

# ATTEMPT TO WRECK HALL OF RECORDS CHARGE AGAINST 2

## Iron Workers Nabbed for Trying to Dynamite Public Building in Los Angeles—Cases Before Grand Jury.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, May 23.—The grand jury under special call, met this morning to consider evidence against Bert H. Conners, structural iron worker and John Mansell Parks, a member of the local iron workers' union, who were arrested late yesterday on a charge of having attempted to dynamite the hall of records building here on the morning of September 5, last. Blank subpoenas have been issued and it is understood that Conners will be one of the witnesses. Conners is alleged to have made a confession implicating several men in the plot.

The arrest of the two unionists created a sensation here, today, as both are well known.

**Two Were Departing.** According to statements by District Attorney Fredericks, the two men were taken into custody on the eve of their departure for Seattle on a coastwise boat. Conners was seized by Detective L. Browne as he emerged from the steamship office. An hour later Parks was arrested in his room, elbow deep in his trunk which he was packing in preparation for a trip.

Under separate guards, the two men were taken to the district attorney's office and for five hours were subjected to a merciless cross questioning. Then they were told of each other's arrest and the minutes were permitted to see each other, representatives of the district attorney's office being present.

**Confession Is Alleged.** About midnight the two men were taken to the county jail. Conners was lodged in a cell within a few feet of that occupied by Orlin E. Manigal. According to Detective Browne, Conners has made a complete confession, giving the details of the plan by which it was hoped to destroy the hall of records. This confession, Browne says, names several men and one woman. He said the men were residents of Los Angeles and San Francisco, and that indictments against them probably would be returned by the grand jury today.

Conners was arrested shortly after the alleged attempt to dynamite the building was discovered and was held in jail for several days. He had been loitering about the building about the time the explosive was supposed to have been planted, but otherwise the authorities had no cause to suspect him.

**Movements Are Watched.** Browne said that since then he has unearthed evidence which positively connects Conners with the alleged plot. He said that recently Conners was furnished with money to go away with by well known men in Los Angeles. He said that his men had shadowed Conners' every movement for the past month. According to the police, Conners and Parks had arranged to sail together on the steamer Norwood. Conners, they said, bought a ticket under the name of B. H. Smith, while Parks went as John Smith.

Both Conners and Parks were taken before the grand jury when that body convened at 10 o'clock today.

**Connection Denied.** That Bert H. Conners and John Mansell Parks are prominent members of the local iron workers' union was officially denied by labor leaders following a meeting of the Los Angeles strike committee today.

J. E. Timmons, state organizer for the structural iron workers, in a formal statement, said that Parks belonged to the union, having been transferred from an eastern local recently. So far as he knew, Conners had never been a member of the Los Angeles local.

The statement was prompted by published statements attributed to members of the district attorney's office that Parks was formerly secretary treasurer of the local union, and that Conners was its business agent.

### RULING GIVES MORGAN CONTROL OF EQUITABLE

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, May 23.—According to the decision of State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss, the policyholders of the Equitable Life Assurance society have no authority to vote for directors of that organization. This ruling places the control of the Equitable in the hands of J. P. Morgan. The elections heretofore held, wherein the policy holders were permitted to vote, are declared to have been illegal by Hotchkiss.

### On Trial for Murder.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Newark, N. J., May 23.—Considerable public interest is displayed in the case of Mrs. Carmela Pignatella, who was brought from her cell, where she has been confined for more than a year, and arraigned in court today to stand trial for the alleged murder of Antonio Antonino. The killing occurred at the woman's home in Mantoloking on April 24 of last year. She is said to have conspired with her husband to slay Antonino in defending herself against his importunities to elope.

Antonino was stabbed to death with a carving knife. Mrs. Pignatella explained to the detectives that in Italy several years ago the dead man paid her a visit. Both, however, had wedded since coming to America and the woman declared that her answer to the man's proposal to elope, made several weeks before the killing, was that she would not leave her husband and five children. The lover continued his suit and on the day of tragedy called at the Pignatella home during the absence of the husband. To protect her honor the woman declared she was compelled to slay Antonino.

### SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY; THEN GETS A DIVORCE

Mrs. Esther Rosenfeld appeared at the court house yesterday afternoon to inquire how Max Rosenfeld secured a divorce from her May 12. She was very much excited upon learning he had taken a decree, as instructed, however, had given her attorney, she said, to oppose the divorce.

### UNCLE SAM'S FIGHTING RATE UP 1200 PER CENT

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, May 23.—War scare opponents are in hiding today, as the result of Navy Secretary Meyer's declaration that the United States is 1200 per cent better now when it comes to fighting than she was in 1898. Scientific management and efficient training for seamen and officers has increased efficiency until now, according to Meyer, a nation such as Spain was then would not be able to offer noticeable resistance.

### Promote Good Roads Cause.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Birmingham, Ala., May 23.—What is declared to be the largest and most representative gathering ever assembled to promote the good roads cause in America met in this city today and began a three days' session. The occasion is the fourth annual meeting of the National Good Roads congress, which has branch organizations in nearly every state and territory. Governors of several states have headed their delegations to the present convention, while many congressmen, senators, mayors of cities, directors of public works and others interested in the crusade for good roads are in attendance.

### Mississippi Merchants.

Natchez, Miss., May 23.—The Mississippi Retail Merchants' association began its annual convention in this city today with a large attendance of members from all over the state. The sessions will last three days, during which time many questions of importance to the retail trade will be considered.

# DALLAS MAY LOSE COLLEGE, ACADEMY

## Citizens, 183 to 122, Reject \$20,000 Bond Issue to Buy Old Site.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Dallas, Or., May 23.—In the election yesterday in school district No. 2 on the voting of \$20,000 bonds for the purchase of the present holdings of La Creole academy, and Dallas college, the vote was against the bonds; 308 votes were cast, 183 against and 122 for.

### A HEALTHY, HAPPY OLD AGE

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obtain the desired cooperation of the people of Dallas. The bonds were voted down partly because of increased taxes, but mainly because the people did not understand just what the \$20,000 was to be for. The vote was not a full one. Had the bond issue passed the college would have taken up the option on a large new site close to town.

### Hermann in San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 23.—August Hermann, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, and chairman of the National commission of baseball in San Francisco. He is touring the country on business in connection with the Elks.

**LAST PROTEST**  
(Continued From Page One.) tion's policy has been fixed for all time by the Monday decision, do not expect that there will be any amendment of that law along the lines suggested. There is, however, admission by all that another problem has been thrust to the fore by that decision—how shall combinations that approximate monopoly be regulated? Those who are responsible for making the laws recognize that, with competition more or less eliminated, something must be substituted as a preventive of selfish trust managers oppressing the people when

permitted to do so without the regulatory element of competition to keep down prices and compel good service. **President Taft on Record.** Besides his declaration in his message to congress last year that the statute does not give to the court the power to modify the meaning of "restraint of trade," which was quoted in these dispatches yesterday, President Taft is on record as deciding, when he was judge of the federal circuit court, against modifying the construction of the word "unreasonable" in the statute. This decision is quoted in a report to the senate by the senate committee on the judiciary, which recommended that a bill not pass that sought to

amend the Sherman law exactly as it is claimed it was amended by the court by which it is being referred to as "judicial legislation." Senator Nelson, a conservative, wrote the committee report, which quoted this excerpt from Judge Taft's opinion: "Upon this review of the law and the authorities, we can have no doubt that ever reasonable of the defendants, however great the competition they had to encounter, and however great the necessity of curbing themselves by joint agreement from committing financial suicide by ill-advised competition, was void at common law and tending to monopoly."

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See Page Five for Extra Suit Sale Ad.

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Ladies' Tailored \$30 Suits for \$14.95

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mixtures, finished with braid or elaborately trimmed with lace; new bordered and fancy foulards, fancy taffeta satin and plain messaline dresses in ever so many styles, many trimmed with beads, lace and piping, all fashion's latest novelties. Peasant sleeves, three-quarter and full-length sleeves, low and high necks. Skirts plaited panels, cluster plaits, narrow effects. All colors. Sizes—misses 16 to women's 42.

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