

COMING--DETECTIVE SAM BROWN'S OWN STORY OF THE McNAMARA TRAIL

A real-life detective story, full of dramatic situations, in spots as thrilling as any in romance, lies behind the confessions of the McNamara brothers, who are now serving terms in the California penitentiary for dynamiting in Los Angeles. Wm. J. Burns, in spite of the popular impression that has gone abroad, is not the real hero of this story. The man who really "got the goods" on the McNamaras, sits in the office of the district attorney in Los Angeles. His name is Samuel Mr. W. G. Shepherd, staff correspondent for The Star has secured Browne's story of the trail that led from the explosions to the McNamara arrests. It will be published exclusively in this newspaper. There will be three installments. The first will appear tomorrow.

HOME EDITION

Some men are afraid to do wrong, but it is manlier to be ashamed to do wrong.

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ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS

HOME EDITION

A man sitting in a poker game does not like to have his wife exercise the recall.

PRISON DOORS OPEN FOR VETERAN CAPTAIN

CONRAD GIRL "A KITTEN AND WILDCAT"

(By United Press Leased Wire) NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Characterizing Ethel Conrad, who, with Lillian Graham, is on trial here for the shooting of Millionaire W. E. D. Stokes, as "a most astounding combination of kitten and wild cat" and "the most remarkable woman I have ever seen," Assistant District Attorney Buckner today began the opening argument to the jury for the prosecution.

As Attorney Moore closed the argument for the defense and Buckner arose to address the jury, the two defendant girls became visibly nervous. Buckner announced that he would not spare either girl, and then entered suddenly into a scathing arraignment of Miss Conrad, shouting:

"The master mind of this whole fearful mess came upon the scene about May 1—Ethel Conrad, the most remarkable woman I have ever seen, and I hope I shall never see another like her. Only 19 years old, gentlemen—think of it! The most astounding combination of kitten and wild cat I ever saw. If she gets away with this case at 15, what will she be doing at 25?"

Throughout the attack Miss Conrad hid her nervousness behind an attitude of defiance. Miss Graham wept steadily during the ordeal.

NIKULA TOO FRANK
Leader Nikula's frankness in telling the court that he paid \$50 each for witnesses in a damage suit landed him in the county jail yesterday on a bribery charge. Nikula sued John Hall for \$1,250, which he claimed was his contingent fee for securing witnesses for Hall in his case against the Northwest Lumber company. Hall was injured in the mill, and recovered \$10,000 damages. Nikula's bonds were fixed at \$1,000.

FIVE REASONS WHY



YOU SHOULD



DO YOUR



CHRISTMAS



SHOPPING



EARLY

THIS MAN IS WORTH \$100,000,000 AND HE'S ON HIS WAY TO COURT TO BE TRIED AS A CRIMINAL PACKER



J. OGDEN ARMOUR
This photograph of the head of the Armour meat packing industry was taken in Chicago as the multi-millionaire was walking toward the federal court to face trial under the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust law.

INDICTMENTS FOR FOUR FRISCO LABOR LEADERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Information was obtained here today that Attorney General Wickersham has been informed from Los Angeles that sufficient facts have been obtained there by the grand jury investigating the dynamite case to warrant the indictment and immediate arrest of four California labor leaders.

It is said that Special Assistant Attorney General Lawler, who is conducting the Los Angeles probe, has communicated the whole facts to the attorney general and is now awaiting instructions from him on the method of procedure.

It is now up to Attorney General Wickersham to direct whether Lawler shall proceed and obtain orders for the arrests from Federal Judge Wellborn in Los Angeles, or whether the entire matter will be put up to the authorities in Indianapolis and the arrests be ordered from there.

CONFESSION BY LABOR LEADER HE PUTS COINS IN HOCK, CAN'T GET 'EM BACK; BROKE

(By United Press Leased Wire) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Rumors that a prominent San Francisco labor leader is to make a confession of complicity in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building were current today about the federal building, where the federal grand jury is conducting an investigation into the so-called dynamite conspiracy.

While the report could not be verified, it was said that this man is holding out for immunity in case he involves still more prominent union labor officials in the local dynamiting. Neither Assistant United States Attorney General Oscar Lawler nor Fredericks would discuss this phase of the matter, but each admitted that sensational developments were liable to break at any time.

How Carnegie Got Wealthy

(By United Press Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senator Geo. T. Oliver of Pennsylvania called today a number of witnesses before the Stanley congressional committee investigating the steel trust for the purpose of discussing the freight rates for steel products over the steel corporation's roads and steamer lines between the Great Lakes and Pittsburgh.

Senator Oliver was then examined regarding Andrew Carnegie's secret rates lower than those his competitors' paid," was Senator Oliver's statement.

15 CENSUS MEN PLEAD GUILTY

(By United Press Leased Wire) TACOMA, Dec. 15.—Fifteen census enumerators, indicted for frauds in the Tacoma court, arose and pleaded guilty today before U. S. District Judge Rudkin. They were each fined \$50 and costs.

Special Prosecutor Newton suggested that the men be allowed to change their previous plea of "not guilty" to one court and receive a nominal fine for neglect of duty. Trial of the "higher ups" will begin Monday.

