PLOT TO DYNAMITE TAFT TRAIN FOILED

Piers of Bridge Near Santa Barbara Found Filled With High Explosive.

WATCHMAN SEES SUSPECT

Vigilant Railway Employe Forces Prowler to Flee and Notifies Authorities-Country Combed for Would-Be Assassin.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Oct. 16 --What is pronounced by Nat Stewart. Sheriff of Santa Barbara County, and W. F. Wines, of San Francisco, special agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad, to have been a deliberate attempt to dynamite an 800-foot bridge 25 miles north of here, over which President Taft's special train passed carly today. was frustrated by the vigilance of a Mexican bridge watchman at 1:30

Sheriff Stewart and Wines returned from the scene tonight and said the evidence of the plot was complete. Although the suspect, has disappeared, the officers say they have certain clews and already have several men on the case. Secret Service men have been summaned from San Francisco and will be placed on the bunt. It is certain the man has not yet left the mountains and a close watch is being kept on all

Watchman Detects Skulker.

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The bridge which it was planned to wreck is a flao structure, soo feet long. The Mexican watchman was passing ever the bridge at midnight on his regular rounds. When about half way merose, he noticed the dim butline of a man in the gully beneath the bridge. He called to the man, who immediately started to run. The Mexican drew his plated and fired several shots, but all went wild. He then made an investigation and finding a package of dyna-

gation and finding a package of dynamite, at once notified the Sheriff's office here by telephone.

The Sheriff notified the railroad officers and Wines, who was on the President's special was ordered to get off at Santa Barbara and make an investigation.

When the officers arrived at Capitan, they were taken immediately to the spot by the walchman. Inside a box-like section of the steel pier 21 sticks of dynamite were found. The explosive was hidden from view except that a fuse 16 feet long hung out.

In a similar position at the next pier is stocks of dynamite were found with fine attached. Both of these piers were shout the middle of the bridge.

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the ground that, under the California criminal code, Nelson could hold such views without being disqualified. Judge Bordwell himself took a hand in the discussion preparatory to rendering an opinion.

Explosive Tests 40 Per Cent. Purther inspection disclosed two sticks of dynamite lying to one side of the bridge, exidently at the spot where the man had been arranging the dy-namite and attaching the fuses. The

her believe the watchman came was placing the dynamits in the sec-ord pier, as this is about the spot where the watchman says he first saw the man. From a position taken direct-iy above the dynamits on top of the bridge, the man could have commanded a distant view of any train approach-with the 10 feet of fuse lighted.

Begeneral opinion tonight and case would be duplicated before a jury was secured.

Roberts and Bain are both past mid-dle age and white-haired.

Roberts recited a number of busi-nesses he had engaged in while being questioned by Attorney Darrow. Sudto piace himself beyond any danger of harm by the explosion and, if an ex-perienced man with dynamite, he could have so timed his fuses as to destroy

RODGERS' ENGINE BALKY

Aviator Makes Only 127 Miles in His Trans-Continental Flight.

M'ALESTER, Okla., Oct. 16,-Aviator C. P. Rodgers, who arrived here to-day, will resume his transcontinental flight to the South tomorrow morn-ing. After stopping in the field where he alighted, he flew to League Park, a mile southwest, where he again

Bodgers left Vinits. Okla., after resting there over Sunday, at 7:29 o'clock this morning, with 1673 miles of his journey from New York to his credit. He followed the tracks of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway. He reached McAlester, 127 miles, at

His engine worked badly in today's flight, causing him to abanden his plan to reach Fort Worth before dark.

DOGS RUN DOWN COYOTES

Three Chehalis Men Hunt Within Three Miles of Town.

