

# JEWIS SEEK NEW TRIAL FOR FRANK

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Jewish people in all parts of the nation are earnestly striving to stir up indignation among justice-loving Americans with the hope that Leo M. Frank, now under sentence of death April 17 at Atlanta, Ga., may be given a new trial.

Charles D. Oreckovsky is the leader of Duluth Jews in this effort. Yesterday he received a copy of the American Israelite, in which Detective William J. Burns is quoted as saying that there is no question but that he would be able to clear up the element of mystery which has surrounded the murder of little Mary Phagan. Burns' statement given in this publication, is as follows:

### **Track of Murderer Plain.**

"The track of the murderer of the little girl is plain," the detective said.

"Every criminal, especially a murderer, leaves a track—some trace of his operations—that points to him unerringly. In some cases the track is plainer and the trail easier to follow than in others, but in all of them the track is there. In the Phagan case there are many things that point to the murderer. I have found the trail and my work now will be to follow it to its conclusion."

That the efforts of the Jewish people are successful are evidenced by the following editorial printed in the New York Times:

### **City's Good Name at Stake.**

"It is not for the public or for newspapers to pronounce upon the question of guilt or innocence, but it is within the province of the public and of its newspapers to make clear the very imminent danger that a man may be sent to his death although entirely innocent of the crime charged. That is the situation in which Frank is placed. It is not merely that his life may be saved, it is not solely on his account, but because the interest and the good name of the city of Atlanta are imperiled, because the

people of the entire country and the reputation of their courts and because justice itself are all deeply concerned in this issue, that the demand is made and insisted upon that a new trial should be accorded to Frank, a fair trial free from the disturbing influence of mob clamor. We feel confident that such a trial could be had, a perfectly fair trial in the very courtroom where the first was held. Atlanta has had her lesson. It is not necessary, it is not just, to put the responsibility for this grave miscarriage of justice especially upon the people of Atlanta, or to attempt to show that they are either better or worse than other communities. Their prejudices and their passions were wrought upon in the Frank case, they were betrayed into exhibitions of feeling that never should have found any reflection in the courtroom. But this very thing has happened many times in other communities, in New York, in Chicago, wherever an odious crime has fixed the attention and aroused the feeling of the crowd. But whatever may be Atlanta's fault, she can clear her reputation by giving a new trial to Frank. The peril in which the city and its people now stand is quite too serious to be braved by a civilized community. It is the peril of putting to death a man who has been cheated of his rights, who has not had a fair chance for his life under the forms of law. That would make a mockery of justice, it would put an ineffaceable stain upon the reputation of Atlanta."