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PROSECUTION OF OTHERS LIKELY TO FOLLOW M'NAMARA PLEAS

Fredericks and Darrow Say They Have Not Agreed to Cease Work.

DARROW SAYS ACTION WAS FOR THE BEST

Believes That Labor Union World Will Later Understand His Position.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 2.—Fredericks today gave an account of negotiations leading to the plea guilty entered yesterday in the McNamara trial. He declared that making the arrangement by which James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to the murder and John J. Llewellyn pleaded guilty to the Llewellyn Iron Works case for defense came to his terms that outside influence did not prevail upon him. Fredericks declared he steadfastly rejected the plea of standing in the community against him with pleas in the interests of peace and society. Fredericks said that since July he had an offer from the defense to let him plead guilty to save John J. Llewellyn, nor did Lincoln Steffens' efforts have any bearing on the action.

Had the Goods.

"I said I knew I had the goods," continued, "and I did not propose to lie down. Darrow and Davis came to me again and said they did not get a joint confession. I told them in that case, I would proceed with the trial and that I would proceed with it anyhow. Finally they said they would take my money and both men pleaded guilty. That is the history of the negotiations."

Fredericks said he had not determined whether he would make a recommendation for clemency for the McNamaras but declared James McNamara will make a complete statement of the affair to the world. This statement he said might be released the day of sentence which is next today.

Will Not Stop.

When shown Burns' statement in Chicago that Schmidt and Capson might be arrested and other prosecuted for complicity in the prosecution of The Times, Fredericks stated the state fully intended to prosecute the work of apprehending guilty parties. He denied that pleas of McNamaras forestalled further prosecution. "Those concern two persons," he said, "pleaded guilty and took their punishment. There has been no agreement to stop prosecution."

Fredericks' statement rather puts emphasis on the statement of the men interested in bringing an end to the McNamara trial. Schmidt and Caplan would not be brought to trial and that the incident would be considered closed. Darrow credits the citizens' committee with making an opening for him to open negotiations for the trial of the McNamaras.

The indictments against John J. McNamara for complicity in the disaster are expected to be filed on the motion of the district attorney next Tuesday as it is said himself did not direct the blowing up of The Times, while he pleaded guilty to the charge of having set the Llewellyn Iron Works' explosion in which no lives were lost. Minimum sentence for this offense according to the statute, is one year and no maximum penalty is fixed.

Fate of McNamara.

Under the same section of the code, Ortie E. McNamara, who pleaded to participation in the explosion, will be sentenced as he is expected to plead guilty to a similar offense for having wrecked the works of the Llewellyn Iron Works. The total cost to the state thus far in the trial is estimated at close to \$100,000 and the abrupt ending is believed to save the county nearly \$1,000,000.

It was reported today that the prosecution did not extend to the indictment of the bribery charges against Burt H. Franklin.

It is our duty to prosecute this declared District Attorney Fredericks today.

Don't forget the Turkish Baths at 214-J.

MORE ARRESTS TO BE MADE

Detective Burns Says Confessions Should Not Stop Punishment of Guilty.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 2.—Further arrests in the Los Angeles' Times dynamiting outrage may come at any time, according to Detective Wm. J. Burns, who discussed the case at length today. "There are others in this case that are just as guilty as either of the McNamara brothers," he said. "I do not think that the plea of guilty in the case of either man should stop the prosecution of the case and the search for others implicated in the plot. 'We will soon have David Caplan and M. A. Schmidt, also wanted in connection with the blowing up of The Times building, but there are still several others. It would be injudicious for me to say how many, or the nature of their position in organized labor, but I will say there are other prominent men mixed up in this affair, and I expect to keep working until every last one of them is run down and brought to justice."

"This has not been a fight against organized labor as many have said, but rather an expose of the worst part of unionism and the part that should be removed by the better element."

"Labor leaders should have investigated the case before they cried 'frame up' and 'conspiracy.' In fact laboring men should have known that one of the men arrested and two others sought in connection with the case did not even belong to organized labor. J. B. McNamara was not a union man nor had he been for many years, neither were Caplan nor Schmidt union men."

THINK GOLDEN RULE APPLIED

Such Is Belief of One of Los Angeles Newspapers Regarding Trials.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 2.—One of the three morning newspapers here gave prominence to the entrance of the gospel and the principle of the golden rule in settling the trial, while two other newspapers gave particular attention to the theory that the arrest of Burt H. Franklin on a bribery charge forced the confession of the McNamaras. The Tribune featured the closing of the case as having been brought about by the gospel of Christ and attributed to Lincoln Steffens, magazine writer, who is credited with being the one who brought local business men together to suggest a compromise.

