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# M'NAMARAS ARE GUILTY

## "I PLACED DYNAMITE FOR TIMES"

So Declares James B. McNamara—Pleas of Guilty Are Entered by Each—Confession Came at Tense and Dramatic Moment.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 1.—John J. McNamara and J. B. McNamara this afternoon withdrew their pleas of not guilty and entered pleas of guilty.

They will be sentenced at 10 o'clock December 5.

John J. is guilty of conspiracy in connection with dynamiting the Dewey iron works.

In his confession James B. McNamara said: "I put the dynamite under the Times, and it must have hit a gas main, because the terrible explosion which followed scared me more than it did any one else. I was the most surprised man that ever lived, as I had not expected any great damage would be done."

At 2:05 Darrow and Davis were in earnest consultation in an ante room of the court. J. B. McNamara was conversing with Joseph Scott, one of his attorneys. District Attorney Fredericks with his entire staff of chief deputies were seated smiling broadly at the state's table.

Every seat in the room was occupied and there was an air of suppressed excitement that eclipsed anything previously seen in the court room.

John J. McNamara appeared in the court room at 2:11. No reason for his appearance was known.

Then Fredericks read the indictment and asked James B. McNamara if he withdrew his plea of not guilty.

"I do," was the answer.

Then J. B. McNamara was asked whether he wanted to plead guilty to murder as charged in the indictment.

"I do, your honor," he said.

McNamara then sank back into his chair, while the entire court room became as silent as a tomb.

"I will sentence James B. McNamara on his plea of guilty to murder at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, December 5," said Judge Bordwell.

Then District Attorney Fredericks arose with a big bunch of papers in his hand.

"John J. McNamara, stand up," he said. "You have previously pleaded not guilty to a charge of placing dynamite under the Llewellyn iron works. Do you want to withdraw that plea?"

"I do, sir," said the noted labor leader.

"Now, do you want to plead guilty to that indictment?"

"I do, sir."

McNamara sank back in his seat, and Judge Bordwell announced that he would sentence him at the same time as his brother.

After a day of wild rumors and following the most sensational scene ever witnessed in a courtroom in America, the former Cincinnati printer this afternoon withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty.

He will be sentenced next Tuesday morning, and he may either be ordered hanged or sent to prison for life, according to which penalty Judge Bordwell desires to impose.

At the same moment his brother John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, withdrew his plea of not guilty to the indictment charging him with having placed under the Llewellyn iron works on December 25, 1910, and entered a plea of guilty.

He will be sentenced at the same time as his brother, and the penalty may be one year or life, as the court decides.

Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defense, said: "I have saved a human life out of the wreckage, I hope. I do not believe that the judge will sentence



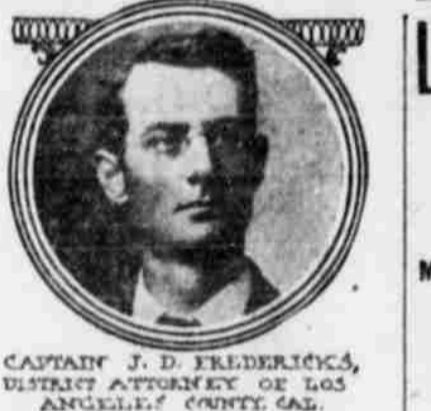
JOHN J. McNAMARA.



JUDGE BORDWELL.



JAMES B. McNAMARA.



CAPTAIN J. D. FREDERICKS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CAL.

him to death. His life is the best that I can expect.

"For six months I have carried a terrific burden. We have sought every possible loophole and have tried our best to grope our way out of the maze but about two weeks ago I discovered from the county authorities the evidence which they had. In addition to their evidence I had further facts which if they had been discovered would have only added to the hopelessness of Jim's plight."

"Jim is going to tell the press all of the facts at a later date, although I do not like to ask him to do so now. The county had a dead open-and-shut case against us. I am very tired and worn and cannot talk at this time, as I have been under a terrific strain for the past few weeks. In fact, I will never be able to describe the ordeal through which I have passed. I was a terrific decision."

