

PROMISES SURPRISE IN THE FRANK CASE

**Hass, Associate Counsel, Says
All the New Evidence Has
Not Been Disclosed.**

PRAISE FOR BURNS'S WORK

**Detective Arrives Here To-day for
Further Investigation—Motion
for New Trial This Week.**

Leonard Haas, associate counsel for Leo M. Frank, condemned by the Georgia courts to suffer the death penalty for the murder of little Mary Phagan, arrived in this city yesterday to work on a new phase of the case. Mr. Haas expressed the utmost confidence that a new trial would be granted for Frank, adding that the new evidence which the defense had in its possession demanded such action.

Mr. Haas paid a high tribute to the work done by Detective William J. Burns, and said that much of the new evidence had been unearthed by Burns. The extraordinary motion for a new trial, he said, would be made before Judge Ben H. Hill in the Superior Court of Georgia by the end of this week.

"I am satisfied that when all the evidence included in the extraordinary motion for a new trial has been presented to the public the demand for a new trial will be even stronger than it now is," said Mr. Haas. "The motion will include not only the grounds which heretofore have been made public, but also evidence of a much more startling nature.

"The motion will contain the evidence not only of such witnesses as McKnight, Epps and others who have recanted in part, or in whole their testimony on the former trial, but new evidence which has never been heretofore disclosed. Frank and his friends feel that with this evidence before the court there can be no question but that a new trial will be accorded him. Already throughout the city the press, pulpit and public are demanding a new trial

for Frank. The people in general take the view that, whether he be guilty or innocent, Frank has not had such a fair and impartial trial as is guaranteed him by the laws of his country.

"While we of the defense have always felt that the truth in the case would ultimately be revealed, since Mr. Burns's entrance into the case we have felt more confident than ever that a clear solution of the problem would be had, and that the public will soon be shown where the guilt for this awful crime rests.

"While Mr. Burns has made no announcement and given no intimation as to what his ultimate opinion will be, Frank and his friends feel the utmost confidence in him and anxiously await the announcement of his decision. Burns is a man who is reputed never to have fallen down on a single case he has undertaken, and with this knowledge at hand the friends of Leo Frank have nothing to fear from a thorough investigation into the case by Mr. Burns.

"Much of the newly discovered evidence which will be included in the extraordinary motion for a new trial has been unearthed by Mr. Burns since his connection with the case, short though it has been. That evidence does not change the conviction which Frank and his friends, and many others, always have held, namely, that the murderer of Mary Phagan was none other than Jim Conley, the negro who admits writing the notes found beside the dead body of Mary Phagan. Every trail in the case leads to Jim Conley, and when the final chapter in this case is written it will be that little Mary Phagan met her death at the hands of that negro.

"Inasmuch as Mr. Burns has in charge the matter of securing evidence for the motion for the new trial, it would be highly improper for me to disclose what such evidence is."

If the regular practice is carried out, says Mr. Haas, twenty days' notice will be given of the date set for a hearing after the motion has been made for a new trial. The date set for Frank's execution is April 17. If the extraordinary motion should not be heard before that time counsel for Frank would ask Judge Hill for a stay of execution, which, said Mr. Haas, undoubtedly would be granted.