

SAYS FRANK IS INNOCENT.

Burns Detective, After Four days' Inquiry, Is Convinced of It.

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ATLANTA, Ga., April 1.—Guy B. Biddinger, assistant general manager of the Burns Detective Agency, said today, after he had spent four days in Atlanta working on the Phagan murder case, there was no doubt in his mind that Leo M. Frank was utterly innocent.

Referring to the original affidavit of Nina Formby, the woman who charged Frank with calling her up the night of the murder in order to obtain permission to bring a girl to her house, he said:

"It is possible for an irresponsible liar to do any innocent person almost irreparable harm. Although this woman may not be worthy of belief in anything she says, she has nevertheless accomplished nearly as much in damaging the character of Frank as though she were the most truthful person in the world."

Biddinger was asked the direct question: "Do you think there is any truth in the defense's charge that much of the case against Frank was framed up?"

"I should think that the affidavits which have already been published were enough for the public to draw its own conclusions on that point," he replied.

Dan Lehon, Southern Superintendent for Burns, has been working with Biddinger and they are ready to submit their report to Burns as soon as he returns.

"It was Mr. Burns's intention to submit his report this week," Mr. Biddinger said, "but he may have encountered new angles on his trip North that will require additional time for his investigation. When he returns and makes his report the public may expect to hear of several things that never have been mentioned before in connection with the case."

It is the purpose of Frank's attorneys to make the Burns report a part of their extraordinary motion for a new trial.

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