

SCHMIDT, CONVICTED, WILL FIGHT THROUGH ALL COURTS OF LAND

Verdict Means Life Imprisonment as Jury Recommends Leniency to Court.

CAPLAN TRIAL IS NEXT

"There Will Be a Ten Years' War in Los Angeles," Was the Threat by Trevino, on Hearing Verdict.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Found guilty of first degree murder, M. A. Schmidt, alleged accomplice of J. B. McNamara in the dynamiting of the Daily Times building, faced life imprisonment today.

He cannot be hanged, as the jury entered a plea for clemency in its verdict fixing the penalty at life.

Judge Frank R. Willis announced that the verdict against Schmidt on Monday, but at that time the case will be continued until January 12 at the request of the defense, which will ask time to prepare arguments for a new trial.

New Trial to Be Sought.
Defense Attorneys McKenna and Coghlan left last night for San Francisco. They will return here January 12 to fight for the new trial, and if it is denied, they declare they will appeal to the highest courts of the United States.

The verdict against Schmidt was found on the first ballot, all jurors voting "guilty of murder in the first degree." Then came the work of fixing the penalty. This took two ballots before all agreed on life. In less than an hour after the verdict was liberating, the jury came back with its words of doom for Schmidt.

Trevino Threatens War.
He received the shock with calm, but his attorneys manifested emotion. Olaf Trevino, San Francisco labor leader, his face flushed, sprang forward, as court adjourned, and Schmidt was taken back to jail, while Katherine Schmidt, his sister, wept. Trevino cried and went to Los Angeles to face the Golden Rule, is off. There will be a 10 years' war in Los Angeles! They shall pay for this!

In jail today Schmidt refused a formal statement. All he would say was, "It is all in a lifetime." He visited with his sister and one of his attorneys, John Harriman.

Caplan to Come Next.
All eyes are turned on David Caplan, Schmidt's co-defendant. He is to be tried next. Today he ridiculed a report that he has made known his willingness to confess. He said he had nothing to confess, and that the battle was just beginning.

The jury retired at 4:22 o'clock yesterday afternoon and returned a verdict at 6 o'clock.

Schmidt Arrested February 13, 1915.
Schmidt was arrested in New York February 13, 1915, after long pursuit by Burns detectives and the police. He was charged with being an accomplice of J. B. McNamara in the Times disaster.

The prosecution charged that Schmidt, McNamara and Caplan purchased 500 pounds of dynamite from a warehouse from the Great Powder company's works at about in September, 1910, and transferred it by the launch Pastime or Peetle, as it was sometimes known, to a vacant house in San Francisco.

Dynamite Found in Homes.
It was alleged that part of the explosive was brought to Los Angeles by McNamara who placed it in the Times plant and exploded it by means of an internal achine.

Dynamite also was found at the homes of F. J. Zeelandelaar, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association, and of Harrison G. Otis, editor of the Times.

The prosecution did not attempt to prove Schmidt was in Los Angeles at the time of the explosion, but proceeded against him on the theory that he was a member of the conspiracy of which the crime was the outgrowth.

Conspiracy Originated in 1900.
It was alleged that the conspiracy originated in the middle west and east in 1900 following the declaration of war between the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers and the National Erectors' association.

The International Ironworkers' Union was alleged to have contributed \$1000 in the summer of 1910 to aid the Los Angeles strikers, and part of this it is charged was used to purchase the dynamite with which the building was destroyed.

A world wide search for the criminals was begun immediately after the disaster, but it was not until April 12, 1911, that James B. McNamara and Orrie McManigal were arrested in connection with the crime in Detroit.

McNamara Arrested.
J. J. McNamara, brother of J. B. and secretary-treasurer of the organization of iron workers, was arrested on the same charge 10 days later in Indianapolis.

The trio were brought to Los Angeles. McManigal had confessed in Chicago, where he was taken a day or two after his arrest. J. B. McNamara pleaded guilty after he and his brother had been placed on trial, December 1, 1911.

On the same day J. J. McNamara pleaded guilty to complicity in another crime, the dynamiting of the Llewellyn Iron Works. J. B. McNamara was sentenced to life imprisonment and J. J. to 15 years, both being committed to San Quentin.

CONVICTED TIMES DYNAMITER AND NEXT PRISONER TO BE TRIED



Milton A. Schmidt (right), who was found guilty of murder in the first degree yesterday at Los Angeles, and David Caplan (left), who will come up next for trial on a similar charge.

JUST ENOUGH SEATTLE 'SPIRITS' LEFT FOR A 'VERY LARGE' EVENING

City Prepared for Biggest New Year's Eve Celebration in Its History.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Seattle, the largest city in the United States to go dry, is ready to climb the wagon—or will be sometime after midnight.

With stocks in saloons and cafes almost run bare, but with still enough left to permit a "large" night of it, it is expected that the biggest New Year's "wet" celebration in the city's history will occur tonight. Many of the saloons, however, will close at 6 o'clock, in order to remove the fixtures before midnight and to avoid paying another month's rent. All of the cafes will permit the celebrators to remain throughout the night, if they should so desire.

Brewers Will Move.
The breweries and most of the wholesale houses here have already made arrangements for locations in California. One of the largest wholesale firms in Seattle will be located at Stockton, where it expects to do an extensive mail order business. Many of the saloonmen, however, are going to remain in Seattle, and will convert their places into billiard rooms, soft drink establishments and other lines of business.

Seattle's population, according to the 1915 estimate of the United States census bureau is 221,921.