Deputy District Attorney Horton said:

"The chief consideration that appeals to me is the economic one. By getting pleas of guilty the county is saved great expense without the complication of a controversy as to whether the big fund has been wisely expended. Whether we had convicted the two men or not, there would have been several hundred people in this county who would have said the men were innocent. If we had convicted them, people would have claimed that they were railroaded. Labor leaders all over the country would have called the trial the 'crime of the century.' Here was an opportunity to silence everybody and also to save a large sum for the county."

"Although the court could sentence McNamara to be hanged, it seems to me that the least we can do for a man who has saved us a lot of money is to spare his life. While it is an unusual thing for a man to plead guilty to a crime punishable by death, in this case that fact will be considered and will save J. B. McNamara."

Asked about McManigal, Horton said:

"He would have to take his medicine with the rest. He won't go free. Probably he will plead guilty to the indictment charging him with exploding dynamite at the Baker Iron Works and will be sentenced for that."

Joseph Scott of counsel for the defense said:

"When we first bronched to little Jim the plan for having John plead guilty he said:

"I won't stand for it. I won't let you fasten anything on to my big brother. I am the boy who did everything."

"I told him that if he took that stand in regard to John, there was every chance that he would go to the gallows. But I also told him that if John pooled his interests with Jim they might be let off easily. In order to make it strong with him I said, 'You would cut a pretty figure on the gallows.'

"He said: 'If I have to go to the gallows I won't be ashamed of the figure that I cut because I will be going to the gallows for a principle and not for a murder.'

"It was not until John himself insisted on pleading guilty that Jim finally consented to entering his plea that he entered today."

### Alumni Defeated.

The High school football team defeated the alumni on the local gridiron Thursday afternoon by a score of 8-5. The alumni boys were long on theory but short on wind and speed, and this helped the High school team in trimming them.

A fair-sized crowd of fans saw the game and hugely enjoyed themselves. Repartee was rife, and no little enjoyment came from the jibes hurled at the "has-beens."

## TAFT TAKES UP TARIFF ON WOOL

Following Reports of a Split in the Tariff Board, President Taft Summons Members of the Board to Talk Matter Over.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Following reports of a split in the tariff board over the wool reports, President Taft today summoned Henry Emery and Alvin Sanders, members of the board, to talk over the situation with him, postponing a proposed meeting of the cabinet for the conference.

It is believed that the president will ask the two members for such information on the subject as they may have on hand, and with this for a basis, will start a special wool message to congress without awaiting the formal report of the tariff board.

It is considered significant that John B. Reynolds, one of the most active members of the tariff board, is absent. It is believed that Reynolds favors a protective tariff, while Emery and Sanders urge tariff for revenue only, along the lines of the democratic bills which President Taft vetoed.

The president is expected to propose a big reduction in the wool tariff, in an endeavor to strike a balance between the protectionists and the democrats. The cabinet will discuss the matter this afternoon.

President Taft expects to submit the report of the tariff board, which will be completed within a week, with his message.

The determination of the democratic leaders in the house to ignore the report was made apparent today when Congressman Underwood announced his intention of calling the ways and means committee together immediately after congress meets.

"We will give the president a reasonable time in which to submit the report of the tariff board," said Underwood, "and if it is not then forthcoming we shall proceed with an independent report."

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## LEONARD CHILDS' FUNERAL TODAY

Many Floral Offerings Are Sent by Sorrowing Friends—Services Are Conducted by Rev. Lucas—Playmates Are Pallbearers.

The funeral services of Leonard Childs, the 14-year-old son of Mrs. M. M. Childs, who was killed in an elevator accident Tuesday night at the Medford hotel, are being held this afternoon from the residence of L. G. Porter, 619 East Main street.

