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EDITORIAL

THE MCNAMARA OUTRAGE PILING UP.

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UP to May the 4th, the outrage perpetrated upon civilization over the back of John J. McNamara was but a repetition of the outrage perpetrated upon civilization over the backs of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

As in the instance of the three miners' officers, the safeguards, provided for by civilization against the infraction of the civic rights and the molestation of the citizen in the matter of extradition, were ridden roughshod over. Without investigation, without being allowed counsel, without being informed of the charges against him, McNamara was seized, "kidnapped," as Justice McKenna of the Supreme Court of the United States well expressed it in the case of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. Nor were the frills and furbelows in the instance of the three miners' officials wanting in the instance of McNamara. As in the former, there is a McParland in the latter instance—he is now called Burns. As in the former, there is an Orchard in the latter instance—he is now called McManigal. As in the former, so in the McNamara instance the case has been tried in the columns of the capitalist press, the "evidence" stated, the verdict pronounced long before the trial.

So did things stand down to the 4th of this month. On that day the McNamara outrage took a decided spurt forward, leaving the Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone case away behind.

Extradition proceedings must be bona fide. A factor in the bona fide nature of extradition proceedings is that the person extradited be tried for the offense that he was extradited on. It is a mark of bad faith in international extradition if the prisoner is tried for any offense other than that on which extradition papers were applied for and granted. The same principle obtains with Inter-State extradition. The reason, the justice of the principle, is obvious. If a prisoner is put on his trial for an offence different from the one on which extradition papers were granted, then

the application for extradition is tainted with fraud. The application papers must have been perjured. This additional outrage marks the McNamara case.

The outrage on civilization in the Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone case began and ended with the illegality of the extradition proceedings. That outrage being consummated, none other was attempted. Otherwise with McNamara. Extradited on one alleged offense, the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times Building, the prosecution now announces from Los Angeles that John J. McNamara is to be tried on indictments for another set of offenses.

What sense is there in Anarchists spending time, money and efforts to the promotion of their views? The sort of society they are after is “wide open” now.

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