

# One Hundred Dynamite Explosions In Seventeen States

By Associated Press.  
 Indianapolis, Ind. Feb. 8.—Fully one hundred explosions of dynamite, at various times scattered over 17 states, and covering a period from the summer of 1905 to October 16, 1911, when dynamite was found beneath a bridge near Santa Barbara, Cal., just before President Taft's special train passed. President Taft's special train passed over it, were inquired into by the federal grand jury which has investigated what the government has regarded as a nation-wide dynamite conspiracy. It has been the theory of the government that all of these explosions were intended to intimidate employers and non-union workmen with the general intent to abolish the so-called "open shop," and compel admission into the demands of certain labor organizations, more particularly the International Union of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

The states in which explosions occurred were Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Utah, California and Washington. Ohio, with 20 explosions, had more than any other one state in order, in respect of the number of the explosions.

There were two explosions in 1905; one in 1906; six in 1907; 25 in 1908; 29 in 1909; 25 in 1910, and 13 in 1911. These figures are exclusive of the explosion which wrecked the Los Angeles Times plant, and resulted in the conviction and imprisonment of the brothers John J. and James B. McNamara. John J. McNamara was secretary and treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

The preliminary exhibit of the facts and allegations about the explosions and their supposed origin was gathered and presented to the federal authorities by the National Erectors' Association, an organization of iron and steel manufacturers and contractors who had declared for the "open shop." At the explosion in 1905, the Erectors' Association was formed, and in May, 1906, after declaring as an "open shop" for the "open shop," engaged detectives to seek out the identity of those responsible for the explosions.

One of the first instances of the finding of hidden explosives occurred between the erectors organization and an attempt to blow up a building on East 23rd street, New York City. Two men were convicted. One of them confessed to having received \$100 on one occasion for a "job," and \$100 for cutting a cable. He told of the location of 100 one-pound sticks of dynamite, which subsequently were found in the Jersey Meadows and in the sands at the foot of East 24th street.

The erectors continued their investigations until the spring of 1911, but while the detectives were working on the place, the explosions occurred with more frequency in others. More than a dozen viaducts, bridges, buildings and other construction work, all being erected by firms employing non-union labor, had been blown up before the case, and before he began work with John J. and James B. McNamara as a professional dynamiter.

The investigation of the dynamite conspiracy, after the plea of guilty had been made by the McNamara brothers, was continued, to ascertain not only if anyone participated in the same financial support to the dynamite.

The chief explosions, or attempts, which were given special attention by the federal grand jury, were as follows:

1907.  
 June 25—Detroit, Mich.; Russell Wheel and Foundry Co.; gas building; damage not given.  
 Sept.—Cleveland, O.; American Bridge Co.; American Steel & Wire Co.; plant; hoisting engine destroyed.  
 Oct. 30—Youngstown, O.; Youngstown Construction Co.; Baltimore & Ohio Railroad bridge; slightly damaged.  
 Dec. 23—Near Harrison, N. J.; Brann & Stuart Co.; Erie Railroad bridge; damage \$2,000.  
 Dec. 31—Cleveland, O.; Lucius Co.; Cleveland Short Line railroad bridge; damage \$400.  
 Dec. 31—Mill Creek, near Cleveland, O.; Lucius Co.; viaduct; damage \$1,200.

