

PROBING MURDER



WILLIAM J. BURNS.

FRANK NO PERVERT, STATES W. J. BURNS ON REACHING CITY

"I Am Not Attempting to Thwart Justice, I Am Seeking Only the Light," Says Noted Detective.

HOLDS LONG CONFERENCE WITH FRANK'S LAWYERS

He Is, Bringing His Best Men to Atlanta—Will Seek to Interview Conley, But Is in No Hurry.

"There is not a scintilla of evidence to indicate that Leo Frank is a pervert. I have interviewed him and studied him thoroughly. I could not find a single trace of perversion in his entire make-up. Leo Frank is not a pervert of any type. He is perfectly normal."

This statement was issued by Detective William J. Burns last night at the Georgian Terrace to a reporter for The Constitution. He arrived in Atlanta Sunday afternoon at 5:05 o'clock with his daughter, Miss Florence Burns, who is on her way to Florida, but who will spend a day or so in the city.

Burns was in a secret conference with counsel for Frank's defense in Attorney Luther Z. Rosser's office from 6 o'clock until midnight. Those present were Mr. Rosser, Herbert Haas and Leonard Haas, and others connected with the defense.

The detective would give no intimation of the nature of the conference. He said, however, that startling developments in the case would probably be disclosed within the next few days, which statement indicated that he had obtained some new evidence.

Mind Open To Truth.

"I intend making a thorough investigation of this case," Burns told The Constitution man at midnight. "My mind is entirely open to the truth. I am not attempting to thwart justice. I am seeking only the light. I am bringing my best men to Atlanta—the most expert detectives in America—and I intend to find the truth before I quit the Frank case.

"Every person connected with the case, I am sure, will be agreeable to my operations. The prosecution, I have no doubt, will be willing for me to throw whatever light I may be able on the situation. At present, however, I decline to express any opinion of any kind.

"I will make no charges against any one at present—I do not, if possible, intend to make charges against any one. I am not going to 'frame up' on this case. I am going to strike to the heart of the truth, and whatever that truth is, I am going to announce it publicly, matter not who it affects.

"I am going to make a sane and quiet investigation. There will be no sensationalism connected with my probe. I am going to do it in a perfectly normal manner, and I expect to get results."

Will Quiz Conley.

Burns said that some time in the near future he would quiz the negro Jim Conley, but that he did not intend to do so at an early date.

"I am not going to rush into this business all at once," he averred. "I am going to go at it logically. I expect to see Conley, but I do not plan to go at him to extract a confession, by third-degree or sweating methods."

Burns would not reveal the angles of the new developments which have extended his investigation to other cities, including New York.

"It is not time for this to be made public," he declared. "Later, however, I will reveal them—when my final report is made."

Burns will remain in Atlanta for probably ten days or two weeks, all of which time he will stop at the Georgian Terrace.