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2 M'NAMARAS GUILTY

SENTENCE WILL BE READ ON BOTH DECEMBER FIFTH

Los Angeles, December 1.—Throwing a veritable bombshell into the protracted hearing to secure a jury in the McNamara trial and upsetting what has been termed the beginning of the greatest labor-capital proceedings in the history of the country, James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to the charge on which he was to be tried, at 2:15 this afternoon (Pacific coast time.) At the same hour his brother, John J. McNamara, pleaded guilty to placing dynamite under the Llewellyn Iron works. The pleadings came after a halt this morning in the hearing, which was mystifying to all concerned. Attorney Darrow announced at noon that he had not clew to why District Attorney Fredericks had asked for a continuance in the hearing this morning, and during the forenoon the hall of records hummed with excitement but not because the defendants were getting ready to plead guilty. It was over rumors of arrests of higher ups on bribery charges.

The two McNamara brothers will be sentenced December 5th. All labor circles of the Pacific coast are buzzing with the excitement of the announcement from the Hall of Records building and many flatly refuse to believe the report.

An hour before court convened this afternoon, Fredericks and Darrow were closeted with Bordwell, then they emerged and Fredericks read the indictment, charging James B. McNamara with murder in connection with the Times explosion.

He used McNamara if he withdrew the plea of not guilty and James said he did, then sank back in his chair. At two in the afternoon Fredericks read the indictment charging John with placing dynamite under the Llewellyn Iron Works and asked him if he withdrew his plea. "Yes, sir, I do," said the noted labor leader. Both will be sentenced the morning of December 5, probably at 10 o'clock a. m.

Did Worse Than He Knew.
In confession James B. said: "I put the dynamite under the Times and it must have hit the gas main because the terrible explosion scared me more than anything else. I hadn't expected great damage."

James can be hanged or imprisoned for life, while John can be given a year or life as the court decides.

The sudden termination of the trial followed a day filled with rumors of the wildest order.

Darrow Gives Up.
Darrow said: "For six months I have carried a terrific burden. We have sought every loophole but recently I discovered the evidence the authorities had and I had further facts which made it more hopeless. The state had a sure case. Jim will tell all later."

"Jim and John had previously decided to plead guilty, when I learned the case was sure."

Scott admitted the defense attorney

neys new the men were guilty, and Deputy District Horton said: "And this will silence labor leaders. They can't call the McNamara conviction the crime of the century."

Los Angeles, Dec. 1.—Bribery charges are criss-crossing each other today in a great deal of excitement following developments in the McNamara trial this morning.

Fredericks asked a continuance of the McNamara trial until 2 o'clock this afternoon, saying it was vitally necessary in this present case. Judge Bordwell allowed the continuance. Today the 12th venire of 50 talesmen were examined. A number yet are unreserved. Of those examined, 15 qualified and 23 were excused.

Although Fredericks wouldn't explain why an adjournment was asked for it was accidentally learned that it was to make further examination of the Franklin bribery case and the report is revived that important arrests are imminent. Darrow today made an emphatic denial of the report that any of the McNamara defense funds were used to bail or aid Franklin.

Another Juror Suspected.
A later report was circulated that today's developments might result in one of the sworn jurors in the case being re-examined. Although this was not confirmed the name of a certain juror was freely bandied about.

SAYS GERMANY ERRED.

War a Real Danger and Many Blunders Made Is Admitted.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—That war between Germany and England is a real danger and that German diplomatic moves in late years were a series of colossal blunders, particularly in the Moroccan controversy, was stated today by Maximilian Harden, editor of Zukunft, one of the greatest living forces in the German political life. He said the Moroccan affair intensified the Anglo-German bitterness because the Germans believe England prevents successful negotiations by Germany with France.

Los Angeles Has Garbage Menace

Los Angeles, Dec. 1.—This city is confronted with a situation paralleling the recent strike of garbage collectors in New York city, as a result of the strike of night garbage drivers who quit without notice. The day force is working but is inadequate. The hotel district is reeling with filth and there has been no collections since Monday in the residence districts. Unless the strike is settled quickly, the public health will be menaced.

