

FRANKLIN TARGET IN DARROW TRIAL

Defense Attempts to Impeach Testimony of Chief Witness for State.

LECOMPT DAVIS ON STAND

Former Associate of Defendant Tells of Alleged Connection With Witness and Says Ford Was "After" Darrow.

LOS ANGELES, July 25.—Further effort to impeach Bert H. Franklin, chief witness against Clarence S. Darrow, was made today by the defense in the Darrow bribery trial.

Franklin was Darrow's confidential man, employed to investigate the record and disposition of probable jurors, during the trial of James J. and John J. McNamara, convicted of dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building. He had confessed to jury bribery.

The taking of testimony was resumed this afternoon after the defense had lost its fight to force Juror Leavitt out of the box on the ground of prejudice and to substitute Alternate Juror Blankenship.

Davis Denies Franklin's Testimony. Lecompte Davis, formerly associated with Darrow in the defense of the McNamara brothers, was the only witness made by Franklin and gave some new testimony favorable to Darrow.

Davis declared that he, Darrow, and Franklin had held a conference at Davis' office shortly after Franklin's arrest.

"Franklin said that Colonel Tom Johnson, who had been a confidant of his," Davis testified; that Johnson had told him that he was W. J. Ford, assistant district attorney, who offered, if he would plead guilty, to let him go with a fine which he could pay with the money found on him when he was arrested.

"Then," Davis continued, "Darrow broke into the conversation by saying: 'Why do they want me any more than Job Harriman or any other attorney connected with the case?'"

Ford Said to Be "After" Darrow. "Franklin said Darrow told him Ford was after Darrow—no local man—and if Franklin knew anything about any other attorney he could keep his mouth shut."

Davis was questioned about Franklin's arrest. He declared he had not telephoned to Darrow that Franklin was to be arrested and that he had not received a "telephone call," which was to have apprised Franklin's employers of his impending arrest, an incident which has caused much speculation during the trial.

Davis asserted he never had had control of the McNamara defense fund. He denied that he had ever promised Franklin any money, or that Darrow had instructed Franklin to tell the court he had obtained the bribe money from a third party.

Later in his testimony Davis asserted Franklin had told him he had told Attorney Johnson that "Darrow had nothing to do with it and that if he told the truth about it, Ford would not believe him."

Davis also said that he had learned about a week before Franklin's arrest that the McNamara defense fund, which he referred to as the "pennies fund," was to be used for the punishment of the brothers, which Lincoln Steffens, magazine writer, told in detail while on the stand last week.

ARTISTS FOR FAIR NAMED

Five Appointed to Direct Work of Making Exposition Beautiful.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Five important appointments for departmental work on the Panama-Pacific Exposition were made yesterday by President Moore, of the Exposition Company.

The following are the men and the positions: Julius G. Guerin, chief of color; A. S. Calder, chief of sculpture; Carl Bitter, adviser in sculpture; E. E. Carpenter, civil engineer; A. H. Markwart, chief of the mural decorations in the new Pennsylvania depot in New York and the new exhibit in American and European academies. Bitter was director of sculpture at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo and also at the St. Louis Exposition.

T. R. MEN CHARTER SPECIAL

California Sending Big Delegation to Bull Moose Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—California delegates to the third party convention to be held in Chicago August 5 will leave this city for Chicago July 31 in a special train. The delegation, which will be headed by Governor Johnson, will include Charles S. Wheeler, George C. Pardee, Meyer Lissner, Chester Rowell and Marshall Stimson, all of whom are active in the third party movement in this state.

Many supporters of the third party movement will be on the train, including a majority of the delegates who attended the regular convention of the Republican party in Chicago.

HAWAIIAN TRIP CANCELLED
San Francisco Residents Decide Not to Sail on Korea.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald D. Whitman and Mr. and Mrs. Templeton Crocker will not sail tomorrow on the Korea for Hawaii, as they had intended. This information was given out by the Hawaiian consul.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitman are still in the northern part of the state and will not return to San Francisco until next week. They will pass the remainder of the summer in California and go to New York in the early fall for the Hunt Club meets. They will establish their winter home in New York.

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