

### John J. McNamara Leaves Prison After Long Term

#### Confessed Dynamiter of Iron Works in Los Angeles Released After Serving Nine Years and Five Months.

San Quentin, Cal., May 10.—John J. McNamara was released from the state penitentiary here today after serving a term of nine years and five months for the dynamiting of the Lewellyn Iron works in Los Angeles in 1910. He was sentenced to serve 15 years, but earned the maximum reduction of sentence by good conduct.

#### Brother Still in Pen.

James B. McNamara, brother and co-defendant of the man whose sentence expired today, remained in the prison. He is serving a life sentence, having pleaded guilty to a murder charge in connection with the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building by an explosion in 1918.

John J. McNamara, former secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary, in the Los Angeles superior court, December 5, 1911, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of having conspired to dynamite the plant of the Lewellyn Iron works in this city. The plea was made while he was on trial on a charge of murder in connection with the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building, October 1, 1918.

James B. McNamara, brother of John, who was being tried jointly with the latter, pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment. The state alleged the McNamaras conspired with others to blow up the Times building and that the plot was carried out by James McNamara, planting a dynamite bomb in the rear of the structure. Twenty employees of the Times were killed in the destruction of the building.

#### Part of Huge Plot.

It was alleged the motive for the crime was that the Times had taken the side of the Lewellyn Iron Works during a strike of structural iron workers there and that the accused were also concerned in an attempt to blow up the Lewellyn plant.

The McNamaras were arrested in the east after Orrie E. McManigal, an alleged accomplice, made a confession. McManigal was the principal witness at the trial, which came to a dramatic end when the accused men offered to make pleas of guilty if assured they would escape death penalty.

Two other alleged accomplices were arrested and received prison sentences in California. Thirty-nine other persons who had been associated with the McNamaras in Indiana, were convicted of conspiring to transport dynamite, in the federal court at Indianapolis. These cases followed statements by McManigal to the effect that there had been a country-wide dynamiting of bridges and other structures, in which non-union workers had been employed.

Remaining indictments against John McNamara in Los Angeles have been outlawed, but it was said here he might possibly have to face charges in Indianapolis upon his release.

McNamara was released a half hour before the time announced by the prison authorities. Newspaper men arriving a few moments later traced his automobile to Sausalito and caught up with him there before he had opportunity to board the boat for San Francisco. He denied his identity and successfully thwarted efforts to photograph or interview him.

#### Destination Unknown.

San Francisco, May 10.—John J. McNamara arrived here a few hours after his release from the state penitentiary and evaded newspaper men. He sped away from the ferry in an automobile to an unknown destination.

Federal officials said they had received no instructions to re-arrest McNamara as the result of charges said to be pending against him in the United States district court in Indianapolis, that he transported dynamite illegally.

#### Y. M. C. A. Camp for Boys at Columbus to Open May 1

Columbus, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Camp Sheldon will be open for the third summer season June 1, with E. M. Barber of Omaha, Y. M. C. A. state secretary of boys' work, in charge. No family camping period is provided for in this year's schedule.

Recently a landscape expert was employed to set out many new trees and shrubs about the camp grounds. They were chosen with a view not only to beautifying the grounds, but also to provide subjects for nature studies by the boys.

#### Geneva Community Club Gives Home Talent Program

Geneva, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—A local talent program was given at a meeting of the Community Club last night, including a reel of motion pictures, vaudeville numbers and orchestra selections. Refreshments were served in the firemen's room of the city hall following the program.

#### Aland Island Board Favors Sovereignty of Finland

Geneva, May 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Aland islands commission of which Abram I. Elkus of New York, is a member, has submitted its report to the league of nations here, recommending that the islands remain under Finnish sovereignty, with guarantees for the safeguarding of the Swedish population.

### Senators Open Probe On Rail Situation

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responsible, he said that notwithstanding the lowest ocean tonnage rates in history millions of tons of shipping here and abroad were rusting in idleness because there was such a small demand for goods. The percentage of freight charges to the average value of commodities shipped in the early part of 1921, he added, "is only two-tenths of 1 per cent greater than in 1914."

#### Scores U. S. Control.

"The trouble with our railroads has been intensified by the results of 26 months of an experiment in government ownership and operation. The word 'ownership' is used advisedly as the federal railroad administration treated the railroads as though they were absolutely owned by the government and turned them back to their owners helpless, bound in improvident agreements in the making of which their owners had no voice.

"The government having strangled the railroads into something like bankruptcy," he said, "it has taken its hands and permitted a sudden increase in rates that should have been gradual and started at least 12 years ago. We should bear in mind and circulate widely the president's epigram, 'More business in government and less government in business.'"

