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District Attorney Fredericks continues to smile blandly and declare that the only reason was that "we had 'em buffaloed and they had to surrender to save their necks."

Against this is the declaration of Judge O. N. Hilton, the noted Denver attorney, who was selected to fight the case after Darrow had declared he could not fight it.

But Darrow, wan and tired, his face more deeply lined than ever before, tearfully declares to all callers that "while we will be misunderstood, we are content that we have saved human lives from the wreckage. They had the goods on us."

Los Angeles is a hot bed of rumor tonight. On only one proposition do all agree and that is that the confession of the McNamara brothers, is the beginning, not the end, of the most sensational case in the history of the nation.

Over in the gloomy jail, closely guarded by half a dozen picked deputies, John J. and James B. McNamara sat in gloomy silence in the early hours of tonight. In their case the reaction was over and they were realizing what it all meant.

Hearbroken Mother. For a few hours today both men declared they had done the best they could and they were glad it was all over.

First of these was from a noted labor leader whose name was withheld. In it he said: "Have just read the damnable story in the evening papers. It is hard to believe whether you are insane or in league with the forces of capital that have determined to crush the wage earner at any cost."

From that time on the telegrams of protest kept coming. Many were so strong in tone that there was wonder openly expressed that the telegraph companies had not held them up.

Neither man had anything to say for publication. By order of the sheriff, all access to the men was refused. They have agreed to tell their story to the district attorney and it is expected that the first installment will commence Tuesday.

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No Compromise. Fredericks calmly sits back and charges that Darrow, at the very time he was asserting openly that both men were "victims of a damnable conspiracy," was negotiating with him to enter a plea of guilty for James B. McNamara in return for the dropping of the charges against John J. McNamara.

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Officials of the Merchants and Manufacturers association said that they were well pleased with the outcome.

Federal Probe to be Pushed. That the federal probe into the dynamite outrages is to be pushed was made plain by Assistant United States Attorney Regan this evening.

He held a conference with District Attorney Fredericks this afternoon as a result of which it is understood the evidence held by Fredericks against the McNamaras would be transferred to the federal authorities.

Ortle McManigal's case will be disposed of within the next ten days. It is understood now that he will plead guilty to placing the dynamite under the Lowly Iron Works on December 25, 1910. That he will be given a light sentence is certain, although District Attorney Fredericks insisted tonight that he did not expect that McManigal will be permitted to go free.

"But he has been of great aid to us," said Fredericks, "and we hope that he will be shown leniency on that account."

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Joys, We Are Going to Plead Guilty," He told the Brothers in Their Cell at Dawn.

IT TOOK MUCH PRESSURE

How the Confession Was Brought About and Daily Farce in Court, Was Finished.

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In this statement Lecompte Davis, one of the chief lawyers for the defense of the McNamara brothers sums up the opinion of thousands of employees and employers here.

The application of the "Golden Rule policy" is being heralded with glad acclaim all over the city. Business men and workers alike agree that steps must be taken at once to bring about more harmonious relations between employers and employees. Industrial struggles must be shorn of their bitterness. Both sides must be manifestly fair in their dealings with one another. Arbitration must replace the old methods of settling disputes by the right of might and the classes must realize that each depends to no small extent upon the other for success.

Union sympathizers who were the most radical in their special support of the McNamaras are now clamoring for the law to mete out its stern penalty to the accused men. They are a unit in agreeing that labor has been betrayed. Hereafter there must be no suspicion attached to the movements of organized workers. Capitalists too have seen the light and are admitting that the methods they adopted in dealing with their employees were in no small measure responsible for the character of the tactics used in retaliation. If the promised calm in the industrial storm becomes permanent, a model for the guidance of the entire world will be furnished here.

The developments in the McNamara trial came so unexpected that the entire city was amazed. A state of semi-anarchy existed. On one side was the forces of labor firm in the belief that the McNamaras were to be convicted though innocent, in order to strike a death blow at union labor. On the other hand was capital wildly clamoring for revenge and loudly proclaiming that all organized workers were anarchists ready to tear down the institutions of the government and confiscate property because their employers would not submit to absolute dictation from the employees.

A crisis was impending. Attorney Darrow and his associates had for more than a week thought the preponderance of evidence furnished by the state would send both brothers to the gallows. Workingmen and women the nation over had denied themselves many of the smaller comforts of life that they might give their mites to the fund necessary to retain counsel and detectives for the men whom they believed innocent.

It would be a terrible blow to these loyal persons to inform them that they had been betrayed; that the prisoners, from their cells in the Los Angeles jail had sent out pleas for help and assurances that they were innocent, when their hands at that very moment were crimson with the blood of twenty-one victims of the disastrous explosion.

Millions were to be spent by attorneys for the defense. As Attorney Darrow walked back and forth in his room at the hotel pondering over the crisis, there flashed through his mind the vision of hundreds of women workers toiling in the dingy factories of the great cities for small wages, yet loyally giving a share of their pitance each week for the cause that they believed just.

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