

FRANK CLEMENCY DECISION DELAYED

Prison Board to Act Today or Tomorrow—Recommendation for Commutation Expected.

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ATLANTA, Ga., June 7.—The State Prison Commission failed to announce its decision today on the plea of Leo M. Frank for commutation of sentence. It had been announced that a decision would be rendered and a large crowd was present when the commission convened. Chairman Davison stated that the regular routine business of the board would be taken up in the usual order and that no decision on the Frank plea would be reached before Tuesday or perhaps Wednesday. No reason was given for the delay, and the Commissioners refused to discuss the matter.

It is reported at the Capitol that the board has reached a decision favorable to Frank. This decision will be signed certainly by two Commissioners and probably by all three. It is stated that they base the decision to commute the sentence chiefly on the letter written by the late Judge Roan, practically on his death bed, in which he expressed doubt of Frank's guilt.

The commission will not ask Solicitor General Dorsey to come before that body with the new evidence he is said to have in the case. Mr. Dorsey, however, will present this evidence to Governor Slaton when the latter takes up the commission's recommendation for approval or disapproval. The new evidence, it is said, relates to the Roan letter and the circumstances under which it is said to have been procured by Frank's lawyers. The Solicitor has practically declared that he will present sensational affidavits to the Governor in regard to the letter. Frank's attorneys, however, apparently are not disturbed by Dorsey's statements. They are preparing to meet the Solicitor before the Governor.

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