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## BOTH McNAMARAS PLEAD GUILTY

Tremendous Sensation Sprung in the Court-Room at Los Angeles by Admissions of the Two Men.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 1.—James McNamara pleaded guilty this afternoon, of murder in the first degree in connection with the death of Charles J. Haggarty, a victim of the Los Angeles Times explosion and fire.

His brother, John J. McNamara, jointly indicted with him, pleaded guilty to dynamiting the Llewellyn Iron Works.

They will be sentenced next Tuesday, Dec. 5.

James B. McNamara probably will get life imprisonment. John J. McNamara, it was rumored, will get fourteen years. Each pleaded guilty on the charge on which he was extradited from Indianapolis.

Within fifteen minutes after court opened this afternoon one of the greatest criminal trials of modern times had ended so abruptly that many officials, supposedly in the heart of the matter, did not know it was going to happen.

The prisoners were taken back to jail, Judge Walter Bordwell retired to his chambers and opposing counsel went to their rooms.

"The McNamaras have pleaded guilty because they are guilty," was District-Attorney John D. Fredericks' crisp comment.

"If I had seen any way out of it we would not have done it," said Attorney Clarence S. Darrow after court.

"We have had it under consideration since a week ago Monday."

So far as has been learned less than a dozen men knew when court opened what was going to happen. Judge Bordwell did not betray his information, but chatted with reporters about the possibility of night sessions. Malcolm McLaren, representative of the detective agency which brought about the arrests, was denying a report that McManigle had refused to confess. Fredericks brought his wife to court and Grey Horton, W. Joseph Ford and S. L. Vermilyn, his deputies, knew what was coming, so did counsel for the defense and the two prisoners, Samuel L. Brown, chief of the investigation for the state, and Larry M. Sullivan, an investigator for the defense. The jury was discharged at 3 P. M.

The eight sworn jurors and two talesmen passed for cause were brought to the court room at 3.05 to be discharged. "The case," said Judge Bordwell, addressing them, "which you were called to try has come suddenly to an end. The defendant has pleaded guilty, so your valuable services will not be required."

The judge smiled and some members of the jury applauded.

"I want to tell you that I am absolutely confident that you men would have given this man a fair and impartial trial."

John J. McNamara entered court unhandcuffed and took a seat a few feet away from his brother.

Attorney James Scott sat with his arms around the prisoner. John J. was smiling and chewing gum.

Attorney Davis of the defense began:

"After long consideration your honor, we have concluded to withdraw the plea of not guilty against James B., and would like to have John J. tried."

District Attorney Fredericks rose and the prisoner did likewise.

"You have been arraigned, James B. McNamara," said Fredericks, "and have heretofore entered a plea of not guilty. Do you answer guilty?"

"Yes," answered James B. McNamara.

"Do you wish to plead against this indictment charging you with murder?"

"Yes."

"Guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty."

"Does the court now take up the other case against John J.?"

"Yes," replied the court.

The date for John J. McNamara's trial was placed at Dec. 5 and District Attorney Fredericks asked John J. to plead.

He did not plead with reference to

the indictment against him in connection with the Los Angeles Times explosion, but pleaded guilty to the indictment charging him with the explosion of the Llewellyn Iron Works.

Attorney Darrow stood around the room after court adjourned and newspaper men crowded around him.

"I am glad it's over with," said Darrow with a sigh. "We have been working on this for two weeks, and it has been the greatest strain of my life."

"The Times building was blown up by James B. McNamara with nitroglycerine, to be sure, but the bomb touched off the gas, and gas really did it," said Mr. Darrow.

"Did you have to wrestle hard with the McNamara brothers to get that admission?" he was asked.

"Somewhat, but the facts have been overwhelming. Every loophole was gathered in by the state. As far as I am concerned, I felt that some time, sooner or later, it had to come. Things were happening in which big people were interested. The movement was impelling. They wanted the matter cleared up and feared further bloodshed unless we obliterated the incident from Los Angeles at once."

"Of course I feel I have helped the McNamaras by getting them to plead insofar as they probably will not be sentenced to death."

"Life imprisonment will be meted out to James B., and John J. will get off with a light sentence."

District-Attorney Fredericks intimated that he would recommend life imprisonment for James B., and that John J. probably would have to serve a short term. The matter was practically arranged early today by agreement between counsel.

"Do you think union labor will suffer?" asked a reporter.

"Oh no; it's just an incident in the evolution of things, because one does wrong does not mean all the others are wrong. As a matter of fact Jim McNamara did not mean to kill anybody. They have told me the whole story and it is substantially as it has been told in the press except I reiterate that there was really no criminal intent. It was meant as a scare to the Times and I doubt whether there was enough explosive to really do the damage that was done, but, of course, gas helped. But the crime is the same no matter what the intent."

