

# M'NAMARA, FAMED BOMB FIGURE, HALED INTO COURT

## OLD BLACKMAIL CONVICTION IS ARGUED AGAIN

Indiana Supreme Court Hears Pleadings of Attorneys on Final Briefs.

### RULED GUILTY IN 1925

Memories of Los Angeles Times Explosion Are Recalled Here.

John J. McNamara, central figure in the Los Angeles Times bombing case, spent this morning in the Indiana supreme court room listening to attorneys argue the merits of a six-year-old case in which he was convicted of blackmail.

McNamara, at the time of conviction, was business agent for the local structural and ornamental iron workers union. He was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to from one to five years in the Indiana state prison. The charge grew out of alleged intimidation of Ben Staggenborg, who was placing bollars in the Elks Club. Sentence was passed in Marion circuit court in November, 1925, and the case was appealed in December of the same year. Since then there have been five extensions of time granted, but final briefs were filed June 30, 1927, and the case has been ready for decision.

#### Liquor Offense Charged

Recently McNamara was haled into federal court on a liquor charge, it being alleged that a still was found on his farm near Fortville.

Since then the oral argument date was set by the high court and heard today.

The now white-haired McNamara, sitting erect and apart, spent the morning listening to Charles E. Cox, his aged attorney, argue on his behalf.

Cox contended that McNamara's actions did not come within the meaning of the blackmail statute and that there never was proof of any pecuniary reward involved.

V. Ed Funk, deputy attorney-general, upheld the conviction for the state.

#### Blown Up in 1910

Statehouse attaches went to the door of the courtroom to peer at the man whose name was on every tongue back in 1911 when he was arrested here by Detective William J. Burns for the Los Angeles Times bombing.

The Times had been blown up and twenty employees killed on Oct. 1, 1910. The paper at the time was carrying on an intense anti-unionism campaign and a bomb also was found in the palatial home of the publisher and owner, General Harrison Gray Olls.

Burns' investigation brought him to Indianapolis, where McNamara had headquarters as secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

Both John and his brother, James B. McNamara, were well-known in labor circles and had taken prominent part in conventions of the American Federation of Labor, then headed by the late Samuel Gompers.

#### Four Named Plotters

The McNamara brothers were arrested upon a confession from Orville McManigal, who said they were the brains of a dynamite plot being put across in labor disputes throughout the country. M. A. Schmidt and David Kaplan also were named as plotters.

Storm of criticism broke in labor circles when John McNamara was "kidnapped" here and spirited to Los Angeles for trial for murder without a warrant or extradition papers. The late Thomas R. Marshall then was Governor of the state.

Months were consumed in selection of jurors and getting the trial under way. Clarence Darrow became chief defense counsel. It was alleged that attempt was made to bribe jurors.

#### Both Pleaded Guilty

Then Darrow dramatically brought the McNamara brothers into court and pleaded them guilty. James was given a life sentence while John got fifteen years imprisonment on a guilty plea for blowing up the Llewellyn Iron Works. He served nine years of the sentence.

Gompers issued a formal statement of the Federation stand. He condemned bombing and all such use of force in labor disputes, but he still asserted that the John McNamara was unlawfully man-handled in Indiana smacked of "the Russian manner."

**BANDITS 'INVITED' TO BANK OPEN HOUSE**

Bullet-proof Glass Equipment Installed at Oakland.

The public—including, perhaps, gamblers and bandits—is invited to attend the open house of the Oakland State bank scheduled for 7:30 to 9:30 Saturday night.

At that time the public will see the new bandit-proof equipment installed by the institution. This includes bullet-proof glass more than an inch thick erected around the working department of the bank.

This glass and metal covers the entire lobby of the bank, reaching to the ceiling.

The open house announcement says a successful holdup or bandit attack never has taken place where such equipment has been installed.

The Lawrence township band will present a concert near the bank.

## TWO ARE SLAIN IN RIOT

Communist-Fascist Outbreak at Dortmund Brings Thirty Arrests.

By United Press

DORTMUND, Germany, July 22.—Sharp fighting broke out in Communist-Fascist riots today.

Two Communists were killed and one Communist and a policeman were wounded.

The police dispersed the rioting, arresting thirty persons.

## ONE HUSBAND TOO MANY; WOMAN IN CITY JAIL CELL

She Thought She Was Free When No. 1 Got Term, Is Defense.

Admittedly oversupplied with husbands, Mrs. Gladys Richardson, 24, who also is married to William Burris, is in the city prison today, awaiting court action on charges that she is a bigamist.

Mrs. Richardson, who lives at 1155 Fletcher avenue with her second husband, Jack, 40, had a surprise in store for Burris when he returned home Tuesday after serving a sentence in the state reformatory. He found her under the protection of Richardson and caring for Richardson's two children.

#### Asserts His Rights

Immediately war flared as Burris asserted his rights as a husband. The battle waged so long that finaly Burris' relatives called police. The woman's arrest followed.

She was somewhat bewildered today as she related she met Richardson, a widower, in a downtown theater, and their acquaintance budded into romance a month after husband No. 1 went to the reformatory.

"Friends told me I was free after Bill went to the reformatory," she said. "I met Jack and fell in love with him. I love his children, too."

#### Forced to Pick Coal

She charged she was unhappy with Burris and had been forced to pick coal from railroad tracks in order to supply heat in her home. The case was to be tried before Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer this afternoon.

#### Funeral Services at Home for John D. Ewell, 46.

Funeral services were held at 2 this afternoon for John D. Ewell, 46, traffic policeman, at his home, 1053 West Thirty-fourth street. Burris was in Washington Park cemetery.

Mr. Ewell, who for five years was stationed at Illinois and Washington streets, had been ill sixteen months and on leave of absence from the police department since last fall.

#### Shaffer's Pals to Carry Him to Grave.

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