1908.  
 Jan. 31—Elsdon, Ill.; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; building; damage \$150.  
 Feb. 3—Pelham, N. Y.; American Bridge Co.; drawbridge; damage between \$5,000 and \$10,000.  
 Feb. 16—Clinton, Ia.; Wisconsin Bridge & Iron Co.; double track bridge over Mississippi river; damage \$2,000.  
 March 12—Chicago; Pittsburg Construction Co.; Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul railroad construction work; derrick car damaged.  
 March 25—Perth Amboy, N. J.; Pennsylvania Steel Co.; drawbridge; damage \$1,500.  
 March 25—Near Bradshaw, Md.; Youngstown Construction Co.; Baltimore & Ohio railroad bridge; machinery destroyed.  
 April 1—New York; Pennsylvania Steel Co.; Blackwell Island bridge. (Attempt.)  
 April 3—New York; Pennsylvania Steel Co.; Blackwell Island bridge. (Attempt.)  
 April 5—New York; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; Pier 58, North river; machinery wrecked; damage \$800 to \$1,000.  
 April 9—Near West Farms Station, N. Y.; Lewis F. Shoemaker & Co.; highway bridge. (Attempt.)  
 April 13—Philadelphia; American Bridge Co.; Elevated road; material damaged \$1,000.  
 April 26—Fall River, Mass.; American Bridge Co.; damage \$2,000 to \$3,000.  
 May 3—Dayton, O.; American Bridge Co.; Chicago; Hamilton & Dayton railroad bridge; derrick car damaged.  
 May 21—New York; Pennsylvania Steel Co.; drawbridge. (Attempt.)  
 Shoemaker & Co.; bridge; damage \$1,500.  
 May 24—Alken, Md.; Youngstown Construction Co.; Baltimore & Ohio railroad bridge. (Attempt.)  
 June 2—Perryville, Md.; American Bridge Co.; Baltimore & Ohio railroad bridge. (Attempt.)  
 June 2—Cleveland, O.; Plant Van Dorn Iron Works Co.; damage \$500.  
 June 15—Somerset, Mass.; Phoenix Bridge Co.; bridge; material damaged \$1,000.  
 July 1—Buffalo, N. Y.; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; Lehigh Valley railroad bridge; damage \$1,500.  
 Aug. 6—Chicago; American Bridge Co.; Illinois Central railroad bridge; work damaged.  
 Aug. 6—Cincinnati, O.; Grainger Construction Co.; viaduct.  
 Aug. 9—St. Louis; (Contractor not given); bridge. (Attempt.)  
 Oct. 15—Holyoke, Mass.; Lewis F. Shoemaker & Co.; bridge. (Attempt.)  
 Nov. 30—Cleveland, O.; Pittsburg Construction Co.; bridge; damage, \$500.  
 Dec. 24—Kansas City; Ball & Thwing; building wrecked.

1909.  
 March 18—Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Pittsburg Construction Co.; attempt to wreck material.  
 March 27—Boston, Mass.; new opera house; side of building destroyed.  
 March 31—Hoboken, N. J.; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; viaduct; damage \$1,000.  
 April 29—Kansas City; A. M. Blodgett Construction Co.; derrick car; damage slight.  
 May 9—Cincinnati; Pittsburg Construction Co.; Cincinnati Southern railroad bridge; damage slight.  
 May 24—Cincinnati; Pittsburg Construction Co.; Cincinnati Southern railroad bridge; damage \$300.  
 June 7—Buffalo, N. Y.; New York Central & Hudson River railroad bridge, damage several thousand dollars.  
 June 26—Steuenville, O.; Seaboard Construction Co.; Pennsylvania railroad bridge; material damaged, \$2,500.  
 June 26—Kansas City; A. M. Blodgett Construction Co.; viaduct; damage \$75.  
 July 9—Detroit; Whitehead & Kales plant; damage slight.  
 Aug. 12—Cincinnati; Pittsburg Construction Co.; viaduct; damage \$700.  
 Aug. 16—New York; Pittsburg Construction Co.; New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad bridge.  
 Sept. 5—Hoboken, N. J.; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; viaduct. (Attempt.)  
 Sept. 14—Buffalo; McCain Construction Co.; viaduct; derrick car destroyed.  
 Oct. 6—Buffalo; McCain Construction Co.; viaduct; slight damage.  
 Oct. 25—Indianapolis, Ind.; Albert Von Spreckelsen; Central Union Telephone Exchange building, Public Library, Von Spreckelsen Planing Mill and barn; \$15,000.  
 Nov. 4—Cleveland; Brown Hoisting & Machinery Co.; crane, freight cars; other machinery and buildings wrecked; \$40,000.  
 Nov. 21—Green Bay, Wis.; Wisconsin Bridge & Iron Co.; car of steel wrecked.  
 Dec. 29—Salt Lake City, Utah; E. D. Jones (sub-contractor for American Bridge Co.); Utah Hotel; damage slight.

