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Fair and warmer today; Sunday fair; light to moderate southwest winds.

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McNAMARAS HAVE PLEADED GUILTY

One For Murder, the Other for Dynamiting Iron Works.

SENTENCE WILL BE TUESDAY

Tragedy of Destruction of Los Angeles Times Building Disclosed—One of Greatest Criminal Trials of Modern Times

Los Angeles, Dec. 1.—James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree in Judge Walter Fordwell's court today. His brother John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, entered a plea of guilty to having dynamited the Llewellyn Iron Works in Los Angeles on Christmas day, 1910.

James B. McNamara's confession clears up absolutely the tragedy of the explosion and fire which at 1:07 o'clock on the morning of October 1st, 1910, wrecked the plant of the Los Angeles Times, at First and Broadway, and caused the death of twenty-one persons. For 19 of these deaths the McNamara brothers were indicted and J. B. McNamara was on trial specifically for the murder of Charles J. Haggerty, a machinist, whose body was found nearer than that of any other to the spot where the dynamite was supposed to have been placed.

Both men's sentences were set for December 5th, when it is expected District Attorney John D. Fredericks will ask for life imprisonment for James B. McNamara, the confessed murderer, and probably fourteen years for his brother. The men's lives are considered saved. The great contention that the Los Angeles Times was not dynamited in dead beyond resurrection or agreement.

Tonight the two brothers sat together in the county jail refusing to see any one or make any statement, an interest second only to the occurrence itself hung about the question with reference to James B. McNamara. "Why did you counsel gave for December 5th, when it is expected District Attorney John D. Fredericks will ask for life imprisonment for James B. McNamara, the confessed murderer, and probably fourteen years for his brother. The men's lives are considered saved. The great contention that the Los Angeles Times was not dynamited in dead beyond resurrection or agreement."

Darrow's statement was made as looking squarely in the faces of the charges that the recent arrest of Burr H. Franklin, an investigator employed by the defense, and two others with him, might have precipitated a situation which would have saved by confession of the prisoner.

"Negotiations have been on for weeks," asserted Darrow, and this was corroborated by District Attorney Fredericks: "We expected at one time that Jim would confess last Monday but he did not," said Darrow.

Darrow also denied that external pressure was put on the union labor sources and Socialist sources as "General Harrison Gray" was charged tonight in a formal statement, or that the municipal election to be held next Thursday in which "Job Harriman, one of the defense's counsel, is candidate for mayor, carried any weight. It was learned that Harriman was not consulted at all in the deliberations.

White, gaunt and hoarse, Harriman leaned against the wall of his office and confirmed this: "The trial has nothing to do with local issues," he said.

A telegram from Darrow to Andrew Gallagher, a San Francisco labor leader, confirmed this declaration.

A brotherly affection bordering on worship, it became known tonight, brought about James B. McNamara's confession. A desire to save his brother from the necessity of confessing anything at all held back day after day the word that would end the trial.

"Joe is not in this deal," the pale faced man reiterated with insistence borne of one great idea. "I don't care what happens to me."

A summary of the day's happenings included the following incidents: James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to having placed a dynamite bomb under the Los Angeles Times building on October, 1910, and caused the death of 21 persons.

John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, brother of James B., did not enter a plea at this time to the indictment similarly entered against him for the Times explosion, but when he is arraigned next Tuesday it is virtually certain proceedings against him for this charge will be dismissed, as the State admits it has no evidence connecting John J. McNamara directly with this particular disaster.

John J. McNamara, however, pleaded guilty to the charge of having caused the explosion of the Llewellyn Iron Works, in which no fatalities occurred.

District Attorney John D. Fredericks will recommend life imprisonment for James B., and ten years for John J., but Judge Walter Fordwell alone can fix the sentence.

Ortie E. McManigal, who confessed (Continued on Page Eight.)

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS CONFER

Fail to Reach Conclusion As to Future Course—Committee Inquiring into The Steel Trust

Washington, Dec. 1.—After a conference lasting many hours today, Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives were unable to reach a conclusion as to the future course of the special committee of inquiry into the affairs of the United States Steel Corporation. Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Underwood and other Democratic chieftains, sought all day to patch up the differences existing between Representative Stanley, chairman of the committee, and Representative Littleton, of New York. The latter holds that the committee should not continue to inquire into phases of the Steel Corporation's acts, which now are challenged in the suit filed against it by the government for violation of the anti-trust law.