#### Testifies Under Oath.

Mr. Kruttschnitt had not concluded his prepared statement when the committee adjourned until tomorrow. In opening the session, Chairman Cummins read a summary of railway earnings since 1913 showing larger revenue each year, but operating expenses rising at an even swifter rate. Then tendency culminated, he said, when in the year ended March 1, 1921, the roads received \$6,175,962,000 for transportation services and spent \$5,825,388,510 in operating expenses. After deducting taxation and rental charges, Senator Cummins said the carriers had a net return from investment of only \$2,000,000.

"I think it apparent that the revenues can never be increased from higher rates," Senator Cummins said. "If we cannot raise the railway revenue, the problem before us is that of ascertaining whether these railway revenues are efficiently and properly expended. The gravity of the situation before the American people is plain if the transportation industry of our country has become permanently an unprofitable business."

The committee discussed its policy toward witnesses and Senator Townsend, republican, Michigan, demanded that "all witnesses here be sworn; we've heard too many contradictions." Chairman Cummins remarked that applying the oath to witnesses was not the usual custom, but Mr. Kruttschnitt was sworn.

#### Commercial Club of York Recommends Clean-up Week

York, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The civic department of the York County Commercial club, composed of 11 women of the city, presented recommendations to the board of directors relative to a continuous "clean-up" campaign to extend throughout the season in an endeavor to improve the conditions of vacant spaces which are improperly cared for. They designated a week as "Clean-Up, Paint-Up." Another resolution presented by the department was relative to garbage disposal. Both proposals received the endorsement of the board of directors. The women's department is now an established branch of the work of the club.

#### Theft of 19 Fowls Costs Plattsmouth Man \$168

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Herman Scheel, residing in the vicinity of Murdock, was fined \$100 and costs for chicken stealing and compelled to make restitution to the owner in an amount double the value of the fowls, the total cost being \$168.90. After Sheriff Quinton and County Attorney Cole had followed buggy tracks from the home of William Rikli, owner of the chickens, to the Scheel farm, questioning of Mr. Scheel developed that he had driven to the Rikli home to purchase some duck eggs, but upon finding no one at home, the sight of the 19 fowls proved too tempting to resist.

#### High School to Graduate Largest Class in History

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Plattsmouth High school will graduate the largest class in its history this year, there being 47 members, of whom 17 are boys. The first of the social gatherings marking the close of the school year, the annual junior-senior reception, was held Friday night. The class play, "Nothing but the Truth," will be presented at the Parnell theater, May 24 and 25, and the graduating exercises at the High school auditorium Thursday evening, May 26. Rev. E. N. Tompkins of the Grace Methodist church of Lincoln will make the address.

#### Convict Star Witness in \$25,000 Alienation Suit

Lincoln, May 10.—(Special.)—Dick Barrett, convict who made a sensational escape from the prison road camp last summer and was caught in Canada, was a star witness here today in a \$25,000 alienation of affection suit in federal court brought by Frank Amos, a St. Joseph street conductor, against Henry Branz of York.

Barrett testified to alleged "wild times" he and others had at the Amos home. Branz, he testified, was present at those parties.

#### Wesleyan Male Quartet to Appear in Pawnee City

Pawnee City, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Wesleyan male quartet will appear in Pawnee City Tuesday, May 17, accompanied by Miss Marie Wilson, reader, who is a graduate of the Wesleyan school of expression. Miss Wilson and Kenneth Wilson, a member of the quartet, are both Pawnee City residents.

#### County Farm Bureau Will Show Government Movies

Geneva, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The Fillmore county farm bureau will exhibit seven reels of government pictures at the Grand theater Wednesday afternoon and Miss Stella Matting of the extension department of the state university will speak on woman's work in the agricultural districts.

### Reports Show Depression in World Business

#### Department of Commerce Figures Indicate No Resumption of Trade in Most Countries.

Washington, May 10.—World-wide business depression is indicated by the monthly cables from commercial attaches and trade commissioners made public today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. In many instances an easing of money conditions, reflected in decreased bank rates, is noted, but in most countries no marked resumption in trade activity has taken place.

Commercial Attache Dennis cables from London that the financial situation is improving, but that industry is retarded by the coal strike. A firmer tone prevails in the cotton and leather trade. Both imports and exports are decreasing. The cost of living is decreasing, as is evidenced by a further decline of 8 points in the index number during the past month.

Commercial Attache Huntington cables from Paris that imports are increasing and exports decreasing. There has been a notable decrease, however, in the imports of raw materials.

Howard W. Adams, representative of the department of commerce of Berlin, cables that there were 759 minor failures in Germany during the first quarter of 1921 as compared with 212 for the corresponding period of 1920. Unemployment is constantly increasing and the hours in many industries have been shortened.

A cable from Vienna states that the cost of living in Austria increased 3.8 per cent from March 15 to April 15, the greatest increases having been those pertaining to prices

of textiles, clothing and shoes. Both imports and exports are decreasing. A cable from Acting Commercial Attache Cross from Brussels states that since the slump in export trade the idle ships at Antwerp have increased from 111 on March 31 to 137 on April 30. The idle tonnage during April at Antwerp amounted to 1,032,167 as compared with 696,913 during March, an increased number of ships left in ballast during April. General unemployment in Belgium remains a serious problem, it being estimated at 179,000 are now idle.