CHEHALIS, Wash. Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Coyole hunting within three miles of this city was sport yesterday for Frank Manning, a timber cruiser, Dan Clark and E. H. Fuchs. Manning's two hound pups he has been breaking to the read wants heliod in the chase. in to truck game, helped in the chase.
One coyote was killed and the second one gut away. A substantial bounty is paid for coyote scalps here.
Bird hunters were out by the dozen yesterday in the Chehalis and Newau-

Valleys, and several good bags

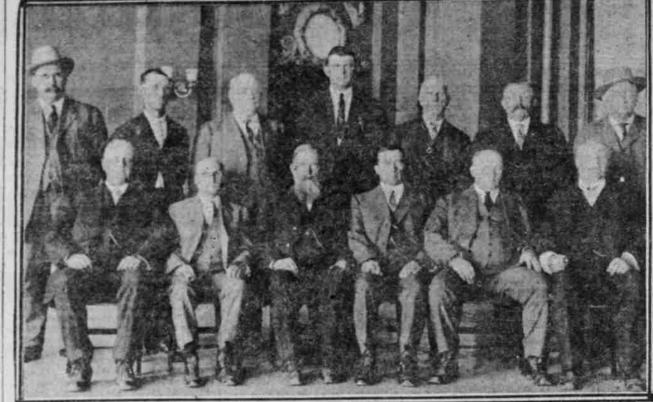
SOUP JAILS BOLD COWBOY

Refusal to Pay for Meal Causes Concealed-Weapon Charge.

CHEHALIS, Wash, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—With wide-rimmed sombrero, high-top boots and revolver strapped to his waist. Ray Anderson last night entered the American restaurant and ordered a bowl of soup and after extensity is refused to pay for it. The policy ordered a bowl of soup and after eating it refused to pay for it. The police were called and the cowboy, with all his accourrements, was placed in the city half for the night. He pleaded guilty hefore Justice of the Peace Westover to carrying concealed weapones and was fined \$60 and costs.

J. G. Ayres, who was with Anderson, was fined \$15 by Justice of the Peace Prewitt in the Police Court and was forced to ioin the chain mans. forced to join the chain gang.

M'NAMARA VENIREMEN, INCLUDING NELSON, WHO WAS REJECTED AFTER HOT BATTLE, AND THE ACCUSED BETWEEN HIS CUSTODIANS.



Above (Sitting), Z. T. Nelson, F. F. Cross, T. W. Adams, O. A. Jessen, E. S. Johnson, G. W. McKee; (Standing). Deputy J. J. Henry, Z. J. Hintt, J. W. Roberts, A. R. McIntosh, Robert Bain, S. H. McCreery, Deputy Frank P.

OBSTACLE IS GONE

Two White-Haired Men Undergo Rigid Questioning.

PAIR'S IMPRESSION GOOD

Actors in Los Angeles Times Drama Realize, However, Nelson Case Will Be Duplicated Before Jury Is Secured.

Two Others Examined.

When court closed today Nelson was on his way home, and two other talesmen had been examined by the defense. One of them, John W. Roberts, a real synamite tested to per cent, enough the One of them, John W. Roberts, a real detectives declared to blow the bridge estate dealer, was found satisfactory, and Robert F. Bain, a carpenter, also They believe the watchman came along just about the time the suspect was placing the dynamite in the second pier, as this is about the spot case would be duplicated before a jury

dealy Darrow caught a phrase.

Talesman Is Pleased. "Ever study law?" he asked abruptly. "Yes," said the talesman, "a long time ago," He seemed pleased at the

an ytrain he wished.

The Mexican watchman told the officers that he say a strange man two days ago at Gaviota, but he paid no particular attention to him. Just what clews, if any, the officers have, they the detection of the person or persons supposed by them to have blown up the Times, was brought into the attuation today when Attorney Parrow besiten today when Attorney Parrow besiten today when Attorney Darrow besiten today when Attorney Darrow besiten today when Attorney Darrow besiten today when Attorney Parrow besiten today when Attorney Darrow besiten to the particular attention to him. Just what the detection of the person or persons at Gaviota, but he paid no days ago at Gaviota, but he particular attention to him. Just what the particular attention to him. Just what th o it or to other organizations.

