

VULETIDE SEES DOUBTFUL CASE NEARING CLOSE

Fate of Forty Union Officials Will Be in the Hands of the Jury by Tomorrow

TWENTY-SIX COUNTS AGAINST EACH MAN

Government Contends Possible Penalty in Instances of Guilt Is 39 1/2 Years

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 25.—The cases of the 40 union officials accused of promoting the McNamara dynamiting plots in the iron workers' strike against employers of nonunion labor will go to the jury within 36 hours, or possibly sooner.

At the close of argument tomorrow night or Friday morning Federal Judge Anderson will instruct the jury. It is understood the court's outline of the law as to what testimony shall be applied to certain defendants will require about an hour.

The jurors then will retire to deliberate as to the men who, headed by Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, were brought here three months ago from cities scattered from Boston to Los Angeles to figure as defendants in what is said to be the most important trial of the kind ever held in a federal court.

SEPARATE VERDICTS EXPECTED

The jury, to be asked to return a separate verdict for each defendant, is composed of farmers and merchants from rural districts of Indiana. The fact that the jury must vote on each defendant, after considering the testimony the court holds applicable to him, is the basis for belief that verdicts will not be returned in less than a day. There are 26 counts against each defendant, 25 of which provide a maximum penalty of 18 months imprisonment and one which provides a maximum imprisonment of two years.

The government contends that the penalties for the offenses charged are cumulative in the case of each defendant—or a total possible penalty of 39 1/2 years.

The room in the federal building in which the jurors have been kept under guard for almost three months today was made ready for the mass of exhibits to be turned over for reference during the jury's deliberations.

These exhibits include revolvers, shotguns, pieces of infernal machines and clockwork attachments used by Orrie E. McManigal and the McNamara brothers on their dynamiting expeditions and letters written by Olat A. Tveitmo and Eugene A. Clancy, San Francisco, and J. E. Munsey, Salt Lake City, who are charged with complicity in the Los Angeles Times explosion. Bundles of other letters in which Frank C. Webb, New York; Philip A. Cooley, New Orleans; John T. Butler, Buffalo, and dozens of business agents of the Iron Workers' union are accused of directing explosions on nonunion jobs are to be placed with the jury.

District Attorney Charles W. Miller's argument to the jury today was devoted largely to reviewing McManigal's confession as a hired dynamiter. The district attorney maintained the confession had been corroborated in every important detail.

SENATOR KERN IS GRILLED

"Senator Kern has said that in the strike of the Iron Workers' union against open shop contractors it would not have been for the benefit of those men to blow up jobs," said Miller. "Senator Kern said the jobs were those of the steel trust and it would not hurt the steel trust with its millions to damage their property. Think of a United States senator making a statement like that in a court of justice! How much money does it take to induce a United States senator to make statements like that?"

"With a United States senator as counsel, these defendants, a month after this trial began, published in the union magazine an article calling the trial a farce. They described a trial in the federal court as a farce! Listen to this. After referring to the indictment of these men, they published this: 'Then began the farce of a trial, a trial in which the steel trust masquerades as the government.'"

"And yet they offered to give 20 minutes of my time so that any of these lawyers might get up and say two of their clients were not guilty, and one responded. Not a lawyer dared to say two of the defendants were innocent."

ARMED GUARDS BREAK SPELL IN LOS ANGELES

Christmas Disturbed by Dispute Over Track Said to Be Worth Millions

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Peace did not prevail today on valuable ground in the exclusive Wilshire boulevard residential district of this city despite the Christmas holiday. Armed guards were on duty there as the result of a contest over property valued at millions of dollars.

The property is a part of the Germain Pellessier estate, which has been subdivided, and upon which many costly residences have been erected.

Under the claim that the property was oil land and had never been properly decided by the government, a filing was made upon it a year ago by eight men said to represent an oil refining company.

The Pellessier estate management asserted it had purchased the tract from the Southern Paco company in 1881.

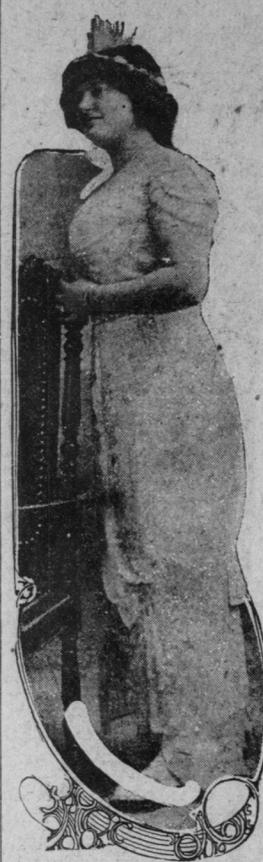
The situation today resulted from an attempt yesterday on the part of the filers to perform certain assessment work which, they asserted, must be finished by December 31 if they hoped to establish their claim.