Speaker Clark, Mr. Underwood, Chairman Stanley and Representative Beall, McGullully and Littleton, of the committee, discussed Mr. Littleton's complaint against Henry B. Martin, secretary of the anti-trust league, whom he charges with inspiring attacks upon his integrity and accuses of being in league with heavy interests in Wall street on steel stocks.

It was agreed that Mr. Littleton should be recognized next Monday on a question of personal privilege. Mr. Littleton will then attack Martin and charge that he is associated with David Lamar, a New York broker.

The Democratic conferees were silent when they emerged from their long conference as to the future course of the committee. Early in the day conferences had been held with Representative Clayton, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and Representative Henry, chairman of the Rules Committee. They both favored continuing the steel investigation along original lines regardless of the government's suit. Speaker Clark and Representative Underwood are of the same mind. Representative Littleton urges that the committee continue to inquire only in the Steel Corporation's relations with labor, transportation questions and the matter of remedial legislation. On this undetermined point another conference will be held Sunday.

HUSBANDS NOT SAFE Mrs. Patterson is Third Woman Acquitted in Denver

Denver, Col., Dec. 1.—The Patterson case will pass into history so far as Denver is concerned when Mrs. Corrida Gibson Patterson leaves the city with her parents tomorrow morning. Happy over her acquittal of a charge of murdering her husband, the woman announced today that she would first visit Sandoval, Ill., to her parents and would then go to Oregon to visit a former schoolmate. When she reaches Sandoval she will attend a banquet in her honor.

Mrs. Patterson is the third woman who has been acquitted of murder in Denver within three months. All three shot their husbands.

JUROR RESUMES SEAT IN BOX

Trial of Dr. Hyde for the Murder of Col. Swope Proceeding

Kansas City, Dec. 1.—No delay will be caused in the trial of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, charged with murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope, on account of the illness of Harry Waldron, the juror who was stricken yesterday. He was feeling much improved today and was able to resume his seat in the jury box.

Mrs. J. K. Baumann was called to the witness stand at the opening of court today. She was formerly Miss Anne Houlihan, nurse to Chrisman Swope in his last illness. On Wednesday she gave what was regarded by the State as damaging testimony against Dr. Hyde.

THOUSANDS ARE LOCKED OUT

German Metal Workers Out of Places After Disagreement

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The lockout of the metal workers which went into effect last night has already affected 60,000 to 60,000 men. Representatives of the workers had refused to accept the agreement drawn up by a joint committee of employers and trades unions met again today with the delegates of the employers, to endeavor to reach a settlement which is earnestly desired by both sides.

All the works have now plenty of orders on hand while the approach of Christmas and the expense of living affect the workmen very seriously.

DENIES REPORT

That France is to Take Diplomatic Measures Against Spain

Paris, Dec. 1.—The report that France had decided to take strong diplomatic measures against Spain in order to force the settlement of Spain's status of Morocco, is denied by the foreign office.

France is now engaged in pour parloirs on the subject with England. As soon as these are completed the French Ambassador at Madrid will be instructed to open negotiations.

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FOUR ARE KILLED A SCORE INJURED

Illinois Central Passenger Train Goes Into Ditch Near Paducah, Ky.

SPREADING RAILS CAUSE

Relief Train Carrying Nurses and Physicians Dispatched to the Scene—Running 40 Miles an Hour

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 1.—Four persons were killed and a score or more injured this evening, according to reports received here, when an Illinois Central passenger train No. 101 bound from Memphis to Louisville, went into the ditch 23 miles east of here. The train is one of the fastest on the system. Spreading rails is said to be the cause. All the nine coaches went into the ditch and then rolled over.

The scene of the wreck is remote from wire facilities. The train, said to have been running 40 miles an hour, had crossed the Cumberland river and proceeded about a mile and a half, when it left the track.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Great Gathering in Charlotte on Thanksgiving Degrees Conferred

Charlotte, N.C., Dec. 1.—Closing with a banquet participated in by some 200 Knights of Columbus, Thanksgiving Day was an occasion that will long be recalled by Charlotte Knights who were hosts Thanksgiving to visiting Knights from a dozen or more towns and cities in the Carolinas and Virginia.

The gathering of the Knights of Columbus had been announced several months beforehand, and the occasion was therefore amply prepared for. Charlotte Council No. 770, Columbia Council, and the State Council gave ekemification work in three degrees, and about 30 candidates were conducted through the mysteries of the order to higher degrees.

