

THE McNAMARA FUND.

The facts and figures, thus far obtainable, relative to the amount subscribed by the various union laborers throughout the United States to assist the McNamara brothers in their defense which came to such a sudden end some days ago, are mighty interesting. They go to show that the circumstances of the poor laborers are taken very little into consideration when money is desired, and no matter what the nature of the fund is, the laborers have to take from their hard earnings and deny their families comforts in order that "men higher up" might grow fat and have an easy time of it.

In view of the fact that the McNamara brothers, whose innocence was loudly proclaimed by the labor leaders, after a fund of nearly two hundred thousand dollars had been collected and distributed plead guilty, which means that the defense fund was worse than wasted, it would appear to one on the outside that labor codes are sadly in need of revision and some of the leaders would serve the organization better if they were kicked out of office.

Following is a report of the money's collected and disbursed up until Oct. 25th, which was given to the public last Friday:

"The total amount received up to that date was \$194,612.53, and the total expenditures were \$184,850.93. No accounting is made of the sums received and spent since that time.

Clarence Darrow, chief of counsel for the McNamaras, had been paid \$170,000. It is stated that Darrow was to pay his assistants from this amount. In this connection, local international union officials stated that it is understood Darrow will not continue his office in Chicago.

Local attorneys who have been looking after the Indianapolis end of the case have been paid \$11,000. Leo M. Rappaport, counsel for the iron workers' union, has received, according to the report, \$8,500, and Henry Zegfred, \$2,500.

Frank L. Mulholland, an attorney of Toledo, O., was paid \$259.10 for legal services given in that city.

Other items of expense are listed as follows:

McNamara buttons, which were sold in all parts of the country, \$1,120; McNamara stamps, \$108.98; representatives' expenses for addressing meetings; printing and mailing American Federation of Labor weekly news letter, \$1,113.15; postage \$380, and incl-

dentals in connection with McNamara picture films, \$250."

The above figures are all the more appalling when it is understood that Clarence Darrow, chief counsel of the brothers, and undoubtedly the leaders of the labor unions, knew that the brothers were guilty, as implied, by their statements since the confessions were made.

Organized labor might be a good thing, but more often the poor laborer suffers greater hardships because of the organization than he would were there no labor organizations in existence.

The best thing for organized labor at present is to get rid of some of the leaders.
