

# Wholesale Arrests Of Labor Leaders Made Today

## Crisis Reached In Probe Involving Dynamite Plot

In many centers of population throughout the East and middle West this morning officers arrested labor leaders accused by an Indianapolis grand jury of having had a part in what the government claims was a giant plot to ship explosives from state to state. Most of the men arrested were members of the structural iron workers, the labor organization formerly headed by John J. McNamara. Up to noon the following arrests had been made:

**Rockester, N. Y.**—Clarence E. Dowd, machinists union; John Carroll, iron workers union.

**Chicago**—Richard H. Houlihan; William Schoupe, iron workers union; James Cooney, iron workers union; James Coughlin, iron workers union.

**New York**—Frank C. Webb, iron workers union; Patrick Farrell; Daniel Broppy.

**Indianapolis**—Frank Ryan, iron workers president; Herbert O. Hocking, second vice president; John T. Butler, first vice president iron workers union; Fred Sherman, iron workers; Three latter when Ryan arrested; Spurgeon Meadows, carpenters union; Cincinnati—Edward Clark, iron workers; Ernest G. W. Bassey, iron workers; Detroit—Charles W. Wachstein, iron workers; Frank J. Murphy, iron workers.

**St. Louis**—John Barry, iron workers; Paul Morrin, McNamara agent.

**Kansas City**—W. Bert Brown, iron workers; W. J. McCain, iron workers; Milwaukee—W. E. Reddin; Herman G. Seiffert, iron workers.

**Denver**—Henry W. Leggett, iron workers union (formerly of Pittsburgh); Cleveland—Peter J. Smith, iron workers; George Anderson, iron workers.

**Scranton**—M. J. Hannon, ex-iron workers union; Philadelphia—Michael Cunniff, iron workers; Davenport, Iowa—Daniel Buckler, iron workers; Springfield, Ill.—W. L. Pennington; A. J. Kavanaugh; St. Paul—Fred Mooney; Boston—Michael Young, ex-member iron workers executive committee; Peoria—Edward Smythe, iron workers; James E. Ray, local leader; Members and former members of the executive committee of the iron workers union in the above list include: Young of Boston; Webb of New York; Leggett of Denver; Barry of St. Louis; Broppy of New York; Other men in the list are local leaders, walking delegates or business agents of the iron workers.

**Minneapolis**—Charles N. Bell, secretary building trades council. Held in \$10,000 bail.

Two score or more labor leaders were arrested today in the most sweeping federal action of its kind ever attempted. The arrests took place in cities of the middle west and east. The prisoners are accused of having acted as units in a giant conspiracy to ship dynamite throughout the country. The explosives, it is charged by the federal grand jury that entered the indictments in Indianapolis, were used to blast works—structural steel for the most part—under construction for "open shop" artisans.

All of the executive officers of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers were arrested, while some members of the executive committee who are believed to have had knowledge of the blasting operations were freed.

Rail was immediately fixed in most of the cases and the men moved in attempts to obtain bondsmen.

Among the first arrests was Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. He was taken to Indianapolis where the iron workers international headquarters are located and from which J. J. McNamara, the convicted dynamiter, was arrested last April.

Eleven business agents of the iron workers, four or five officials and some members of the executive board who are charged with knowing what McNamara did with money used to buy explosives are among those indicted.

Spurgeon P. Meadows, business agent of the district council of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, also was arrested in Indianapolis. He represents one of the three labor unions alleged to be implicated in the conspiracy. The official of the other union represented is C. E. Dowd, of the machinists union, under arrest at Rochester, N. Y.

Frank C. Webb, a former member of the iron workers executive board, who was arrested in New York, figures prominently in Orrie McManigal's confession. Webb is charged with meeting McManigal and showing him where to do "jobs" in Hoboken and Jersey City. Webb and Patrick Farrell, formerly of the iron workers executive committee, were held in \$10,000 bonds.

**Going After Others.**

Before night it is expected a majority of the fifty or more men indicted will be apprehended and the government will reveal the facts, all the names involved and the extent of a conspiracy which it charges has for six years been carried on by union labor officials and others against "open shop" contractors.

