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Luther Z. Ross er, counsel for Leo Frank, last night gave out the follow-

ing statement:

"The State Ch ambee of Commerce seems to resent ha statement from me appearing in This New York Times.
"That statement was certainly a conservative one, it in detailing the circumstances milis tating against Frank, I would be appeared. I said, in substaytice, that the fact that he twist a Jew, af nd an employer, and a istranger, werd against him.

is there as thoughtful, fair-minded man or womalan in the city of Atlanta

who doubts that statement?

"Here is arvi unfortunate man, whose friends belienve that he was denied a fair, impartidel trial. In looking for the

reason, they honestly think counted against him that he was a Jew, a Jew employer and a stranger.

"Is there anyone who will say that

Frank being a Jew helped him? On the contrary, almost everyone knows that his being a Jew, and a Jewish employer of little girls, would have been against him in almost every commu-

"That statement was not a charge against the city; it was the statement of a deplorable condition which exists almost everywhere. To ignore it, is to ignore every-day facts, recognized al-

most universally.

interview stated facts "The Times" existing in Atlanta at the time of Frank's trial. But it was not meant, said, that 'such conditions were peculiar to the south. They exist, in a greater or less degree, in every com-Often peculiar circumstances may, and do, bring them out to the reof all conservative gret women.

"Certainly the fact that he was a stranger dld him no good. During all ages, the fact that a man is a stranger in a strange land has grown into a

proverb of lament.

"That it is unfortunate to be a stranger in times of distress and trial, there will be few to deny. Nor is this peculiar to Atlanta or to the south. In no county can it be fairly said that a stranger is upon an equal footing with an old citizen.

"The citizens of Atlanta cannot afto be over-sensitive as to the Frank trial.. There were incidents in that trial that no man who loves the state, and city can approve, no matter what he thinks of Frank.

The chamber of commerce can do the state of Georgia much good, but to be super-sensitive about plain, potent facts will not help.

"LUTHER Z. ROSSER."