

FRANK RUMORS STIR GEORGIA AUTHORITIES

Militia Ordered to be Ready, Following Reports of Imminent Attack on Prison.

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ATLANTA, Ga., July 13.—Adjutant General Nash, on instruction from Governor Nat C. Harris, today ordered three companies of the Georgia National Guard, at Macon, to be prepared to start for the Milledgeville State Farm, where Leo M. Frank is confined. The military company at Milledgeville is also under orders to be prepared for duty. This action on the part of the authorities was taken following rumors that were current that an effort was on foot to lynch Frank.

There seems to be some mystery about the origin of the rumor which reached the authorities and caused them to order out the troops. The report was current that the prison would be attacked by friends of Frank, but this report received little credence. The rumor most generally heard was that the Farm would be attacked by persons who think Frank's sentence should not have been commuted, and who have sworn to lynch him.

Advices from the State Prison Farm tonight stated that everything was quiet and that nothing was known of any attempt to get Frank. Warden Smith said that he would be able to defend the prison in case of attack, without the aid of troops. There are large stores of rifles and ammunition in the prison, and double guards have been on duty ever since Frank was sent there. The roads to Milledgeville from Atlanta, Marietta, and other towns were guarded tonight by county police.

Governor Harris and Adj. Gen. Nash are reticent in regard to the reports on which they acted. It is understood, however, that information has been received that an organization has been formed in Georgia whose members are sworn to get Frank, and that it was feared this organization would attack the prison tonight. It is reported that this organization has a branch in Milledgeville.

Adj. Gen. Nash tonight made the following statement:

"We got a rumor late this afternoon that an attack would be made on the Farm at Milledgeville tonight. I immediately wired Colonel Thomas of the Second Regiment at Macon, apprising him of the rumor and advising that he not be caught unprepared. I did not direct that the troops be called out. As a matter of fact, no such order could be issued under the present circumstances unless the civil authorities found that they were confronted with a situation they could not handle and made a call for military assistance. No such request has been received."