

38 GUILTY IN DYNAMITE PLOT, 2 ARE ACQUITTED

Every Count Sustained Against Officials Found Guilty.

MAXIMUM PENALTY 39 YEARS IN PRISON Sentences Will Be Imposed Monday According to "Relative Guilt" of Defendants.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—Thirty-eight labor union officials today were found guilty of complicity in the McNamara dynamite plots, including the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building. Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, was among those convicted. He, with others, was accused of using the union's funds to destroy the property of contractors who refused to recognize the union. Two defendants were found "not guilty." They are Herman G. Seiffert of Milwaukee and Daniel Buckley of Davenport, Ia. The verdicts were brought in at 10 a. m. All those adjudged guilty were found guilty on all the counts as charged in the indictments. The jury was discharged and court adjourned until 10 a. m. Monday, at which time the sentences will be imposed. Seiffert and Buckley, the only two men out of the 40 labor union officials to be adjudged not guilty, immediately were discharged from custody. Dynamite Plots Cleared After Judge Anderson had cleared the courtroom of all spectators and the families of the defendants, the 38 prisoners were taken in custody by Deputy United States marshals and were taken to the Marion county jail. The conviction of Olaf A. Tveitmo and Eugene A. Clancy of San Francisco and J. E. Munsey of Salt Lake City sustained the government's charge that they aided in plotting the Los Angeles explosion in which 21 persons were killed, and assisted in the escape of James B. McNamara on his flight from the scene of that crime. By its verdict the jury also sustained the charges that the McNamara brothers, now in prison in California, were aided in the nation-wide dynamite plots by almost all the executive officials of the iron workers union and that they knowingly carried on the conspiracy for years by causing explosives to be transported on passenger trains. As head of the union of 12,000 members, President Ryan once sat in the councils of the American Federation of Labor. Tveitmo of San Francisco was charged with not only supplying two men to assist in blowing up the Los Angeles Times building but also with having asked for more explosives. He is secretary of the California Building Trades council, an editor and a leader in labor circles on the coast. Court Room Scene Tragic At the head of those found guilty is Herbert S. Iockin, called "the Iano of the conspiracy" because he was charged with first initiating the McNamara as a hired dynamiter and then with betraying all the dynamiters to promote his own ambition. It was he who, once secretary of the International union, "whispered into the ear of Detective Burns the names of the Los Angeles dynamiters." John T. Butler, vice president of the iron workers, was also convicted, having been branded by the court as a "per-jurer" after he had denied that McNamara was drawing \$1000 a month to pay for dynamite. A scene almost tragic was enacted in the court room in the few minutes after the trial's conclusion. As United States Marshal Edward Schmidt ordered the prisoners, one by one, to step before the court, the wives of a score of the men in the rear of the room leaned pitifully over the railings, calling for their husbands. Mrs. Frank J. Higgins of Boston collapsed. She had been crying hysterically. Another woman shown by Mrs. John H. Barry of St. Louis. With a smile she threw her arms about her husband, begging him to have courage. "Be of good cheer, John," she said. "You cannot expect a severe punishment." As soon as his name was called, Frank E. Painter of Omaha pulled a stickpin out of his necktie and handed it to one of his attorneys, James Conroy, one of the Chicago prisoners, set with outward calm reading a newspaper while the verdicts were being read, and threw down the paper only when his name was called to step before the court. Possible punishments vary from any minimum to a maximum of 39 years, in the discretion of the court.

KERN WILL APPEAL TO CIRCUIT COURT

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 28.—Senator Kern of counsel for the defendants, when told of the verdicts at Indianapolis, declared the cases would be appealed. "Preparations for the appeal were made in advance," said Senator Kern, "and will be made to the United States circuit court of appeals in the regular way." Further than that Senator Kern declined to comment. "Great Surprise," Says Attorney for Defense Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—"It was a great surprise to us," said Attorney Harding of the defense, discussing the dynamite verdict. "We struggled through this long trial in the presumption that all these men were innocent. Ryan and the others declared repeatedly they were in absolute ignorance of McNamara's damnable dynamiting. "Our hope now is to secure as light sentences as possible. We believe on Monday some of the men will be given only short terms, as the court intimated some weeks ago it had not been shown that they all were equally guilty. "The court is bound to recognize our appeals to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and to give bonds pending the appeals, but the bonds may be so heavy the prisoners cannot furnish them."