Charlotte Council had charge of the ekemification work in the first degree, the work being carried out by a well selected team of members whose understanding of their task was known to be most thorough.

Columbia Council had charge of the ekemification work in the second degree and the State Council team presided over the programme in which the third degree was bestowed on candidates for the same.

The formal part of the programme was in the hands of Charlotte Council, Columbia Council and the State Council, but there were Knights and prospective Knights at Thursday's ceremonial sessions and banquets from all over the Carolinas, including Greensboro, Rocky Mount, Asheville, Wilmington, Raleigh, Columbia, Charleston, and other points, and visitors also from Washington, Baltimore and Richmond.

At the conclusion of the ceremonial sessions the Knights followed a short recess, assembled at O'Donoghue hall, where Charlotte Council had prepared a sumptuous and elegantly arranged banquet, which the 200 Knights from all parts of the jurisdiction of the Carolinas, enjoyed from 7:30 until 9:30 o'clock.

The gathering was one of the largest and most enjoyable that the Knights in the Carolinas have ever had outside the State gatherings of the members each year.

35 WILD DEER ARE CAUGHT

Crop Destroyers to Become Park Attractions in Iowa

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 1.—At Ovoca, Iowa, about 35 miles northeast of this city, 35 wild deer which have been destroyed by crops and other annoying the farmers, were captured in a drive on Thanksgiving Day and will be sold by the State game warden to cities of the State as park attractions.

A few years ago a herd of 125 deer escaped from the park of the late W. C. Cuddy and since then they have multiplied until there are about 400 in Pottawattamie county and they are becoming a nuisance to the farmers. The law protects them from slaughter.

UNWRITTEN LAW DEFENSE

Saloonkeeper, Convicted of Man-slaughter, to Sue for Pardon

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—Frank M. McMahon, who was convicted of manslaughter last week for the killing of George Leary last May was sentenced to the penitentiary today for not less than five years nor more than ten years. The maximum penalty for the crime is twelve years.

McMahon shot Leary after a quarrel on the street over Leary's refusal to marry McMahon's daughter. The so-called unwritten law figured in the case and attracted considerable attention. It is said that McMahon's counsel waived an appeal for a new trial in order to immediately take the case to the State board of pardons.

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TO ANSWER GOVERNMENT BILL

Steel Corporation Wants to Know If it is Violating Sherman Law—Will Answer Bill Early in January

New York, Dec. 1.—The United States Steel Corporation joins with Attorney General Wickersham in a desire to know if it is violating or has violated the Sherman anti-trust law and to that end will aid in expediting the government's dissolution suit against it. The corporation's attorneys are now preparing the answer to the government's bill to be filed early in January and will not delay the litigation by demurring. A demurrer, taken to the Federal Supreme Court, might block the trial for two years or more.

A leading official of the United States Steel Corporation made this declaration this afternoon while discussing the next step in the case, the appearance of the defendants in the United States Circuit Court at Trenton, on Monday. This appearance, he said, would not involve the physical appearance in court of any of the defendants, but would be made in their behalf by attorneys.

"The appearance," he explained, is a technical step. The government, he thought would not be represented in court at the time. There may be an application next Monday, however, for an extension of the time allowed the corporation to file its answer. Under court rules, this answer must be filed on January 1st unless an extension is granted. This leaves little time for preparation of an answer, and should an extension be sought, the official said it would be solely to obtain sufficient time for the defendant to complete its answer, necessarily voluminous.

"This answer," he continued, "will not be established, but will endeavor to meet the allegations the government makes against us. Our lawyers are working on it now."

The certificate filed by Attorney General Wickersham with the court, asking that the suit be expedited, expresses the corporation's wish also, the official said. The answer will be ready early in January.

TO ISSUE CIRCULAR

American Tobacco Company Will Give Stockholders Information

New York, Dec. 1.—Within the next few days the American Tobacco Company will issue a circular to its common stockholders giving the proportions of the stock of the different companies which they will receive in accordance with the dissolution decree of the United States Circuit Court, as well as the amounts of stock to which they will be permitted to subscribe. Holders of the preferred stock will not receive such a circular, as they are not privileged to subscribe to other securities.

The transfer books of the American Tobacco Company closed today for both common and preferred shares, and on December 26th a special meeting of stockholders will be held to vote upon a resolution giving preferred stockholders the right to vote, a provision named in the plan of dissolution.

