

ASKS PRESIDENT TO PLEAD FOR FRANK

Head of New York Committee
Suggests That Wilson Take
the Step Unofficially.

MANY LETTERS TO GOVERNOR

Georgia Lawyers Point Out Flaws
in Conviction—Congressmen Join
in Effort to Prevent Execution.

Joseph S. Schwab, who is the Chairman of a New York committee on the commutation of the sentence of Leo M. Frank, sent the following telegram to President Wilson yesterday:

Hon. Woodrow Wilson, Washington, D. C.:

Will you add another laurel wreath to your fame as a broad-minded man by requesting the authorities of Georgia in your individual capacity to commute the sentence of Leo Frank, who, it is universally conceded, has not had a fair trial.

Copies of the following letter to the Governor of Georgia on behalf of Leo M. Frank are being received by many persons in this city, with the request that the recipient forward a similar one to Governor Slaton, and also a copy to each of five friends:

New York, May 27, 1915.
His Excellency, John M. Slaton, Governor
of the State of Georgia:

Sir: Having followed closely the proceedings of the trial of Leo M. Frank, I have gained the conviction that this defendant was not given a fair trial—an impartial trial.

In these days, when thousands of people are being slaughtered on European battle-field, there may be men who are prone to view with indifference the loss of an individual life. Is not this a proper time to show to the world that we in this glorious country value the life of a human being, no matter how humble it may be, and that we will not permit this life to be taken in spite of sentences of the court, when there is any doubt of the sentence of the court, when there is any doubt as to the guilt of the convicted person?

I am convinced that thousands of citizens sharing my belief have petitioned your Excellency for execution. Clemency to save the life of this poor defendant. Will you permit me to join them in their appeal and pray that for the sake of humanity and the good name of the State of Georgia you either pardon Leo M. Frank or that you commute this sentence, in the hope that in the near future the whole truth may be known as to the innocence of the defendant and for the honor of your State.