



## 2 McNAMARAS ADMIT GUILT AS NET DRAWS

### James B., Accused in Times Case, Will Escape with Life Term.

## JOHN J. MAY GET 14 YEARS

### Trial Comes to Abrupt, Dramatic End When Pleas of Guilty Are Entered.

## MEN UNCONCERNED IN COURT

### Darrow Says Case of Prosecution Was "Stone Wall."

## TRAGEDY IS MADE CLEAR

### Negotiations, Said to Have Been On for Weeks, Delayed by James B.'s Desire to Make Terms for His Brother.

### DEVELOPMENTS OF DAY IN CLIMAX OF McNAMARA CASE.

James B. McNamara pleads guilty of dynamiting Los Angeles Times, causing 21 deaths, will receive life sentence.

John J. McNamara pleads guilty in Llewellyn Iron Works case; no death sentence will be given.

Ortie E. McManigal, who confessed and implicated McNamara, will get light sentence.

Prosecution of Bert H. Franklin on charge of bribing taleman will be dropped.

Larry M. Sullivan, formerly of Portland, is credited by many with having brought about the confession of General Harrison Gray Oils says law-abiding labor unions will profit by result.

Samuel Gompers declares his credibility was impaired upon Federal authorities may continue investigation in collateral cases.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 1.—James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree in Judge Bordwell's court today. His brother, John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, entered a plea of guilty to dynamiting the Llewellyn Iron Works in Los Angeles, Christmas day, 1910.

James B. McNamara's confession clears up absolutely the tragedy of the explosion and fire which, at 1:37 o'clock on the morning of October 1, 1910, wrecked the plant of the Los Angeles Times at First and Broadway and caused the death of 21 persons. For 19 of these deaths the McNamara brothers were indicted, and J. B. McNamara was tried specifically for the murder of Charles J. Haggerty, a machinist, whose body was found near that of any other to the spot where the dynamite was supposed to have been placed.

### Prisoners Escape With Lives.

Both men's sentences were set for December 5, when it is expected that District Attorney John D. Fredericks will ask for life imprisonment for James B. McNamara, the confessed murderer, and probably 14 years for his brother. The men's lives are considered saved. The great contention that the Los Angeles Times was not dynamited is dead beyond resurrection or any argument.

Tonight as the two brothers sat together in the county jail, refusing to see any one or make any statement, an interest second only to the occurrence itself hung about the question with reference to James B.

### Darrow Sees Stone Wall.

"Why did he confess?" To this opposing counsel gave the same answer.

"He confessed because he was guilty, and that's all there is to it," declared District Attorney Fredericks.

"He was compelled to confess because that was the best thing he could do, in the opinion of counsel," said Attorney Clarence S. Darrow, chief of counsel. "I will say now that there was no other reason or motive in it. I've studied this case for months. It presented a stone wall."

Darrow's statement was made after looking squarely in the face of charges that the recent arrest of Bert H. Franklin, an investigator employed by the defense, and two others with him, might have precipitated a situation untenable save by confession of the prisoner.

Negotiations have been on for weeks," asserted Darrow, and this was corroborated by District Attorney Fredericks.

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## MRS. HARDING DAVIS TO SEEK DIVORCE?

### AUTHOR'S WIFE IN CHICAGO TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE.

### Couple Separated for Year but Woman Refuses to Make Known Marital Troubles.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Richard Harding Davis is in Chicago with the intention, it is said, of establishing a legal residence here for the purpose of suing her author husband for divorce. The couple have been separated for a year, and it became known today that Mrs. Davis has been here for months.

Mrs. Davis was found today at the home of her mother, Mrs. John M. Clark, but she refused to discuss either her marital troubles or her plans for their solution.

Mr. Davis is returning to the United States from England, where he went to console his sister, Mrs. Frederick Percival Farrar, who married the King's chaplain. Charges of a sensational nature involving his moral character were made against Farrar, who was dismissed from his position.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis never really were in love, friends of both have argued. They had been acquainted since childhood. They were no more than "chums" at the time of their sensational marriage in 1899.

## PORTLAND'S LOSS LEAST

### Bank Clearings Fall Behind Due to Holiday in Week.

On account of the Thanksgiving holiday, bank clearings in every part of the country fell behind the record made in the corresponding week of last year, when there were six full business days. Portland is one of the cities that had the smallest decrease, which was 5.5 per cent. The losses ranged from 7.5 per cent to as low as 12.3 per cent.

