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JAMES B. McNAMARA CONFESSES CRIME.

Acknowledges Blowing Up Times Building and Pleads Guilty of Murder.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 1.—James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree in Judge Walter Bordwell's court here today. His brother John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, entered a plea of 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 1, 1910 wrecked the plant of The Los Angeles Times at First and Broadway and caused the death of 21 persons. For 19 of these deaths the McNamara brothers were indicted and J. B. McNamara was on trial specially 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 5 when it is supposed District Attorney John D. Fredericks will ask for life imprisonment for James B. McNamara, the confessed murderer, and probably 14 years for his brother. The men's lives are considered saved. The great contention that the Los Angeles Times was not dynamited is dead beyond resurrection or argument.

Tonight as the two brothers sat together in the county jail refusing to see anyone or make any statement an interest second only to the occurrence itself, hung about the question with reference to James B. McNamara—"Why did he confess?"

To this opposing counsel gave the same answer.

"He confessed because he was guilty and that's all there is to it," declared District Attorney Fredericks.

"He was counselled to confess because that was the best thing to do, in the opinion of counsel," said Attorney Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel. "I will say now that there was no other reason or motive in it. I've studied this case for months. It presented a stone wall."

Darrow also denied that external looking squarely in the face he charges that the recent arrest of Burt H. Franklin, an investigator employed by the defense and two others with him, might have precipitated a situation untenable save by confession of the prisoner. "Negotiation 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 exerted from union labor sources and Socialist sources, as General Harrison Gray Otis charged tonight in a formal statement, or that the municipal election to be held next Tuesday 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 to Darrow from Andrew Gallagher, a San Francisco labor leader, confirmed this declaration.

A brotherly affection, 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 the word that would end the trial.

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

Word that J. McNamara was coming caused the first ripple of excitement. He had not visited the court room since October 11, when the trials were begun and the case had reached a climax.

The bailiff rapped loudly than usual when Judge Waller Bordwell mounted the bench. Instantly silence followed.

"The people versus McNamara," remarked the court, and Attorney Leconte Davis of the defense arose.

"In this case," he declared, "after long consideration we have concluded to withdraw the plea of not guilty and have the defendant enter a plea of guilty and the like course we intend to pursue with reference to J. J. McNamara, in the case of the people against him, wherein he is charged with having destroyed the Llewellyn Iron Works."

Mr. Fredericks—"Mr. J. B. McNamara, will you stand up please."

The defendant arose. Mr. Fredericks—"Mr. J. B. McNamara, you have heretofore been arraigned on this indictment No. 6989 and have entered your plea thereto of not guilty. Do you now wish to withdraw that plea of not guilty?"

The defendant—"Yes, sir." Mr. Fredericks—"The prisoner answers yes. J. B. McNamara, you have heretofore been arraigned on this indictment as stated before and you have withdrawn your plea of not guilty heretofore entered. Do you wish now to plead at this time?"

Mr. Davis—"At this time, yes, sir." Mr. Fredericks—"To this indictment number 6989 charging you with the crime of murder, do you plead guilty or not guilty?"

The defendant—"Guilty." Mr. Fredericks—"Guilty, your honor. Do the court and counsel for the defense wish to take up the other case?"

The court—"I will dispose of this matter and fix the time for sentence. The court appoints the time for pronouncing judgment in this case as 10 o'clock on Tuesday, the fifth day of December 1911."

Mr. Fredericks—"J. J. McNamara, will you stand up please?"

He arose. Mr. Fredericks—"J. J. McNamara you have heretofore been arraigned on indictment No. 6955 in which you are charged with the crime of exploding or attempting to explode dynamite, nitro-glycerine, etc., in the buildings or near the buildings adjacent to the Llewellyn Iron Works. You have been arraigned on that indictment and entered your plea of not guilty?"

The defendant—"I do." Mr. Fredericks—"Do you wish now at this time to plead to the indictment?"

The defendant—"I do." Mr. Fredericks—"J. J. McNamara, you have heretofore been arraigned on indictment number 6955. This is the time agreed upon to plead the same. Do you want to plead guilty or not guilty?"

The defendant—"Guilty." Mr. Fredericks—"Guilty, your honor."

The court—"Well, I will appoint the time for pronouncing judgment in this case at 10 o'clock a. m., December 5, 1911, which is next Tuesday."

There was a rush for the enclosure where the attorneys sat when court adjourned. A group flocked around District Attorney Fredericks to congratulate him on the way he had worked up his case. He smiled in return—not a smile of exultation, but real.