#### Pioneer Farmer and Bank Head Dies at Sweetwater

Sweetwater, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—N. P. Mortensen, one of the pioneer farmers of this locality and president of the Sweetwater State bank, died suddenly. He has been engaged here for a long time and was engaged in the farming and live stock business until two years ago when he retired from active work. He is survived by four children and a brother living in Wisconsin.

#### Columbus Man Sues for \$766 After Buying Farm

Columbus, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—As a sequel to a deal in which the plaintiff bought a farm from defendants, Joseph Mizek has started suit in district court against John M. Twork and Joe Beller for \$766.10. He claims he was forced to make a payment on a mortgage which they represented they had made before the deal was closed.

#### Harding Not Asking Delay in Passing Peace Proposal

Washington, May 10.—President Harding is not asking for delay in the adoption by the house of a peace resolution, it was said today in high administration quarters, but because of the situation in Europe growing out of the reparations settlement he is not insisting that there should not be any haste in putting the measure through.

### Former Charity Worker Guilty of Mann Act Charge

#### Des Moines Man Claims Innocence, Asserting He Was Victim of Designing Woman.

Des Moines, May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—O. P. Jackson, 1011 Maple street, a former Salvation Army officer in St. Joseph, Mo., and Des Moines, was found guilty today in United States district court of a violation of the Mann act. Jackson was tried for the same offense last December, but the trial resulted in a disagreement. When the verdict was returned Jackson still clung to his claim of innocence.

"I have been made the victim of a scheming, designing woman," he declared. "The Mann act was never intended to cover a case such as this one. It opens the avenues for exploitation on the part of women whose characters are questionable. In my case there was a deliberate attempt to force money from me for acts I never committed. The woman was befriended by the family and myself. We gave her work when she was in dire need. We supported her and her child and this is what has resulted."

Jackson was indicted last year on four counts of an indictment setting out separate charges of transportation of Anna Walker Watson from St. Joseph to Des Moines between 1917 and 1918.

#### Conviction Affirmed.

The Iowa supreme court today affirmed the conviction of Browne Brownman, now serving a life sentence at Fort Madison for the murder of Detective Con J. McCarthy, September 3, 1919. Brownman's trial and conviction in district court aroused much public interest. Mc-

Carthy was shot down in cold blood while waiting with his prisoner for the patrol. Brownman was apprehended a short time later.

#### Three Sent to Prison.

Joe Pina, Lewis Thomas and Pete Martinez, accused of violating the Mann act, were sentenced to the penitentiary for five years each and fined \$2,000 today by Federal Judge M. J. Wade. These men are alleged to have transported various American women into Iowa from other states. In sentencing the men, Judge Wade directed the United States attorney to see that they were expelled from this country, as soon as they had finished serving their time.

#### Marine Strikers Attempt To Storm U. S. Customs House

Baltimore, Md., May 10.—Three hundred or more alleged marine strikers and sympathizers stormed the doors of the customs house here today in their efforts to reach a party of negro strike-breakers who had fled into the federal building for protection. Several of the negroes were severely beaten before the arrival of police, who, with drawn pistols, drove off the rioters.

#### New York Coffee and Sugar Exchanges Close Saturdays

New York, May 10.—The New York coffee and sugar exchange today voted to close every Saturday from May 28 to September 3, inclusive.

#### Postoffices to Close.

Washington, May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Postoffices discontinued in Nebraska: Lincoln, Blaine county, mail to Dunning; Trouble, Cherry county, mail to Whitman; Millard, Lincoln county, mail to Brady; Pepper Creek, Dawes county, mail to Eather; Emick, Garfield county, mail to Gabers.

#### Army Orders.

Washington, May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Mal Homer M. Grominger, general staff, is relieved from War department, general staff, this city, effective July 1, and will then proceed to Fort Crook, Neb.

### 15 New Roads Involved In Labor Board Hearing

Chicago, May 10.—The railroad labor board today began preparing for a new wage hearing, involving 15 new roads and including 75 additional disputes brought by carriers, which were parties to the wage hearing concluded last week. All new roads ask reduction of unskilled labor rates and several ask reductions in other classes of labor as well.

#### Einstein Gets Degree.

Princeton, N. J., May 10.—Dr. Albert Einstein, originator of the theory of relativity, received the degree of doctor of science at Princeton university today.



## Designed For Sports Wear

Delightful foursome blouses of silk net with an odd woolly trimming. Skirts whose colors defy description, all of them pleated and most of them either plaid or striped. Sweaters in several styles, a very sheer, loosely woven wool one is very new. And blouses to complement all these in sheer batiste, wash satin or crepe de chine.

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