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Liberal Members Attempt to Make it Appear that Borden Government Wishes to Drop Project

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OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—The Liberals spent this afternoon complaining of the action of the government in presuming to investigate certain arrangements made by the Laurier administration before it vacated office.

Dr. Neely moved for the papers relating to the Hudson Bay Railway after holding the matter back for years the late government made slow progress with the bridge over the Saskatchewan at the Pas and let the contract for a stretch of road just in time to allow the contractor to arrive on the scene during the election campaign. The action of the government in scrutinizing the route, Dr. Neely and Mr. Tupper denounced as indecent exposure of the past.

Mr. Neely's words were interpreted as the contract had been sent up to enable him to go into the question of route, it having been represented that the line chosen had not been the best. Hon. Mr. Oliver read into Hon. Mr. Neely's words an avowal that the whole scheme was dropped. Sir Wilfrid Laurier also declared that the project, which had been accepted by the two parties for the last three or four years, was largely set aside by the late government.

Premier Borden said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was laying down the decision that because the late administration had come to a conclusion the incoming administration was bound to accept that conclusion and to abstain from considering the route for itself. Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved for the papers relating to the late administration's decision in Quebec City. This was the contract which the late government signed after it had been defeated. Mr. Neely explained that the proposed entrance into Quebec would not only be expensive but also would be unduly cramped. After Mr. Pelletier had spoken to the same effect, Sir Wilfrid Laurier reiterated his conviction was that the Champlain market site was the best.

Mr. Macdonald asked for the papers relating to legislation for uniformity in canalization. The question was discussed at the last imperial conference, and uniform qualification for British citizenship had been advocated by Winston Churchill. Mr. Macdonald urged the government to deal promptly with the question, so that Canada might take the lead in legislation by which British subjects anywhere may be subjects everywhere.

Premier Borden admitted that the existing situation was anomalous. His personal view was that a man should be a British subject anywhere within the Empire.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier recalled the discussion at the conference when Great Britain, not being anxious to increase her population, had been reluctant to go as far as the Dominions were prepared to go. The act was, however, to be prepared.

The concluding debate of the day was over the motion for the papers on the Manitoba boundary. Mr. Macdonald tried to draw a statement on the subject. Mr. Borden declined on the ground that negotiations were still proceeding. Mr. Huxley declared the western provinces had no right to these lands as the Dominion had bought them. The papers were ordered after a brief debate.

International Waterways.—T. Chase Casgrain, K.C., C. A. McGrath, and H. A. Powell, K.C., the three Canadian members of the International Waterways committee, are in Ottawa and will hold a conference here tomorrow with Ambassador Bryce on matters relating to that organization. This will be the first meeting of the committee since their appointment by the imperial government.

It is understood that the international commission will have a much wider scope than was at first supposed. The committee will not only discuss frontier waters, but is constituted a permanent court for the settlement of any disputes or differences arising between the governments of Canada and the United States, or between the government of one country and any citizen or citizens of the other country. The commission will, in effect, be a permanent court, to which the two governments can refer all differences for adjudication.

Some curiosity has been aroused as to the position of the three gentlemen who were appointed to the position of Canadian commissioners by the late government. It is learned on reliable authority that the imperial order for their appointment was not signed by the King, and consequently was non-operative.

INDIAN PRINCE ARRESTED

One of Prominent Personages at Coronation of King George is Accused of Swindling

A jeweler named Mayer, in the Rue de Provence, Paris. When the jewelry was delivered the Raja said he would pay for it in three months' time on his return to India. The jeweler was not content with this promise to pay, and entered a charge of swindling against the prince, and a warrant for the latter's arrest was issued. He was apprehended at Marseilles just as he was making arrangements to leave by P. and O. steamship in order to arrive in India in time to be present at the Imperial Durbar at Delhi. When taken into custody he was found to be in possession of \$400. The accused, who stated that he had given the jewelry away, was taken back to Paris.

## CONGRESSIONAL SQUABBLE

New York Representative Objects to Course Followed by Secretary Martin of Anti-Trust League

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—An investigation of the operations of the so-called anti-trust league was demanded by Representative Martin of New York in the house today after a remarkable speech by Representative M. W. Littleton of North Carolina, who charged Henry B. Martin, secretary of the league, with attempting to defame him.

It was the climax of a dispute between Mr. Littleton and Chairman Stanley of the house corporation investigation committee. Round after round of applause greeted Mr. Littleton's defense of his integrity, and Democrats and Republicans assured him of their confidence.

Meantime Mr. Martin had handed to Speaker Clark a petition asking that Mr. Littleton be impeached on the ground that he had "conspired and conspired with heads of the league" to prevent a continuance of the inquiry.

