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# FRANK'S MOTHER HAS CONFIDENCE

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Not Worrying About Final Verdict on Murder Charge Against Her Son, She Says.

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## BURNS MAY REPORT TO-DAY

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Detective Lehon Belittles Evidence as to Frank's Character in Chief Lanford's Possession.

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ATLANTA, Ga., April 13.—Mrs. Rudolph Frank, mother of Leo M. Frank, arrived to-day in Atlanta from her home in Brooklyn. She is expected to remain here until after the final decision is made upon the extraordinary motion for a new trial which will be filed Thursday with Judge Hill by Frank's lawyers.

Mrs. Frank said that she was not at all discouraged by the refusal of the Supreme Court of Georgia to reverse Judge Roan, and was confident that her son's innocence would be established by the investigation of Detective W. J. Burns.

"I am excitable and am given to worrying about the little annoyances of every day life," she said, "but the final verdict on the accusation of murder against my son is one thing that I am not worrying about. It would be an interesting comparison to hold up the moral life of Leo M. Frank side by side with the characters of the men who have been so active in accusing him. I wish it might be done, for I know the things that have been said about him are lies—all lies—and I am confirmed in this knowledge by the investigation of Mr. Burns."

Mrs. Frank spent several hours with her son in his cell in the tower.

Daniel S. Lehon, one of Burns's chief aids in the Phagan murder investigation, said to-day that his interview with Detective Chief Lanford in regard to the case had been practically fruitless.

The detective chief, answering Burns's offer of a \$1,000 reward to any person who would give definite proof of Frank's moral degeneracy, had said that he was in possession of such evidence and that he would be glad to give it to Burns gratis. When Lehon called on Lanford, the latter made objection that he promised the information to Burns, and no one else. Detective Lehon said that he was Burns's representative, but Lanford declined to do more than give his visitor an outline of the information he had. He would let Burns see the affidavits, he said, when Burns returned to Atlanta.

"I must say that the information he had was of far less consequence than Lanford had led us to believe was in his possession," said Lehon. "He did not tell us the names of the persons from whom he had affidavits, but his narration of what they told his men was sufficiently clear to designate them as the Formby woman and the street car motorman, W. P. Murk. I told Lanford that we had made the investigation into Frank's character and had as yet found nothing to substantiate the stories of immorality that were circulated by the Formby woman, who since has recanted, and those told on the stand by the negro Conley. Possibly he has something that he is holding back until the return of Burns, but unless he has he has failed to make good on his promise."

Burns is expected back to-morrow or Wednesday. It is probable that he will make his report at once, and that Frank's lawyers will incorporate it in their extraordinary motion for a new trial.

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