Portland's clearings amounted to \$2,294,000. The clearings at Seattle were \$3,596,000 and the loss was 24.5 per cent. Los Angeles showed a loss of 7.5 per cent, San Francisco 15.1 per cent, Tacoma 13.9 per cent and Spokane 29.5 per cent.

Of the 40 leading cities in the country Portland and Los Angeles made the best showing.

## PAIR PAINTED AS MARTYRS

### McNamaras Innocent but Eager to Save Unions' Money, Is Belief.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 1.—That the McNamaras pleaded guilty, although innocent, to relieve the unions from the financial burden of the defense was the view expressed at a special meeting of the local union of Structural Bridge and Iron Workers here tonight. Salt Lake local, it was said, had contributed more than \$6000 to the defense fund—more per capita than any other local save Indianapolis. The public was asked by a vote of the local to suspend judgment until all the facts were known.

Surprise and incredulity at the news from Los Angeles were expressed by J. E. Munsey, business agent of the local union, who has been spoken of as an probable witness at the McNamara trial. He reiterated his denial of the statement made by his wife that he had harbored James B. McNamara for a week after the Llewellyn Iron Works explosion.

## CAPT. BERMINGHAM DIES

### Pioneer Banker and Shipping Man Active Until End.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Captain John Bermingham, of the pioneer days of California, a prominent figure in shipping and banking circles in this city and since 1892 United States Inspector of Steam Vessels for the Pacific Coast, died here today aged 81. Captain Bermingham is survived by a widow and four children, one of whom is Mrs. C. F. Stokes, of Washington, D. C., wife of Surgeon-General Stokes, of the navy.

Captain Bermingham had recently telegraphed his resignation to Washington, but the Navy Department refused to accept it. He was prominent in the management of several banking, insurance and manufacturing firms at the time of his death.

## GOVERNORS KEEP GOING

### Party Leaves Cleveland for Buffalo, Where They Will Stop Two Days.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 1.—The Governors of eight Western states and the representatives of four others, after a busy day in Cleveland, left tonight for Buffalo, where they will spend tomorrow and Sunday before resuming their tour of the East.

The stay of the Governors in Cleveland, which was marked by an almost continual round of entertainment, was concluded tonight with a banquet at the Union Club tendered by ex-Governor Herrick, of Ohio.

## SCORE INJURED IN WRECK

### Several May Die as Result of Passenger Train's Leap.

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 1.—More than a score of passengers of Illinois Central passenger train No. 191 were injured, several perhaps fatally, when spreading rails threw it into a ditch 25 miles east of here late this afternoon.

## STATE TO REWARD ORTIE M'MANIGAL

### Dynamiter Who Told Us to Get Off Lightly.

## FREDERICKS PROMISES AID

### Prisoner Chokes With Emotion When He Hears News.

## CHEERFULNESS IS MARKED

### Factor in Downfall of McNamaras Says He Ought to Be Punished for What He Has Done. He Reviews Career.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—Ortie E. McManigal, the confessed dynamiter, whose admissions are said to have been a big factor in the McNamaras pleading guilty, will go virtually free, if the plans of the state in his behalf do not go wrong.

After court had adjourned this afternoon, Malcom McLaren, the Burns detective who has been a daily visitor to McManigal's cell since the dynamiter was brought here last Spring, and has always spoken in a friendly way of the prisoner, came upon District Attorney Fredericks in the prosecutor's office.

"There's just one thing I want to ask of you," said McLaren to Fredericks, "and that is that you do all you can for McManigal."

### Mercy Promised to Informer.

Fredericks held up his right hand as he answered:

"I promise you I'll do all in my power for him. He may have to take a light sentence, but I'll do the best I can."

After the dynamiter had gone into the story of the Llewellyn Iron Works explosion last Christmas, McLaren told him privately what Fredericks had promised. He was greatly affected when he learned that the state had become his friend. His eyes filled with tears and his voice choked so that he could hardly stammer his thanks.

Before he heard the news, McManigal had been apprised of the pleas of the McNamaras and had said with a chuckle that he was glad to hear of their action, as it confirmed his assertions and he thought the public now would regard him differently.

### "Something Doing" in Air.

"I suspected something was doing," said McManigal, with a smile, as his little black eyes snapped, "when J. B. did not go over to court as early as usual this afternoon. And then, when J. J. was taken over, I was positive. I could not tell just what had happened, however, until some time afterward."

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## PORTLAND'S RECORD YEAR REVIEWED.

Portland's most prosperous year will be reviewed in The Oregonian Annual which will be issued on January 1, 1912. Each month of 1911 has brought surprises in the large volume of business transacted in Portland, as indicated by bank clearings, postoffice receipts, real estate transfers, building permits and other factors that make up the commercial barometer.

