



ARRESTED AND KIDNAPPED.

Secretary McNamara of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers Spirited Away From Indiana.

The dispatches from Indianapolis, Ind., containing the news of arrest and kidnapping of Secretary McNamara of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, together with two other men, charged with being the perpetrators of the explosion which destroyed the Los Angeles Times Building, came as a shock to the labor world. The manner in which these men have been arrested and spirited to California, the unlawful seizure and retention of the national union's property, deserves the severest condemnation and criticism.

The question of guilt of innocence of the crime charged is not a matter to be determined by detectives or antagonistic employers' associations, but by an impartial jury after both sides have had their day in court.

The methods employed in the arrest and the subsequent kidnapping suggests that in the execution of the forms of law much partiality is used. A conspicuous incident is brought prominently into view at this time when it is related that Governor Mount of Indiana refused to honor a requisition of the Governor of Kentucky to deliver William S. Taylor to officers of the law, the latter having been indicted for the murder of Governor William Goebel. Succeeding governors of Indiana assumed the same attitudes as did Governor Mount. In that case hearings were had, but these governors refused to honor the requisition.

Governor Marshall, however, without for a moment considering the rights of the citizen of his state, honored in a secret a requisition for the union official and the other men. When organized labor protested the governor then declared, although belated, that should any other citizen of Indiana be demanded by another state in connection with this affair he would be given a hearing before being released to the officers of the state demanding him. If Governor Marshall is right in the stand he latterly took, then he must be wrong in the former.

The fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States declares that "no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of laws."

The great mass of citizens of our country are arriving at the conclusion that the enforcement, disregard or technical administration of law is largely determined by the strata of society in which the accused moves. Some years ago the state of Texas indicted the Standard Oil Company for violation of its anti-trust statute, and a requisition was made upon the Governor of New York for John D. Rockefeller to answer the charge be-

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fore the courts of that state. No difficulty was experienced by Mr. Rockefeller in evading the process.

Scarcely a column has been printed relating to the lynching of two Italians in Tampa, Fla., by a committee that also raided the labor halls of that city, wantonly destroyed the furniture and, bandit like, secured the cash in the money drawer and spent it among the members of the invading committee.

The Manufacturers' Association of Los Angeles and the Erectors' Association have been prominently designated as the prime movers in plan-

ning the present sensation. The Los Angeles organization is too well known for comment. But the Erectors' Association, then there comes another story. It is alleged to be a subsidiary concern or closely allied with the American Bridge Company, and the latter company is supposed to be a part of United States Steel. The American Bridge Company is the concern that, through "Deacon" Hiram Moe and Senator Conger, debauched the New York Legislature to secure lucrative contracts. The confessions of the "Deacon" and Conger revealed the

character of the American Bridge Company.

Just behind us, March 23, the terrible tragedy of the Triangle Waist Company occurred. To the idol of dollars were sacrificed 141 lives. Harris and Blanck, the manufacturers, had been informed of the danger, but heeded it not. The catastrophe came, but these colonels of inhumanity were not even arrested. In their avarice for more gold another factory was opened and, upon inspection, found to be equally as bad a fire trap as their former place of