

FRANK IN A FEVER, INFECTION FEARED

Prisoner's Condition Was Re-
garded as Critical at a
Late Hour Last Night.

DOCTORS IN CONSULTATION

Spells of High Temperature During
Day Cause Alarm, but Doctor
Continues Hopeful.

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MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., July 19.—
After a day of great anxiety, due to
spells of high temperature, Leo Frank,
the wounded victim of a fellow-con-
vict's knife, was in a critical con-
dition tonight, although Dr. G. D.
Compton, the prison physician, is still
hopeful of the patient's recovery.

His condition became so serious at 11
o'clock tonight that a consultation of
doctors was called. In attendance were
Dr. Compton, Dr. Thomas M. Hall of
Milledgeville, Dr. Henry Moses of Ma-
con, and Dr. H. J. Rosenberg of At-
lanta, the latter the Frank family's
private physician. At that hour Frank's
temperature was 101.8, his pulse 100 and
his respiration 20.

Blood poisoning from infection of his
wound is the chief danger feared, but
thus far there have been no symptoms
of this. His temperature hovers be-
tween 101 and 102.4 degrees.

Dr. Compton states that some fever is
to be expected, and that a swelling
which has shown in the neck is not nec-
essarily a dangerous symptom of itself.
The stitches seem to be holding firmly.
Still, it is admitted that the knife with
which Creen attacked Frank might
easily have been infected.

Frank's cot is in a room where the
heat is almost unbearable, but he will
be moved to a private room if arrange-
ments can be made. The Prison Farm
does not provide private rooms for pa-
tients, and the room into which Frank
will be moved is an office.

Mrs. Frank, who came to Milledgeville
Friday night to visit her husband on
the regular visitors' day, and was here
when the attempted assassination took
place, remains here, spending every
minute at her husband's bedside in the
hospital that the officials will permit.
Though the shock and strain have told
on her, she is holding up with marked
courage.

Besides his wife, no one is allowed to
enter the prison gates or see the wound-
ed prisoner other than the physicians
and nurses attending him.

J. W. Creen, the convict who attacked
Frank, gave out a statement today in
contradiction to that made to Warden
Smith following the crime, that he was
"sorry" he slashed Frank.

"I only wish that I had had more
strength," he said today while chained
to a concrete post in the sleeping quar-
ters.

"I don't think I ever did wrong in
my life," he added. "I think I have
done my duty in this matter as well as
my strength would allow. I believe that
God has helped me."

Further than this Creen would say
nothing. He reiterated his declaration
of yesterday that he would tell his
whole story to no one except B. H.
Hardaway, a Columbus contractor, for
whom he worked at one time. Much
of his time is spent in reading the
Bible.

The attitude of Frank toward Creen
remains unchanged.

"I only wish that he had been man
enough to have given me a fair chance,"
Frank said in discussing the attack
with friends.

The prison officials believe that
Creen's attack was the result of long
brooding and planning. Creen is known
to have expressed hatred for Frank to
fellow-prisoners more than once. One
of the guards is authority for the state-
ment that Creen, discussing Frank with
a fellow-prisoner before Frank's sen-
tence was commuted, remarked:

"Just wait until he comes down here.
Then I'll show you something."

Officials of the prison will take no
action regarding Creen until they re-
ceive instructions from the Prison Com-
mission.

It is now believed that Creen slipped
the knife out of the dining room and
carried it for days, concealed in his
clothes, waiting his chance to make the
attack on Frank.

Creen, although he weighs 165 pounds,
is partly paralyzed in his left arm.
The physicians think that this probably
saved Frank's life, as Creen was unable
to seize his victim while he used the
knife.

S. L. Terry, Sheriff of Baldwin Coun-
ty, received today this message from
Atlanta, signed C. H. Banks:

"If law permits you are authorized to
enter my name as bondsman on Frank's
assailant. Can be qualified for \$50,000."

Officials here do not know who Banks
is. They are keeping from Creen all
reports that might tend to make him
think that in any quarters he was being
praised for his deed.