"I don't want a pound of flesh," he explained. "I look at this from two viewpoints. As a lawyer, I wanted these men to plead guilty because they were guilty—because they were the evidence we gathered howed them guilty beyond any doubt. But as a man, I want to say that if I can recommend a less severe punishment than death or be merciful in any way and at the same time rid union labor of its desire to use violence to obtain its ends, I want to do that thing."

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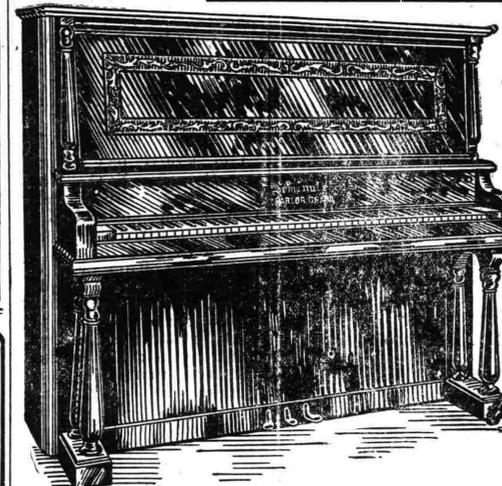
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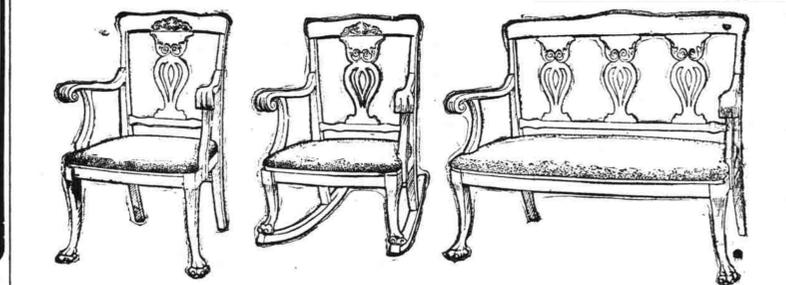
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There is a ballot box in the office of THE WATCHMAN where votes may be deposited for any contestants whom you may see fit to favor with your votes. If you cannot bring the ballots to the office send them in by mail and the votes will be credited to the candidates for whom they are intended.

The main source of obtaining votes though is by getting prepaid subscriptions to THE WATCHMAN and RECORD, old ones renewed or new subscriptions. For scale of votes see advertising page in this issue.

Subscription books are furnished the contestants. If you have not already received same call at the office here and you will be supplied with them at once.

- RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CONTEST.**
- Rule 1. All money obtained by the contestants shall be turned over to the contest manager.
 - Rule 2. Votes cannot be bought or exchanged. The contest will be run on a fair and square basis for all. Votes can only be obtained by securing subscriptions or getting renewals, or by cutting the nomination or free vote certificate out of each issue. Each contestant is allowed one nomination coupon giving her one thousand votes.
 - Rule 3. As soon as money for subscription is brought or mailed to WATCHMAN-RECORD office, by contestants, votes will be issued. These votes may be dropped into the ballot box at the time they are issued, but they must be placed in the box before 2 p. m., January 22nd in order to be valid.
 - Rule 4. Nominators and contestants in the WATCHMAN-RECORD contest must agree to and accept all rules and conditions.
 - Rule 5. The right is reserved to reject any name for contestant for any cause, also to alter these rules should occasion demand.
 - Rule 6. Any question that may arise between contestants will be decided by contest manager and her decision shall be final.
 - Rule 7. IMPORTANT.—The contest closes at 2 o'clock p. m., sharp on Monday, January 22nd, 1912. Absolutely no votes will be credited or received after this time. The result of the contest will be announced by 5 o'clock, Monday, January 22nd at the WATCHMAN-RECORD office.

If any point is not clear to a prospective contestant, we should be glad to have her call at the office and have it explained. The contest manager will be at Salisbury for the full time the contest is going on and her services are at your disposal at all times. We hope that a large number of ladies will enter at once. A late start is a great handicap in a proposition of this sort and we urge all prospective contestants to enter their names and get busy right away.

Sale of Valuable City Property.
Pursuant to the terms of a certain Mortgage Trust Deed executed on the 23rd day of August, 1908, by John Hargrave and wife Mary L. Hargrave, to F. B. Brown, trustee and mortgagee, and duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan county in Book of Mortgages No. 28, page 268, etc., default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, the undersigned, trustee and mortgagee, will expose for sale at public auction for cash at the court house door in the city of Salisbury, N. C., on
Monday, the 16th day of December, 1911,
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This November 15th, 1911.
F. B. Brown, trustee and mortgagee.
John L. Rendleman, attorney.