

# BEGIN FRANK INQUIRY TODAY

Governor Will Investigate Story of Plot Back of Attack.

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ATLANTA, Ga., July 23.—Governor Harris and members of the Georgia Prison Commission left here tonight for Milledgeville, where an inquiry will be begun tomorrow into the attack made on Leo M. Frank at the State Prison Farm.

It is expected that both Frank and J. William Creen, the life-term convict who cut Frank's throat, will be questioned. Physicians attending Frank announced today that he had so far recovered that they believed he would be able to talk sufficiently to disclose whatever he might desire concerning the attempt on his life.

Warden Smith has invited the Governor and Prison Commission to have the investigation include published charges made by George Johnson, a prisoner whose term recently expired, that Frank had been treated at the prison as if "he was on a social visit," that "he had been provided with a roll-top desk," and that "he had nothing to do."

The Warden, in a statement issued today, denied the charges and said that Frank had worked about the prison the same as any other convict up to the time he was attacked. The Warden has been angered by editorials in Georgia papers charging that rich and influential convicts, Frank among them, have been favored in the prison.

"I swear that this is one place where money doesn't count, and I'll prove it to the world," was the Warden's declaration.

Before leaving for Milledgeville tonight Governor Harris announced that he intended to go thoroughly into the attack on Frank. There have been so many charges that the attack was the result of a plot that Governor Harris feels the matter should be cleared up.

Frank Reed, the life-time convict who on Thursday stabbed Charles Mellon, an Atlanta convict in the State Farm Tuberculosis Hospital, refused to tell Warden Smith how he came into possession of the knife. Mellon reiterated his statement that the stabbing grew out of a dispute following the removal of himself and Reed as stewards in the hospital, each one accusing the other of being responsible. There is a story current, however, that the men quarreled about the Frank case.

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