

FRANKLIN MAY BE SEVEN WILLS NOW CHIEF WITNESS AGAINST DARROW

Detective Believed to Have Made Detailed Confession Covering Activities in Connection With Defense.



Bert Franklin, detective accused of bribery in McNamara case.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Jan. 31.—"I absolutely and unqualifiedly deny that I ever was in an automobile with Assistant District Attorney W. J. Ford, or that I was ever employed in any way by the district attorney's office. All published reports of such matters are absolutely untrue."

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Jan. 31.—That Bert H. Franklin, on January 14, made a detailed confession to Assistant District Attorney W. J. Ford, implicating Clarence Darrow and others, and that he will be the state's chief witness when Darrow is brought to trial under two indictments in connection with the alleged bribery of McNamara jurors, is a well defined rumor here today.

Franklin refused to admit openly that he and Ford had reached an understanding. In the course of a conversation regarding the alleged confession, however, he made the following apparently significant remarks:

"I will never go to the penitentiary. Anything that Mr. Ford says you must see with safety."

"If I go on the witness stand I shall tell the whole truth; I won't perjure myself for anyone."

Will Not Discuss Case. Ford refused either to affirm or deny the report, saying that he could not bring his case in the newspapers, and for that reason could not discuss the alleged confession.

According to the report, Franklin confessed to Ford while riding in an automobile with a third man. This man, whose name is withheld, is said to be a Chicagoan, and likely to figure prominently in the Darrow trial.

Immunity Believed Promised. The report further says that Franklin will gain immunity for appearing as a witness against the indictments. It will be recalled, so that he may be released on his own recognizance within the next 48 hours. He probably will go to Chicago for the state.

Chief of Detectives Samuel Browne of the district attorney's office today frankly denied that Franklin has confessed. Browne refused to comment on the report that Franklin would appear as a witness against the McNamara counsel, but was firm in his stand regarding the reported confession.

Tag Ends to Be Taken Up. The county grand jury that indicted Darrow will resume its work Friday. Routine matters will be taken up, the outgrowth of the McNamara trial being held up pending the gathering of loose ends by the officials.

From an authoritative source it was stated today that no further charges of labor leaders on murder charges growing out of the Times disaster need be expected.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—The scope of the government's probe into the alleged countrywide dynamite plots was materially widened today when it was announced that subpoenas would be served on all persons thought to have had knowledge of the guilt of John J. and James B. McNamara. This means that the inquiry will continue for at least two weeks longer, and also probably will delay the return of indictments.

The fund raised by organized labor for the defense of the McNamaras occupied the attention of the grand jury today. Summoned to appear tomorrow before the grand jury are Secretary Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, and Henry Fletcher, a bank cashier. Fletcher was subpoenaed to bring with him all cancelled checks in the possession of the bank, referring in any way to the McNamara defense fund.

Washington, Jan. 31.—In response to a subpoena ordering him to appear before the grand jury in Indianapolis investigating alleged dynamite plots, Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, left here today. He checked two trunks and an arm load of papers containing books of the organization which are being searched and ordered him to bring before them.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

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Case Makes Slow Headway in Spite of Night Sessions; 10 of 70 Witnesses Have Identified Many Documents.

(Special to The Journal.) Pendleton, Jan. 31.—The defense in the Mabel Warner trial scored a point today when Dave Lavender, manager of the Young estate before the death of Young, declared a letter introduced by the state as one written by Young to his niece, Nora Watts, was not in Young's handwriting and the signature was not Young's. However, this was the only admission made in favor of the defendant, while the witness branded the fourth will as a forgery.

The first sensation was sprung late yesterday afternoon when District Attorney Van Vactor suddenly demanded that the defense produce three other wills subsequent to the fourth. Attorney Johnson for the defense replied by asking that the state produce one of these, to which the names of J. B. Perry and C. C. Hendricks are affixed as witnesses. The second of these, to which it is said the names of Louis Hignitzer and Peter West are signed, Johnson refused to produce, but the third he placed on record. This is dated November 22, 1909, four years after the death of Young, and makes Mrs. Warner, her brother, Fred Young and her brother's wife heirs. The names of Dr. F. Watts and B. H. Hall are signed as witnesses.

