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CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Lester L. Bauer, who had charge of the Chicago committee working for the liberation of Leo M. Frank, declared today that business men had called him up and pledged \$1,500 as a nucleus toward a reward fund to find the murderers of Frank. He said \$25,000 would be raised in Chicago alone.

"We are planning to join in a big national reward for the discovery and conviction of the men who killed Frank," he said. "It is not at all certain that Frank died by hanging. Some of us believe that he died from blows struck in the prison."

A. Flower, President of a tailoring Company, said that his firm was ready to contribute \$500 to any fund for the apprehension of the lynchers. He wrote: "In view of the events of the last few days we have decided to cancel all orders which we have now on hand for Georgia accounts and to refuse all further business from that State."

SUFFRAGE TO END LYNCHING.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw Says Chivalry Has No Part in Violence.

President Anna Howard Shaw of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, employing the Frank case as a vehicle for an argument in favor of suffrage for women, issued a statement yesterday in which she called intolerable the attempt to excuse the lynching of Frank on the ground that chivalry for women prompted it.

She called attention to the fact that the men of Georgia had permitted a law to stand fixing ten years as the age at which a girl may be considered legally responsible for her acts, and thus making it impossible to prosecute severely a man who ruins a girl of that age, and asked:

"If Georgia men are really bent on protecting woman's honor, why do they not follow the example of those States in which the age of consent has been raised to eighteen years, among them nine of the eleven States in which women have full suffrage?"

She cited the lack of child labor and education laws in Georgia and its high illiteracy as evidence of the need of woman suffrage, and declared:

"No thinking person can fail to see the connection between a system of laws which neglects the education of boyhood and girlhood, which does not protect child toilers, which refuses to punish those who violate young girls, and this horrible crime. No woman in that State has any voice in making these laws fit for the protection of women and children. Is there any one who can say her voice is not needed?"

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