Roberts said he belonged to It sev-

Hoberts Is Questioned. Roberts said he had been a Cali-fornia resident 26 years, previously liv-ing in Boone County, Indiane.

"Did you have any experience in your business with unions?" he was asked. "We had a little," "Did you get along all right?"

"Since then, have you had any feeling against labor unions?"
"No, not against unions, but certainly against violence.

"Have you anything against a man scause he is a member of a union?" "No, sir; I think labor has a right to

organize."
"Would James B. McNamara's mem bership in a union prejudice you against

Explosives Not Studied. "Have you ever handled dynamite?" "Yes, some, in mining." "Did you ever make a study as to the cause of the explosion?"

No. I have not." "Did you form your knowledge of how dynamite acted from an opinion?" "I read something of the report made a city committee and deduced that had been blown up by dynamite. I did not read it carefully.

"Well, have you an opinion now as to the cause of the explosion?" 'Yes, such an opinion as one would have from reading and hearing."
"You believe a juror should not vote
for conviction unless convinced beyond a reasonable doubt?

"Well," what do you believe to be the "Well, from what I have read and heard, I would say dynamite."

Opinion Not Fixed. "Well, are you firmly fixed in your

"No: evidence would remove it."

"Well, you might say there are two important matters here, first, as to whether the building was blown up by dynamite, placed there criminally, and econd, that this man had something

second, that this man had something to do with it. Now, realising your responsibility should you become a juror, can you presume this man innocent."
"Well, he is innocent of the matter so far as I know. I have an impression that the building was blown up by dynamite from what I have heard. But as to the guilt or innocence of this man, I have no knowledge except that he is innocent." "Are you going to have any diffi-culty in trying this man?"
"No, his guilt would have to be proved."

DY AMERICAN

LEFT TO RIGHT, SHERIFF HAMMEL, J. BROWN M'NAMARA, UNDER-SHERIFF

ourt announced a short recess at 3:40 o'clock. The session was resumed at "Do you know Detective Burns?"

"Did you not read any of his con-ributions to newspapers or maga-

Here Attorney Darrow temporarily ended his examination of Roberts and interrogated Robert F. Bain.
"Ever belong to a union?" asked Mr. Darrow

"Have any trouble with them?" "Ever read Mr. Burns' articles?" "Ever read a booklet circulated by he Times about the case?"

Impartiality Is Procinimed. people express opinions as to whether this man is

guilty or innocent?" "No, only as to the explosion." "Is your opinion on that fixed?"

"You think you could listen to evidence as if you had no impression or

opinions?" "You wouldn't be prejudiced against McNamara because he is a member of

a laber union?"
"No."
"Do you know any of the lawyers in the case."
"Yes, District Attorney Fredericks. I
went out to drum for him in a drum
corps when he was running for office."

"You'd drum for anybody, wouldn't you?" Laughter Is Heard.

His affimative answer brought the first general laugh of the trial and the Sheriff was forced to rap for order. "Unless you were satisfied in your

own mind that he was guilty you wouldn't convict him and wouldn't care anything about what anyone else on the jury thought?"

but that he might ask him a few more questions tomorrow. He added that he had passed Roberts but he is still subject to possible peremptory chal-

During the controversy over Nelson, Joseph Scott, considered the principal orator among counsel for the defense, made the final argument for the defense, reading from the record to support his contention that Nelson was a man biased and could not determine whether McNamara caused the death of Charles J. Haggerty.

Attorney is Bitter.

"Better the defendant be taken by a mob and lynched than to be tried by a jury consisting of men like Nelson," he declared. he declared.
Attorney Scott finally was checked by the court when he used the phrase "railroaded to the gallows." The court suggested that no insincere intent had been shown by the prosecution.

