo Frank Case By Leonard Dinnerstein

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The Leo Frank Case

the story, the people, and the conclusion

The Story

A Jewish man living in Atlanta, Georgia is accused of murdering a 13 year-old Protestant girl, Mary Phagan.

Frank Jewish
New Yorker
Superintendent

The Conclusion & The People

LEO M. FRANK LYNCHED AT OLD PHAGAN HOME

1,000 DROWN AS TRANSPORT IS SUBMERGED IN AEGEAN SEA

British Troop Ship, With 1,602 Men Aboard, Is Sunk While Transporting Soldiers to Constantinople.

Only 600 Known to Be Saved, Says Official Dispatch. Royal Edward Was Canadian Northern Light.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—About two thousand lives are believed to have been lost by the sinking of the British transport, Royal Edward, in

L. W. W. at Vera Cruz. Antonio CARREAS

The "L. W. W." is adding to the excitement of Vera Cruz, according to a dispatch to the State Department today from American Consul Silliman. Highly inflammatory placards, and Silliman's dispatch, have been widely circulated through Vera Cruz by the "L. W. W." calling a mass meeting to protest against American interference or intervention by the A. B. C. powers. The authorities profess ignorance of the movement, and General Carreras has forbidden the mass meetings, but the placards will attract the wags throughout the city.

FRANK'S WIFE IS PROSTRATED BY LYNCHING

Swore When She First Learned of Husband's Abduction, But Later Bears Up Well.

STEEL FOR HIS DEATH

Leaves Prison Farm for Home of Relatives Under Care of Doctor and Nurse.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN FLOODED GALVESTON

United States Transport Breaks Loose From Moorage at Gulf City—Wrecked at

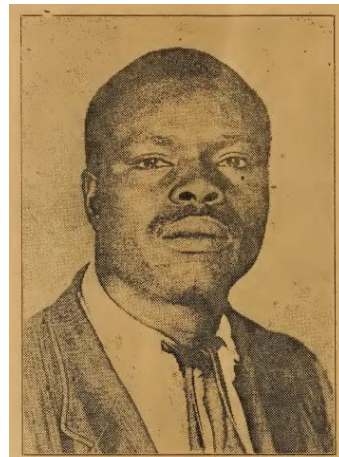
KILLED BY GEORGIA MOB



HANGED 100 MILES FROM PRISON WHERE CROWD SEIZED HIM

Body Found Hours Later, Dangling From Tree, Within Stone's Throw of House Where Alleged Victim Was Born; Mob Gets Away Safely in Automobiles.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo M. Frank, who was abducted from the State prison farm at Milledgeville by a party of armed men in automobile late last night, was hanged before daylight today near Marietta, the home of Mary Phagan, of whose murder Frank was convicted. The body was found hanging to a tree seventy-five feet off the Kiwanis road, two miles outside of Marietta. The important evidence is not a stone's throw from the house where the Phagan girl was born. Frank's wife was locked in handcuffs in front of

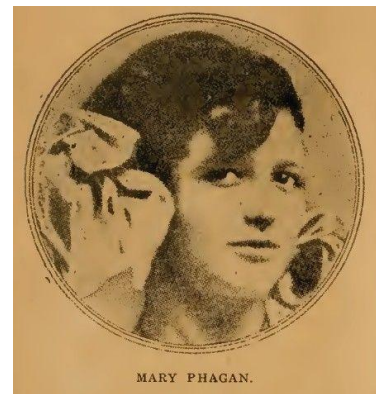


JIM CONLEY.



Jim Conley (top, left)

Leo Frank (top, right)



MARY PHAGAN.

Mary Phagan (bottom, right)

How does **The Leo Frank Case** tie back to our course material?

lynching
discrimination
Jewish masculinity
probationary whiteness

Lynching

In the book

Frank lynched by white mob

Frank's body treated as spectacle

Justice not served

In our class

African Americans lynched by white mobs

Black bodies treated as spectacles

Justice not served

Discrimination

In the book In our class

Racism against Leo Frank Jewishness in the South (The Color of Water)

Racism against Jim Conley Blackness in the South (Slavery)

Mary Phagan's Army Systematic Racism

Jewish Masculinity

In the book In our class

Frank as “queer”

Jewish males as feminine,
bookish

Frank as sexually deviant,
perverse

Jewishness as “foreign” (Nose
Job)

Probationary Whiteness

In the book

Frank significantly more educated than Conley

Conley refers to Frank as white

In our class

Jewish Americans having access to white resources

African American perception of Jewishness

Implications

little bias demonstrated by Dinnerstein

insufficient evidence that Frank was guilty

beginning of the KKK

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