John T. Butler, Buffalo, N. Y., first vice president of the International Iron Workers, and Herbert S. Hocking of Detroit, second vice-president and acting secretary-treasurer, and Fred Sherman, local business agent were arrested in Indianapolis after Ryan was taken. Hocking succeeded J. J. McNamara, now in San Quentin prison, in California, as secretary-treasurer.

Orrie McManigal in his confession declared Hocking was "the man who put him in the dynamiting business."

It is charged in the indictment that Hocking went to Detroit in June, 1907, and induced McManigal to take up dynamiting.

The bonds of Ryan, Hocking and Butler have been fixed at \$10,000 each and those of Meadows and Sherman \$5,000 each. It was said if they soon did not furnish bond they would be taken to jail.

In the indictments it is held that the McNamara brothers and McManigal were merely the agents of a vast conspiracy and that their work in blowing up structures had been carried on for years at the behest of their superior officers and at the solicitation of officials of local unions.

Five of these indicted were members of the executive board when J. J. McNamara was directing his dynamiting operations from his office in Indianapolis and when he was receiving \$1,000 a month from the iron workers union for which he was not required to make any accounting and which the government charges was used to purchase and pay for the transportation of explosives. These executive board members were present in McNamara's office when he was arrested last April.

The charges in the indictment are divided into two groups. The first group charges violation of the federal statute regulating the interstate shipment of explosives, aiding and abetting to violate the law and aiding and abetting to violate the law and aiding.

**Accessories After the Fact.**

The defendants in this class are termed accessories before and after the fact.

The second group charges conspiracy to violate the law by furthering the plans for carrying explosives.

While the possible penalty for violations range from less than 18 months to two years imprisonment, it is said, the punishments may be cumulative, so that one defendant charged with more than one offense may face a punishment equal to the accumulated penalties for all his offenses.

Frank M. Ryan, formerly was a structural iron worker in Chicago. His home previously has been in Providence, R. I.

He was elected president of the International Iron Workers Union in 1905, succeeding Frank Buchanan, of Chicago, now a member of congress. As head of the iron workers Ryan held positions on important committees of the American Federation of Labor.

The iron workers union, whose headquarters are in Indianapolis, has about 13,000 members with 107 local unions in the United States and Canada.

Soon after it became known his officials were to be indicted Mr. Ryan asked the members of the union to establish a special fund of \$70,000 a month. It is believed this fund now will be utilized for defense at the trials.

Correspondence between the iron workers international headquarters and the officers of many local unions are said to have shown that busi-

## HOKE SMITH BS UP.

Hoke Smith has up recently in the News presidential straw poll. A gentleman, evidently a Georgia Cracker, called at The News office yesterday and deposited a ballot for the senator from Georgia.

The third day of the ballot indicates that there is a division of opinion. Wilson, Underwood, Harmon, Bryan, Hoke/Smith and Roosevelt are all represented in the ballot box.

The vote to the date will be published in a few days. If you desire to express your choice clip the ballot and vote today.

Business agents had knowledge of the system of dynamiting against structures under construction by employers who maintained the "open shop" and it is charged that "jobs" often were arranged by letter.

**Man Wanted Is Missing.**

New Orleans, La., Feb. 14.—The union labor official whose arrest in connection with the alleged dynamiting conspiracy was expected to take place in New Orleans could not be found this morning. It is thought he left the city yesterday. Deputies from the United States marshal's office were astray early today and visited the local offices of the Structural Iron Workers' Union, but made no arrests.

The name of the man wanted here was not revealed by the federal officials but a statement emanating from union labor circles today was that he would return to New Orleans tomorrow.

**John Barry.**

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 14.—John Barry, former walking delegate of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and Paul Morrin, who was active in raising a defense fund for the McNamaras, were arrested here today.

It was stated at the department of justice today that no evidence has been obtained against officials of the Federation of Labor in the dynamite conspiracy.

Samuel Gompers had made no statement this afternoon.

## NEW ORLEANS READY FOR MARDI GRAS

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 14.—A small army of decorators resumed work today draping thousands of yards of hunting over downtown business buildings and stringing colored electric lights for the 1912 Mardi Gras carnival—the first parade of which takes place tomorrow night. King Momus and his court, on a dozen or more tinsel floats and escorted by several bands of music will open the festivities then.