AFTER SHORT DISCUSSION PEACE ENVOYS ADJOURN

Turkish Representatives Ask Opportunity Further to Communicate with Porte. London, Dec. 28.—Peace envoys representing the Balkan allies and the Turkish empire met again today and after an hour and a half's discussion decided on a further adjournment until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. The first matter on hand was the presentation by the Turkish plenipotentiaries of the counter proposals put forward by the Ottoman government in reply to those offered by the Balkan allies. The Balkan representatives found the Turkish conditions quite unacceptable and after discussion, as no further progress was made, the Turkish envoys said that they must again communicate with their government.

CASHIER'S CONFESSION TO SHORTAGE OF \$31,000

Understood Burnsville Bank Stockholders Will Make Inauguration Plans. Raleigh, Dec. 28.—State Bank Examiner S. A. Hubbard telegraphs the corporation commission that he is still in charge of the Citizens' bank of Burnsville, whose cashier, James B. Henatey, was arrested Tuesday after confessing to a shortage of \$31,000. Very little information has been received at the office of the corporation commission because of the inaccessibility of Burnsville, but it is understood that the stockholders of the bank agreed to make good the shortage and continue the institution if no other misappropriations are found. Alexander Webb of Raleigh has been appointed chairman of the citizens committee at the inauguration of Governor Craig January 14 and Major J. J. Bernard has been appointed chief in charge of the visiting guardsmen. Details of the inauguration are rapidly being worked out, and it will be made a distinctive event. Many military companies will participate.

POLICE CHIEF'S BODY IS FOUND IN SWAMP

By Associated Press. Ashburn, Ga., Dec. 28.—After having been missing since Friday afternoon, the body of Chief of Police J. D. L. Moore was found early today in a swamp back of the farmers ginnery on the outskirts of the town. His pistol was clutched in one hand, with one chamber exploded, indicating that he met death at his own hand. The theory of murder also has been advanced and an investigation is being conducted. Memorial to Heroes of the Wireless. New York, Dec. 28.—A public fountain as a memorial to wireless operators who have stuck to their posts and gone down with their ships, particularly to Jack Phillips of the Titanic, is to be erected in Battery Park by the Phillips Titanic Memorial committee. A sum of \$7500 collected from the public, mostly from passengers on steamships, is in the hands of the committee and it is proposed to devote a part of this fund to the fountain if the city consents to its erection at the battery.

GREAT REUNION AT STAUNTON

President-Elect Reviews Parade and Witnesses Demonstration at the Historic Virginia Town. Staunton, Va., Dec. 28.—With the cheers of thousands of people gathered in reunion from all parts of the country, reverberating about him, President-elect Wilson stood in a glow of sunshine today reviewing a parade of his fellow townsmen. It was their tribute to the son of Staunton who came on his fifty-sixth birthday to his native home. The president-elect smiled appreciatively as the demonstration proceeded with increasing noise and enthusiasm.

FOUR CAVALRY TROOPS SENT FOR OCCASION

Municipality Presents Wilson with Miniatures of His Parents—He Receives Many Callers. Staunton, Va., Dec. 28.—President-elect Wilson opened to his guests two ivory miniatures of the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson, parents of the governor.

MRS. KING IS ARRESTED FOR HUSBAND'S MURDER

Confesses She Planned Killing in Order to Marry Farm Hand. Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—Having confessed to prompting Nick Wilburn, a farm hand, to kill her husband on December 17, Mrs. James King, wife of the murdered planter, today sat in her little cell in the lonely county jail at Grays and caressed her six children, who called early in the morning and sat with her throughout the day. The children, five of whom are under 16 years of age, are adhering to their mother, notwithstanding her confession that she plotted her husband's deliberate death and illicitly loved the man who fired the fatal shot. In his cell in the Bibb county jail in Macon, Nick Wilburn, the slayer, coolly declared that he "guessed they would both hang," but expressed the hope that Mrs. King would not have to die on the gallows.