## BIG INCREASE IN TRAMWAY TRAFFIC

Fifty-Two Per Cent. Increase in Number of Passengers Carried This Year Over Last Year

An increase of fifty-two and one-half per cent. is shown in the traffic returns of the B. C. Electric company's local lines for the eleven months of the year to date over the corresponding period a year ago. From January 1 to November 30, inclusive, the total number of passengers carried on the Victoria lines of the company's system aggregated 7,418,072 compared with 4,871,482 for the same eleven months in 1932, an increase of 2,546,590. The end of the year should see the return exceed the eight million mark for the year.

Below are given the traffic returns for each of the corresponding months a year ago:

	1931	1932
January	646,029	416,159
February	581,839	359,122
March	684,854	365,457
April	787,742	428,583
May	781,652	438,335
June	688,169	467,458
July	758,581	478,581
August	772,958	504,253
September	776,943	450,064
October	758,824	476,421
November	731,755	456,752
Total (11 mos.)	7,418,072	4,871,482

## ALASKA LAND FRAUD

Ruling of Supreme Court Opens Way For Prosecution by Federal Government—Reverses Circuit Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The supreme court of the United States today opened the way for the federal government to prosecute national land frauds in Alaska by holding that the general land laws of the United States, which forbid persons or associations making more than one entry, apply to the unsurveyed coal regions of Alaska.

The immediate result of this holding was the reversal of the action of the United States circuit court for western Washington, in quashing as invalid the indictments against Charles F. Munday and Archie W. Shields on charges of conspiring to defraud the government out of government lands in Alaska valued at \$100,000. The way is now opened for their trial on this charge.

Justice Lurton rendered the unanimous opinion of the court. He said the act of congress of 1904 superseded the general land laws so far as the unsurveyed lands of Alaska were concerned, was not well founded.

## NEW HEBRIDES

Question of Australian Control of Colony Now Agitating Colonial Wealth Ministerial Circles

MELBOURNE, Dec. 4.—Pressure is being brought to bear on the federal ministry that it insist that Australia control and have jurisdiction over the New Hebrides and subsequently other islands comprising the Pacific group. Prime Minister Fisher is of the opinion that the present system of the colonial office in London in regard to administering the affairs of the islands and its control of them, is bad. He states that an improvement would be effected if the direction of affairs should be under the control of one permanent official in the Colonial office. In the event of anything serious happening in the crown colony adjacent to the Commonwealth it might make the colony a storm center. At any rate, the administration thinks the question of Australia taking over some of the islands will become pressing in the near future.

## Fighting For Work

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 4.—Two hundred men desperate from hunger fought for work in front of a deck hand employment office today. There were four men open and 200 men fought for them. Three of the tickets had been dealt out when the demand for the remaining one became so clamorous that the agent in charge threw the fourth in the air above their heads. It fell in the midst of the crowd, the men fighting desperately to obtain possession.

## INVESTIGATION TO BE THOROUGH

U. S. District Attorney Miller Promises That Every Effort Will Be Made to Lay Bare Dynamite Plot

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—An earnest effort will be made by the government to bring to justice every man who was involved in the most damnable conspiracy ever entered into in this country, said U. S. District Attorney Miller in discussing the first grand jury's investigation of the dynamiting operations of the McNamara brothers.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was characterized as an "unsane leader" by Miller, who said it was time for labor leaders "who stand on honest ground" to take charge of labor organizations.

The investigation now being made by the government will be thorough, continued Mr. Miller. "The people are entitled to know all the facts and all the facts will be known at the proper time. It is not a part of my duty to discuss the details. The time is at hand for me to act. There is no occasion for any person to be misled by false issues. This is not a test between capital and labor. Capitalist and labor leaders who believe in law and order must stand together."

"Such unsafe leaders" as Gompers must be retired. Let men who stand on honest ground come to the front. The destruction of life and property must cease."

## Speaks Bitterly

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—In behalf of the National Electors' Association, which assigned W. J. Jones to run down the perpetrators of the Los Angeles Times explosion, Walter Drew, as counsel, issued a statement tonight urging that the McNamaras make a frank confession.

Mr. Drew says, among other things, that he doubts the honesty of labor leaders in urging extreme punishment, and indicates that those who take this attitude have ulterior motives.

Mr. Drew reiterated this evening that he believed between 20 and 30 labor leaders would be indicted as the result of the federal investigation now under way at Indianapolis, and said that the ramifications of the inquiry would extend from Boston to the Pacific Coast.

## Detective Burns' Charge

CLEVELAND, Dec. 4.—"It is true that the executive committee of this convention appropriated a monthly fund of \$1000 to be paid to Joseph P. McNamara. There is evidence to substantiate the charge that this money was knowingly devoted for his defense and that of Orville McManigal, was used by them in their dynamiting projects."