The Examiner announced that the McNamara defense was crumbled as a result of the arrest of Franklin whose plan was destroyed and 21 employees killed in a special across its front page, that "McNamaras were forced to confess through absolute proof" and also dwells at length on the theory that the arrest of Franklin was too much for the defense.

The McNamaras passed the night with a heavy guard at the cell doors. Five armed men were stationed near them as they slept and an extra force patrolled the street outside.

That other persons implicated in dynamite conspiracies elsewhere may be arrested at San Francisco and Indianapolis and that the McNamaras may be called to testify, is one of the reports circulated early today. The report of tampering with sworn jurors is again current.

Religion Did It.

That the sentences will be a compromise is generally admitted, and that the committee of business men who took up the matter of the inquiry to the city by reason of the trial, started the compromise is the talk generally accepted. Just how far, however the committee of busi-

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JUST A FEW WORDS PERSONAL

THERE ARE just a few words personal that I wish to say to the readers of The Times and the people of Marshfield. When I came here four years ago and assumed editorial charge of The Coos Bay Times, there were certain ideals I desired to incorporate into the conduct of a daily newspaper. I have not realized them all but they have not been lost to view. One of these ideals was the dedication of The Times to the people of this city. That ideal has been realized. I have tried to build up where I could and tear down nowhere. It has ever been my purpose to help, not to hinder the events of material and moral progress. I have always meant to write without malice and with the exercise of charity. As God has given me to see the right I have been true to my editorial trust. Making due allowance for mistakes of judgment and infirmities of temperament, I humbly hope, at this time it is in the hearts of a people generous and just to admit some of these things.

All these years I have toiled and troubled to give the people of this community as good a daily newspaper as the support warranted. That was one of my promises and faithfully that pledge has been kept. Of the merits of the paper and the measure of my success in the performance of my promise it is for you to judge. I do know I have battled for the city's good and boosted for its betterment. I may have built more railways than have actually been constructed but the purpose was born of a desire to benefit.

I have never opposed individuals from any personal motives. I have stood against J. W. Bennett's opposition to the Port Commission because I recognized in that body one of the great and necessary factors in the development of this great harbor. The Times under my control has never opposed Mayor Straw. Shortly after I assumed management of the paper The Times commenced giving complete detailed accounts of the doings of the city council. This was something the people were entitled to. Mayor Straw strongly objected to these reports and at one time refused to give The Times' reporter news of a public nature because of his feeling. I asked Dr. Straw at that time if these reports he objected to were untrue. He said they were not but it was the "damn way in which they were written up." A year or so later, The Times advocated the nomination of A. H. Powers for mayor. Mr. Powers positively refused. The caucus nominated Dr. Straw and L. S. Smith. There was at that time no vital issue before the people and The Times announced an absolutely neutral policy which it strictly adhered to. Both candidates were given an impartial hearing. It was merely a question of personal preference. This time it is something more. Now it is the vital issue of the waterworks.

At the end of that campaign two years ago, Dr. Straw called Dan Maloney across the street and said to him "Dan I can't thank you boys enough for the fair way in which you have treated me in this campaign and I want you to know that I appreciate it. I will never live long enough to forget it. I used to think you boys were not on the square but I know better now. It has taken me two years to convince me but I want you to know that I believe now that you are square." That was a fair and manly tribute. It is one of the few things that come into an editor's life—appreciation of his efforts to be fair and square. That's why Dr. Straw's words were remembered.

There has been no change in the policies and principles of The Times since that time. The only change is in the situation at the present time when there is a vital principle involved. Dr. Straw has been forced by J. W. Bennett and other friends who believe in a water franchise once more to stand for the office of mayor. He is opposed to the principle of city ownership and is disposed to favor a long time franchise for the Water Company. That creates an issue and a principle that compels me to oppose his election. I told some of Dr. Straw's closest friends at the commencement of this campaign that personally I sincerely regretted that the principles involved would compel me to oppose Dr. Straw. There was nothing personal about it and I would not permit anything personal to enter into it. Later I was waited upon by Ivy Condon and Hugh McLain representing Dr. Straw and I repeated and reiterated my statement.

A fair, square deal for every man has ever been the motto and the method of this paper. Its columns have always been open to any man who desired a hearing. Any statement that J. W. Bennett has had to make in reference to the water situation has been given him. Dr. Straw was assured in the presence of friends that The Times was open to him in this campaign for anything he desired to say to the people of this city. In the opening announcement of its reasons for supporting R. A. Cople The Times stated Dr. Straw's opposition to municipal ownership as its chief reason and Dr. Straw has never personally denied it. He has stated his willingness to submit the water question to a vote of the people but did not deny his personally expressed opinion against municipal ownership.

