

Title:Mrs C F Ursenbach Sworn In For The Defendant, 74th To Testify
Category:LEO FRANK TRIAL BRIEF OF EVIDENCE

MRS. C. F. URSENBACH, sworn for the Defendant.

I am Mrs. Leo Frank's sister. I received a telephone message for Mr. Ursenbach from Mr. Frank through my cook on Saturday at half past one. I saw no scratches, bruises, or marks on Mr. Frank on Sunday. He was nervous as one would have been under the circumstances. He borrowed a rain coat from my husband that afternoon. The rain coat was at our house on Saturday. It was there when my husband asked him if he would wear it on Sunday. Mr. Frank did not have it on Saturday.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

On Sunday Mr. Frank when he was at the house told us he had been called down town and that this little girl was murdered, and he told what a horrible crime it was. He did not say who committed it. He said nothing about employing a lawyer. He said nothing about how he slept the night before. I think he told about being at the undertaker's in the afternoon. I did not hear him say anything about his visit to the undertaker's in the morning. He said he had been taken down to the factory in the morning by the detectives. He said he had thought he heard the telephone ringing in his sleep, the night before. He said when he saw the corpse it was a grewsome sight. He said nothing about why he did not stay in the room and look at the corpse longer or more carefully. He said nothing about suspecting Newt Lee as being the guilty party. He said he was sorry he let Gantt in the factory Saturday afternoon, because he mistrusted him, because he had not been honest. He did not say he thought Newt Lee or Gantt had committed the crime. He said nothing about the clock having been improperly punched. I was not in the room the entire time. I had guests and I was out a good deal of the time. I don't know if he knew the name of Mary Phagan then or not. I think he said she was choked. He didn't say anything about a cord around her neck but said she had a piece of her petticoat around her neck. He mentioned he had paid her off the Saturday before. I don't know that he mentioned the name of the girl at all at that time. He said he had discharged Gantt because he was not honest. I think he said Newt Lee was a good fellow as much as he knew about him.

On Monday night over at Selig's Mr. Frank was there and we had a conversation on the subject. He spoke of having a detective at the house in the morning, that the detectives thought that he had done it and how strange it was that they should say so. He didn't say that he suspected anybody. He seemed to be calm as usual that night. He never mentioned suspecting anybody of the crime. On Monday night he said he had been suspected in the morning by the detectives. That night he sat on the couch and patted his foot. That was the only indication of nervousness I saw. Mr. Frank did not have Mr. Ursenbach's rain coat on Saturday. It was in our house all day Saturday and until my husband asked him Sunday if he would wear it.