

SEEKS IMMUNITY.

Hockin Delivers Evidence to Federal Officials.

BURNS IS IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Books and Papers of Ironworkers' Organization Overlooked in Former Search of McNamara's Office Now in Hands of Federal Grand Jury.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.—H. S. Hockin, through arrangements with representatives of the Erectors' association, has delivered up to the United States authorities books and papers of the ironworkers' organization that were overlooked when the building was searched soon after John J. McNamara's arrest, and it is believed that the surrender was made in pursuance of an arrangement that guarantees Hockin immunity from arrest.

The United States district attorney says he has made no deal with Hockin, but there is reason to believe that other acting for him have promised immunity if Hockin tells all he knows. The books and papers were removed Saturday night from the ironworkers' offices in the Central Life building and were taken in taxicabs to the federal building. Marshal Schmidt was present when the records were taken from the vault and placed in the taxicabs, and though Hockin was not seen during the transfer, he is known to have been in the office at the time and to have been cognizant, if he did not assist in the work.

That Hockin was in the offices at the time and that he was the man who admitted the searchers was learned in the same source. It has developed that the negotiations which have been made with Hockin were without knowledge of district attorney Miller. This was because the district attorney throughout the case has shown no disposition to lend a ready ear to any suggestions of immunity to any one. With this attitude of the district attorney known, negotiations were had with the ironworkers' official in a way that would keep the district attorney absolutely free from any suggestion that "immunity" or "light penalties" would be promised for services rendered by any one connected with the ironworkers.

A search is being made for Harry Underwood, the ironworker who made a claim that he placed the explosive under the new French Lick hotel after a visit of Hockin to French Lick, at which time he is said to have threatened trouble if union labor men were substituted for nonunion men employed on the building. Hockin said that he once knew an ironworker named Underwood, but he did not remember his first name. It seems that Underwood belonged to a Louisville union, but after his arrest at French Lick and confession to Detective Moran he fled the country, and no one seems to know where he now is. Detective Burns is here and will remain for several days to assist in the federal grand jury investigation. He had these words to say in the rumor that he had arrested Herbert S. Hockin: "Frank M. Ryan, one of the vice presidents and the president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers. He would not say that he had the members of the executive board of the ironworkers under surveillance."

A THRUST AT DARROW.

Business in Franklin Bribery Case Says Attorney Know of Overtures. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 12.—Twice during the preliminary examination of H. Franklin, former United States deputy marshal, on charge of attempting to bribe a prospective juror in the J. B. McNamara case the name Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for defense, was brought into the case as witnesses. In each instance the press said he had understood from Hockin that Darrow had knowledge of what was being done. After Franklin had been bound over to appear for trial statements were made by Darrow, district attorney John D. Fredericks and Franklin, the defendant.

The district attorney said there was nothing in the testimony to connect Hockin with the attempted bribery. Hockin said he had never mentioned Darrow's name to George N. Lockwood, the prospective juror, who, it is argued, he tried to bribe, or Robert F. Ryan, who was passed as a juror.

McNAMARAS BEGIN WORK.

Shunned in Spirit, Confessed Dynamiters Shunned by Other Convicts. San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Arrayed in their brand new striped suits, the McNamara brothers are at work in the cell at San Quentin prison. Both have lost their defiant demeanor when they entered the big mill with hundreds of other felons they had broken in spirit. The prison officials think that the life of James B. McNamara will not long unless he is shown unusual consideration. He is a physical wreck and emaciated. The dynamiters give scant consideration by the other prisoners, and it is not improbable that they will receive rough treatment if opportunity offers, as the convicts are apparently bitter toward them.

FRANCIS L. STETSON.

Corporation Attorney Calls Anti-trust Law an Economic Error.