DIED FROM INJURY

Youthful Football Player, Who Broke Neck, Dies

Newport News, Va., Dec. 1.—Charles Benson, the 17-year-old left half back of the local high school football team, who had his neck broken in the game against Fredericksburg College in Fredericksburg yesterday, died at the Mary Washington Hospital tonight at 9 o'clock. The boy was pinned from the neck down and was operated upon this afternoon and the fractured cervical vertebrae removed in an attempt to relieve the pressure on the spinal column, but without success.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER

Negro Accused of Slaying Four and Woman Accused of Slaying Six

LaFayette, La., Dec. 1.—Clementine Bernabet, the negro charged with the murder of a family of six negroes last Sunday night, has been transferred to the Parish jail.

Her father, Raymond Bernabet, awaiting a new trial after being convicted of killing four negroes last February, was carried to Crowley, La. for safe keeping. Bernabet secured a new trial on the novel plea of being too drunk to take the stand in his own behalf.

No new evidence has been discovered in the case of the negroes.

OUTLINES.

One of the greatest criminal trials of the present day came to an end yesterday when, at Los Angeles, Cal., James B. and John J. McNamara, two brothers, plead guilty of the crimes charged against them, the former for dynamiting the Times building, causing the death of twenty-one persons, and the latter for dynamiting a building at Indianapolis. Sentence will be imposed next Tuesday.—The Steel Corporation wants to know whether it is violating the Sherman law, and will file an answer to the Government's bill early in January.—Activities are still on in China. The Rebels are bombarding Nanking, the only Imperial stronghold, and if they succeed in breaking the walls, troops in large numbers are ready to enter the city.—Democratic House leaders have conferred, but failed to reach a conclusion as to the course of the committee which is enquiring into the Steel Trust.—Attorneys for the Steel Trust want to know whether the trust is violating the Sherman law, and will file an answer to the Government's bill.—New York markets: Money on call, firm, 5 to 6 per cent., ruling rate 5, closing bid 4, offered at 5; spot cotton closing quiet, five points lower; flour about steady with moderate local trade; wheat irregular, No. 2 red elevator export basis and 96 1-2 bob afloat; corn, spot firm, export near 70 bob afloat to arrive, futures nominal; rosin quiet; turpentine, steady.

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MAKE PROTEST TO U. S. CONGRESS

By Turks Against "Unspeakable Acts" of the Italians.

NO LONGER RESPECT CLASSES

Italian Army Revels in Acts Not Compatible With Laws of Civilization—Protest Before House Monday.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Protest to the American Congress will be made by Turks against what they term the "unspeakable acts" of the Italian soldiers in Tripoli. Representative Richard Barthold, of Missouri, president of the American group of the Inter-parliamentary Union, received the protest today from Mr. Bustany, a member of the Turkish Parliament, and president of the Ottoman group of the Union. It will be offered in the House probably Monday. The protest follows:

"The Italian army in Tripoli is reveling in acts incompatible with the laws of civilization and humanity; it holds as prisoners of war non-combatants and even school boys; it massacres and executes by shooting, without any pity whatever, the volunteer defenders of the country whom it regards as rebels, counter to the two conventions at The Hague, under whose provisions armed volunteers, as combatants, enjoy the same rights as regulars. The lives of women, old men and children are no longer respected, and attacks are even made upon private persons at prayer in Mosques, thus trampling under foot all religious sentiments."

TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY NOTES.

Primary Department Elects—Gift to Mr. Joyce

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—The Division of Primary Teachers, of the Teachers' Assembly, this afternoon elected as officers for the next year, Miss Edith Royster, Raleigh, as president; Mrs. Joseph E. Robertson, Durham, vice president; Miss Irma Carraway, Wilson, secretary, and Miss Annie Jarvis, of Washington, treasurer. The other divisions of the Assembly will elect officers Saturday.

During the morning session of the County Superintendents of Schools, there was a pleasing special feature in the way of a presentation of a gold watch by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent, who is ex-officio president and presiding officer of the State Association of Superintendents. The presentation was with the love and esteem of the 100 county superintendents and the acceptance was with deep feeling and appreciation on the part of Dr. Joyner.

