

MRS. FRANK'S APPEAL.

Says Her Cook Was Forced Into
False Oath Like Mrs. Formby.

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ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 27.—The absurdity of Chief Langford's contention that Mrs. Nina Formby was not even in New York and had not given out her confession was further proved to-day by the announcement that Harry Latham, to whom Langford attributed the confession, was in Birmingham instead of New York. John E. McClelland, a leading lawyer, had telephone conversation with Latham to-day.

Langford had said when Mrs. Formby's confession was published in THE NEW YORK TIMES that it was a fake and had been given out by Harry Latham, an ex-court attaché from Atlanta.

Mrs. Leo M. Frank, wife of the man convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, said of Mrs. Formby's statement to-day:

"The prominence given to the original story of Mrs. Formby caused many good people to be satisfied of my husband's guilt. The detectives pointed to it as absolute proof. The influence of this story upon the public and its aid in creating the unfavorable atmosphere cannot be conceived. The unlawful arrest of my cook, Minola McKnight, and the affidavit which she was forced to give under such trying circumstances, and which, as soon as she was released, she promptly repudiated, was another morsel offered to the public to fortify and strengthened the charge against my husband."

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