1910.  
 March 27—Indiana Harbor, Ind.; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; Plant American Steel Foundries Co.; \$500.  
 April 5—Newcastle, Ind.; Plant Pan-American Bridge Co.; damaged.  
 April 18—Salt Lake City, Utah; R. D. Jones (sub-contractor for American Bridge Co.); Utah Hotel; damage slight.

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 May 24—New York; Pennsylvania Steel Co.; viaduct; \$700 to \$900.  
 June 4—Davenport, Ia.; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; machine shop; damage slight.  
 June 4—Peoria, Ill.; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; bridge; girders wrecked.  
 June 22—Cleveland; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; viaduct; \$100.  
 July 4—Akron, O.; the Burger Iron Co.; work and damage not given.  
 July 9—Jersey City, N. J.; Phoenix Bridge Co.; viaduct; \$1,000.  
 July 15—Pittsburg; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; trestlework; \$800.  
 July 21—Omaha, Neb.; Wisconsin Bridge & Iron Co.; power plant; \$150.  
 Aug. 12—Superior Wis.; Heyl & Patterson; unloading rig on dock; machinery destroyed.  
 Aug. 20—Oakland, Cal.; plant of Pacific Coast Lumber Co.; wrecked.  
 Aug. 23—Kansas City; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; railroad bridge; \$200.  
 Aug. 31—Seattle, Wash.; Contractor not given; office building; damage not given.  
 Sept. 4—Peoria, Ill.; plant of Lucas Bridge & Iron Co.; plant and six adjacent buildings damaged.  
 Sept. 4—East Peoria, Ill.; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.; railroad bridge; damage slight.  
 Sept. 27—Niagara, Pa.; American Bridge Co.; bridges, damage slight.  
 Oct. 10—Worcester, Mass.; Boston Bridge Works; bridge, \$10.  
 Oct. 10—Worcester, Mass.; Phoenix Bridge Co.; bridge; several hundred dollars.  
 Nov. 28—West Philadelphia, Pa.; Bergdoll & Pawling; bank building.  
 Dec. 25—Los Angeles, Cal.; plant Lewellyn Iron Works; slight damage.  
 Dec. 30—Kansas City; plant Walter Vanston's Furnace & Sheet Metal Works; partially wrecked.  
 1911.  
 Jan. 28—Erie, Pa.; McCain Construction Co.; Car Dump Coal Company; \$1,500.  
 Feb. 24—South Chicago, Ill.; Brown Hoisting Machinery Co.; iron works plant; partially wrecked.  
 March 8—Springfield, Ill.; McClintic-Marshall Construction Co. and Jeffertes Mfg. Co.; traction viaduct and coal mine tipples; two explosions; total loss \$45,000.  
 March 16—Milwaukee; Heyl & Patterson.

**Rock Hill Has Water Problem**

Rock Hill, S. C., Feb. 8.—The public works commission is now considering the problem of securing an adequate water supply, but it is evident that in a few years with the rapid growth of the city that wells will not be adequate, hence the commissioners are preparing in advance for the increased supply that will be needed. An engineer has been secured to make an investigation and report to the commission the best plan for securing the water. When asked if the commission contemplated going to the Catawba for the water supply, Mr. Johnson, chairman of the commission, stated that he did not know; that the commission was waiting until the engineer had made his investigation and filed his report. "We are going to have plenty of water from somewhere," Commissioner Johnson stated.

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