Rex and his court will arrive on the royal yacht at the foot of Canal street Monday noon; and an escort of welcome of commands of the National Guard, bluejackets from the gunboat Whiting and civic organizations and dignitaries will accompany him in a parade. The parade of Rex with floats is scheduled for Tuesday noon, Mardi Gras day.

The Proteus parade will take place Monday night, followed on Tuesday night by the parade of Comus.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast For North Carolina: Rain or snow tonight and Thursday; warmer in east and central portions tonight. High northeast winds.

## MR. LATTA TO OFFER SITE FOR COLLEGE

The Presbyterian College is as popular as a beautiful young woman.

Three prominent men who own valuable suburban holdings want the college—the first was Mr. George Stephens, who offered a site at Myers Park.

The second was Mr. Paul Chatham who offered a site near the Country Club.

The third and last—and a most formidable one—is Mr. E. D. Latta.

The news learns that Mr. Latta will offer the board of trustees a site just beyond his beautiful home in Dilworth. Mr. Latta is developing this valuable property. It is at present in the hands of a noted landscape gardener.

Between these three offers—in Myers Park, Chatham property, and Dilworth, the trustees will have rich choice.

## Feature of Hearing In Packers' Trial

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Further inquiry into the cost used by Armour & Co. in an effort to show that the defendant used a uniform basis in fixing the selling cost of dressed beef was the scheduled plan of the government today in the trial of the packers charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law.

It was the intention of the government to continue the direct examination of Bernard Remmer, for twenty years price clerk in the dressed carcass accounting department of Armour & Co., at the opening of court.

## What Was Effect Of Canada's Course?

By Associated Press.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 14.—A commission of 13 members of the Canadian senate will determine exactly what the Dominion lost through the rejection of reciprocity with the United States. The commission was appointed on motion of Senator Edwards, a liberal from Ontario. At the suggestion of one of the western members it will also report on what Canada gained in defeating the proposed trade pact.

## CASE ARGUED BEFORE SUPREME COURT TODAY

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—Cases of special importance to the citizens of Charlotte are being heard today before the supreme court, having been advanced on account of their public importance. They are the cases of J. A. Newton and others against the school commissioners of Charlotte, and the school commissioners against the board of aldermen. J. A. Newton and others claim that they are citizens of Belmont, a portion of Charlotte, and that the board of school commissioners issued a circular to induce them to vote for bonds under the recent \$100,000 issue of school bonds with the understanding and agreement that a \$20,000 school building should be built in the Belmont district; that the bonds were carried and the school board violated their contract and instead of putting a \$20,000 school building at or near the old site in Belmont put it a mile away in an unsettled section and out of the precinct. They claim that the school commissioners have abused their discretion in this and other matters.

The board of aldermen refused to turn over this \$20,000 to the school board and the school board brought an action of mandamus to compel them. The board of aldermen contend that they have supervision of this special \$100,000 bond fund and that the taking of this \$20,000 building away from Belmont, which has water and has the sewer, and putting it a mile away in an old field will entail an expense on the city of Charlotte of from ten to fifteen thousand dollars to provide water, sewer and streets to the new location.

The attorneys here to argue the cases are Messrs. Chase Brenizer, for the city of Charlotte; Messrs. Heriot, Clarkson and E. R. Preston for the Belmont citizens and Mr. C. W. Tillet for the board of school commissioners.

## ADMIRAL SALMON DEAD.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 14.—Admiral of the fleet Sir Lowell Salmon died today at the age of 77. Until his retirement in 1905, after serving 58 years in the navy, he was one of the most popular officers of the fleet. He was one of the rare possessors of the Victoria Cross, which he won for bravery in the field during the Italian military, the second relief of Lucknow, in 1857. He was attached as lieutenant to the naval brigade.

## EIGHTEEN PERSONS WERE INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

By Associated Press.

Devils Lake, N. D., Feb. 14.—Eighteen persons were hurt when every car on the Oriental limited on the Great Northern Railroad left the rails west of here last night. Relief trains sent to the wreck scene brought the injured and the remainder of the passengers here.

It is presumed spreading rails caused the accident.