The services are being conducted by Rev. Lucas of the Episcopal church. Many sorrowing friends have sent in floral offerings in token of the sympathy felt for the bereaved family in this, their hour of greatest grief. The pallbearers are Carter Branden, Herbert and Robert Strang, Diamond Flynn, Frederick Shirley and Leonard Noe, all of them chums and schoolmates of the deceased.

The widowed mother of the boy has been prostrated with grief since the accident, and has been under the constant care of friends and relatives at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. G. Porter. Her condition was somewhat improved this morning.

An inquest was held in Weeks & McGowan's chapel, on Sixth street, Wednesday afternoon, presided over by Coroner Kellogg and Prosecuting Attorney Mulke. The evidence of several witnesses was taken and the verdict of the jury which had been duly empaneled here follows:

"We, the coroner's jury, investigating the death of Leonard Childs, find that he came to his death on an elevator in the Hotel Medford, Tuesday, November 28, at 6 o'clock, in an accidental manner and from causes which he was alone responsible."

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## UNITED STATES IS PLANNING TO DELAY ACTION

This Nation Only to Send Troops When Advised That Such Action Is Imperative—Transport Held at Manila Ready for Sea.

## REBELS CAPTURE AND BLOW UP MAGAZINE

Revolutionists Are Again Closing in on Nanking—Assassination Rife.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Russia, England, France and Germany are to each rush 1,000 troops to Shanghai next week, but the United States is to take no such step, according to the state, war and navy departments.

When the war department was notified of the powers' plan the officials declared their reaction would not influence any steps taken by the American government. No word has been received by the state department from Minister Calhoun at Peking since yesterday, and no more troops will be dispatched to China unless he requests such a measure.

The transport Sheridan arrived in Manila today. She will be held there in readiness for transportation of troops in case such action becomes imperative.

## Rebels Blow Up Magazine.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Chinese rebels captured and blew up the magazine at Nanking following a battle wherein many Manchus were slain, according to navy department advices today.

## Close In on Nanking.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 1.—The rebel army is again closing in on Nanking, according to dispatches received here today, and a big battle is said to be imminent.

From the semi-circle of forts stretched for fifteen miles about the city the revolutionists continue a fire of the big hill guns thundered just of the big hill guns thundered just before dawn today, and it was expected as a signal for renewed attack, but the heavy fire ceased again almost immediately and the rebel commanders began organizing their forces below in battle front about the city.

## Assassination Rife.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 1.—Tsheaw See Pong, the comprador of a prominent German firm, was assassinated on the Shanghai bund today because his firm had imported the guns which enabled the imperialists to retake Han Yang from the revolutionists.

The compradors of all German firms in Shanghai are reported to have been marked for death because of the general belief among the Chinese that the Germans have been supplying arms to the imperialists.

## BROTHER OF PERSIAN MINISTER IS KILLED

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—News dispatches received here today from Teheran say that Ala El Dowleh, brother of the former Persian minister to Germany, was assassinated today in Teheran.

It is believed he was mistaken for another brother who has been involved in the Shuster controversy. Five shots were fired by the assassin, who escaped after four of them had gone home. A number of suspects have been arrested.

## CHILD ASKS FOOD; PRETEXT SEIZED UPON

Mrs. Al. Armstrong Succeeds in Getting Away From Myron S. Martin, Who Had Drawn Revolver and Threatened Her Life.

## POLICE NAB MAN AT SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT

Martin Asked Woman to Leave With Him, and When She Refused He Draws a Gun.

Seizing upon her child's request for food as a pretext to step into the next room, and thus escape from death at the hands of Myron S. Martin, who had drawn a revolver with a threat to kill her and himself, after she had refused to leave with him, Mrs. Al. Armstrong's woman's wit saved her from probable death this morning, Martin is now lodged safely in the city jail, the police locating him at the Southern Pacific depot a few moments after he had fled the house in an effort to escape.

Martin has been a friend of the Armstrongs for some time. A few days ago Al. Armstrong, the husband, left for a trip to California. Mrs. Armstrong remaining at home with her two children.