Police Court on Street.
Patrolmen will be hot after copy-righters who throw confetti, and talcum powder, or wield feather dusters. "Police court will be held on the street," said Chief Lang. "All of the rough ones will get their punishment right off the bat instead of littering up the city jail."

The chief has given orders that all saloons and cafes be locked promptly at 12 o'clock. Those on the inside, it is said, may remain as long as they please in order to consume liquor they have on the tables before midnight.

SUITCASE BRIGADE CORNERS WHISKEY IN TACOMA TOWN

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Just about the scariest article in the drink line for public consumption in Tacoma today is whiskey. There is hardly a saloon in town where this stimulant can be purchased over the bar and none whatever is to be had in bulk or bottles. Beer supplies also are running short. The prospects are that the arrival of the new year and statewide prohibition will have to be celebrated tonight with expensive wines or cordials, as these brands of liquors are all that remain on the shelves of liquor stores here.

Retail liquor establishments were practically sold out last night. A suit case brigade marched in and out of the various liquor stores all day. Along with the suit cases were quite a few women's handbags and carry-alls.

Grain alcohol is not to be had at any price today. Bottled in bond whiskey is all gone. Brandy and various medicinal liquors are exhausted. There are plenty of the high priced wines—champagnes, sparkling Burgundies and the like—but from Seattle came many calls for just such stock and there is every indication that these goods, too, will be exhausted before night.

Midnight Ends It.
Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 31.—There will be no drinking of liquor in hotels or cafes after midnight tonight, so says Sheriff Lee Barnes. And if any purchase liquor before the midnight hour is chided, with the expectation of drinking it afterward, they will have to show the court the law, for the sheriff has his mind firmly fixed on the occasion, and most saloonkeepers

say their stock is just about exhausted now.

Bruggins announces that they will follow the law to the letter.

Lockers Don't Go.
Olympia, Wash., Dec. 31.—(P. N. S.)—The "locker" system by which members of a club would keep the maximum amount of liquor allowed under the prohibition law, in lockers ready for their call, is illegal, under the new dry statute. The attorney general's office has ruled in an opinion rendered to Prosecutor Alfred Lundin of King county.

The maintenance of a clubhouse using liquor is prohibited under section 10 of the dry act, which is an almost exact copy of a similar section in the Kansas prohibition act, the opinion holds. In Kansas it was held that this provision indicated an intent in the law to prohibit drinking under any conditions in quasi-private places such as clubs.

Tonight Is Night for Midnight Matinee

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POSTMASTERSHIP OF NECANICUM DOES NOT ATTRACT CANDIDATES

Office May Be Closed; Applicants Clamor for Appointments Other Places.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—While applicants are clamoring for postoffice appointments in various cities of Oregon, department inspectors report they are unable to find anyone willing to serve at Necanicum, in that state. So discontinuance of the office has been recommended, and Senator Chamberlain has been advised the office will be abolished in two weeks unless he has objection to offer. It is proposed to serve patrons at Necanicum by star route.

Senator Lane has been informed that investigation is being made of a petition to maintain an all year postoffice at Ocean Lake Park, under the name of Oceanlake. A summer office was opened at Twin Rocks, and people there have since requested continuation of facilities, but with change of location to Ocean Lake Park.

Lane to Be Notified.
Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Lane has been assured that no definite action will be taken toward removal of the Seconech district light-house office from Portland, Ore., to Seattle, until he has been given notice. Commissioner G. R. Putnam of the bureau of light-houses says consideration is being given to petitions of maritime bodies of Seattle requesting the change, and also to protest received from the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

"Dunning" Cards Trouble.
Washington, Dec. 31.—"Dunning" postoffice cards cause the postoffice officials much trouble, according to W. H. Lamar, solicitor for that department, in commenting upon unmailable matter that falls into the letter drops.

Large numbers of business men and collection agencies as well seem to be unaware, he says, that the law forbids a "dun" of this sort. The rule laid down is that "the law renders unmailable cards by which it appears that the addressee is being dunned for an account that is past due."

Local Manager Host At Unique Dinner.
Frank B. Brisley, representing Acme White Lead & Color Works, Entertaining Salesmen in This District.

Complimenting his salesmen out of Portland, Frank B. Brisley, local manager for the Acme White Lead & Color Works of Detroit, gave a unique dinner last night.

Counting Mr. Brisley, there were eight in the party. Two of the salesmen are leaving January 1, to accept promotions in other parts of the country, and five will advance in the local field.

Mr. Brisley called the evening a "getting out party for my Acme quality boys," exhorting them to "get out and get 'em—1915."

The menu was entirely in terms of Acme quality staples, beginning with A. Q. Flax Juice, supreme, and closing with "Ten, alcohol, A. Q."

The piece de resistance was "A. Q. New Era O. W." tinted with umbrellas and sennas, thinned with reducing oils and put on with No. 710 straws.

In the party were E. D. Peck, J. W. Duncan, J. J. Wilson, A. J. Campbell, J. Christie, W. L. McNearney, H. W. Casson and Mr. Brisley.

First Oil Land Case Set Down for Trial

Government Has Six Suits Against the Southern Pacific Involving Coalings Oil Lands.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—(P. N. S.)—The Coalings oil land "fraud" case, the first of six suits by the government against the Southern Pacific, will be tried in San Francisco, beginning January 17. A motion to dismiss the complaint is under advisement by Judge Beesoo until next Monday.

E. J. Justice, special assistant to the attorney general, declared in court that the purchasers of the Kern county lands involved were trying to "pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the railroad."

Year Ago in War

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