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THE FUTURE OF TRADES UNIONISM

The McNamara Confession May Be a Blessing in Disguise—Labor's Eyes Opened to the Truth—Now Let Trades Unionism Set Its House in Order.

There is nothing in the McNamara confession to seriously disturb any honest unionist about the future of trades unionism.

To many, undoubtedly, it came at first like a sudden smash between the eyes. It was so unexpected, so startling to those who had been contributing to the defense fund in the absolute conviction that the McNamaras were innocent, and were being railroaded by organized and militant capitalism as part of the general war on trades unionism.

It was not surprising that most unionists believed this. It seemed like the Moyer-Haywood case all over again, with the kidnaping, the betrayal by McManigal, who was looked upon as a second Harry Orchard, and the general frame-up.

And honest unionists expected the case against the McNamaras to fall to pieces as did the case against Moyer and Haywood.

It appears, now that the curtain has been drawn aside, that the lawyers knew. But the rank and file of unionists did not know. They had only the past to go by, and the seemingly sincere profession of innocence of the McNamaras ringing in their ears.

When the truth came out honest labor felt outraged, for it knew it had been duped—and by its friends. And it felt that Capitalism had won a signal victory in the great war. They actually feared it might spell defeat for unionism—and **THEY KNEW THAT MEANT SLAVERY.**

It was only human that some unionists looked for a goat upon which to spill their bitterness. And they turned upon Darrow and the lawyers who knew that the McNamaras were guilty, yet kept the truth from the thousands who willingly contributed to the defense fund.

Men are calmer now, however. They have had a chance to cool off, and to think. And the sincere unionist can look into the future undismayed.