

FRANK IN A FEVER, INFECTION FEARED

**Prisoner's Condition Was Re-
garded as Critical at a
Late Hour Last Night.**

DOCTORS IN CONSULTATION

**Spells of High Temperature During
Day Cause Alarm, but Doctor
Continues Hopeful.**

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MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., July 19.—After a day of great anxiety, due to spells of high temperature, Leo Frank, the wounded victim of a fellow-convict's knife, was in a critical condition tonight, although Dr. G. D. Compton, the prison physician, is still hopeful of the patient's recovery.

His condition became so serious at 11 o'clock tonight that a consultation of doctors was called. In attendance were Dr. Compton, Dr. Thomas M. Hall of Milledgeville, Dr. Henry Moses of Macon, and Dr. H. J. Rosenberg of Atlanta, the latter the Frank family's private physician. At that hour Frank's temperature was 101.8, his pulse 100 and his respiration 20.

Blood poisoning from infection of his wound is the chief danger feared, but thus far there have been no symptoms of this. His temperature hovers between 101 and 102.4 degrees.

Dr. Compton states that some fever is to be expected, and that a swelling which has shown in the neck is not necessarily a dangerous symptom of itself. The stitches seem to be holding firmly. Still, it is admitted that the knife with which Creen attacked Frank might easily have been infected.

Frank's cot is in a room where the heat is almost unbearable, but he will be moved to a private room if arrangements can be made. The Prison Farm does not provide private rooms for patients, and the room into which Frank will be moved is an office.

Mrs. Frank, who came to Milledgeville Friday night to visit her husband on the regular visitors' day, and was here when the attempted assassination took place, remains here, spending every minute at her husband's bedside in the hospital that the officials will permit. Though the shock and strain have told on her, she is holding up with marked courage.

Besides his wife, no one is allowed to enter the prison gates or see the wounded prisoner other than the physicians and nurses attending him.

J. W. Creen, the convict who attacked Frank, gave out a statement today in contradiction to that made to Warden Smith following the crime, that he was "sorry" he slashed Frank.

"I only wish that I had had more strength," he said today while chained to a concrete post in the sleeping quarters.

"I don't think I ever did wrong in my life," he added. "I think I have done my duty in this matter as well as my strength would allow. I believe that God has helped me."

Further than this Creen would say nothing. He reiterated his declaration of yesterday that he would tell his whole story to no one except B. H. Hardaway, a Columbus contractor, for whom he worked at one time. Much of his time is spent in reading the Bible.

The attitude of Frank toward Creen remains unchanged.

"I only wish that he had been man enough to have given me a fair chance," Frank said in discussing the attack with friends.

The prison officials believe that Creen's attack was the result of long brooding and planning. Creen is known to have expressed hatred for Frank to fellow-prisoners more than once. One of the guards is authority for the statement that Creen, discussing Frank with a fellow-prisoner before Frank's sentence was commuted, remarked:

"Just wait until he comes down here. Then I'll show you something."

Officials of the prison will take no action regarding Creen until they receive instructions from the Prison Commission.

It is now believed that Creen slipped the knife out of the dining room and carried it for days, concealed in his clothes, waiting his chance to make the attack on Frank.

Creen, although he weighs 165 pounds, is partly paralyzed in his left arm. The physicians think that this probably saved Frank's life, as Creen was unable to seize his victim while he used the knife.

S. L. Terry, Sheriff of Baldwin County, received today this message from Atlanta, signed C. H. Banks:

"If law permits you are authorized to enter my name as bondsman on Frank's assailant. Can be qualified for \$50,000."

Officials here do not know who Banks is. They are keeping from Creen all reports that might tend to make him think that in any quarters he was being praised for his deed.