

## STILL HOPEFUL FOR FRANK.

### Chicago Advocates of Clemency Will Meet Tonight for Consultation.

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CHICAGO, June 10.—A conference of those active in the movement to save Leo M. Frank from the gallows has been called for tomorrow evening at the Auditorium Hotel by the Executive Board of the Anti-Capital Punishment Society of America.

"To the many anxious inquiries which have come to us," said Maurice B. Kovnat, Secretary of the society, today, "asking whether there is still hope for Frank, we can best answer in the words of Frank himself: 'You will always find me confident, and I fully believe that even though it waits until the last minute vindication will come.' That is our position, and we extend this hope to all Frank's well wishers with a feeling that the future will bring better things.

"We trust that the fervent prayers of thousands of people outside as well as in Georgia will be heard and acted upon in like spirit. We are expecting Governor Slaten to commute Frank's sentence."

## CUT REGISTRATION DAYS.

### Commissioner Kane Suggests Change in Election Law.

Commissioner of Accounts Wallstein resumed his investigation of the Board of Elections yesterday and examined James Kane, Democrat, of Brooklyn, who has been an Election Commissioner since 1909. The testimony of three previous witnesses, who told of demands for money from district Captains for the selection of their stores as polling places, was read to Commissioner Kane.

"In view of these three cases, don't you think that the present policy of selecting polling places is defective?" asked Commissioner Wallstein.

"No," replied Mr. Kane. "I believe the present policy is correct. I do not believe there is anything in the cases cited. The average election district Captain has too much red blood in him to act so meanly."

Mr. Kane suggested that considerable money could be saved by reducing the number of election districts and the days for registration.

"You can vote 500 as well as 350 at a polling place," he said. "You could save \$100,000 a year on the reduction of polling places, and \$15,000 on advertising by putting the registration at four days again. Six days for registration are not necessary."

The hearing was adjourned until next week, when Commissioner Moses McKee of Manhattan will be examined.

## DENIES RESTRAINING WIFE.

### Morris R. Volck Also Says He Is Not Going to Fight for Kaiser.

Morris R. Volck replied yesterday to the accusation made against him on Wednesday that he had locked his wife in their apartment at 11 East Sixty-eighth Street and refused to permit her to leave. Mr. Volck is the stepson of Domicio da Gama, the Brazilian Ambassador. Mrs. Volck's father is Jabish Holmes, a wealthy lawyer. The story came out as a result of a move to release Mrs. Volck by a writ of habeas corpus.

Mr. Volck said that many misstatements had been made concerning the proceedings and that a great injustice had been done him.

"It is not true," he said, "that I restrained Mrs. Volck of her liberty at our apartment or anywhere else. The statement that I intended enlisting in the German Army was false, and was without the slightest foundation. I never told my wife anything of the kind. I am an American citizen by birth. My father and my grandfather were also American citizens, and so there is no reason why I should fight on the side of Germany. I have been in daily conversation with my wife and have provided her with money for the household expenses."

## FROM VENEZUELA TO FIGHT.

### English Copper Man Is Hastening Home to Enlist.

Coming from one of the wildest parts of Venezuela, where the news of what is going on in Europe penetrates with difficulty, George W. Rudyard, an English copper mining man, arrived at the Waldorf yesterday on his way back to England to volunteer in the army. He brought news that the copper mining and smelting at Aroa, which is in the north of Venezuela, some 300 miles from Maracaibo, is going along without interruption, and the product being shipped to Europe as fast as it can be turned out.

"It is an English syndicate that owns and is operating the mines," said Mr. Rudyard. "We put in a smelter about a year ago and are running along profitably. The papers in Venezuela talk in support of the Allies, but there are many Germans in the country, most of them in business of various kinds, and they seem to be doing very well, getting raw materials out of the country and disposing of them somewhere. I came to the conclusion that I could not stay away when there seemed to be need at home of every man, and so I hope to get into the army as soon as I reach England."

## HUSBAND AWAY, TAKES DRUG

### Flushing Woman in the Hospital from Overdose of Medicine.

Mrs. Helen Rothschild, wife of William L. Rothschild, a clothing manufacturer, was taken from her home in Thirty-seventh Street, Flushing, to the Flushing Hospital yesterday morning in an unconscious condition as the result of taking a drug. Dr. A. F. De Graffenreid said that he believed Mrs. Rothschild had been using the drug as a medicine and had accidentally taken an overdose.

Mrs. Rothschild and her maid were the only persons in the house when the physician was called in. Efforts to find Mr. Rothschild were unsuccessful, and while there was a report that he was in a private hospital in Manhattan, where he had been operated on, this could not be verified.

Mrs. Rothschild's condition was much improved last night, but she was too weak to be questioned.

## DUMPED A TRUNK IN POND.

### Auto Sped Away and Water Is to be Dragged by Police.

William Remsen of Centreport, L. I., was sitting on his porch with his family on Tuesday night, when an automobile drew up beside a pond near the house, and two men alighted and lifted a heavy box or trunk from the tonneau. A woman, seated in the tonneau, did not get out. The men carried their burden toward the pond, but when Remsen started toward the car the woman whistled and there followed a loud splash. Then the men hurried to the car, leaped aboard, and sped away.

Remsen notified the authorities yesterday of his fears, and the pond is to be dragged to discover if it will reveal a tragedy.