"These proofs of progress will be emphasized in the Annual and the conditions portrayed will be in marked contrast with the experience of cities in other parts of the country during the present year.

The erection of new business blocks, the construction of a new building to house the library with the largest per capita circulation in the United States, improvement of transportation facilities, establishment of new industries, erection of new bridges, growth of shipping, assured construction of a great convention auditorium, extension of tributary railroads—these and many other subjects reflecting credit on Portland will be covered in the Annual.

## STAGE HOLDUPS CONFESS

### Two of Passengers in Drain Coach Robbery Members of Grand Jury.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Edward Jurgins and Fred Foster, who were arrested on Friday, accused of holding up the Drain-Scottsburg stage, today made a complete confession in the presence of Sheriff Quine and District Attorney Brown.

Inasmuch as the next term of the Circuit Court does not convene until February, it is probable that the grand jury will be summoned and dispose of this case during the next few days. Two of the passengers robbed are members of the grand jury and reside at Gardiner.

## CLUB CANNOT BAR BARRY

### Court Orders Players to Reinstate Author of Odious Article.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—The Players Club must reinstate Richard Barry, the writer, who was expelled on complaint that an article he had written reflected upon the dramatic profession.

Four justices of the Appellate division of the Supreme Court today granted Barry a peremptory writ of mandamus, ordering the club to restore him to membership.

## GERMAN NAVAL PLANS BIG

### Expenditure of \$90,000,000 in Next Six Years Reported Schedule.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—A news agency which is sometimes well informed, says an increase of the German Navy has been decided on.

It says the Government is determined to spend \$90,000,000 on the augmentation of its fleet, which will be spread over six years. Official circles maintain silence.

## LARRY SULLIVAN FIGURES IN DEAL

### Ending of Trial Credited to Finesse.

## WAY POINTED OUT TO DARROW

### Ex-Sport Believed to Have Made Result Possible.

## BRIBERY CHARGE CRUCIAL

### Insiders Say That Sullivan, Who Was Warm Friend of Fredericks, Won Confidence of Attorneys for Defense, Too.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—That Larry M. Sullivan, the famous sport, sailor boarding-house keeper and ex-milonaire, well known all over the Pacific Coast, played an important part in settling the McNamara case and did the prosecution together, is the story that is going the rounds of the insiders tonight.

According to information received, Sullivan was a warm personal friend of District Attorney Fredericks and was for some time prior to the beginning of the McNamara trial a daily visitor at that official's office in the Hall of Records. Almost as soon as the trial began—indeed some little time before that date—Sullivan suddenly discontinued his visits to Fredericks, with whom he had been associated in the ownership of some Mexican mining property, and began frequenting the offices of the defense in the Higgins building.

### Place on Staff Accepted.

Shortly after that it was announced that Sullivan had accepted a regular place on the staff of attorneys for the McNamaras and that he was doing confidential work for them, as well as advising them on certain phases not connected with the legal aspects of the case. Soon rumors began to be bruited abroad that Sullivan was still in the pay of the District Attorney and that he was acting as agent for Fredericks in the camp of the enemy.

At any rate, when Bert Franklin was arrested, charged with bribing C. N. Lockwood, last Tuesday morning, Sullivan is said to have seen a chance for Darrow to land in an easy spot and at once proposed to the attorneys for the defense that they accept the intimated offer of the District Attorney that the defendants plead guilty to the charge and accept a lesser penalty than the law affords for the crimes of which they had been guilty.

### Secret Conference Held.

After some delay Sullivan succeeded in securing a secret conference be-

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## KEY OF WIRELESS SIGNALS FROM TEES

### HOPE RENEWED THAT THOSE ON BOARD ARE SAFE.

### Later Messages Are Sent to Ill-Fated Vessel, but Operators Receive No Response.

VICTORIA, Dec. 1.—All night long the Estevan and Triangle Island stations have sent out messages to cheer those on the Tees telling them that rescue steamers would reach them with the morning light, but no answering signal has come.

Much relief has resulted in Victoria through the messages sent out early tonight by the Estevan station which read:

"There is hope that all are safe on the Tees. I heard her distress signals at 5:45 P. M."

Light southerly winds prevail off Estevan tonight, while a 70-mile gale is reported from Triangle, The Victoria station communicated with the William Joffile late tonight. The tug W. T. Salver was then anchored in Klaskan Inlet to the westward of Cape Cook, and the United States revenue cutter Tahoma was sheltered to the southward of Kyququot Sound, all three expecting to steam into the sound in the morning.