During the four years I have been in Marshfield and including this campaign I have not spent in all two hours' time in the company of Mr. Cople. I have spent many hours with Dr. Straw. I may not possess many of the much vaunted virtues of Dr. Straw as voiced by his friends but that I have some of his weaknesses, I am willing to admit. Socially and personally, Dr. Straw is one of the most congenial and companionable of men. He has likable and lovable qualities. But the issue in this campaign is not to be solved at a pink tea or a congenial gathering of good fellows where the "tea" is red. This is a question that involves a vital issue for the present and future welfare of Marshfield.

When I came to Coos Bay four years ago I expected to remain only a few days but fate and a kindly Providence provided otherwise. Here I expect to make my home for all the days of my earthly existence. I do not wish to say a single word that will leave a personal sting or occasion a later regret. I love Coos Bay and my life and labor are dedicated to its service. I may not have as much money as J. W. Bennett but I think my devotion to the development of Marshfield is just as sincere and at times a trifle more disinterested.

I am writing this to make plain the fact that there is nothing personal in this campaign except what the friends of Dr. Straw are endeavoring to create. I am appealing to the reason of the readers of this paper who know what The Times represents in its advocacy of public policies and principles. It is not a question of Cople, Straw or McCrary. It is a question of J. W. Bennett and others dominating the situation to the detriment of the people and for personal gain. The issue is fairly drawn. Let it be decided upon merits and not upon men. It is a principle not a person that is at stake in this election. That principle is one that is vital to the health and happiness of Marshfield homes. A principle that is vital to its development and prosperity,—an adequate supply of pure water that may be obtained without paying the exorbitant rates demanded by private franchise grabbers. It is a principle that means protection alike for your property and your lives. That is what this campaign is for and those are the lines on which it has been fought by this paper. There is one question and only one question up to the voters and that is the water question. There has been an effort to deny it, to obscure it, to involve it with other issues but it stands out clear and strong as the one issue of the campaign that is to be decided next Tuesday. Every man who knows the condition of the water service and the attempt to hold up this community with a fifty years franchise should know how to vote on that question.

Do not be deceived by eleventh hour statements and promises of politicians. You know

"When the devil was sick the devil a monk would be. But when the devil was well the devil a monk was he."

If you are opposed to private ownership of the waterworks, if you are opposed to a fifty years franchise at double rates, if you are dissatisfied with the present inadequate water system and service, forget individuals and vote your principles. Vote for the man who is pledged to secure a municipal water system or compel the present owners to give a good service or forfeit their franchise.

Dr. Straw has been mayor for six years and nothing was ever done in reference to the water supply until The Times commenced this campaign against the preposterous public outrage of a 50-years franchise at double rates. Straw does not need another term for any additional honor or glory he may get out of it. A vote for R. A. Cople for mayor means a vote for a principle—a vote for the best interests of yourself, your city and your community. Don't be stamped after strange Gods. The issue is too vital to be ignored.

The responsibility is up to the voters of Marshfield. Don't dodge it. Meet it like men and all will be well.

TWO BANDITS FIGHT OFFICERS AND TWO HUNDRED CITIZENS

"MEN BEHIND" TO BE SOUGHT

National Association to Ascertain Who Backed McNamaras In Series of Outrages.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The fight has only just begun. This is only the first chapter. What we want to find out now is who were men behind the McNamaras and this we purpose doing." This statement was made today by Walter Drew, chief counsel for the National Directors Association, which employed William J. Burns and his detectives to investigate the Los Angeles dynamiting case.

WAS ONLY SOLUTION.

Darrow States That Confessions Were Only Chance.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 2.—Fatigued and worn, his face deeply wrinkled and pale, Clarence S. Darrow, the veteran of many legal battles in which labor has been involved, arose today a disheartened man. He read the comments of labor leaders throughout the country on the plea of guilty entered yesterday by both James B. and John J. McNamara. He declared that this is not the time to make any explanations, that the sentence on both prisoners had not yet been fixed, but that the labor leaders would understand in due course that the procedure of yesterday was the only solution of the vexatious problem that has worried him several months.

LABOR NOT HURT

"I cannot talk about it now," Darrow declared, as he stood on the veranda of his bungalow, "but organized labor was not hurt and leaders will not be so bitter when they know the facts." It is believed that Darrow meant that the compromise effected yesterday was more extensive than has hitherto been hinted, namely that the state of California was in possession of information which involved other prominent people and that the agreement to get the McNamaras to plead guilty practically saved a score of indictments and prosecutions. The implied criticism of labor leaders and others hurts Darrow who insists the action taken was for the best.