That was the story of Detective Burns, who arrived here tonight from Akron. He said that he was going after the men "higher up" and offered criticism of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

The detective spent the day in Akron, where he investigated the bridge works.

## Attempt Made at Tacoma

TACOMA, Dec. 4.—It was learned today that in September, 1910, a dynamite bomb was found in the plant of the Robertson iron and steel works on the tide flats. The discovery is said to have been made just in time to snuff out the fuse and prevent the explosion. A strike was on at that time as there was a quarrel with this it is declared.

James B. McNamara registered at the Jager hotel, 740 St. Helens avenue, the day before the discovery of the bomb, and departed after the discovery. There were several sticks of dynamite attached to a long fuse.

Mrs. George W. Wendt, 1011 North 8th street, proprietor of the Jager hotel at that time, identified the men by the published descriptions. Each man carried a heavy suit case, she said, and did not allow them out of their custody while at the hotel.

## Deserting Dynamiting Affair

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4.—Local police are considering the advisability of attempting to bring Orville McManigal here to stand trial for the dynamiting of the gas building a few years ago. Captain McDonnell, chief of the police, said today he would confer with Superintendent of Police Downey tonight or tomorrow and probably telegraph to Los Angeles for official verification of the facts.

Mr. Gompers Spoke

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Mr. Samuel Gompers was asked tonight to what extent the American Federation of Labor, of which he is president, would take part in the further investigation of the Union.

Mr. Gompers replied with some heat: "I tried to make my statement as specific and as accurate as possible."

Asked if he knew whether he was under surveillance, Mr. Gompers answered: "I know I am. Some of Butna's men have been following me since my arrival in New York, wherever I go, but I have nothing to conceal."

Mr. Gompers made a denial of a statement attributed to Detective Burns that Clarence Darrow was present at the conference in Indianapolis in June.

"It is absolutely false," he said. "There were forty labor leaders from all over the country present to discuss means for raising money for the de-

fence of the McNamaras. No indication of their guilt was shown. As for the above-mentioned statement, I am sure that if he had any idea of giving up the leadership of the American Federation of Labor, he would have been arrested long ago."

## YUAN TROUBLED OVER FINANCES

Officers of Board Refuse to Remain in Charge—Curious Incident in Connection With Loan Agreement

PEKING, Dec. 4.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai is finding great difficulty with the finances. He appointed a president of the board of the vice-president left Peking after informing friends that the situation was hopeless. The acting president has now asked for leave of absence on the ground of illness, but really because he was summoned before the national assembly.

A sensation has been caused by the discovery that the national assembly, the Chinese foreign board and the board of finance held three different texts of the \$30,000,000 loan agreement negotiated by Baron Cotti in behalf of a French-Belgian syndicate. This was discovered, it is said, when a representative of the Chinese board reported in secret session. It is on this loan that China's future form of government virtually depends.

Delegates from the rebel provinces are arriving at Wu Chang, and Yuan Shi Kai's representatives are already there.

According to Russian official reports, the capital of Manchuria has declared the autonomy of the central province, and only the Amhar, or Chinese representative has asked the Mongol prince's permission to depart. The Amhar, however, still remains in the province, and is charged with the task of maintaining protection to all the Chinese.

If reports are correct, there is a strong association of Japanese with the rebels in South Manchuria. Heretofore the Chinese government has prevented the Chinese from accepting the assistance of the Japanese.

## Foreign Troops Landing

TIENSIN, Dec. 4.—The German warships stationed here have disembarked reinforcements for the troops on shore. HONGKONG, Dec. 4.—Two hundred men of the First Battalion of York and Lancaster Infantry (the King's Own Regiment) which is in garrison here, embarked today for Hankow.

## Bandits Overcome

AMOI, China, Dec. 4.—The leader of a band of roughs which has been terrorizing the country in the vicinity of Chang Chow, has been killed and his followers dispersed.

No resistance has been opposed to General Liu, who went to Chang Chow to restore order. The measures he has taken have been effective.

## Armistice Extended

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Peking correspondent of the Times says Juan Shi Kai has agreed to the extension of the armistice for a further period of six months in the area of military operations. He has engaged to dispatch no more troops from Peking, and has already commanded his order dispatching troops to Nanjing.

## PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Manitoba Government Preparing to Start Work on Structure on Site of Fort Osborne Barracks

WINNIPEG, Dec. 4.—Following the announcement of the sale of the Fort Osborne barracks site to the Manitoba Government for \$200,000 it was learned today that plans will immediately be laid out for new parliament buildings with a view to completion the year after next. At British architects may compete, and a decision will be allowed as to the total cost.

## Aviator Killed

SAN JUAN, P.R., Dec. 4.—Tod Schriener, a well known American aviator, was killed last evening in an exhibition flight which he was making at Ponce. Schriener fell 200 feet into a cornfield and died within half an hour on the way to the hospital. Apparently he had lost control of his machine in making a turn.

