

FRANK IS NORMAL, PHYSICIANS REPORT

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Evidence, Demolishes Mur-
der Charge, Says Burns.**

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**Detective Insists That the Unproved
Charge of Abnormality
Swayed Jury.**

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ATLANTA, Ga., April 25.—Attorneys for Leo M. Frank made public to-day for the first time that the Atlanta physicians who visited him in his cell at the Tower had all reported that they found the prisoner entirely normal in every respect and saw no indications of degeneracy of the type the negro, Jim Conley, described on the witness stand. The specialists were R. R. Daly, Hansell Crenshaw, J. Chester King, E. Bates Block, L. W. Gaines, and W. A. Gardner.

The visits of the physicians caused considerable speculation several weeks ago. None of them would reveal the purpose of their mission nor give any hint of the result of their examination.

Frank's attorneys employed them to examine the prisoner at the instance of detective W. J. Burns, who says that their report, taken in connection with other evidence submitted at the hearing of the extraordinary motion for a new trial, demolishes the State's case against Frank.

"When I entered the case my first inquiry was to determine if Frank was abnormal, as had been charged," said Burns. "I called personally on the prisoner, and then and there decided that there was not the slightest trace of this type of abnormality. Neither by talk nor act did Frank betray any of the characteristics that are strong in a degenerate type and are exhibited under certain questioning.

"I put to work the best men I had and they were instructed to run down every story and rumor that had arisen throughout the case. They were unable to find the slightest foundation for the stories.

"I then insisted that some of the Atlanta physicians see the prisoner, and they put him to the severest tests known to the medical fraternity. Their reports were just what I thought they would be. After the most rigid and careful examination they reported that Frank not only is not a pervert, but that he is perfectly normal and unusually healthy. Indeed, we were surprised in our thorough investigation to find that in his moral life Frank was far beyond the ordinary.

"Then it was that in our failure to find any clues on this matter I invited any one who had any information to visit me. This was without result. No one came. Then I offered a reward of \$1,000.

"This also failing, I raised the offer to \$5,000, and not even those who have cried their stories of perversion the loudest from the police station and from scurrilous periodicals have come to collect this money."

Frank's attorneys and Burns say that the sensational affidavits submitted by the defense in the hearing on the extraordinary motion for a new trial for Frank have caused the State's case to crumble.

His attorneys also assert that Mr. Burns's interview with Chief of Detectives Lanford indicates that the State, at least in so far as it was represented by the police and detective forces which gathered the evidence, had withdrawn the accusation of perversion against Frank, which was largely instrumental in bringing about the conviction for murder.

"This," said Mr. Burns, "is made clear by the sworn affidavit of Juror Henslee, who said: 'Early in the trial I became convinced that Frank was a pervert.' Any one who is acquainted with the manifestations of perversion would have known at once, if not from the circumstances of the tragedy, then from the notes themselves, that the crime was committed by a pervert. I recognized this at once, and so it was necessary for me to find the pervert."

"I have found him in Jim Conley," Mr. Burns added, "and he is the man who killed Mary Phagan. There is no doubt about this.

"When my attention was first called to this matter I believed, with many others, that justice had been done, and I declined the first invitations to enter into an investigation. Later, when urged strongly by prominent people who were not satisfied with the verdict, I again declined, for I did not think that a man could be railroaded to prison or to the gallows in the way it was said Frank had been.

"On reaching Atlanta the details of the case were explained to me, and it was represented that conviction had come from popular excitement and prejudice, due to the nature of the crime and the fact that it had come at the end of a long series of atrocious murders, culminating in two murders for both of which persons were put on trial and acquitted.

"The police had been held up to ridicule for their failures. They were on their mettle. Frank was arrested and

then the charge of perversion was made. Every one knows that this charge, unless it is proved, is the most cowardly thing that can be done, for it divests the defendant of every particle of sympathy and respect, and arouses toward him only hostility and abhorrence."

Conley to-day reiterated his denial that he had ever confessed that he killed Mary Phagan, and asserted that he told the truth at Frank's trial.

STEVENS BALLOON BURSTS.

**Aeronaut and Friend Land Unhurt
in Long Island Sound.**

Leo Stevens, the aeronaut, and his friend, Alfred Norton, had an exciting experience late Friday night, when their spherical balloon, in which they had flown from New Rochelle, suddenly burst and landed the men in five feet of water in Long Island Sound, near Bayville, L. I.

Just after they started from New Rochelle their balloon struck the edge of a building and nearly upset. The bag contained only 10,500 cubic feet of gas, and is one of the smallest ever made. After getting dry clothes, Stevens and Norton, with the help of residents along shore, got the balloon out of the water and shipped it back to New York. When they started a northwest wind was blowing, but just as they reached Long Island the wind veered to the southwest.

REMORSE MAKES HIM YIELD.

**John Curren, Wanted in Murder
Case, Surrenders to Police.**

After hiding in the woods on the north shore of the Borough of Queens for more than two weeks, John Curren, of 67 Russell Street, Williamsburg, implicated in the murder of William Hollander, a saloonkeeper, of 387 Graham Avenue, on April 7, surrendered yesterday to the police of the Greenpoint Avenue Station. He said remorse caused him to give himself up. William Hertell of 131 Dupont Street, who is charged with killing Hollander without provocation by shooting him, is in Raymond Street Jail awaiting examination.

Curren denied being in any way implicated in the murder. He said he was with Hertell when the latter killed the saloonkeeper as he stood in the doorway of his cafe smoking.

Killed While Hanging Out Clothes.

Mrs. Hattie Dressing, wife of Frank Dressing of 804 East 178th Street, was killed yesterday when she fell from a fourth-story window of her home to the pavement of the yard while hanging out some clothes. Coroner's Physician Dr. Curtin ordered the woman's body removed to her home.