The Hornet Realty Co., of Charlotte, was chartered today with \$10,000 capital by P. M. Cave, E. F. Crowell, D. H. Simpson, and others. There was also a charter for the Dr. Paul Medicine Co., of Wilmington, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$40,000 subscribed by E. G. Bulluck, E. L. Moore, N. B. Tipton, Paul Fitzgerald and others. Also there was a charter for the Hadley-Harris Co., Wilson, capital \$50,000, by J. C. Hadley, W. S. Harris and others for mercantile business.

The Secretary of the State Association of Superintendents of Schools, declares that ships 20 years old are obsolete and worthless even for the second line or reserve. His list shows the famous old Oregon and her sister battleships Indiana and Massachusetts as having reached the fatal period and should be replaced immediately, as well as the Iowa, Second, and Oregon. The youngest of these has turned 11 years.

"A total of 40 battleships with a proportional number of other fighting and auxiliary vessels, is the least that will place our country on a safe basis in relation with other world powers," says the Secretary.

The Secretary regards the creation of the reserve fleet as a most important development of the year since it will insure the readiness for war of practically every vessel of military value.

The report touches sparingly on the subject of the eight hour law, reciting the experience of the department during the past year in placing contracts for ships and winding up with the statement: "What the effect will be on the bidding for the battleships provided for by the last act is problematical."

As to personnel, the report declares that the aim of all naval education and training is to produce the sea officer who is to command ships and fleets and that all the combatant elements aboard ships should belong to the line. Line officers hereafter should perform the duties of paymaster and while the present construction corps made up of Naval Academy graduates may continue to do special work, the younger officers may hereafter perform both line and construction duty.

The abandonment of the turbine engine in favor of the old reciprocating type is declared to have followed an exhaustive comparison of the two kinds of machinery. It was found that the reciprocating engine is about 30 per cent. more economical at cruising speeds than the turbine and of about the same economy at high speeds. As one result of the use of oil burners instead of coal furnaces the new battleships Oklahoma and Nevada will each have but one smoke pipe, thus clearing the upper deck and improving the arc of train of the turrets.

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MEYER'S PLEA FOR NAVY

World Must Understand That United States is Prepared for War, Says Secretary—Estimates for the Current Year.

Washington, Dec. 1.—With a plea that there shall be no decrease in the effective strength of the United States navy, George von L. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy, in his annual report to Congress, declares that while seeking peace and playing a leading part in the movement for general arbitration treaties the world must understand that America "is prepared for war."

The short life of a warship for first or second line of defense—approximately 20 years—has caused the secretary to ask more ships this year, not to increase the navy, but to maintain it at its existing strength. This at its existing strength, he says, is being diminished by the elimination from active service of the battleships first constructed for the "new navy."

"The recommendation," he says, "for a continuing naval policy which will give us the fleet desired is made with due regard for the most widespread movement for the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, in which movement our country has taken a foremost part. History of all kinds, including the present, shows the futility and danger of trusting to the good will and fair dealing, or even to the most solemnly binding treaties between nations for the protection of a nation's sovereign rights and interests, and without doubt, the time is remote when a comparatively unarmed and helpless nation may be reasonably safe from attack by ambitious, well armed powers, especially in a commercial age such as the present. The economical system of a great commercial nation is so delicately balanced that even a threat of war is very disturbing and harmful, while a war with any other great power would cause incalculable damage, and it is more necessary now than ever before that there should be fully prepared and that every other power should understand that, while seeking peace, we are prepared for war."

The United States, Secretary Meyer says, is far in the rear of the leading naval powers in projected naval construction, even on the basis of two new battleships a year.

Mr. Meyer submits estimates for two battleships and two colliers only. This is in line with the policy of several years standing of building two battleships a year. In addition to this, the Secretary indicates that the navy would welcome one of the new type main battle cruisers, such as Great Britain, Germany and Japan are building. He further points out that there is a great deficiency in the number of cruisers, scouts, destroyers, submarines and auxiliaries for the maintenance and protection of the battle fleet.

He suggests that all of these auxiliary matters not be ordered at once, but that the appropriation could be stretched over a number of years. Disturbances in Asia and Central America, necessitating the protection of interests of this country, also have shown the need for more light draft submarines for river use.

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REVOLUTIONISTS BOMBARD NANKING

Rebels Ready to Enter City if the Walls are Breached.

It is Thought That Surrender Will Be Soon, As it is Almost Inevitable—The Walls Ninety Feet High and of Stone

REBELS READY TO ENTER CITY