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### TRY DYNAMITERS TO GROUND

United States Grand Jury Determined to Learn Who Were Behind the McNamara and McManigal.

### WOMEN HALED TO WITNESS STAND.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—Irene Herman, a bookkeeper and Grace Kayler, a stenographer, who were employed by the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, when John J. McNamara was arrested last April, today were taken before the federal grand jury which is investigating the dynamite conspiracy.

They are among the witnesses whom it is said, the government regard as important in its efforts to ascertain who else besides the McNamara and Ortle McManigal were involved in the explosion. Mrs. Kayler was recalled upon as being able to tell who had been frequenters at the iron workers headquarters just before the arrest of John J. the convicted secretary and Miss Herman was asked about the records of McNamara's finances for several years prior to the day detectives stepped into his office and arrested him, while the Ortle executive board was in session.

Samuel Gerber, a detective who helped in the arrest, conferred with District Attorney Miller, but he was not before the grand jury. Another woman, whose identity the authorities wish to keep secret, who was overheard bargaining for a wagon in which McNamara confessed he hauled 100 quarts of nitro-glycerine from Albany to Peoria, Ill., in August, 1910, was called as a witness. Her testimony was believed to be confirmatory of McNamara's statement that he bought the explosives from a corner place in Indianapolis, on the pretext that he was to use it for a quarry near Indianapolis, but that he really used it for blowing up structures in Peoria, Ill.

The stores of explosives, hotel registers showing the movements of McNamara and Ortle McManigal were taken before the federal grand jury. McNamara's and McManigal's movements are well known, and the hotel records are brought from places in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, from the east and from as far west as Salt Lake City, Utah, with a view to ascertaining others whose names have not yet been mentioned.

Other persons examined today are believed to know circumstances connected with the stores of explosives, which the dynamiters kept. The stores were at Tiffin, Ohio, where in April, 1911, 140 pounds of dynamite were taken from a barn in the rear of McNamara's father's home; at Indianapolis, where more than a hundred pounds of explosives were found in the basement of the building occupied by the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and in a barn outside the city; at Rochester, Pennsylvania, where nitro-glycerine was found at Hancock, Ind.

Detective W. J. Burns, who through evidence left at these places, traced McNamara's connection with the McNamara, probably will be a witness later.

District Attorney Charles W. Miller said the government was proceeding rapidly with the investigation. He said more than the preliminaries had been gone through and it was probable all the evidence would be within a month.

### LOSS OF HER JEWELS WORRIES PRINCESS ROYAL AFTER ESCAPE

Tangier, Dec. 18.—The Princess Royal Duchess of Pife, now that she has recovered from her trying experience, is concerned over the loss of her jewel case, which was swept from the cutter when that boat swamped. The case contained the diamond tiara and other handsome jewels which she had intended to wear upon the occasion of the opening of the cathedral.

### ESTIMATES OF THE FARM PRODUCTS OF THE UNITED STATES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The final estimates of the department of agriculture on the production of the principal farm crops of the United States for 1911 announced today, were as follows:  
Corn, 2,531,458,000 bushels; winter wheat, 430,656,000 bushels; spring wheat, 190,622,000 bushels; all wheat, 621,278,000; oats, 325,254,000; barley, 169,240,000; rye, 32,119,000; buckwheat, 17,549,000.

### BUNKERS ON FIRE

Perth Amboy, Dec. 18.—The British steamer Birefield, from Buenos Ayres has arrived here with cross bunkers on fire.

### RUSSIAN PAPER SAYS JEWIS RILE AMERICAN NOVOE VREMYA SAYS TAFT ACTED JUDICIOUSLY IN ABROGATING OLD TREATY BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA BUT INTIMATES THAT JEWISH BANKERS ARE BEHIND THE PROCEEDING.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The American ambassador, Curtis Guild, Jr., acting under instructions from the President of the United States, today notified the Russian foreign minister, M. Sazonov, that the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia would be abrogated in accordance with provision made by article XIII on January 1, 1912.

It is pointed out in official circles that Russia has no cause to be dissatisfied with this turn of affairs. President Taft's action in view of the probably to increase his popularity here. The notification, it is added, was given with full regard and tactfully made no mention of motives underlying the abrogation of the treaty, which leaves full latitude for conducting new negotiations with the controversial factor eliminated.

This feature of the situation has attracted attention and seems to be fully appreciated. The Russian government finds not the slightest ground for objection to the abrogation in such shape as it actually assumed in Ambassador Guild's note, which was dated Dec. 17. In a note dated Dec. 18, the Russian foreign minister acknowledges receipt of the notification and says that Russia takes notice thereof.