## Big Cotton Crop Due Largely To Reduction Of Boll Weevils Says W. D. Hunter

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Reduction of boll weevils in the cotton belt during 1911 undoubtedly had an important bearing on the production of the record cotton crop, in the opinion of W. D. Hunter, of the department of agriculture's bureau of entomology. In a report on the movement of the Mexican cotton boll weevil, Mr. Hunter says:

"During 1911 the boll weevil was greatly reduced in numbers throughout its entire range. This resulted from a combination of climatic influences extending over a period of about three years. The insect was exterminated in about 233,000 square miles in northwestern Texas and western Oklahoma. Undoubtedly these conditions had an important bearing on the large crop of 1911.

"Notwithstanding the great reduction, its advance was made to the east and north when the dispersion movement began in August."

The recurrence of the climatic conditions which did so much toward reducing the numbers of boll weevils can be expected only at very infrequent intervals, says Mr. Hunter.

"With the return of seasons favorable to it, the boll weevil undoubtedly will regain a part of the territory and multiply to the same extent it has in the past," he continues. "It must not be supposed from the situation in 1911 that there is any hope for a permanent elimination. On the contrary it is necessary for planters to continue their fight against the pest according to the plans detailed by the department of agriculture."

## NEW RECIPROcity TREATY WITH CUBA IS NECESSARY

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The necessity of the proposed new reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba was explained today at the state department on the ground that threatened revision of the sugar tariff by congress might affect a provision contained in article VIII of the present convention which reads:

"And no sugar, the product of any foreign country, shall be admitted by treaty or convention, into the United States while this convention is in force, at a lower rate of duty than that provided by the tariff act of the United States approved July 24th, 1897 (the Dingley act)."

The present treaty has continued in operation from year to year in the absence of a desire of either party to terminate it. Recently the Cuban government proposed to the state department that the treaty be extended five years with the understanding that the revised treaty should then go into operation. The state department declined this proposition because of the inclusion in the treaty of the foreign sugar provision which it desired to get rid of.

If this provision, along with the rest of the treaty had been extended five years, the state department would have been in an embarrassing position if congress should pass, and the president should approve, any legislation reducing sugar duties generally, for such action would be in violation of the Cuban treaty and yet there would be no way to terminate that treaty within five years.

Of the nature of the new treaty little can be stated at this time, but it is understood that the Cubans will be expected to relinquish some of the advantages they enjoy under the article which now admits all of their sugar, tobacco and other products into the United States at a reduction of 20 per cent from the rates paid by other countries. Although certain classes of American products are given reductions of duty when imported into Cuba amounting to from 20 to 40 per cent, it is asserted that the advantage has been shown to be largely in favor of Cuba.

**GEORGIA REPUBLICANS MEET.**

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 14.—The republican state convention to select delegates to the national convention in Chicago next summer met at noon today in a downtown theatre. Whether there would be a contest over instructed delegates was problematical when the meeting was called. It is known that Mr. Taft has warm supporters in the state but also there are some who are against direct endorsement. Theodore Roosevelt always has had strong standing in Georgia.

# Norfolk - Southern Coming To Charlotte Says Mr. Duncan

## State Laymen's Convention Closes

Special to The News.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 14.—The convention of the Laymen's Movement which has been in session here for two days closed with the session last night.

Rev. J. O. Reavis, D. D., of Columbia, was the first speaker of the evening, his subject being, "Ethiopia Stretching Out Her Hands Unto God," and his appeal being for the church at home to increase her efforts to meet the needs of the "dark continent." The other address was delivered by J. Campbell White, and the question, "How can I hasten the evangelization of the world?" was his subject.

**Morning and Afternoon Sessions.**

Mr. White presided over the morning and afternoon sessions, and in addition to the address which he delivered on the subject, "An Adequate Program in Missionary Finance," he gave many valuable suggestions upon the other themes presented.

The subjects emphasized most in these sessions were the need of prayer, above everything else in the work of the evangelization of the world and the need of study of missions. The fact was brought out in more than one address that men will not give of their means to an enterprise in which they are not interested, that in order for them to become interested they must possess information, that information is the result of study, hence the importance of the study of missions.

This convention has been marked by the spirit of enthusiasm and inter-denominational fellowship in every session. The delegates represented a number of denominations in the state and the attendance upon all of the sessions was large.