Washington, Dec. 12.—Before the senate committee on interstate commerce Francis L. Stetson, the attorney who was instrumental in organizing the steel trust, gave his views on the trust question. He believed business conditions in this country would have been better had the Sherman law never been enacted. To abolish it now, however, would be unwise, as the law was sustained in the public mind, and to attack it would cause the people to lose confidence in their legislators. It was founded, however, on an economic error. He said: "For the protection of the public investing in securities the proposed corporation commission should have power to make but not to revoke a declaration as to the innocuousness of any corporation hereafter formed in its organization or in the acquisition of properties substituting part of its capital stock, and no prosecution or dissolution of the corporation for any matter covered by such declaration should be permitted after a period to be prescribed in the act."

FAVOR INSURANCE BILL.

Lord Lansdowne Disclaims Unionist Hostility Toward Measure. London, Dec. 12.—In the house of lords Viscount Haldane moved the second reading of the insurance bill. He said that the testimony of employers in Germany was almost unanimous that the system benefited even themselves. Lord Lansdowne disclaimed Unionist hostility to the principle, but criticized the precipitation with which the bill had been brought to the attention of the house. He feared that the cost, like that of old age pensions, had been underestimated. He concluded by saying that acceptance was the wiser course and refused to take part in a sham attempt to revise the bill.

PROBING TICKET SCANDAL.

National Baseball Commission Seeking Evidence. New York, Dec. 12.—"The investigation of the world's series ticket scandal will continue," said August Herrmann, chairman of the national baseball commission, after a long secret session at the Waldorf Astoria. "We have tried to get at the facts and have spent \$1,500 with that end in view. Every one realizes that tickets for the world's series, both here and in Philadelphia, were in the hands of speculators. But how the speculators got hold of the tickets we are anxious to learn, and we will court evidence from the public and press."

Market Reports.

BUTTER—Lower and unsettled; receipts, 4,500 packages; creamery, special, per lb., 37c; extras, 35c; thirds to firsts, 28c-30c; held special, 35c; held extras, 33c-34c; held lower grades, 28c-30c; state dairy, common to prime, 24c-25c; process, seconds to specials, 22c-24c; factory, current make, 20c-22c; packing stock, 18c-20c. CHEESE—Firm; receipts, 535 boxes, state, whole milk, September and earlier specials, per lb., 16c; average fancy, September and earlier, 15c-15 1/2c; current make, specials, 15c; average fancy, 15c; undergrades, 13c-14c; daisies, best, 16c. EGGS—Weak; receipts, 4,561 cases; fresh gathered, extras, per doz., 38c-41c; extra firsts, 35c-36c; firsts, 33c-34c; seconds, 30c-32c; refrigerator, special marks, fancy, 24c-25c; firsts, 22c-23c; seconds, 21c-22c; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, whites, 25c-26c; henery browns, 40c-41c; gathered brown and mixed, 33c-35c. DRESSED POULTRY—Easy; turkeys, fresh, nearby, spring, choice, per lb., 22c-24c; western, choice, 17c-18c; old, 16c-17c; chickens, Philadelphia squab broilers, per pair, 40c-50c; broilers, per lb., 22c-25c; roasting, 20c; mixed weights, 14c-15c; Pennsylvania roasting, 14c-15c; broilers, 16c-18c; mixed weights, 14c-15c; western, milk fed, broilers, 17c-22c; roasting, 14c-15c; mixed weights, 14c-15c; corn fed broilers, 14c-15c; roasting, 14c-15c; medium, 8c-10c; mixed weights, 10c; fowls, fresh, western, boxes, 10c-11c; bbls., 10c-11c; roosters, 9c-10c; spring ducks, nearby, choice, 17c-18c; western, choice, 15c-16c; spring geese, Maryland, 14c; western, 11c-12c; squabs, white, per doz., \$24-30; dark, \$1-20. POTATOES—Easy; Bermuda, No. 1, per bbl., \$58; Maine, per bag, \$2.75-2.90; state and western, \$2.65-2.80; British, \$2.50-2.60; sweets, Jersey, No. 1, per basket, \$1.75. MEATS—Live veal calves, common to choice, per 100 lbs., \$4-10; live calves, barneys, \$3.50-7.50; western and southern, \$4.75-5.75; country dressed veal calves, prime, per lb., 12c-12 1/2c; common to good, 11c-12c; butterfat and grass calves, 7c-8c.