The Novo Vremya tomorrow will say: "President Taft has judiciously chosen the best way out to put an end to the scandalous jealous agitation which is dangerous to both countries. At the same time the incident bears witness that the Jewish bankers have become the real lords of America."

After dwelling on the sacrifice of the United States of the real and growing trade interests, which the tariff war schedule applied and British and German manufactured goods drive out American goods, the paper concludes: "Communist will be the motto of a great nation should not be allowed triflingly."

### CHAIR IS WEAPON OF PARLIAMENTARY ATTACK IN TURKEY

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—The parliamentary situation is becoming critical. The members of both parties are in high tension over the proposed modification of article 25 of the constitution and this led today to a personal encounter between a unionist deputy and a member of the opposition on the floor of the house.

The former attempted to strike the opposition deputy with a chair, but was prevented from doing so by the simultaneous scene ensued and the president was compelled to suspend the sitting. The unionist majority then held a meeting and decided to provoke a dissolution of the chamber at all costs.

### LONG AND SHORT HAULS AMENDMENT IN SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The inter-commission case, involving the constitutionality of the long and short hauls amendment in 1910 to the interstate commerce laws, was today argued by the supreme court of the United States for hearing on Monday, Feb. 19.

### BRITISH STEAMER IS TOTALLY LOST

Zanzibar, Dec. 18.—The British steamer Auston, from Port Tampa, whence she sailed on October 2 via Port Natal, for Yokohama, was totally lost at Juna De Nova on November 21. The crew landed at Dar-Es-Salam. The steamer Auston was built at Middlesbrough, England, in 1905, and is owned by Webster and Barraclough of West Hartlepool. She registered 3,279 tons.

### HALIFAX PRELATE VISITS BERNUDA

New York, Dec. 18.—Archbishop McCarthy of Halifax arrived in this city this afternoon aboard the steamship Tagus, from Bermuda. The archbishop has been on his annual tour of inspection of Bermuda, which is in the Canadian diocese. He said that he was delighted with the reception accorded him in Bermuda and also at the growth of the Catholic church on the island.

### GIRL TELLS AWFUL TALE OF TRAGEDY

Employee of Triangle Shirt Waist Factory Swears Door Was Locked While Fatal Fire was Raging.

### DEFENCE CLAIMS DOOR WAS OPEN.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The prosecution of Harris Blauvelt, proprietor of the Triangle Waist Company, charged with manslaughter, in connection with the death of Margaret Schwartz, one of the 147 victims of the fire in their factory last March, rested at the afternoon session of their trial today.

Kato Alterman, a pretty Philadelphia girl who was an employee of the waist company at the time of the fire, was an important witness for the state today. She told of the locked door on the ninth floor and that she saw Margaret tugging at the door knob in vain.

### WABASH RAILWAY HAS ONE OF HEAVIEST BONDED DEBTS PER MILE OF ANY ROAD IN AMERICA.

READJUSTMENT OF FINANCES PLANNED.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The appointment of a receiver for the Wabash Railroad Company is the sequence of the appointment here about two weeks ago at a meeting of the directors, of a committee to readjust the finances of the road which for several months had been the subject of grave concern to the road's various security holders.

### RUSSIAN TROOPS PREPARED TO MARCH ON THE PERSIANS

Teheran, Dec. 18.—The national council has refused to accept the cabinet's proposals regarding a solution of the Russian difficulty, and the Russian troops are preparing to advance on the capital. It is believed that the advance will begin Thursday.

### CLOSING OF COTTON MILL LEAVES MANY OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

Bridgeton, Me., Dec. 18.—The two mills of the York Corporation of Saco, were notified today that the plant will be closed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 2. Uncertainty of the present business outlook is given as the reason for the renewed curtailment.

### "MYSTERIOUS BILLY" SHOT IN PORTLAND, ORE

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—"Mysterious Billy" Smith, former boxer, was shot and seriously injured in Portland, Oregon, last night. He was well known in St. John a dozen years ago. One sketch gives St. John as his birthplace, but another says he was born in Maine.

### "ELIJAH" SANDFORD STARS FOR PRISON

Convicted "Holy Ghost" Goes to Penitentiary in Company with Post Office Robbers—Urges His Elders to Continue His Work -- "Moses" Holland Now Leads Sect.

Portland, Me., Dec. 18.—In company with two convicted post office robbers the Rev. Frank W. Sandford, leader of the Holy Ghost and U. S. Society, left for Atlanta, Ga., tonight, to enter upon his ten year term in the federal prison, to which he was sentenced today.

The specific charge upon which the Shiloh leader was sentenced is that of causing the death of George Hughey, a member of his flock, who died at sea, by falling to furnish provisions during the recent 17 months' cruise of the Holy Ghost yacht.