Guards employed by the estate entered into a physical contest with men employed to perform the assessment work, with the result that the workmen temporarily left the scene. Late last night the assessment workers returned with guards to protect them and resumed their labors. They were again ordered off, and finally left early today while the estate guards remained on duty.

JESUIT TELLS OF CHRIST CHILD

"She Laid Him in a Manager Because There Was No Room for Them in the Inn," was the subject of an impressive sermon delivered by Father Bernard Vaughan, the noted English Jesuit, at St. Mary's cathedral yesterday morning. The huge cathedral was crowded to its utmost capacity by faithful worshippers and admirers of the visiting priest.

Attorney Takes Bride Home Wedding Is Held



Mrs. Jesse A. Mueller, until her marriage yesterday Miss Blanche Lillian Kaufmann, one of San Francisco's most elegant belles.

Blanche Kaufmann Is Married to Jesse A. Mueller

The marriage of Miss Blanche Lillian Kaufmann and Jesse A. Mueller, a young attorney of this city, was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents in Twentieth avenue at 6:30 o'clock last evening. The ceremony was read in the presence of 90 guests by Rev. M. S. Levy.

The rooms were handsomely decorated for the event with Christmas berries and poinsettias, which were effectively shown against a background of evergreens.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Attorney Leo Kaufmann, was gowned in a creation of ivory satin and rose point lace embellished with pearls and crystal embroidery. Her tulle veil, which fell to the hem of her court train, was confined by a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

The sister of the bridegroom, Mrs. L. H. Silberman, whose robe was of pink satin with an overplush of shadow lace, attended her as matron of honor. A shower of lavender orchids completed her costume.

The two bridesmaids, Miss Mary Lauer and Miss Alice Levy, were gowned alike in pink satin draped in chiffon of the same shade, and they carried showers of pink rosebuds enmeshed with tulle and maidenhair.

After an informal reception and supper the young couple left on their honeymoon, the destination of which they are keeping secret.

THUGS REAP YULETIDE HARVEST IN STREETS

They Hold Up Pedestrians and Get Away With Christmas Cheer in Money and Valuables

Thugs in search of Christmas presents were fortunate during the early hours of yesterday morning, and as a result many complaints relative to the activity of holdup men were made to the police.

W. W. Collins, 229 Natoma street, met thugs at Third and Tehama streets, who grabbed him by the throat and stole his watch.

K. Hirayama, 201 Clay street, was "stuck up" by a trio of masked robbers and compelled to give them his pocketbook, containing \$105.

W. G. Darling, 26 Cumberland street, was robbed of \$40 by three men at Nineteenth and Church streets.

Ralph R. Edwards of Corte Madera was held up by two men at Third and Stevenson streets and robbed of his watch, chain and \$10.

Pickpockets robbed Samuel King, 1515 Broderick street of a purse worth \$15 in it, on a Turk and Golden Gate street.

Charles Angel, a lodger at the Western Pacific hotel, Eighth and Bryant streets, was robbed of \$20 by three masked thugs near the entrance of the hotel early yesterday morning.

N. Kuba, a Japanese, employed at 425 Presidio avenue, was attacked by holdup men at Turk and Divisadero streets yesterday morning and pressing half a dozen guests into service as impromptu firemen.

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FIRE PUTS SUDDEN END TO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Exposition Architect and Half Dozen Well Known Men Guests Help Extinguish Flames

Fire, caused by a defective flue did \$2,000 damage to the residence of G. Albert Lansburgh, at 2424 Jackson street, architect for the 1915 exposition automobile building, yesterday afternoon, incidentally interrupting a Christmas gathering and pressing half a dozen guests into service as impromptu firemen.

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AUTO INJURES SCHOOLGIRL

Miss Josephine Kellar, a 17 year old high school student residing at 1219 Ninth avenue, sustained a fracture of the right leg when she was run down yesterday afternoon at the Point of View entrance to Golden Gate park by an automobile driven by C. H. Ricard of 277 Second avenue. The accident occurred at a curve in the drive while Miss Kellar was trying to cross the roadway. Ricard took the girl to the park emergency hospital and later removed her to her home.

GENERAL WOOD CHOSEN TO LEAD BIG PARADE

Wilson Inaugural Committee Plans Monster Ceremony When New President Takes Office

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, will lead the parade at the inauguration of President elect Wilson. His appointment as grand marshal has been announced by Chairman William Corcoran Eustis of the inaugural committee.

The name of W. H. Edwards, street cleaning commissioner of New York city and former football captain at Princeton, had been suggested for the place, but Chairman Eustis decided that a parade as large as that of the inauguration made it necessary to have a military man as grand marshal.