ALL IS HARMONY.

Republican Committee Settles Petty Dispute.

A COMPROMISE WITH NEW.

Predicted Fight on President For Renomination by Indiana Committeeman Ends In Gossip, and Undercurrent For Roosevelt Is Sidetracked For the Present.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The expected row in today's meeting of the Republican national committee was averted at a late hour last night. A compromise with the Harry New crowd from Indiana was effected, and things are now certain to follow a program to which there will be no objections.

The undercurrent demand for the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt in June at the Chicago convention appears to have been nipped, and unless later developments arise President Taft will be renominated without opposition. For awhile the Taft followers were alarmed over the turn the Indiana committeemen had taken and also feared a fight in Ohio, which now appears to have blown up with little or no smoke.

For awhile Mr. Taft found himself drawn into a war between Postmaster General Hitchcock, former national chairman, and Harry New, committeeman from Indiana. The new people accused Hitchcock of attempting to prevent the naming of New as chairman of the arrangements committee, which names the temporary officers of the national convention.

Mr. New understood that he had the backing of Mr. Taft for this place, and the fight precipitated against him has created an ugly situation.

The Roosevelt sentiment among national committeemen is not confined to enemies of the president. Many of the Republican leaders who profess to be President Taft's friends and supporters declare that Roosevelt is the only Republican who has a chance of leading the party to victory.

The threatened fight in Ohio against President Taft's renomination is based on the proposal to elect the delegates at large of that state to the national convention by a presidential preference primary. Walter Brown, chairman of the Ohio state central committee, advocated such a course in a public statement several days ago, declaring that, in his opinion, such a primary would show that Colonel Roosevelt is the choice of the Republicans of Ohio.

Charles D. Hillis, secretary to the president, is standing by New, while Frank H. Hitchcock, Mr. Taft's postmaster general, is supposed to be lending support to former Governor John Hill of Maine, the present acting chairman of the national committee, and others who are leading the fight against New. Repeated attempts to settle the matter have been made, but things are still in the air, with the prospects of what promises to be a fairly tame meeting of the national committee developing a row.

BIG FIRE IN NICARAGUA.

Property Loss at Bluefields Estimated at \$500,000. Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 12.—Fire destroyed property worth between \$400,000 and \$500,000 and at one time threatened to wipe out the town. Inadequacy of the fire fighting apparatus and a high wind that fanned the flames were responsible for the seriousness of the conflagration. The Peterson hotel was wiped out, and several guests had exciting escapes.

SAY ALFONSO WAS HASTY.

Wanted to Bombard Lisbon When Manuel Was Deposed. Paris, Dec. 12.—The newspaper Humanite asserts that it is able to vouch absolutely for the truth of a story which it prints to the effect that when King Alfonso heard of the revolution in Portugal and the subsequent flight of King Manuel, he (Alfonso) hurriedly summoned the Spanish cabinet and asked that Spain's fleet be dispatched at once to bombard Lisbon. The Humanite adds that Premier Canalejas timidly objected and asked to be permitted to consult the powers. England and France promptly put their veto on the proposition.

KEEPS PLEDGE TO TAFT.

Rear Admiral Nicholson Resigns as Chief of Bureau of Navigation. Washington, Dec. 12.—In accordance with his pledge to President Taft to conform with the instructions of Secretary Meyer, Rear Admiral Reginald F. Nicholson has presented his resignation as chief of the bureau of navigation. Admiral Nicholson will take command of the Asiatic squadron. Commander Phillip Andrews, personal aid to Secretary Meyer, will become chief of the bureau of navigation.

Weather Probabilities. Rain; somewhat colder today; Wednesday fair; colder; moderate southerly winds becoming variable.

HENRY T. GAGE.