This morning Martin went to the Armstrong home and asked Mrs. Armstrong to leave the country with him. She refused and he then drew a revolver and threatened to kill her and himself, with the remark: "Well, I'll end it right here."

At this point one of Mrs. Armstrong's children came into the room and asked for something to eat. Mrs. Armstrong responded naturally and walked into the other room. From there she fled to a neighbor's house and summoned the police.

Martin soon became suspicious at her absence and went into the backyard and searched a few moments for her, then he evidently decided she had gotten away and so he left, going to the Southern Pacific depot, where the police found him. On him was found the revolver.

Mrs. Armstrong will swear to a complaint this afternoon.

## GARBAGE PILE UP IN LOS ANGELES

Hotel District Reeks With Filth as Night Drivers Quit—So Far the Exact Cause of the Strike Is Not Stated.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 1.—Los Angeles today is confronted with a situation paralleling the recent strike of garbage collectors in New York, as a result of the night drivers of the city garbage wagons quitting work without notice. The hotel district is reeking with filth, there having been no collection of garbage made since Wednesday night. The day force, consisting of but twenty drivers, went to work on time today, but they are dissatisfied with conditions, and altogether inadequate to meet the situation. Unless the strike is settled before night there probably will be no garbage collected in the residential districts before Monday, and this would seriously menace the city's health.

So far the exact cause of the strike is unstated.

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## ANGLO-GERMAN WAR IS A REAL DANGER, HE SAYS

Maximilian Harden, One of the Greatest Living Forces in German Political Life, Declares Recent German Moves Colossal Blunders.

## COMPLETE FACE-ABOUT ONLY WILL AVERT CLASH

Declares European Powers Are Only Waiting Until Russia Is Again a Power.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—That war between England and Germany is a real danger and that the German diplomatic moves of late years, particularly in the Moroccan controversy, have been a series of colossal blunders, is the statement today of Maximilian Harden, editor of the Zukunft, in an exclusive interview with the United Press.

Harden, who is one of the greatest living forces in German political life, said:

"The Moroccan affair has intensified anglo-German bitterness. Germans feel that England prevented the success of their negotiations with France. Could German diplomats think that England would permit Germany to get a foothold on the west coast of Morocco? It was not necessary to German national life—it was the crowning blunder of a decade of German diplomatic blunders, each worse than the one which preceded."

"Germany's international position today is the worst in years. This is due to the incapacity of the man at the head of the government, unskilled hands and lack of foresight. The reichstag is merely an ornament. It makes the people pay for errors they did not commit and bear the results of that blunder by men they did not select. For ten years German diplomacy has acted too much on the theory that the other man was stupid."

"War with England is unavoidable—shall I say inevitable? Unless there is a complete face-about in the methods and policies of the men directing the German foreign affairs. It could be averted, but I doubt if it will be. It seems to be the feeling on both sides that the conflict must come."

Says England Wanted War. "I have it from many high sources that England wanted war late last summer, considering that the opportunity was favorable. Why the 'intents of the powers' was held back is unknown generally. I speak openly. Only little diplomats believe in secrecy. They are waiting until Russia is capable of striking. When Russia again becomes a power there will be a sudden change in European politics."

"I don't believe that an anglo-German conflict is necessary, desirable or necessarily inevitable. I favor an understanding with England."

The first step should be an agreement on the naval question. The present insane rivalry causes only bitterness. We say we build battleships to protect our foreign commerce. Does that deceive any one? Will England stop building?"

Wilhelm's Two Ideas. "The Kaiser has two ideas—first, in a war with England the millions of Mohammedans whose friend and protector he has proclaimed himself would support him, and second, the United States would help Germany. The Moroccan agreement and Italy's occupation of Tripoli is England's answer to the first, and the second proposition is too absurd to be conceivable. Briefly, the situation is due to the fact that Germany is under 'personal' government. Analyze it, and you will find that it consists of a few men, leading up to one man."