

McNAMARAS PLEAD GUILTY.

Confession Comes Like a Thunder Bolt—Make No Statement.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 1.—James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree in Judge Walter Bordwell's court today.

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 death of 21 persons.

To-night 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 men.

"He confessed because he was guilty, and that's all there is to it," declared District Attorney Fredericks.

"He was counseled to confess because that was the best thing he could do, in the opinion of counsel," said Attorney Clarence S. Darrow.

Bad Cotton Seed Coming to Mills.

Owing to the fact that the cotton in such large quantities has remained in the fields this year in the Augusta section, the local oil mills are having a deal of trouble with the seed.

A representative of one of the largest mills in the vicinity is authority for the statement that the grade of oil turned out by the seed from this cotton now being harvested is such that claims for off grade are repeatedly coming in.

Farmers are urged to take especial care with the seed now being ginned, as the oil mill men say that even a small pile of it, if placed in a close room, will heat in two or three days to such an extent as to render it most unsaleable for mill purposes.

Officers Break Up Cock Fight.

Aiken, Dec. 2.—An old game was revived here yesterday when a cock fight was pulled off between two blooded fowls of the fighting specie at Barton's pond, three or four miles from the city.

Notwithstanding the fact that the fight had been arranged with a certain degree of secrecy, a large audience was circled around the pit, the crowds having come from Augusta, Horsecreek Valley and Aiken.

Ten rounds had been fought, eight of which were won by the representative of the Old Tar Heel State, when Sheriff Rabon and Rural Policeman Busbee appeared on the scene.

Cainhoys Men in Jail.

Two White Men and Negro Charged with Criminal Assault.

Moncks Corner, Nov. 30.—W. H. Metchum and his son, and Geo. Johnson, a negro, charged with criminally assaulting a white woman at Cainhoys, were lodged in jail here yesterday.

BITES BEAR'S BRAINS OUT.

Some Exciting Chases Over Mountains of Western North Carolina.

Bristol, Tenn., Nov. 25.—David Blevins, the most conspicuous of living bear-hunters in this region, was here this week from his home in Shady, Johnson county, Tennessee.

When asked about bear-hunting experiences, Blevins said: "I have killed 56 bears during the seasons I have hunted, but this is nothing to boast of when compared with the records of men who roamed the mountains before me."

"You may not believe it," continued Blevins, "but I once knew a man to bite a bear's brains out. This happened in Shady, and but a little way from my home."

For Shooting Conductor.

Moncks Corner, Nov. 30.—James Gaddy and Arthur Gather were held in the sum of \$500 each to-day for appearance before the court of general sessions next March.

Magistrate John O. Edwards was in the midst of the preliminary hearing, demanded by the defendants, when James Gaddy, at the conclusion of the examination of one of the witnesses, turned to Mr. Octavus Cohen, who was acting for the State, and asked if he might make a statement.

After Dodgers of the Income Tax.

In order to enforce more stringently the law requiring all citizens to pay a tax of 1 per cent on their incomes in excess of \$2,500, Mr. A. W. Jones, comptroller general, has sent out to the various county auditors general letters, giving information with regard to the manner of enforcement of this income tax law.

The first move in the matter is to be made in Greenville county, where, the comptroller estimated, over 100 parties are liable to pay the income tax, although only six made returns during the present year.

Carrying Survey to Completion.

The survey of the Edisto River to determine whether or not it is available as a navigable stream, is being rapidly pushed to completion. It is expected that the work will be finished sometime during the middle of January.

LOW PRICE OF COTTON.

Reduced Acreage the Only Remedy Says "Old Timer."

Wanderer's Rest, Nov. 29.—Tomorrow is Thanksgiving and all should throw off all care and with a free heart give thanks for the many blessings we have.

Now comes the 28th of August, a storm, cotton injured, corn blown down to rot, and rain, rain ever since to retard the harvest, lower the grade and hundreds of bales unpicked at date, there to remain it seems.

But so it is, and the unexpected has happened, that the big crop of cotton has brought almost ruin to some and no gains to the grower, and now the speculator and spinner can clink the glasses and drink to the thoughtless farmers of the South.

Now the remedy what to do with this cotton still in the field, much of it so low in grade if gathered to be on the market for years only to depress in the years to come.

Prison for Killing Betrayer.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—Frank M. McMahon, who was convicted of manslaughter last week for the killing of George Leary last May, was sentenced to the penitentiary to-day for not less than five years nor more than ten years.

McMahon shot Leary after a quarrel on the street over Leary's refusal to marry McMahon's daughter. The so-called unwritten law figured in the case and attracted considerable attention.

COTTON PICKER AT WORK.

Bennettsville, November 30.—The Price-Campbell cotton picker made a demonstration here to-day. On account of recent heavy rains the ground was too soft for the machine to get over the ground without bogging, but the machine was operated for a short time and it is estimated that fully 90 per cent of the cotton was well picked.

Have You Thought Of It?

That there are only 14 more shopping days after to-day before Christmas. Don't you think that it is time you were getting busy purchasing those gifts that you are going to have to have?

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