Business men of the city who instituted the move to end the trial, it is learned today, would have been satisfied with the confession of James B. McNamara, but the state officials would not consent. The committee argued and argued but Fredericks was obdurate. It was a plea of guilty by both brothers at this time or continuation of the trial with all the damning evidence in his possession.

"That was my ultimatum," remarked the district attorney today, "and the committee of business men who were practically the go-betweens, persuaded the defense it was the last straw. 'Just ten days ago,' explained Darrow, 'we talked with the McNamara brothers about pleading, but only in the last few days did the thing come to a climax.' Though many statements purporting to have come from the McNamaras have been current, the brothers had not been interviewed since they left the court room yesterday and would not be until sentence was pronounced Tuesday next."

CASE WAS COSTLY

With regard to disposition of the unused funds for the McNamara defense, little could be learned today. A large part of the \$190,000 in the fund is said to have been spent in preparing the case. A shortage of funds to carry on a vigorous defense was one factor which led to its quick conclusion, according to one of the attorneys.

The effect of the incident on the outcome of Job Harriman's race for the mayoralty on the socialist ticket, is much discussed. Darrow declared it might mean defeat, but socialist leaders are not yet ready to admit the confession of the McNamaras had spoiled chances of Harriman.

The Los Angeles Record, an afternoon paper supporting Harriman, issued extra today with headlines announcing "Politics figured in McNamara case," and that yesterday's episode was "framed to defeat Harriman."

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HOLD UP A SALOON AND THE CITY MARSHAL

One of Outlaw Pair Killed In Remarkable Battle Near Bellingham, Wash.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 2.—With seven bullets in his body, Walter Foote is dead in a hospital at Sedro Woolley while a fellow bandit, Fred James, was captured after three hours fighting with a posse of two hundred men and is now in Skagit county jail uninjured, though one thousand shots were fired and forty dynamite bombs were hurled against the logs behind which the bandits had fortified themselves on the bank of Skagit river half a mile from Sedro Woolley.

Early yesterday morning two masked men entered a Sedro Woolley saloon, lined the proprietor and the habitués against the wall, rifled the safe of \$700, backed through the door and disappeared in the darkness. In the afternoon the men entered the same saloon and asked about the hold up, arousing the proprietor's suspicions by their questions. The saloonist telephoned to Sheriff Stevenson and a deputy accompanied by a posse of men and a revolver and dashed into the street. The bandits, now unmasked, started for the river and were pursued by civilians in an auto.

The men took refuge behind a pile of cedar logs and opened fire at their pursuers. Within a half hour two hundred men were pouring rifle and revolver bullets into the logs while Sheriff Stevenson and a deputy attempted to pick the men off with rifles from the opposite side of the river. Dynamite was resorted to and forty bombs were exploded in and near the bandits' stronghold when James leaped up on a log and asked for mercy. He was unhurt but his partner was riddled with bullets and part of his face was torn away by a bomb. Four members of the posse were slightly injured by bullets from the bandits' revolver. The men are well known in Skagit county towns and are suspected of being the perpetrators of several hold ups recently.

TOM BENNETT CITY ATTORNEY

Rumor That Mayor Straw, If Re-elected, Will Name Him For Place.

With only two more days, or rather only one on account of Sunday intervening, remaining for campaigning in the Marshfield city election, politics today reached its greatest intensity. All who have been taking an active part in the contest were working hard.

A new story that was afloat today caused considerable stir among the supporters of the movement for better water service and to secure a municipal system for Marshfield. The rumor was that Tom Bennett might be appointed city attorney by Mayor Straw, if Mayor Straw is re-elected next Tuesday. John D. Goss' term as city attorney will expire the first of the year and the mayor will name his successor. Mr. Bennett has been one of the leaders in conducting the Straw campaign and as a young attorney who is said to have political aspirations, the appointment of city attorney would be a handsome reward for his services. However, as son of J. W. Bennett, principal owner of the Coos Bay Water company, his efforts in behalf of a legal move to force better water service or to secure municipal ownership might be biased by his private interests and hence the alarm of those favoring the latter over the possibility of his selection.

Mr. Goss, since Congressman R. A. Cople, now a candidate for mayor forced action looking to buying the water supply, has been working the subject carefully.

It is understood that there has been some opposition to Mr. Goss' reappointment on this score as well as on others. Besides Tom Bennett being a possibility, it is understood that Bennett Swanton, a partner in J. W. Bennett and a member of the Bennett's law firm, also has aspirations for the place.