## Information Conveyed To The City Today in a Telegram From Mr. W. S. Alexander From Mr. E. C. Duncan First Vice-President.

"Our Road is Going to Charlotte, Wired Mr. Duncan—As Proof of Fact Options on Terminal Sites Are Being Taken Up.

The Norfolk Southern Railway is coming to Charlotte.

The News is first to announce the fact beyond all peradventure of a doubt.

The statement—of vital interest to Charlotte and the rich territory of which it is the center—is made on the highest authority.

"Our Road Coming to Charlotte."

As proof of this the News offers the following sent in response to a message by Mr. W. S. Alexander, Chairman of the local committee appointed to secure the subscription asked by the road:

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 14.

To Mr. W. S. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C.

Present the names of E. T. Lamb, W. R. Hudson, F. L. Nicholson and myself for membership in the Greater Charlotte Club.

**ONR ROAD IS GOING TO CHARLOTTE.** and we wish the Norfolk Southern to be a factor in the rapid building up of Greater Charlotte.

The only thing causing delay is the trouble we are having in securing the rights of way which we hope will be adjusted soon on a fair and equitable basis.

(Signed) E. C. DUNCAN.

The fact that the road is coming is the great point gained. Other things are to be, and can be adjusted in time. The road, as the public has known for weeks, is to own practically all of the property on the A street from Sixth to the Presbyterian College, beside the block on the east side of College between Sixth and Seventh, nearly all of the block on the north side of East Sixth between College and A street. A list of options secured by the road has been given. For sometime the News has had a list of several that had been taken up but withheld them by special request. Now that the coming of the road is a certainty, the News feels that it can release the information.

## John B. Sneed Tells His Story

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 14.—John B. Sneed, charged with the murder of A. G. Boyce, sr., told today his story of the elopement of his wife with A. G. Boyce, jr., of Amarillo, the sensational flight and pursuit of the couple and finally the slaying of Captain Boyce by his January 13. Sneed was the concluding witness in his own behalf. He told of his life long acquaintance with the Boyces and his own business and personal career. Sneed said he first discovered "something was wrong" in his family Friday, October 13.

## THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.

**Senate:**

In session 2 p. m.

Machine tool manufacturers protested at steel tariff hearing against placing machine tools on free list, Pittsburg manufacturer forecasted receivership if Underwood bill became law.

Foreign relations committee decided to report favorably the nomination of Myron T. Herrick as ambassador to France.

**House:**

Met at noon.

Steel corporation's side of labor question was given Stanley committee by Percival Roberts, a director.

Florida Drainage Engineer Wright testified regarding agricultural department's relations with everglades reclamation.

Commissioner Lane told the interstate committee investigation showed numerous deviations by express companies from published rates.

Foreign affairs committee decided to report favorably resolution providing for American participation in international fish conservation conference.

Fortifications appropriation bill, carrying \$4,036,235, reported.

## OPTIONS.

The first option taken up was that of Messrs. W. C. Dowd and E. H. Gresham on A between Seventh and Eighth—consideration \$15,000.

The second option taken was that of Mr. L. L. Sarratt on College between Sixth and Seventh—consideration \$20,000.

The Carolina Construction Company's property, situated at the corner of Ninth and A streets—consideration \$45,000.

Mrs. Mary Gryder's property fronting 36 feet on Sixth and running back 205 feet on A street—consideration \$8,000.

The option on the Kuester property, corner of College and Seventh street, was closed today. The lot is full sized and runs back to A street—consideration \$35,000.

The option on the property of Mr. Chas. Rigler, on Sixth street, will expire March 7th. It will be taken up, at the consideration of \$15,000.

The lot is 64 feet (on Sixth street) by 305 in depth.

The option on the property of Mr. F. J. Robertson (the Ransom Gray place) on College, between Sixth and Seventh, will be taken up March 27th. Consideration \$32,000.

The option on Mr. S. J. Asbury's place, adjoining, will be taken up. Continued on Page Nine.

## My Choice For President If I Could Select the Man I Would Name

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cut this out and mail or hand in to *The Charlotte News*, Charlotte, N. C. Results will be published from day to day and in no case will the name of the voter be given out unless so requested.