Ex-Governor of California Who Is Counsel For Accused Briber.

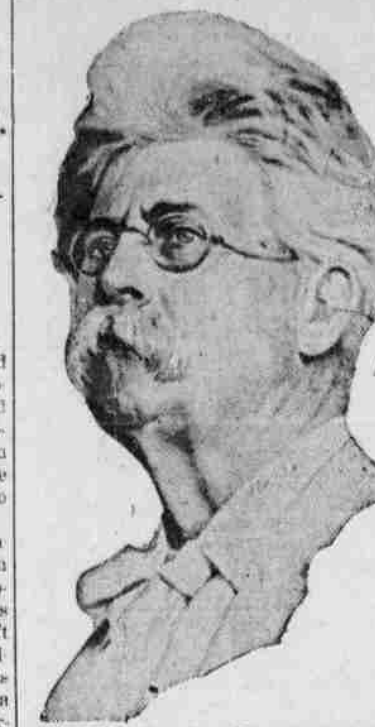


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LUNA PARK SCORCHED.

Absence of Wind and Dampness Saves All of Coney Island.

New York, Dec. 12.—So brisk a breeze ate into the side of Luna park that it seemed for awhile that Coney Island, which lost a good part of itself at the Dreamland fire last spring, was done for. But this time the high pressure service did its full duty, and Luna park got off with a bad scorching.

Fred Thompson, the creator of Luna park and head of the Luna Park company, put the loss at \$150,000. He placed the estimate so high because the scenery for five plays, three of which were due for production in the next few weeks, were burned. He promised that the park itself would recover from the damage.

As far as Luna park itself was concerned, the worst damage was done on the east side of the main walk, about halfway down from the entrance. The big restaurant was destroyed. "Checkers," one of those eccentric slides which unkenit one's joints, was wrecked, and the "pneumatic tubs," a subway which one took for the fun of it, was flooded and lost its top. Sparks and flame flew eastward, but metal sheathing and general December damp slowed the progress of the fire so that the firemen soon checked it.

XMAS TREES AT COST.

Indianapolis Mayor Continues Fight on High Prices.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.—Cheap Christmas trees will gladden the hearts of the consumer who is overburdened with the high cost of living if Mayor Shank is able to carry out a plan he has in mind. The mayor's plan is nothing more or less than to sell Christmas trees at the lowest possible price in the city market. "I am told," said the mayor, "that it is possible to get Christmas trees in Michigan for practically nothing and that about all they would cost us would be the cost of handling and freight. If this is true we may bring in a carload or so and let every person have a Christmas tree at a reasonable price."

PEACE TALK IN CHINA.

Hankow Selected by Republicans—Imperialists Ready For Any Terms.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.—General Li Yuen Heng, the revolutionary commander, has telegraphed from Wuchang to the representatives of the imperialist party that the republicans have decided to select Hankow as the place for the meeting of the peace conference. The imperial government professes confidence that a limited monarchy will be acceptable to the revolutionaries, but Tang Shao Yi is empowered to agree to a compromise on virtually any terms, owing to the difficulty of carrying on the administration with the present lack of means.

SEVEN ALIVE IN MINE.

Three Able to Walk When Rescued; Others Behind Debris.

Brieville, Tenn., Dec. 12.—Will and Milton Henderson, father and son, and J. E. Smith were found alive in a chamber at Cross entry 17 of the Cross mountain mine. All were conscious and were able to walk when outside.

Four other men have been found alive in the mine and will be brought out as soon as they can be reached by removal of debris.

TALE OF THE WEATHER.

Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow: Temp. Weather. New York . . . . . 54 Cloudy Albany . . . . . 56 Cloudy Atlantic City . . . . . 52 Cloudy Boston . . . . . 58 Cloudy Buffalo . . . . . 56 Rain Chicago . . . . . 42 Cloudy St. Louis . . . . . 44 Cloudy New Orleans . . . . . 66 Cloudy Washington . . . . . 60 Clear

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