"Why did not you wait until after Tuesday's elections?" Darrow was asked. "Don't you know this will hurt Job Harriman's chances to be elected mayor?"

"I know, but we could not take any chances. Maybe the state would have backed out of their agreement, lives were at stake and I think we saved them."

"It was the evidence gathered by the state of California that brought about this plea," Darrow said, when asked what means he believed to have been most effective. "That was evidence," he added, emphasizing the "was."

Attorney Joseph Scott, of the defence told of the long argumentative sessions with James B. McNamara in which counsel urged him to plead guilty.

"I'll plead guilty, all right," he finally agreed, "if you will leave Joe (J. J. McNamara) out of it."

"We can't do that," he was told. "It's both or neither. Maybe you will be hanged."

"Maybe I will," said James B., chewing gum."

"It won't look nice and it won't feel nice," said an attorney sharply.

"I don't mind hanging for the principle involved," said the man stubbornly and many hours were spent convincing him that he best could serve his brother by allowing him to plead to the wrecking of the Llewellyn Iron Works.

"The indictment against Ortie McManigal, indicted with J. J. McNamara on the case of the Llewellyn Iron Works, is still pending."

New York, Dec. 1—"I am astounded, I am astounded; my credulity has been imposed upon. It is a bolt out of a clear sky."

The exclamations were those of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, when advised to night of the pleas of guilty in the McNamara cases. Mr. Gompers asserted with the greatest emphasis that not the slightest intimation of any such change in the plans of the defense of the McNamara's as had developed today, had been communicated to him. Absolutely the first news of the startling development at that trial had been given tonight.

Asked if he would have anything to say about the prisoners personally, the labor leader replied:

"I shant add to their misery by condemnation of them."

"What affect do you imagine this will have on the labor unions?" was asked.

To this Mr. Gompers snapped his fingers and ejaculated: "None."

When the fund which had been raised by the American Federation of Labor for the defense of the men charged with the Los Angeles crime was mentioned, Mr. Gompers said that to date the fund amounted to about \$190,000, which had been turned over to the chief attorney for the defense.

## Order of Owls Welcomed to Woodstock

The Owls roosted in Woodstock Friday evening, Dec. 1st., at the K. of P. Hall, and indications are they have come to stay. Promptly at 9 o'clock the work of instituting was started under the able leadership of the Organizer, H. C. Perry, of Moncton. The ceremony and pomp displayed that night was significant of the beautiful teachings of the Order. This Order has a membership of two hundred and fifty thousand in Canada and the United States, and the Order was founded only seven years ago the 20th. of last month. There were almost one hundred signed applications, and as they could not all be there at the first meeting, the Charter was left open until the second meeting, which will be held at the same hall on Friday evening, Dec. 8th. All those wishing to become an Owl must be on hand Friday evening, Dec. 8th., and come recommended by a member already passed.

Below is the list of Officers elected to serve for the coming year:

Past President, H. E. Gallagher.

President, F. O. Creighton.

Vice-President, A. R. Currie.

Invocator, C. W. Dugan.

Secretary, B. V. Lingley.

Treasurer, J. H. Thompson.

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One year, W. T. Blake. Two years,

Jas. A. Gibson. Three years, Geo. F.

Smith.

BYE-LAW COMMITTEE.

Geo. Lee, R. E. Estabrooks, F. O.

Creighton, Guy L. Hanson, Wm. T.

Blake.

After the election of the officers the

Degree work was exemplified on three

candidates, after which the Bye-law

Committee and Building Committee

was appointed.

Mr. Perry, the organizer, had 50

members of Houlton, Maine, nest to

help place the Woodstock Owls on

their perch. At midnight the Social

Session started in, when choice cigars

and refreshments were enjoyed. The

Wise Birds then flew to the Unique

Picture Theatre at the special invitation

of the proprietor, Mr. Griffin,

where a choice program of music, singing

and dancing, speech making, etc.,

was carried out. The Owls went to

their perch in time for breakfast.

Who—Who—Are You An Owl?

Cityman—"I suppose you farmers

have an easy time in winter?"

Farmer—"Oh, yes; we usually lays

abed till 5 o'clock in th' forenoon, an'

knocks off fer th' day by 8 o'clock in th'

afternoon!"

## BORN

ROGERS.—At Northampton, on Thursday Nov. 23rd to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Rogers, a son.

DUNBAR.—At Woodstock, Nov. 24th to Mr. and Mrs. George Dunbar, a daughter.

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