"The greatest persecutions in history have been conducted by sincere men," rejoined Scott.

"Your Honor," continued Mr. Scott, "I don't think we can conceal the fact that there has been a tremendous

that there has been a tremendous amount of feeling engendered in this case. Bitterness will have to creep in, but I wish to do no one any hurt

From his window today in the cell in the county lail, John J. Mc-Namara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge & Structural Iron Association of Bridge & Structural from Workers, awaiting trial after his brother, James B., could see the crowds on the line of march for President Taft. The route not only passed the Los Angeles Times building, which the McNamaras are alleged to have caused to be destroyed, but it approached the new Hall of Records, where the case

John McNamara Reads.

"What have you been doing most of the time?" John J. was asked today. "Reading," he answered. "And what?"
"Books, magazines and newspapers, I've been writing many letters, too." Counsel for the McNamaras have for-bidden them to discuss the case, and "No, his guilt would have to be proved."

Short Recess Taken.
Attorneys for the defense entered into a whispered consultation and chief counsel for the McNamaras have forbidden them to discuss the case, and though they have frequent visitors, the latter usually are accompanied by some one from the office of Mr. Darrow, chief counsel for the defense.

Zapatista Forces Cut to Pieces in Mexican Battle.

LEADER ELUDES CAPTURE

Government Sharpshooters Riddle Trenches of Enemy Who Take Open Field Against Attackers. Many Prisoners Taken.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 16.—Today's advices from Cuernayaca say that the Zapatistas were cut to pieces in battle at Tepextiam yesterday, but Zapatista himself escaped.

The Zapatistas were caught between The Zapatistas were caught b at Tepextlam yesterday, but Zapatista

The Zapatistas were caught between the forces of General Figueros and Colonel Blanquet. Two hundred of them are said to have been killed, a number wounded and many taken prisoners. The rebels had entrenched themselves

on the hillsides close by the village. The federals, advancing from opposite directions, cut off the rebel retreat.

Behind their breastworks the rebels withheld their fige until the enemy was within 200 yards of the trenches. When they opened fire their aim was ineffective. The federals sent their sharp-heaters to the end of the trenches and shooters to the end of the trenches and their fire drove the rebels from cover. Coming into the open, they boldly aton the jury thought?

"Yes, they would find that out if I tacked the government troops and the battle waged for seven hours, in which time. Darrow announced that he has concluded his examination of Mr. Bain, routed. Most of their horses were captured. tacked the government troops and the battle waged for seven hours, in which

Zapata is said to have personally led

GOLD OUTPUT FALLS OFF

Oregon, Alaska and Idaho Show Decrease in Production.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 16 .- Combined statistics

89,800 ounces the year previous.

Washington's gold output was \$805,000 in 1910, and \$429,000 the previous
year; silver, 204,900 ounces as against Gold preduction in Idaho last year was \$1,035,890, as against \$1,344,200 in 1909, but Idaho silver increased from 5,755,900 conces in 1909 to 7,027,000 conces in 1910.

Alaska's gold production shows a great slump, dropping from \$20,339,600 in 1909 to \$16,271,300 in 1910, while silver production fell off from 198,600 ounces to 152,900 gunces.

GIRL MURDER DEFENDANT Hanging of Nebraskan Said to Be

Plot to Get Insurance. VALENTINE, Neb. Oct. 16.—The trial of Eunice Murphy and her brother Kenneth, Harry Heath, George and Alma Weed, for the murder of Charles Sellers on June 17, began here today. The case against Miss Murphy will be

The case against alles aurphy will be prosecuted first.

The four men took Sellers from the home of a rancher named Hutch Jack and hanged him. They declare that he had threatened to kill the prisoners if Eunice did not consent to marry him The state contends that the crime was committed in order that the girl might secure the insurance which she believed Sellers had left her.

ACTION SOON NEED

Canal Commission Would Give Shippers Ample Notice.