FILIPINOS ARE SEEKING AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT

Delegates from Island Coming to Work for the Jones Bill. San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Samuel Quezon and M. Earnshaw, delegates to congress from the Philippine Islands, who will renew the fight for the independence of the Philippines, are here today enroute to Washington. They seek an autonomous government under the protection of the United States. The Filipinos believed they should have their own government and officials, said Quezon. The cost of the government administered by the Americans is too high, due largely to the salaries paid to Americans in official positions. "There are in the Philippines 8,000,000 natives and of these less than 400,000 are uncivilized. Our schools have graduated 1,500,000 pupils who can read and write English and Spanish, and 25 per cent of the population can read and write. We believe the Jones bill now before congress will settle the present status of the Philippines if it is passed and lighten the burden of taxation and give us more national unity and pride."

HAS CHOSEN SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE CLERK

Mr. Craig Selects Mr. Kerr for Former, Mr. Thomason for Latter Place. Governor-elect Craig today authorized the announcement that he will appoint as his private secretary J. P. Kerr, and as his executive clerk Garland A. Thomason, both of Asheville. Mr. Thomason is the junior member of the firm of Craig, Martin & Thomason, and has been intimately associated with Mr. Craig for a number of years. He is peculiarly fitted to discharge any duties that may arise in the office of the governor. Col. Kerr, likewise a life-long friend of Mr. Craig, was for many years one of the publishers of the Citizen, held the position of editor of that paper for some time, and his counsel is always sought and highly respected in circles identified with the leadership of his party.

MAN KILLS HIS WIFE AND HIS STEP-MOTHER

By Associated Press. LEAFHURST, Ind., Dec. 28.—Edward Hart shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Rena Hart, from whom she was separated, and her mother, Mrs. Sarah McBride, today. After the shooting Hart went to the home of a brother and was captured. Hart had been married only a few months.

YOUTH OF 17 A SUICIDE; STOCK MARKETS GAMBLING

By Associated Press. NEWTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—Had luck in stock market speculation is believed by the police to have caused 17-year-old Charles H. Dirkes to kill himself last night by shooting. Dirkes was the son of a wealthy mining man, who is now in Alaska.

BOILER BLOWS UP, NINE DEAD

RIOTOUS SCENES AT LITTLE FALLS

Textile Strikers and Police Clash as Arbitration Board Works. Little Falls, N. Y., Dec. 28.—With the state board of arbitration sitting as mediators in the strike of the textile workers, hundreds of strikers gathered in the streets today and clashed with the police. The first conflict came at the Phoenix mills, where the police cleared the sidewalks of massed pickets; the second on Main street where they dispersed a strikers parade. During the second demonstration one of the strikers lying prone on the sidewalk refused to move. Women in the procession began to scream that he had been clubbed but this the police denied. The board continued taking the testimony of strikers today. Annie Kojis, a machine operator at the Phoenix mills, testified that Chief of Police Long threw her down the steps of the strikers' headquarters the day the strike was called. Then, she continued, he threw three girls on top of her. This was while he was raiding the building to find the strike leaders. Yesterday, she added, a policeman attempted to flirt with her while she was on picket duty. She told the board she declared that she was married and took her husband's arm. Her husband, she said, was immediately clubbed. Mrs. Annie Malarik, who said she was 24 years of age and received \$4 a week for her work, testified that she and her husband lived in an eight-room house with 23 other persons. They slept three or four in a bed, she said.

Two Seaboard Officials and Six Roundhouse Helpers Among the Dead at Hamlet.