In an interview just before he left the city, Sandford declared that he felt no resentment, and that he looked upon his imprisonment simply as a part of God's plan.

The Shiloh leader was sentenced on the first of six counts of the indictment, which charged manslaughter in causing the death of six of his followers by neglect in failing to provide the necessities for life. He recently completed several months' cruise along the shores of three continents. The other five counts were contained without sentence. Mr. Sandford received the sentence without displaying emotion, and had no comment to make. He had previously announced that he would make no appeal and accept the court's decision without protest.

Rev. Charles E. Holland, the "Moses" of the cult, now assumes the active leadership that for 18 years has been held by Sandford.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR WELCOME OF HOME COMING CARDINAL

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—Rev. Joseph G. Anderson, auxiliary bishop of the Boston diocese, is at the head of the committee arranging for the home coming welcome to Cardinal O'Connor. The cardinal will leave Naples on the steamer Campano, on Jan. 29, and arrive in Boston Monday, Jan. 30. He will be met by the 8th Regiment in full escort and will be accompanied by the militiamen and reception committee to the cardinal's house on Granby street, Back Bay.

### OVERFLOW OF RIVER LEAVES TRAIN OF HAVOC IN ITS WAKE

London, Dec. 18.—The river Avon in southern Wales has burst its banks and is spreading great destruction. Houses have been washed away, many of the people have fled to the adjoining hills. The inhabitants of Port Talbot at the entrance to the Avon valley were warned by the police authorities to prepare to vacate their homes.

### REWARD OFFERED FOR ARREST OF MRS. MORNER'S MURDERER

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 18.—Two deputy sheriffs from Troy, N. Y., who came here late today, were unable to identify the suspect, as the Italian held for the murder of the Morner family, at Defreestville, N. Y.

### RUSSIA'S CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL FIGHT ARE POOR

Vienna, Dec. 18.—The Russo-American controversy is arousing great interest here, and the newspapers are publishing long despatches from Washington on the subject. The general view in Austria is that Russia will be worsted in a commercial fight, especially in view of the power of American capital.

### SIX MEN DROWNED WHILE CARRYING MAIL ACROSS LAKE

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Word comes from Oka, on the Lake of Two Mountains of a drowning fatality, Saturday night when six men, Miguel Laberge, postmaster of Oka; John Burns, a friend, and four Indians were drowned while carrying mail across the lake through a blinding snowstorm.

### POST OFFICE RESEMBLED A SWEAT SHOP

Workers in Ottawa Forced by Liberal Ministers to Work Under Appalling Conditions — The Rats Ran Riot.

### POSTMASTER GENERAL TO IMPROVE THINGS.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Sweatshop conditions, long tolerated by Liberal ministers have been discovered by the new postmaster general, in the postoffice department.

On Nov. 25, Hon. Mr. Pelletier received a petition largely signed by workers in the postal stores branch, calling his attention to the unsanitary conditions of the basement of the Langevin block. They stated that they were compelled to work with artificial light continuously in ill ventilated rooms, that the eyesight of many of the employees was falling, and that their general health was very much impaired.

The employees asked that at least they be allowed to have an hour less in which to work in the conditions, until better conditions should prevail, and asked the postmaster general himself to make an inspection of the place.

Mr. Pelletier visited the rooms and found that many of the postoffice order forms had been eaten away in thousands by rats who paid midnight visits to the storerooms. He also found that in one room capable of holding only ten or fifteen at the most even in good fresh air surroundings, there were 45 clerks.

### VALLEY RAILWAY ENGINEERS READY TO MAKE A START

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, Dec. 18.—The final location survey preparatory to the construction of the St. John Valley Railway will be commenced within a few days, perhaps this week.

### UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ITALIAN ARRESTED AS THE MURDERER

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### SCHOONER STRIKES AND FILLS—WILL LIKELY BE A LOSS

Lewes, Del., Dec. 18.—Schooner Katherine D. Perry (Light) from Portland, Me., for Sewell's Point, Va., struck on Knottless Shoals, Cape Charles, Va., last night. She is full of water and will probably be a total loss. The crew was rescued by life savers and taken to Norfolk by tug.

### SAYS RAILWAY ACCIDENT WAS DUE TO NEGLIGENCE

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18.—That carelessness on the part of the two operators and a flagman caused the wreck on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway at Odessa this morning, was the statement of J. H. Foster, assistant general superintendent of the road.

"It seems that the operator at Odessa is to blame for leaving his signal in 'Stop position' and for leaving his station at night," Mr. Foster said. "The operator at Junction switch, so is to blame for permitting the second section of the train to enter a block in which there already was a train. The flagman of the first section also failed to obey orders in that the rear of the train was not protected when held up at the station."