JAMES B. AND JOHN J. McNAMARA



The two defendants in world-famed trial who pleaded guilty this afternoon before a jury had been selected. James B. is above.

PERRY SAWMILL IS IN ASHES

SAWMILL BURNS BUT PLANING MILL AND LUMBER ARE SAFE

LA GRANDE DEPARTMENT BURNED BY PERRY BY TRAIN

No Water Available and Mill Goes Up in Smoke—General Manager Stoddard Out of Town and No Official Decision on Rebuilding Issue Given Out—Origin Unknown—Hard Work Awaits.

Total destruction of the Grande Ronde Lumber company mill at Perry early this morning by fire caused a loss of between \$50,000 and \$60,000. By dint of strenuous effort on the part of citizens of the little gateway hamlet, and assistance from the La Grande fire department that was carried to the scene by special train at 6 o'clock the planing mill, lumber yards and adjoining homes were saved. To make the loss all the heavier, there is no insurance and the company has sustained a complete loss of its mill.

Origin Is Unknown.
There is no positive information as to the manner of the ignition. The blaze was first discovered by the watchman, near the shaving room, but before the alarm was spread and material assistance arrived, the mill was a solid mass of flames. The destruction was both rapid and complete.

Fire Fighters Attend.
A persistent alarm in La Grande at

RUSSIAN TROOPS ALARM PERSIANS

PERSIA IN UPROAR OVER DEMANDS BY RUSSIANS

AMERICAN TREASURER GENERAL BONE OF CONTENTION

Shuster Offers to Resign, It Is Said, When Russian Troops March on Teheran to Force Demands—Partition of Persia Is Feared to Be the Cause for English and German Activities There.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Russia today ordered a detachment of troops at Resht, 150 miles from Teheran, to advance on Teheran where it is reported they will take control unless the Russian demands, including the expulsion of Shuster, are satisfied.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 1.—Bitter anti-Russian demonstrations today followed the action of parliament in refusing to agree to the Russian ultimatum that demanded an expulsion of Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general of Persia. It is believed that this is the forerunner of grave eventualities. Several attempts have been made to assassinate Huster

YUAN ANXIOUS TO END WAR

PEACE TRUCE WILL BE OFFERED REBELS AT ONCE

GERMAN TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IS ASSASSINATED

Not Known if Rebels Will Accept Peace Truce Offerings—Planned to Last for Three Days—German Representative Killed Because His Firm Shipped Arms to the Imperialists to Control

Peking, Dec. 1.—Premier Yuan has agreed to a three days' truce with the rebels in response of discussing the peace terms. If no definite agreement is reached, it will be extended a few days. General Li, commander of the rebels hasn't announced his attitude toward the truce. If he accepts, the leaders will meet at Shanghai to consider a settlement and talk over the constitution which Yuan will accept for the government. It is reported that Yuan aspires to the throne or at least to the regency. The national assembly has approved the \$30,000,000 Franco-Belgium loan.

German Representative Killed.
Shanghai, Dec. 1.—Eschew See Hong, comprador of a prominent German firm, was assassinated here today because his firm imported arms which enabled the imperialists to retake Han Yang. Compradors of all German firms in Shanghai are reported marked for death because the rebels believe they have been supplying the imperialists with arms.

Chinese Are Aggrieved.
Washington, Dec. 1.—The Chinese rebels captured and blew up the imperial powder magazine at Nanking following a battle in which many Manchus were slain, according to the state department advices.

Russia, England, France and Germany will each rush a thousand troops to Shanghai next week but the United States will not, according to the state and war departments, unless Minister Calhoun at Peking requests soldiers. The transport Sheridan arrived at Manila today. It will be held to transport troops if necessary.

Oklahoma Teachers Meet.

