

B'nai B'rith Delegate Lauds Atlanta Spirit; Discusses Frank Case

B. A. Banks, a B'nai B'rith delegate from Norfolk, Va., and a director of the Atlanta Orphans' home, talked entertainingly of this city last night.

"I am amazed at your wonderful city," said Mr. Banks. "I had heard much of Atlanta, but the reality surpasses all my expectations. I realize now what the famed 'Atlanta spirit' means. It has reared here upon these red hills of Georgia a charming and



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progressive city. At certain points of your Peachtree or Broad or Marietta streets I constantly get the impression of being in New York."

Mr. Banks, although still under 30 years of age, is a prominent attorney of Norfolk, has already served a term in the Virginia legislature, and has for years past conducted the *Galaxy Magazine*. He has a high reputation as a public speaker.

Speaking of the Frank case, Mr. Banks said: "In common with the sentiments of all my co-religionists, I am deeply solicitous that Leo Frank should have another and impartial trial, and I pray sincerely that he may be proven innocent of the heinous charge which hangs over him. It is something new under the sun for a Jew to commit a crime of this character, and my whole nature revolts at the thought of his guilt. Much, however, as I am concerned with the fate of Frank, I am still more so with the dignity and honor of my people and the cause of law and justice. No good Jew would wish to make any compromise with crime, and while we would hail the release of Leo Frank with thanksgiving, we must have the absolute conviction that he has been the innocent victim of circumstantial evidence and is not guilty of the awful crime laid against him. For the sake of our common humanity he should be given the extraordinary benefit of a new trial."