Former Postmaster Arrested

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—John W. Diggs, former postmaster at Cordova, Alaska, was arrested here today by a deputy United States marshal in charge of cooperation with the employment of \$5000 of government funds. Diggs is held on default of \$6000 bail.

## Irrigation Congress

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The National Irrigation Congress will hold its nineteenth annual session here beginning tomorrow and continue during Sunday. Among the speakers are expected to be Clifford Pinchot, Dr. H. W. Wadsworth, Senator William F. Borah, of Idaho, and delegates from foreign countries.

## CONFESSION BY J. B. MCNAMARA

Dynamiter Briefly Tells Story of Explosion at Times Building—Facts in Jury Bribery Cases

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—James B. McNamara, who on Friday pleaded guilty to having committed murder through the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, today gave his own confession of the crime. His brother, John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, who pleaded guilty to having dynamited the Lively Iron Works in Los Angeles in 1910, made no confession. It was said that if asked or expected of him he would be willing to do so.

Before James B. McNamara's confession was made, District Attorney Fredericks declared that he would not give it out until after the men were sentenced, and tomorrow is set for that. Judge Walter B. Fordwell, it was learned, however, that the statement includes only actual happenings in Los Angeles. It does not describe the trip from Indianapolis west, nor the McNamara saw after he got here, nor is the name of any other person except himself brought into the case.

Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for the defense, and Lecompte Davis, one of counsel, visited the brothers in the course of the afternoon. They came away and later returned, accompanied by District Attorney John D. Fredericks. Observers waited for the almost inevitable addition to the party—an official stenographer. None came.

"There'll be no statement," was the report which went around.

## Confession Very Short

Meanwhile in the jail James B. McNamara sat with a block of scratch paper on his knee, writing his own confession, more or less in his own way. He did it deliberately, with care as to the forming of the letters, for "J. B." does not take to writing as easily as his brother, and this was the supreme document of his life. When he had done, he passed it to Mr. Darrow, who read it with Mr. Davis looking on it, and handed it to Mr. Fredericks. The names of the witnesses were attached and Mr. Fredericks buttoned his coat over a single sheet of paper that contained about 250 words.

James B. and John J. McNamara will arrive before the federal jury here tomorrow and tell their stories. They will go before that body after being sentenced by Judge Fordwell. This confession was made here late tonight on impeccable authority.

The announcement afforded an explanation of the meagre confession made today by James B. McNamara in the jail corridor, in the presence of his attorneys, those of the state and his brother, John J. McNamara, in which "Jim" explained how he blew up the Los Angeles Times building, causing a loss of 21 lives.

Mr. Fredericks asserted that he expected to make arrests at present, and there the matter stood tonight, with opinion about equally divided as to whether later developments would force the district attorney, regardless of his own pleasure, and simply as a public officer, to proceed against men for whom he held the highest admiration.

## Bribery Cases

Today's developments included the publication of the deposition of Mrs. Robert F. Bain, made to the district attorney, that at the instance of Burt H. Franklin, investigator of the defense now charged with bribery, she persuaded her husband, a salesman on the McNamara jury, to accept \$4,000 if he would make sure that a verdict of guilty would not be given, and that \$500 of this money actually was paid over.

Mrs. Bain not only told of the first meeting, but said how Franklin came to her house on October 6, a few days before her husband would be summoned to serve on the jury.

The district attorney declared that only one more case of bribery so far as he knew had not yet been uncovered, and that the amounts in that case had been similar to the Lockwood and Bain cases, so that the \$12,000 was promised by the defense to influence juryman.

He declared that one of the witnesses in the Franklin case would reveal the details of the alleged bribery in which Franklin participated. He declared that at present no more arrests were intended, but that revelations might make it necessary to apprehend persons upon whose orders Franklin is supposed to have acted.

It was said later today that the prosecution had learned that nearly every man in the jury box had been approached with reference to his verdict in the case, and that attempts had been made to bribe these men. It was asserted that proceedings in the Franklin case would reveal, however, that at least two jurors, besides Lockwood, indirectly accepted bribes. Sworn statements, the district attorney admitted, were in his possession in each case where a bribe had been accepted.

A continuance was asked and granted in the case of Franklin, the accused investigator, when it came up today for preliminary hearing before Justice W. H. Young.

## Sugar Investigation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The special committee of the House, appointed to investigate the operations of the American Sugar Refining company will resume its hearings in Washington tomorrow, when Colorado Beet Sugar manufacturers will testify concerning the operations of the beet sugar end of the 40-cane trust. The committee has called W. P. Willett and Frank Lowrey of New York, to testify regarding general sugar statistics. Chairman Harrington will preside at the hearing, to end next week, but the final report of the committee will not be ready before January.

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