Edmond, Okla., Dec. 1.—An army of visiting educators took possession of the state normal school here today, the occasion being the opening of a joint convention of the Central Oklahoma Teachers' association and the Oklahoma Academy of Sciences. An instructive two days' program has been prepared for the gathering.

Thugs Rob in Daylight.

Los Angeles, Dec. 1.—Using a gas pipe as a thug system, two unmasked bandits this forenoon entered a pawnshop owned by A. Schapiro, slugged K. Pearson, a clerk, and escaped with several thousand dollars worth of diamonds and \$120 cash.

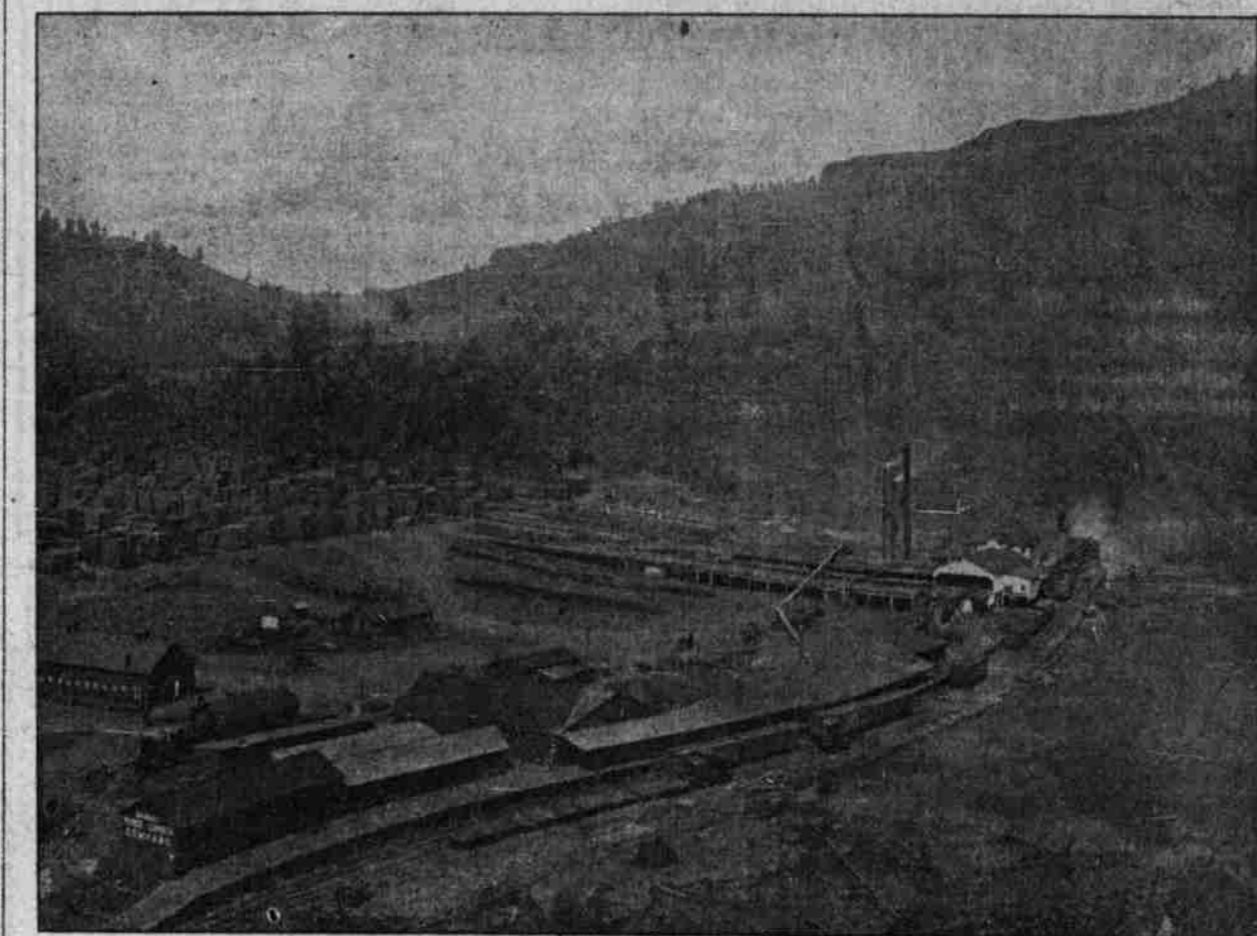
MYSTERY VEILS HELPLESS CRAFT

THE TEES' FATE MYSTIFIES SHIPPING CIRCLES.

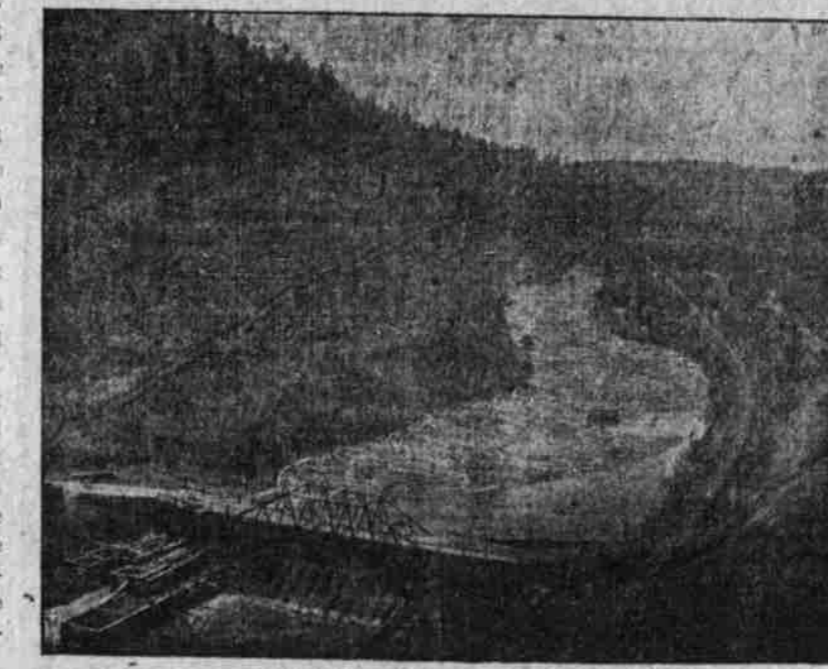
No Word From Distressed Ship—Nothing Known of Passengers Aboard.

Seattle, Dec. 1.—The fate of the steamship Tees, stranded on Vancouver Island, is still a mystery. The Northwestern can not reach her on account of a heavy fog. Thirty are in the crew and the number of passengers on the Tees is unknown.

THE GRANDE RONDE LUMBER COMPANY PLANT AT PERRY AND "UPPER" COMPANY DAM.



A reproduction of Perry's sawmill as it looked before the fire, showing the location of the planing mill saved from the flames. The lower picture shows the dam just above Perry where logs are controlled with what is known as the "upper" dam. The mill itself was replete with modern appliances that go to make sawmills up to date, and the plant with a big supply of timber of local creek, has been one of the prominent industrial features of Union county for many years. Practically all the expert hands employed about the mill when in operation are owners of comfortable little home clustered about the foot of the mountains. The photograph reveals the lay of the principal part of the village. Another residence section lies at the end of the bridge shown in the lower photograph.



TAFT WOULD UNDO FEW ACTS

INTERVIEW CREDITS HIM WITH RETROSPECTION.

Refers to Winona Speech as One Instance Where He Would Change

New York, Dec. 1.—Admitting he would do some things differently if he had them to do over again Taft has given the Outlook an interview. He claimed that much opposition he has encountered came from members of his own party in congress. Regarding the famous Winona speech in which he declared the Payne-Aldrich tariff the best ever, he said he would have modified it to make it comparative instead of superlative.