"DON'T JUGGLE WITH THE VITAL THING"

—BOB LA FOLLETTE
Progressive Leader Writes to California's Governor, Telling Him He Cannot Afford to Surrender a Principle for Material Gain—Johnson Takes Hot Shot at National Committee.

(By United Press Leased Wire) CAPITOL, SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 15.—In a statement which reviews in scathing terms the refusal of the republican national committee to allow a presidential primary, and which may result in the exclusion from the national convention of delegations elected by the people, Gov. Hiram W. Johnson today declared that the progressives of California will stand on the principle that "in the selection of a president, as in all matters, the people should rule."

He quoted a previous statement to the effect that the reactionaries alone had anything material to gain by the adoption of a presidential primary law at this time, since the progressives are in a position now to send a solid La Follette delegation to the nominating convention. These facts, he contrasted with the action of the national committee in Washington last Tuesday.

"In October last," stated the governor, "while I had under consideration the question of a presidential preference primary, I wrote to Senator La Follette, advising him that the progressives of California had determined that such a primary should be held, and explained fully the situation in California, the possibility that fictitious issues might be injected into the campaign, and that we were foregoing a political certainty because of principle."

La Follette's letter, which I received from him the following letter, which I quote without comment:

"Washington, D. C., Nov. 3, 1911.
"Hiram W. Johnson,
"Sacramento.
"My Dear Governor Johnson: Your letter of October 26 is just at hand and presents clearly the situation.
"If you omit the presidential preference law from the subjects to be considered by the legislature at the extra session, which you are about to convene, you will practically control the selection of the delegates to the national convention in 1912 and they will all be progressives.
"It would be a great thing to have California leading the roll call for the progressives in the next convention. If you pass a presidential preference primary law the stand patters may carry San Francisco and some adjoining territory on the position issue, and some of the counties in the southern part of the state on the lemon tariff, and Taft possibly will, without reason, have their support on both issues. This would be very harmful to California, and greatly weaken us. It will be a very hard blow. It will come at a time when it may turn the tide. You know how the influence of early conventions and elections count, and we cannot stand it to lose an inch of ground. In many of the progressive states and hope to win. The standpat organization understands this and Hitchcock secures an endorsement for Taft every time a state central committee assemblies for any purpose.
"Just One Thing Worse"
"But, governor, hard as it will be, there is just one thing that ought to be and will be harder and indeed more harmful for us, and that would be to throw our principles to the dogs whenever an opportunity offers to gain a temporary advantage by so doing. If it

PHONE CASE HEARD TODAY

Arguments on the independent company telephone rates are being made in the supreme court today. The city, which is resisting the raising of the rates by the public service commission, is represented by Assistant Corporation Counsel Howard Hughes. Following the absorption of the independent company's stock by the Bell telephone interests, the public service commission, on a petition alleging that the independent company cannot continue to operate under the rates fixed in its franchise from the city, raised the rates accordingly. The city is contending that the franchise provisions cannot be altered. The supreme court decision is not expected for several days.

ROBBER HELD FOR MURDER

(By United Press Leased Wire) PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 15.—Because he attempted to involve Frank Jennings, his ex-employer, in a larceny case, Leon Loehard, confessed robber, serving a sentence at Kelly's Butte, today faces a charge of having murdered little Barbara Holzman in a rooming house in Albina last March.

Loehard has been partially identified by Mrs. Bertha Nelson, as the man who rented the room in her lodging house in which the little girl was first brutally assaulted, then strangled.

When Mrs. Nelson first saw Loehard she said she was "pretty sure," but reserved decision until she could see the accused man in the hat and coat the murderer wore when he engaged the room.

Although the evidence against Loehard is circumstantial the authorities deem it strong. It includes alleged admissions to other criminals that he killed the child.

At the time of the Holzman murder Jennings was living in Portland and Loehard was doing soliciting work for him in the vicinity of the place where the crime was committed. After the murder he said, Loehard quit his work and would not solicit in the Albina district.

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SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Willie is reading a new thriller "The Mystery of the Trunk," or "Where I Found My Presents."

HERE'S THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT IN WORLD FOR SOMEBODY



JACKIE.
This is little Jackie, just twenty-two months old. He's one of those smiling, dimpled, roly-poly sort of chaps, with burnished golden hair and hazel brown eyes. That's Cynthia Grey's own description of him.

Well, the only thing lacking in the case of Jackie—and that's everything to a kiddie—is a home and a loving mother. And that's why The Star is interested in him. The Star hopes to make a double Christmas present in the case of Jackie—give Jackie as a Christmas present to some cheerless, childless home where he will bring happiness and sunshine—and present Jackie with a real home with loving parents.

So, somebody in Seattle will get the greatest Christmas present in the world—a child. And the child, too, is to get the greatest blessing in the world—a home and a mamma.

Of course, scores will want this greatest and grandest of Christmas presents. Some will be eager in their demand for him, some will want him desperately, and The Star, with the destiny of a child in its keeping, will try to think only of Jackie and his future welfare, in deciding where to place him.

