

COLUMBUS, Ga., June 21.—Without expressing any opinion as to what action Governor Slaton should have taken in the Frank case, but asserting that more Georgians are pleased than are displeased, The Enquirer-Sun tomorrow will say:

"Governor Slaton's term of office will expire in a few days. It would have been an easy matter for him to have evaded the responsibility of deciding this case and to have let it go into the next administration. That the Governor's decision to commute to life imprisonment was what he believed to be the right thing for him to do there is no doubt. The Enquirer-Sun has no inclination to criticize the Governor. On the contrary, it believes that he deserves the highest commendation for having performed his duty as he saw it."

DENY FRANKS ARE ESTRANGED

Prisoner's Relatives Say Wife's Devotion Has Been Increased by Ordeal

Local relatives of Leo M. Frank said yesterday that there was absolutely no foundation for the report which had been circulated early in the case that Mrs. Frank was estranged from her husband.

"The basis for these reports," it was stated, "was simply and solely an attempt made by Leo soon after his arrest to spare his wife the nervous shock that would have resulted from her visits to him at that time. The prison was surrounded at all times by great numbers of the curious, and any visit to her husband meant that Mrs. Frank had to run the gauntlet of the idlers who hung about the door. She had never associated with persons of that sort, and to spare her the sensations that she must have experienced, her husband, through his lawyer, asked her very soon after his arrest not to come and see him. This very act of thoughtfulness was seized on by the Atlanta police and used against him.

"But before long Mrs. Frank decided that she must see her husband, despite the annoyance attendant upon it. Her devotion to him has been extremely touching all through the case—both in those first days when at his own request she stayed in their home and later when she began her daily visits.

"For many months Mrs. Frank had went to the prison between 10 and 11 o'clock every morning except Sunday, and stayed there till 6 or 7 o'clock at night. She took luncheon with her husband every day, and in the time allotted for his daily exercise they walked about together, their arms around each other.

"All through she has had the firmest confidence in and affection for her husband, and it seemed that she could hardly have lived if the sentence had not been commuted. Her devotion to him, which was very great ever since their marriage, has only been intensified by the long and terrible ordeal which they have both gone through."

Frank was married on Thanksgiving Day, 1910, to Lucille Selig, daughter of Emil Selig, of Atlanta. They have no children. Mr. Selig died after the arrest of Frank, but Mrs. Selig is still living in Atlanta. Mrs. Frank's plans for the future, it is said, are still uncertain, except that she expects to visit him frequently at the State Farm near Milledgeville. As this is only about 150 miles from Atlanta, it is thought likely that she will continue to live in Atlanta rather than move into the immediate neighborhood. Mrs. Frank shares the confidence of the entire family that her husband's innocence will be conclusively proved before long and that his confinement will not be permanent.

The only exception to Mrs. Frank's daily visits has been on Sundays. This day, at Frank's own request, was set apart every week for strangers who visit him, and his father, mother, and wife did not call on that day.

During his incarceration, it is said by his family, he had thousands of visitors, and his memory for names and faces is so accurate that he can recall not only the name, but the residence of a total stranger after an interval of months. He kept a record of all the visitors who had come to his cell since the case began, and when a relative recently asked him the reason for this he replied:

"I never forget any one who has been kind to me. Those who have been unkind I forget as quickly as possible."