

# DID STOVER GIRL GO TO FACTORY?

**Burns Said to Have Statement That She Did Not Visit Place of Her Employment on the Day Mary Phagan Was Murdered.**

That Detective Willam J. Burns has evidence to the effect that Monteen Stover, the star witness for the prosecution in the Frank trial, did not go to the pencil factory on the day of the Mary Phagan tragedy, was told to a reporter for The Constitution yesterday afternoon by Homer Edmondson, stepfather of the girl.

Edmondson stated to The Constitution representative that he and his wife had carried Monteen to the offices of Samuel Boorstein recently at the request of persons interested in Leo Frank's defense, and that the purpose of the visit was to allow the girl to make a repetition of her statement on the stand so that her evidence could be put in the hands of Detective Burns.

While in Boorstein's office, the stepfather stated, repeated questions were asked the girl which did not concern her evidence. Later, he said, when questions having direct bearing upon her testimony were asked, the father and mother arose to leave, at which there was created a little excitement.

At this juncture, Edmondson told the reporter, Detective Burns walked in from an adjoining room with Attorney Herbert J. Haas, a member of Frank's counsel. Edmondson and his wife and daughter were proceeding through the doorway toward the elevator in the Atlanta National Bank building—in which Boorstein's offices are situated.

Burns, Edmondson declared, spoke and began a conversation.

"Did you think Monteen actually went to the pencil factory the day Mary Phagan was murdered?" Edmondson quotes the noted detective as having asked.

"I don't think anything about it—I know she did," he says he responded.

"But she didn't go to the factory that day," Burns is said to have told the stepfather. "I know she didn't."

At which there were a few heated words from Edmondson, who left in the elevator as soon as it arose.

Burns will have nothing to say of the evidence he has gathered in his investigation. His final report is expected some time during the later part of the week.

## **Doctors Examine Frank.**

A party of nerve specialists, which included Dr. James N. Brawner and Dr. Hansel Crenshaw, made a visit to the cell of Leo Frank yesterday afternoon. When questioned by a reporter for The Constitution, neither of the physicians would discuss the trip.

Much mystery surrounds the visit. Members of the convicted man's counsel declare they know nothing of a reported examination of Frank by the specialists, while those associated with the prosecution say they did not know that the physicians had been in Frank's cell until informed by a reporter for The Constitution.