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CONLEY'S STORY IS STILL CENTER OF FIGHT IN FRANK CASE

After two Weeks of Testimony
Only Evidence Directly Linking
Frank With the Crime Is
the Sensational Statement
Made on the Stand by Negro
Sweeper—Summary of De-
velopments in Trial to Date

STATE HAS INTRODUCED
34 WITNESSES, DEFENSE 10

A Synopsis of the Evidence
Presented by Both Sides
Shows Just What the State
Has Sought to Prove and
How the Defense Has Begun
Its Fight to Convince Jury of
Frank's Innocence

FOR two long and tedious weeks
Leo M. Frank, indicted for the
murder of Mary Phagan, has been
on trial for his life. During
those two weeks forty-eight wit-
nesses have testified, giving up their
books, documents, books, di-
aries, photographs and illustrative
contrivances have been displayed to
only the remarkable story of
James Conley, the negro sweeper
who, it is believed, defended the
crime, and even in this ingen-
ious narrative the negro did not say
that he actually saw the girl dead.

Time after time while under the
cross examination of Attorneys
Hoover and Arnold, Conley frankly
and candidly confessed that he
had known many statements and affidavits
of the detective. However, he claimed
that he never told the police he was
a party to the killing, and he had every
right to do so, as he was not present
during the six days and a half hours
when the body of Mary Phagan was
lying in the house and not once
mentioning any portion of it was
false, notwithstanding the terrific
pressure he was subjected to.

Conley did not attempt to explain
his position in his last and final testimony, but contented
himself with the statement that he had
told the whole truth.

There can be no doubt that Con-
ley has made a profound impres-
sion even upon those who believe he
is lying to save his own neck, and
many are convinced that he was
telling the truth. The narrative is
so full of contradictions, however,
that the detective in the continuing awaiting administration
has decided to let it stand.

The question which presents
most difficulty is: "Is this
illiterate negro who has conceived
such a tangled web of lies set off
against him? or is he a set of de-
ceitful rascals who will be as-
sumed to be taken in Monday."

THE RECENTLY made public
effort to get the Frank
case out of the hands of the
Georgia courts has been
unsuccess-

ful. The Finance Committee of the Senate
has completed its draft of H.S. 100
passed by the Shepard committee in
the house, the early part of last
month, and the bill is now before the
Senate committee on the same subject.
The bill, however, is not identical with
the one introduced by the Senate
Committee on the same subject, and
will not be taken up again.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE
BUDGET has already voted to pass
the bill, and the Senate will be
asked to vote on it at the next session.

The defense is evidently playing
for time to the very end, but the
Senate committee on the budget
will probably take up the bill
again, and then the bill will be
voted on.

Attorneys Hoover and Arnold have
already entered many objections and
will continue to do so, but the
Senate committee on the budget
will be asked to vote on the bill.

That Frank is adverse to a new
trial is evident from the verdict in
the second trial, which was adverse to
the defense.

With thirty-four witnesses, the
defense has had a hard fight.

That Mary Phagan must have been
killed in the middle room of the second
floor of the factory between 12:30 and
1 o'clock on April 26.

That she went to the factory
between 12:30 and 1 o'clock.

That she was struck on the head
and rendered unconscious and that
she was then changed with a twist
of the cord.

That Frank was the last person who
left the factory between 12:30 and
1 o'clock, after Mary Phagan
was killed.

That she was heard to scream after
she left the second floor of the factory.

That she was done some kind of ex-
periment with some chemicals before
she was killed.

That Frank called the police on
the second floor of the factory.

That he went home to his home
and did not eat anything and remained
in bed all day.

That he was very nervous on the day
he was under guard when he was brought
to the factory to speak to the under-
writers of the establishment.

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