The Tahoma made an effort today, but returned to sea. The tug Nanooks, which is carrying Captain Searle, of the Kyququot whaling station, who is familiar with the locality, will reach Kyququot tonight.

## SINGLE RATE CUT 10 CENTS

### Tacoma Wins Fight on Rate From Puget Sound to South.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Announcement was made today at the offices of the O. W. B. & N. Company of a reduction of 10 cents per 100 pounds in the rate on shingles from Tacoma and Seattle to Denver and Colorado points.

This will give Tacoma a rate of 50 cents, the same as the rate from Portland. The reduction is the result of long-continued complaints on the part of Tacoma shippers, that they were unable to compete with Portland. The new rate goes into effect in January.

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### The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 47 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees.

TODAY'S—Fair; winds mostly from the southeast.

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## NAVAL FORGERIES CHARGED TO NORRIS

### Ex-Convict Enjoys Life as State Employee.

## NIGHTS GAY ON SHIP BOSTON

### Oregon Sailors Are Told West Wanted to Guide Affairs.

## IRREGULARITIES ARE SEEN

### Lieutenant-Commander of Cruiser Accused of Allowing Women to Board Ship—Bills Contracted by Impostor Reach Big Sum.

Posting as the official representative of Governor West to supervise elections and other conditions in the Oregon Naval Militia, and drawing a salary from the state for that work, J. W. Norris, recently pardoned conditionally by Governor West, performed his duties, and drew his salary, until alleged forgeries on the Cruiser Boston, moored at the foot of Jefferson street, led to an energetic protest from members of the militia, and the revocation of the pardon by Acting Governor Oicott Thursday.

Following the action against Norris, it is probable that charges will be filed within the militia against Lieutenant-Commander Gustav J. Blomberg, executive officer of the cruiser, who, it is alleged, was cognizant of Norris' operations, if not a party to them.

### Bad Checks Charged.

Beside running huge bills and having a gay time, largely in the wardrooms of the cruiser loaned to the militia by the Federal Government, Norris, since being released from the penitentiary, is said to have issued several checks which were not honored when presented by the holders.

Norris was committed from Klamath County for larceny, under a sentence of four years, but the naval militia men say that back of that he was a sailor on the cruiser Baltimore, and was committed to a prison ship for an assault on a boatswain's mate.

While in the penitentiary, Norris appears to have won the favor of the Governor by being the man who brought back Jess Hall, an escaped prisoner whom Governor West pursued in person.

### State Salary Awarded.

It was shortly after that episode that Norris received a conditional pardon and took up his quarters on the cruiser, ostensibly as a guard, under salary of \$50 from the state. The larger significance of his presence, say the militia men, came out, according to his own account, when, about the time of the recent election in the militia, he called ten petty officers into his stateroom and informed them that he had been sent from Salem to see that the elections were conducted properly and that the right men were elected. He then proceeded, according to the story, to point out various candidates, who, he said, had been in the militia, Army or Navy and knew too much. Most of the men so blacklisted were elected.

Norris is said to have caused cards to be printed, designating himself as "special state agent," and under the guise of "Captain of the U. S. Boston" he is alleged to have run automobile bills to the extent of \$160, persuading a commercial agency to establish his credit.

### Women Part of Complaint.

Charges are expected to be filed against both Norris and Blomberg, to the effect that at midnight, November 15, Norris came to the ship, drunk and accompanied by two women, who remained until noon the next day, using obscene language and conducting themselves in a disorderly manner. The complaints assert that Blomberg knew of the affair, and when he learned that charges were likely to be filed against himself, sent Norris over the side.

It also is charged that the unseamanlike methods of the officers have spread to the six shipkeepers, enlisted men of the regular Navy, and complaint against them has been lodged with Lieutenant Toaz, of the local recruiting station. It is asserted that one night during the recent high wind the ship was left absolutely deserted and volunteers went down and put additional hawsers ashore.

That charges of passing bad checks are out against Norris is known to the city detectives, but no complaints have been filed. It was the growing feeling within the militia that caused information of Norris' actions to reach Acting Governor Oicott and to bring about his recall to the penitentiary.

## HUGH JENNINGS IS HURT

### Manager of Detroit Tigers One of Victims of Auto Smash.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 1.—Hugh Jennings, manager of the Detroit American ball club, and Rev. Edward Lynett, of this city, were seriously injured in an automobile wreck near Gettysburg, 30 miles from here, early this morning.

A physician was summoned by automobile to the scene. A report says Jennings is badly injured.

