

# FRANK NOT AT HOME HOURS ON SATURDAY DECLARES LANFORD

On Night of Murder Prisoner  
Was Not at Residence, as  
He Says He Was, States  
Head of Detective Dept.

**WITNESSES WILL SWEAR  
TO THIS, HE ASSERTS**

Leo Frank Swore at Coroner's  
Inquest That He Reached  
Home at 7:30 O'Clock and  
Did Not Leave House.

"I can prove that Frank was not at home during the hours on Saturday night, the night of the murder, that he claimed he was. I will have witnesses to swear to this."

Such was the startling statement by Chief of Detectives Newport Lanford to a reporter for The Constitution Friday night.

Further than this Chief Lanford said he had a great deal of evidence which had not found its way into the papers.

"I will admit, though," he said, "it has been almost as hard to keep evidence out of the papers as it has been to get hold of it in the first place."

Chief Lanford's statement that he can prove Frank was not at home during the hours he says he was is the most important one in regard to the Phagan case that has come from the detective department in some days.

Leo Frank, in his statement at the coroner's inquest, said that he reached home shortly after 7 o'clock Saturday night and did not leave his residence until the following morning, when he accompanied the detectives to the undertaking establishment to identify the body of Mary Phagan. Frank's statement was substantiated by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, who stated that they were engaged in a card game that night and that Frank was in the next room reading a magazine.

## SEABOARD WAREHOUSES BURN UP AT SAVANNAH

Savannah, Ga., May 23.—Three Seaboard Air Line railway delivery warehouses, on Piver street, were destroyed by fire tonight with all their contents. These warehouses escaped destruction in the disastrous conflagration that destroyed the Merchants and Miners' wharves last February. The contents were high inflammable, and the flames gained headway rapidly after the first blaze was seen at 10:30. Soon after the fire was discovered, an explosion was heard.

The entire fire apparatus of the city fought the flames, but could do little. Fortunately the wind was from the south and toward the harbor, and thus the fire was prevented from spreading. The interior of the warehouses was a scorching furnace when the firemen arrived on the scene of action, and it may never be known how the fire originated. The contents of the warehouses consisted of miscellaneous freight belonging to various shippers and thus it is exceedingly difficult to estimate the loss. It is said that it will be around the \$20,000 mark.

## PRICELESS TAPESTRIES CUT UP INTO PANTS

Paris, May 23.—The loss of some precious gobelin tapestries, which were presented to the museum at Pau fifty years ago and which were valued at several thousand dollars, has at last been explained by the confession of the caretaker that he and his little boy have been wearing some of the tapestries as lining for their trousers. The caretaker declared he believed the tapestries were worthless, so he took them home to his wife. She selected a woodland scene to turn into garments for him and their son.

## FEDERAL POSITIONS FOR SELLS AND JONES

Washington, May 23.—Cato Sells and A. A. Jones, democratic national committeemen from Texas and New Mexico, respectively, will be appointed to federal positions by President Wilson. Mr. Sells is slated to be Indian commissioner, while Mr. Jones has been selected for assistant secretary of the Interior. Both were active during the last campaign.