

# M'NAMARA IN FIGHT TO BEAT RUM CHARGES

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Legal battle of John McNamara of Fortville, former labor leader and figure in the bombing of the Los Angeles Times building, to escape conviction of a charge of manufacturing liquor, was opened today at his arraignment in federal court with filing of a motion to suppress evidence.

Two hundred seventy-eight other defendants, including four persons connected with the Towne Club liquor case, were arraigned before Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Because of a huge crowd jamming the courtroom to witness the arraignment, one of the largest in the history of the court, Baltzell ordered the courtroom cleared of spectators ten minutes after court opened.

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Guilty pleas to charges of liquor law violations were made by twenty-nine Indianapolis persons. They and others who pleaded guilty were to be sentenced this afternoon.

Chief Fowler, alleged aviator-bootlegger, and the Towne Club attaches were among twenty-two Indianapolis persons pleading not guilty to dry law violation charges.

Indictments on the Towne Club case of Robert Griffith, manager; Lloyd Turpin, master of ceremonies; and William Winn and William Potter, porters, followed a raid by federal agents a year ago when hundreds of guests were in the club. Trials were set for May 9.

Fowler was indicted after police squads and dry agents raided a garage at his home last fall, claiming they confiscated thousands of dollars worth of liquor hidden in a false basement. Baltzell fixed May 9 as his trial date.

## Now in Leavenworth

Tony Ferracane, alleged bootlegger, now serving a booze sentence in Leavenworth penitentiary, will be tried with his wife Anna on a transporting count, May 9. Mrs. Ferracane pleaded not guilty.

Baltzell fixed May 26 as date for arguments on the motion to suppress evidence in the McNamara case.

Police squads raided the former labor leader's home near Fortville several months ago, confiscating a still, they claimed.

The Rev. John Vasiliades of Mo-line, Ill., former pastor of a Greek orthodox church, pleaded not guilty to a charge of selling liquor. He is alleged to have sold a large quantity of sacramental wine.

## Phas Are Entered

Not guilty pleas to liquor law violation charges were entered by the following:

Thomas Black, Otto Gentry, Harry C. Hiner, George and Harvey Allen, Fred Frick, Ralph Hart, Raymond Baker, Ralph Metzger, George Whitley, Carl King, Claude Bitoff, Rex Whitehead, Otto Whitehead and James B. Hensley, all of Indianapolis.

The following Indianapolis persons entered guilty pleas to booze law violation charges:

James C. Christian, Bart E. Poore, Edward Taylor, Potter Felner, Sebastian Palamara, Donald Brown, Thomas Cooper, Theodore Taitt, Arthur McDermott, Leroy E. Joyce, Stella Joyce, Nicholas Gendy, Charles Frank, Mike McGuire, Walter Edmond, John J. Davis, Lester Holmes, Arthur Skidmore, Ralph N. Gelszer, Basil Corrie, James Howard Lester, Frank Wisnand, Carl Thorne, John C. Parley, Homer S. Tison, Frank Lane, Robert S. Windisch, Gene Hinton, Roscoe Hartman and Joe Melcher Jr.

## FIND SUB-MACHINE GUN ABANDONED BY OWNER

Weapon Discovered by Workmen in Vacant House.

Owner of a submachine gun, found in a vacant house at 6071 Indianapolis avenue, is sought by police today.

Police said furnace pipes in the building had been stuffed with paper and matches.

Discovery was made by workmen for the American Town Lots Company, 208 K. of P. building, sent to the house Wednesday afternoon to make repairs. The machine gun was found in a wooden case on an inclosed rear porch.

Officials of the company said a former occupant of the house moved out after suit for possession was filed against him in county courts.

## REPUBLICAN LEADERS TO MEET AT GARY

Conference Scheduled on Eve of Curtis Crown Point Talk.

Lake county Republican leaders will be called into conference Friday when Ivan C. Morgan, state chairman, reaches Gary on the eve of the meeting Saturday night at Crown Point when Vice-President Charles Curtis is to speak.

Among those who will be present at the Curtis dinner are Governor Harry G. Leslie; Miss Dorothy Cunningham, national committee woman; Miss Genevieve Brown, supreme court reporter; Mrs. J. E. P. Holland, vice-chairman; and Miss Mary Sleeth, candidate for the nomination for treasurer.

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Ely Culbertson's Children Guarded as Result of Menacing Notes.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Ely Culbertson, who made a fortune playing bridge, revealed today that he and his wife have received letters threatening to kidnap their two small children.

"We believe the letters were written by cranks," said Culbertson upon his arrival from New York, "but we are keeping close watch over the children, nevertheless. Their nurse is equipped with a police whistle and every necessary precaution is being taken."

The children, Bruce, 2, and Fifi, 3, are in New York with their mother, Mrs. Josephine Culbertson, who recently participated with her husband in a widely publicized bridge tournament to test the Culbertson and Sidney Lenz contract systems.

Culbertson said the tournament subjected his family to a "terrific glare of publicity," thereby bringing on the threatening letters. He said he believed prominent men should join together in an "anti-kidnapers' protective association."

"I believe this kidnap epidemic," emphasized by the unfortunate Lindbergh case, is due to terrorized fathers who are ready instantly to hand over money to the abductors," he explained. "If it were known they would not pay, the kidnappings would fall off. The fathers should join together against such terrorism."

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Judge Frank P. Baker of criminal court today sentenced a son of a boyhood playmate to the Indiana reformatory for ten years.

The defendant was Francis Stevenson, 22, son of William Stevenson of Scottsburg, who pleaded guilty to assault and battery with intent to rob. The crime was committed while he was on parole from the reformatory, where he had served fifteen months of a one to ten-year term for auto theft.

Before pronouncing sentence, the court told the prisoner that the father had written a lengthy letter, recalling boyhood days and asking that clemency be extended. "I would do more for you on this account than otherwise might be the case," the court told young Stevenson, "but justice must take its course."

Armed with a revolver, Stevenson attempted to rob Marshall Brummett, 3649 Stanton avenue, a taxi driver, on Feb. 16. Stanton resistor and, in the ensuing struggle, disarmed Stevenson and called police.

Suicide Tried by Jobless Woman  
Despondency over lack of employment is said to have caused Mrs. Georgia Taylor, 20, Negro, to attempt suicide by swallowing poison Wednesday night at her home, 617 West North street. Her condition is reported serious at city hospital.

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