This makes seven wills that have appeared since the death of Young. The trial is making slow headway, despite the fact that night sessions are being held. Only 10 of the 70 witnesses have so far been called, and much time is taken up by each in identification of documents.

RESIGNATION MAY BE ASKED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Rushlight said today that he would probably ask for the resignation of Superintendent Andy Vaughn of the Lincoln park quarry. He said that he might ask for the resignation of other employees of the city at the quarry also. His decision was taken after reading the report of the county grand jury in which charges were made that lax discipline has been maintained at the rockpile.

HAD RICH WIDOW 'COMING' HER WAY

Dermatologist Swears to Sensational Statement Made by Mrs. Tingley.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Diego, Cal., Jan. 31.—After several hours of grilling at the hands of State Senator L. A. Wright, chief attorney for Mrs. Katherine Tingley, defendant in the Thurston will suit, Mrs. Marietta Dixon, the dermatologist who testified that Mrs. Tingley declared "she had the old woman (Mrs. Thurston) coming her way," stepped down from the stand, the story of her adventures at Point Loma unshaken.

The cross-examination of Mrs. Dixon was not a long proceeding. It was evident that the attorneys for the theosophical leader were taken by surprise, and that they had no desire to open up any more of the happenings at the homestead when Mrs. Dixon was treating Mrs. Tingley for acid stains, as the witness declared.

"Why did not you tell me about these conversations when I called on you months ago?" demanded Senator Wright.

"You didn't ask me," the witness replied.

"Do you have any ill feeling toward Mrs. Tingley?"

"No, I am just here to tell the truth."

It was when Mrs. Dixon testified that Mrs. Tingley summoned one of her assistants and announced that Mrs. Thurston "was coming her way" but that their cards would have to be handled smoothly," that Mrs. Tingley sprang from her chair in rage and declared that the witness be prevented from testifying further.

JUSTICE OLSON FILES HIS DECLARATION

Following the announcement by Judge Fred Olson, justice of the peace, that he was a candidate in the coming primaries for the Republican nomination for circuit judge, Justice Olson has filed the following petition with the secretary of state:

"To Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, state of Oregon, and to the members of the Republican party and electors of district comprising the county of Multnomah in the state of Oregon:

"I, Fred L. Olson, reside at Portland, Oregon, and my postoffice address is Justice Olson, Multnomah, Oregon, and I am a duly registered member of the Republican party.

I am nominated for the office of circuit judge by the Republican party of the Fourth Judicial district of Oregon, at the primary nomination election to be held in the county of Multnomah, Oregon, on the 19th day of April, 1912, and I accept the nomination and will not withdraw, and I elected I will qualify as such officer.

If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, positively continue my progressive and conservative policy as justice of the peace to make the circuit court a temple of justice and not a house of cowboys and technicalities. Every individual who comes into my court shall receive a square deal measured by right. My judgment or decisions shall not be influenced by my personal interests or political ambitions. No man who shall contribute to the delinquency of the children shall receive from me parole or mercy. In the judgment of right, an equality and the influential are on an equal plane with the poor.

Words to be printed after name on ballot: Progressive Judiciary, recall all dishonest officials, common justice and most honest work."

FARRELL FAVORS UNION DEPOT PLAN; GRAN IN INTERVIEW

Engineering Scheme of Building Depot Accessible to Harriman and Hill Lines Is Deemed Practicable.

"We have always been in favor of a union depot," said President J. D. Farrell, Vice President of the Greater Portland Association, yesterday.

The committee met with President Farrell, Vice President and General Manager O'Brien and Chief Engineer Boschke to discuss the locating of a union depot at the head of the park blocks in conformity with the Greater Portland plan.