Eustis also filled the four remaining vacant chairmanships as follows: Legislative committee, George E. Hamilton; souvenirs and tickets, J. H. de Sibour; ballroom decorations, Walter G. Peter; auditing, James Oyster. Contributions to the inaugural fund to date have reached \$14,000, nearly \$10,000 of which was received today.

EVEN "SOCIETY XMAS" BEATS ONE IN PRISON

Divorced Wife of Steel Magnate Says She Will Eat Candy, Not Turkey

(By Federal Wireless) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—"Any old kind of a Christmas, even a society one, is better than a Christmas in jail," declared Mrs. Edna Louise Adams today from the cheerless interior of a cell at the central police station, where she is passing her first Christmas away from her family, having been arrested last night on a charge of passing bad checks.

Mrs. Adams, divorced wife of Leroy Adams of the United States Steel corporation of Pittsburg and foster daughter of Colonel A. J. Hodgkins, Chicago millionaire in former years, was a member of the best society circles in Chicago, Pittsburg and other cities.

"It's absurd that I should be here," said she. "I suppose that's what people are saying outside of this place. Believe me, when I get out—and I suppose I'll get out tomorrow—I'm going to wipe the dust of Los Angeles off my feet and am never coming back. I shall celebrate Christmas in the east with my family after I get there."

Mrs. Adams said that she had telegraphed her family last night, but the following statement was made this morning by her foster father in Chicago:

"I have not heard from my foster daughter for some months, though the papers tell me she was arrested in Los Angeles."

"Of recent years she has, to use her own expression, 'turned society down because it wasn't any good,' and has pursued her own way, regardless of society or family."

"There wasn't a soul to say 'Merry Christmas,' and I hope there won't be. I don't want to hear the words spoken here in jail. I don't intend to eat a bite of food all day. Do you suppose I would eat jail food? A friend of mine is going to bring me some candy, and I'll get along with that, because it didn't come from the jail."

OVER PRODUCTION OF MILK TO BE COMBATED

Farmers of Middle West Renew Opposition to Program of Buyers of Dairy Products

(Special Dispatch to the Call) CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Farmers are going to continue to fight the overproduction of milk. At least this is the opinion of many small dairymen in Chicago and Elgin. Charles H. Potter says the advance of prices two years ago was forced upon the buyers' combination by the producers' association.

"Buyers felt they could cut prices and still get enough milk to meet their contracts," said Potter, "but now the farmers have learned the trick from the big dairymen and are going to keep down the production in order to obtain a fair price for their product."

"Farmers are becoming good business men and are quicker to grasp situations of this kind than ever before. They are learning to protect their own interests."

DEMOCRATS ARE READY TO PICK HOUSE PLUMS

Caucus Called for January 7 Will Distribute Committee Gifts to Henchmen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Committee assignments in the house of representatives will be considered in a democratic caucus which has been called for January 7 and announced today.

The chairmanship of the committee on foreign affairs, made vacant by the election of Representative Sulzer as governor of New York, is one of the important places to be filled, and it is probable the place will go to Representative Flood of Virginia, who is at present acting chairman of the committee. To succeed former Representative Hughes of New Jersey on the ways and means committee Representative Ansberry of Ohio is said to have been selected.

Of republican assignments, Representative Green of Vermont is slated for the claims and pensions committee; Merritt of New York, immigration and naturalization and education; and Representative Scott of Iowa, coins, weights and measures and reforms in the civil service.

Besides these the caucus will award the chairmanship of the committee on public lands.

DOAK DECLARES STORIES SENT OUT LACK TRUTH

Says Army Engineers Will Pass Upon the Project and Make Correct Report

From the offices of D. P. Doak, who is behind the McCloud river project, a statement was issued Tuesday in part as follows:

"Proponents of the McCloud project have agreed to take as remuneration for all their rights, etc., one-half of all they can show can be saved over the cost of the Hetch-Hetchy project in bringing water to the city of San Francisco. The consulting city engineer, if he is correctly quoted, makes the statement that John Hays Hammond, John Coffey Hays and William Ham Hall all are partners of Doak and his associates. This statement is absolutely without foundation in fact, and is absurd in view of the admission made by Mr. O'Shaughnessy that the Hammond interests own the Poopenaut valley and all water rights below.

"The advisory board of United States engineers will make their report on this subject and the public may rely upon it that it will be made by men who rank with Major Goethals in integrity and that no prejudice or rancor will find expression there."

Advertisement for O'CONNOR, MOFFATT & CO. featuring 'THREE GREAT SALES START TODAY' and 'Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of Suits, Coats, Dresses and Costumes'. Includes a list of items and prices, such as suits for \$9.75, dresses for \$18.75, and household linens. The ad also mentions 'SALE STARTS PROMPTLY AT 9 A. M.' and 'Because of the great price reductions in this sale no goods will be sent on approval nor accepted for return'.