So, before saying you want Jackie, The Star asks you to take a down deep in the heart inventory of your feelings and of your faith in little children. The world owes everything to little Jack. The home to which he goes innocently and smilingly on Christmas morning means everything to him.

If you believe in your heart that you should have him, write to the editor of The Star, giving full particulars about yourself, your home life and your financial condition.

YOUNG ALDRICH ELOPES WITH POOR FACTORY GIRL

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 15.—After having been kept a secret for more than two weeks, the fact that Russell Aldrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich, and nephew of Former Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, is the husband of Mildred Blanchard, a poor factory girl, became known today.

The couple eloped on Thanksgiving day and since then have been penitently and earnestly working for the forgiveness of the bride's father, a modest tailor.

MUST PROVE BOLTED DOOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—It is being freely predicted here today that the case of Max Blanck and Isaac Harris, owners of the Triangle Shirtwaist factory who are on trial for manslaughter in connection with the death of nearly 150 people, mostly girls, when their quarters were destroyed by fire, will never go to the jury.

The court today ruled that the state must prove that the bolted door produced before the jury is identical with the one through which the girls employed in the factory sought to escape from the flames.

GIRL SHERIFF

(By United Press Leased Wire) LAKEVIEW, Or., Dec. 15.—A charming young woman is the present sheriff of Lake county, a state of affairs due to the absence of Sheriff W. B. Snyder, who is in San Francisco on business, and the recent resignation of Deputy Miller. She is Miss Trixy McVey, and is making a success of the sheriff's office, as she has not had to arrest anyone since assuming the office.

O'BRIEN GIVES HIMSELF UP TO SERVE TERM

Captain O'Brien, Convicted of Killing Best Friend, Surrenders on Learning That Appeal Lost.

"At heart I feel that I am not guilty."
This was the prime reason that led grizzled old Capt. William P. O'Brien to the county jail this morning, 10 minutes after he left the gangplank of the steamer Puebla, which arrived from San Francisco at 11 o'clock this morning. And O'Brien surrendered himself deliberately to a seemingly certain term in the penitentiary of five to ten years.

Shot Life-Long Friend.
O'Brien was convicted last February 23 of assault in the second degree. He had been sailing the deep seas for the last 25 years out of Seattle. During a drunken brawl at his own home, he shot his boarder and life-long friend, Alexander Smith, in the foot. An operation, performed at the city hospital two hours later, resulted in his death.

Spent Four Months in Jail.
A charge of murder in the second degree first filed against O'Brien was withdrawn, and the assault charge placed against him. O'Brien remained for four months in the county jail before he was released on \$2,000 bail. Shortly afterward his wife died, and he left for the Robert Lewies, out of Port Townsend, as mate, and went to Honolulu, pending his appeal to the supreme court from the five to ten year sentence.

Desired Appeal Lost.
Early this week he landed in San Francisco. There he received a telegram from his attorney, James H. Metcalfe, to the effect that the higher court sustained his conviction. Immediately the old captain, now 55 years, took passage on the steamer Puebla, and without waiting to see friends, attorneys or bondsmen, made a bee line for the county jail.

"I don't feel guilty," O'Brien again and again reiterated, "and I will not make myself a fugitive from justice under any circumstances. If justice demands my presence here, here I am. Besides, I will not throw down the kind friends who have come to my assistance by putting up bonds for me. I had to come to relieve them from responsibility."

"You see, it was this way," he said in the county jail this noon: "we did have some drinks. I didn't see it myself, but my wife called out to me that Smith had a suitcase in his hand. The next minute I was hit right over the forehead, and while I was on the ground I shot. I didn't mean to injure, much less to kill. I was more than half stunned myself. I do not really know the state of affairs as to my appeal, except what little the telegram contained. I have talked to no one so far, and I am told that my attorney is out of the city at present."

To Jury Tonight

The Lombardo murder case will be in the hands of the jury late this afternoon. Following the court's instructions, Prosecutor Murphy made the opening argument for the state, denouncing Lombardo as a deliberate assassin of the man who had befriended him, Frank Bressi. The widow of the deceased and her five little babies were in the courtroom, and she cried incessantly.

GOING SOME

July, 1910—He damaged the piano.
August, 1910—He discolored his wife's eyes.
March, 1911—He choked her.
March, 1911, one day later—He hit her a hard blow in the face.

These are some of the entries in the diary of Ida W. Sypher, as she alleged them in the complaint for divorce against Earl J. Syphers, to whom she was married in Montezuma, Wash., on July 15, 1907. He was pretty good for the first year or so, she alleges, but supplied only the food. She got the household and other furnishings together herself.

Christmas Gifts for Everyone

- Men's Silk Sox 25c
- Men's Silk Knit Ties 75c
- Boston Garters, in holiday box 25c
- Men's Suspenders and Tie, in box 75c
- Sets of Suspenders, Garters and Arm Bands, in box \$1.00
- High Grade Silk Neckwear \$1.00
- Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, box of 6 \$1.00
- Men's Silk Handkerchiefs 50c
- Men's Night Shirts \$1.00
- Men's Bath Robes \$2.50
- Smoking Jackets \$5.00
- Boys' Bath Robes 50c

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