EARLY OPENING FORECAST

Annual Report Discloses Fact That Work on Great Waterway Is Progressing Satisfactorily. Suggestions Made.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 .- Foreshadowing the early completion and opening of the Panama Canal, the Isthmian Canal Commission, in its annual re-port made public today, recommended Congressional legislation governing canal tolls, organization for the opera-tion of the canal and for government of the Canal Zone, utilization of canal revenue to pay operating expenses and to repay capital invested, and other action. Expedition was urgently demanded in order to advise the com-mercial world of the use it may make of the great waterway, of the cost of sending ships through it and just when it will be opened.

The Commission wished to give at least 18 months' notice of the rates to permit the world's maritime interests to readjust their routes and to build new ships and organize new transpor-tation companies. It was also deemed desirable to put the canal to use as early as possible, not only to secure financial returns on the enormous capi-tal invested, but to make possible the passage of the world's fleets without confusion or delay.

Estimates Are Given. The report showed that the engineers' board has already found that all the concrete in the great Gatun locks will be laid by June 1, 1912, and five months later the locks on the Pacific side will later the locks on the Pacific side will be finished except the gates, which will be ready June 1, 1913. Meantime by April 1, next, the giant spillway at Gatun would be at the 50-foot elevation and the entire dam there would be completed by the following Winter. The excavation through the Culebra dut, the greatest earth digging enterprise the world has ever seen, will be completed July 1, 1913, if the sildes are not in excess of the estimates. In that case the exterior channel will be sufficiently advanced to pass the shipping that would use the canal.

Though these estimates were made a year ago, the Commission asserts that year ago, the Commission asserts that there is no occasion to make any con-iderable changes.

The commission regarded it as es-mential that the cost of operation shall be reduced to a minimum consistent with efficiency if reasonable tolls are to be established.

The total outlay for maintaining the

canal will be for wages of the oper-ative forces, engineering work, sani-tation and civil administration. The commission was insistent that the revenue of the canal should go to pay not only the operating expenses, but to repay the capital invested.

Every legitimate means for raising revenue should be adopted, said the report, which recommended that the Government should not only supply coal and oil for its own vessels, but should sell them to merchant shipping. should sell them to merchant shipping.
The existing commissary, manufacturing plant and laundry, it was urged, should be continued for the benefit of Government forces and Government ownership of public utilities was proposed in a recommendation that the commissary furnish all these things to shipping passing through the canal for a consideration.

Drydock Needed. It was suggested that the Govern-ment should sell tools and appliances needed by ships and, still another

other adjunct required. other adjunct required.

The commission has given much thought to the disposition of land in the canal zone, important because of its bearing upon the future administration of the zone and the operation of the canal. A large part of the Government land will be required for

military, naval and other official pur-Most of the land is unsuitable extensive farming enterprises and the inducements are not such as would atract American farmers, owing to difficulties in obtaining title and the pe-cultarities of the Spanish system of taxation which must be continued. Other occupants than Americans are

Foreigners to Go. The commission wants to get rid of the great body of foreign laborers, who were imported to dig the canal, as soon as the work is completed. They now populate the established townsites and the commission declared that they should be repatriated after work no longer can be given them.

The report declared that for several years to come at least it should be the policy to keep all Government lands for Government purposes. As to the form of government for the sh-of attention to the military necessities. the Geological Survey and the Mint the canal being deemed a military asBureau on the production of gold and silver, issued today, give the total gold output of Oregon in 1916 as \$6\$1.400.

against \$829,000 in 1805; the silver production was \$3,800 fine ounces against 1 twas recommended that Congress authorize the canal management to Westignton and the Mint the canal management to the canal being deemed a military asset. In conclusion, the commission holds it essential that an entity be established, so organized that any miltary contingency can be promptly met. pay damages to vessels injured in passage, inasmuch as this Government must insist on taking complete charge of all vessels during that transit to guard against injury to the locks.



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