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The Los Angeles dynamiting cases came to sudden termination December 1 by the confession of the chief parties in interest. An Associated Press report summarizes the day's happenings in this way:

James M. McNamara pleaded guilty to having placed a dynamite

bomb under the Los Angeles Times building in October, 1910, and caused the death of twenty-one persons.

John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the international association of bridge and structural iron-workers, brother of James B., did not enter a plea at this time to the indictment similarly entered against him for the Times explosion, but when he is arraigned next Tuesday it is virtually certain proceedings against him for this charge will be dismissed, as the state admits it has not evidence connecting John J. McNamara directly with this particular disaster.

John J. McNamara, however, pleaded guilty to the charge of having caused the explosion of the Llewellyn Ironworks, in which no fatalities occurred.

District Attorney John D. Fredericks will recommend life imprisonment for James B. and fourteen years for John J., but Judge Walter Bordwell alone can fix the sentence.

Ortie E. McManigal, who confessed to having actually blown up the Llewellyn ironworks here in December, 1910, at the direction of John J. McNamara, will be brought to trial, but it is expected the state will recommend a light sentence because he turned state's evidence.

Bribery charges against Bert H. Franklin, a detective employed by the McNamara defense probably will be dropped now as irrelevant to the main issue.

An Associated Press report says: James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree in Judge Bordwell's court today. His brother, John J. McNamara, secretary of the international association of bridge and structural iron workers, entered a plea of guilty to having wrecked with dynamite the Llewellyn ironworks in Los Angeles on Christmas day, 1910.

James B. McNamara's confession clears up absolutely the tragedy of the explosion and fire which at 1:07 o'clock on the morning of October 1, 1910, wrecked the plant of the Los Angeles Times at First and Broadway and caused the deaths of twenty-one persons. For nineteen of these deaths the McNamara brothers were indicted and J. B. McNamara was on trial specifically for the murder of Charles J. Haggerty, a machinist, whose body was found nearer than that of any other to the spot where the dynamite was supposed to have been placed.

Both men's sentences were set for December 5, when it is expected District Attorney John D. Fredericks will ask for life imprisonment for James B. McNamara, the confessed murderer and probably fourteen years for his brother. The men's lives are considered saved.

The great contention that the Los Angeles Times was not wrecked by dynamite is dead beyond resurrection or argument.

Tonight as the two brothers sat together in the county jail refusing to see any one or make any statement, an interest second only to the occurrence itself hung about the question with reference to James B. McNamara, "Why did he confess?"

To this opposing counsel gave the same answer. "He confessed because he was guilty and that's all there is to it," declared District Attorney Fredericks.

"He was counselled to confess because that was the best thing he could do, in the opinion of counsel,"

said Attorney Clarence S. Darrow, chief of counsel. "I will say now that there was no other reason or motive in it. I've studied this case for months. It presented a stone wall."

Darrow's statement was made on looking squarely in the face of the charges that the recent arrest of Bert H. Franklin, an investigator, employed by the defense, and two others with him, might have precipitated a situation untenable save by confession of the prisoner.

"Negotiations have been on for several weeks," asserted Darrow, and this was corroborated by District Attorney Fredericks. "We expected at one time that Jim would confess last Monday, but he did not," said Darrow.

An Associated Press report from New York says: "I am astounded; I am astounded; my credulity has been imposed upon. It is a bolt out of a clear sky."

These exclamations were those of Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, when advised tonight of the pleas of guilty in the McNamara cases.

Mr. Gompers, on his way from Washington, was dozing in a Pullman car in the Pennsylvania's congressional limited when he was awakened at a New Jersey station by an Associated Press representative. He retired to the rear of the car, where there was a convenient light and read carefully the accounts of the sensational developments in the Los Angeles case.

The veteran labor leader was visibly affected as he read how the men in whose defense he had spoken and worked so untiringly had admitted their guilt. Tears came into

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