Mr. Farrell added that for some time the matter of a joint arrangement between the Hill and Harriman lines in the construction of a union depot that would serve the traffic needs of the growing city had been under consideration, and that his company was desirous of removing any obstacles in the way of bringing about such a plan.

Monday the committee met with President R. Gray of the Hill line in Oregon, presenting the union depot plan.

Plan Is Feasible. "With the union depot at the head of the park blocks Portland would have the most beautiful and imposing gateway among all the cities of the United States," declared E. H. Ransom, chairman of the committee.

It developed during the two conferences that the absence of engineering difficulties would prevent the construction of a union depot. Both railroads come into the city along the river. All the ground under consideration is railroad property. No plan for separate depots, or for a union depot, was definitely made by either of the railroads. Those participating in the conference were Chairman Ransom, Postmaster Charles H. Merrick, president of the Greater Portland Plans Association; C. T. Prall, D. O. Lavelle, F. W. Holman, J. C. Ainsworth, Francis S. Alkus and the secretary of the association.

Definite plans for the military organization that will sweep the city on Greater Portland Friday, February 2, and enlist for the association 10,000 new members will be made at a special meeting of the membership committee which has been called for Friday noon by the chairman, V. J. Gray.

Women to Attend. Mr. Jones announces in a letter sent to committee members that Mrs. Sarah A. Evans and Mrs. L. T. Hadden will be present to represent the women's organizations. Mrs. Evans said this morning that she would request the entire membership of the Women's club to be in attendance, ready to cooperate in the plan of campaign. The announcement also reads:

"This will be the most important meeting this committee has yet held, and we want to select captains for the 30 or more districts of the city that are to be covered in the greater membership campaign of February 29, so that these captains can turn busy and organize their districts. The committee can publish the policy and details of our plans, together with the names of those who will have the work in charge in the various districts. The chairman cannot do this until everything is settled for Friday noon and be with us."

CITY MAY ADVERTISE FOR LIGHTING BIDS

Between the city and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for lighting does not prevent the letting contracts to other companies for new business is the substance of an opinion filed by City Attorney Frank S. Grant today.

The contract referred to was signed by both parties concerned July 1, 1909, and will continue in effect until December 31, 1912. It provides that the company must furnish current for 1620 arc lights at the rates stipulated in the contract.

While the opinion of the city attorney seemingly clears the way for competition for additional street lights to be installed hereafter, it is nevertheless held that the Portland Railway Light & Power contract has no possible rivals for the reason that its wires and poles are already installed and if bids should be invited it would be able to submit a lower price than any competitor covering arc lights within a 1200 foot radius of existing lights.

"Under the provisions of ordinance No. 24,190 the executive board is advised," concludes the city attorney's opinion, "that it has the right to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for lighting the city, either by gas or electricity, notwithstanding the contract now in existence between the city and the Portland Railway Light & Power company. In no event does the company have no exclusive right under the said contract to light the city of Portland. It is only required to furnish a specific number of lights, to wit, 1620."

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EXPLAINS ATTACK ON CAMERON TO JURY

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His remarks Sunday evening about District Attorney Cameron. For more than an hour did the jurymen listen to the minister, who told them some things about the district attorney that he later said could not be given the press.

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Following the refusal of Presiding Judge Gatens to dismiss the 11 indictments against W. C. Morris, who pleaded guilty and to the indictments charging Morris and Louis J. Wilde with wrecking the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, and turned state's evidence against Wilde, the district attorney today planning to resubmit the motion to the state judge Gatens whose term as presiding officer expires today.

Judge J. P. Kavanaugh will succeed Judge Gatens after the conclusion of the trial of Wilde, which is still in progress. In the meantime Judge Morrow will act as the presiding officer.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald expressed confidence that the charges would be dismissed. He declared that the state had been given no opportunity to present its reasons for asking for the dismissal, and will make a statement to the court on that line.