SHOPS ARE WRECKED; VICTIMS MANGLED

Two Besides the Known Dead are Missing—One Man Hurlled 200 Feet. Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Nine persons are known to be dead and two negroes are missing as the result of the explosion of a stationary boiler at Hamlet today. The white dead: CHARLES B. UTTER, general roundhouse foreman. WILLIAM UTTER, the foreman's brother. H. G. REYNOLDS, electrician. Negroes: Charles Ledbetter, Ed. Gilchrist, Jim Powers, William Ballentine, John Thompson, John Morrison. Charles B. Utter and his brother went to the roundhouse at 7 o'clock this morning to work on an injector that had been reported in trouble. Both men were in front of the boiler when the explosion occurred and their remains had to be scooped up with a shovel. Reynolds, the electrician, was killed in an adjoining room by the force of the explosion and falling walls, and five negroes were killed in the wash room. Most of the machine shop was demolished by the force of the explosion and Charles Ledbetter was blown a distance of 200 feet. Part of the boiler was blown 500 feet. All the white men were married and leave families. The funerals of the victims will be held tomorrow. All the principal lines of the Seaboard pass through Hamlet and the principal shops of the system are located there. A large number of men are employed in the shops and it is considered remarkable that the casualty list was not larger.

WILSON SAID TO FAVOR FREEING PHILIPPINES

Provisional Government for Eight Years, Then Independence His Program. Staunton, Va., Dec. 28.—President-elect Wilson favors a provisional government for the Philippines for eight years and independence thereafter, according to Representatives William A. Jones of Virginia, chairman of the house insular affairs committee, who discussed the Philippine situation with him on the train yesterday. The president-elect announced merely that he had talked with Mr. Jones about the general situation. Asked particularly if he had talked about the bill being presented by Representative Jones in congress, proposing a provisional government for eight years and independence afterwards, Mr. Wilson replied: "Oh, we talked about that at Seagrist last summer." Representative Jones, however, had no hesitation in saying that Governor Wilson already had heartily endorsed to him the pending bill. "We really don't expect the measure to pass this congress," said Mr. Jones, "but it surely will go to you in the extra session and will be one of the first pledges of the democratic national platform to be carried out."

ARMY OFFICIAL DIES SUDDENLY IN CAB

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 28.—Joseph N. Bell, chief of the quartermaster-general's office of the army, died suddenly in a cab last night while on his way home. He was a cousin of Major-General J. Franklin Bell, in command of the army in the Philippines and formerly chief of staff of the army. An inquest probably will be held today, although physicians agreed that Mr. Bell was a victim of heart failure.

DEAD-MUTE MURDERED

By Associated Press. Union, S. C., Dec. 28.—E. D. Smoak, an aged deaf-mute farmer, who lived alone near Cedar Springs, twenty miles from here, was found dead in his home yesterday, according to news brought here today. A watch and some money on the dead man's person were undisputed. The general belief is that Smoak was murdered. The authorities are investigating.

KILLED TRYING TO PREVENT YOUNG MAN FROM SMOKING

In Frenzied Over Possession of a Cigarette Box a Young Widow Meets Death. Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—Because she did not approve of cigarette smoking, Mrs. Hortense Koetch, a young widow, met death last night. At a holiday party where Mrs. Koetch was a guest, S. C. Howe, a young man, exhibited a box of cigarettes and announced that he was going outside to smoke. Mrs. Koetch said she did not approve of cigarette smoking and playfully snatched the box as she ran to another room, Howe giving chase. Mrs. Koetch shut the door just as Howe reached it and his shoulder went through the glass. Mrs. Koetch tried to pull the door open but she fell forward against the shattered glass. A sliver of the glass pierced her neck, severing the jugular vein and she died almost instantly.

NO TRACE OF BURNING SHIP

By Associated Press. Newport, R. I., Dec. 28.—No trace of the schooner reported to be burning at sea was found by two revenue cutters which spent the night cruising off Block Island. They continued their search today. Throughout the night an icy north-west gale blew along the coast. With the raising of the sun the wind moderated.

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