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HOLD BANK LIQUIDATOR FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Deny Plan to Fire MacKenzie

CALL MINORS AS WITNESSES IN TAVERN HEARING

Two Wisconsin Rapids girls, aged 15 and 16, were subpoenaed Wednesday afternoon to testify at the preliminary examination of Mary Hagberg, operator of a Sand Hill tavern, on a charge of permitting minors to linger or loiter "about the bar room" unaccompanied by parents or guardians.

The girls were named by a state beverage tax division inspector as the minors upon whom he based the complaint against the operator of the Bert Cummings tavern in the ARRAGON SHERRY MAN

Another Wood county tavern-keeper, Joseph F. Lang, Sherry, was arraigned this morning before Justice of the Peace George C. Jacobson, on charges of selling liquor to minors in his tavern Wednesday evening.

Lang waived preliminary hearing on the charge brought by investigators of the beverage tax division of the state treasury department, and was bound over to circuit court for trial. Lang was released on \$250 bond, the eighth Wood county tavern operator to be charged with liquor law violations in the last week.

town of Grand Rapids, but when counsel for the woman, Hugh W. Goggins, objected to the inspector's unsupported testimony, sheriff's officers brought the girls to testify on subpoenas issued out of Justice of the Peace George C. Jacobson's court.

Second Count Filed
Age of the girls resulted in a second count being brought against Mrs. Hagberg by Dist. Atty. Daniel T. Hosenk, who added to the loitering charge an additional charge of permitting children under 17 in a public dance hall unattended by parent or guardian. A dance hall is conducted in connection with the tavern bar.

Upshot of the hearing was the granting by Justice Jacobson of Hosenk's motion to bind the defendant over to circuit court for trial. Her bond of \$250 was continued.

Also bound over to circuit court Wednesday was George E. Schneider, another Grand Rapids operator, who is charged with selling liquor between 1 and 8 a. m. Schneider waived preliminary examination.

Seventh Case Revealed
It was revealed Wednesday that Ann Oberlander, operator of a third Grand Rapids tavern, has been named in a warrant issued on complaint of state inspectors charging her with sale of liquor between 1 a. m. and 8 a. m. Her case brings to seven the number of county tavern keepers involved in admitted or alleged violations within the last week.

She, however, has not been brought into court. State inspectors said they have been told she is at present vacationing in Florida. The warrant will be served when she returns.

Two other operators will have preliminary examinations on February 19. They were scheduled to appear also Wednesday but their cases See—TAVERN CASE—Page 9



WOMAN EJECTED FROM CAPITOL—Pulled along by a policeman and a detective, a woman (center) who broke into the debate on the lend-lease bill in the house gallery was taken to the woman's bureau of Washington, D. C., police headquarters. She said her name was Margaret Russell and that she wrote pamphlets under the name "Andra the Flame." She said she lived in New York.

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Texas flyer killed in action with British air force.—See Page 12.

Willkie concludes visit to England with call on King George.—See Page 2.

Woman, posing for picture, snatched to her death by wave.—See Page 3.

U.S. Encourages War, Prolongs Bloodshed, Lindbergh Testifies

Washington—(P)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh said today that by aiding Great Britain and other countries the United States "is encouraging war, prolonging it and increasing bloodshed in Europe without materially affecting the course of the war."

Testifying in opposition to the administration's British aid bill before the senate foreign relations committee, Lindbergh said in a prepared statement that if this country is ever invaded "the responsibility will lie with those who send our arms abroad."

Under questioning by Senator Connally (D-Tex.), the 39-year-old flier declared that the nation already was committed to giving

REJECT AMENDMENT
Washington—(P)—House supporters of the administration's aid to Britain bill snatched down today the first amendment formally offered, a proposal to supplant the measure with one which would supply the aid from a \$2,000,000, 000 credit fund.

The proposal, by Rep. Mundt (R-S. D.), was beaten by a 206 to 145 teller vote. It was the first floor attempt to change the original bill.

Britain some aid. "We should keep our promises," he declared, then added:

"I think it is very important that England not be beaten in war, but I don't think that is in American control."

Raps Arms Embargo Repeal
Lindbergh then said he believed repeal of this country's arms embargo two years ago had "encouraged war" in Europe.

Lindbergh added that American help to belligerents abroad encouraged and prolonged and increased bloodshed.

While the senate committee was hearing Lindbergh, Democratic members of the house foreign affairs committee agreed on an amendment to the British-aid bill to put a five-year limit on the president's power to make contracts under the legislation.

This extension of the contractual power three years beyond the proposed expiration date of the law, it was said, would permit the completion of large projects, warships for example.

Sponsor Another Amendment
Also, in a bid for increased support for the bill, the house committee decided to sponsor another See—LEASE-LEND BILL—Page 9

Show Educational Film at Kiwanis Club Dinner

An educational film on painting was shown at the regular weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club at the Hotel Witter today by Albert Rhol who was presented to the club by Ralph Renzel, program chairman.

Prior to the showing of the film, President L. J. Bethke named Irv Polansky and Wayne Lillibridge to the committee in charge of furnishing the Kiwanis Youth lodge at Lake Wazeecha.

HEIL DECLARES CATLIN'S CLAIM IS 'RIDICULOUS'

Madison, Wis.—(P)—The senate voted down today, 19 to 10, a motion to summon A. H. Pettigrew, of Oconto, for questioning after administration leaders had denied the appointment of Pettigrew to the conservation commission involved any commitment for the discharge of Conservation Director H. W. MacKenzie.

These included: Anthony J. Drexel Biddle of Pennsylvania, now ambassador to Poland, to serve also without additional compensation as ambassador to the exiled government in London of Belgium and as minister to the governments of Norway and the Netherlands.

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WICHY RESISTS LAVAL'S RETURN

Vichy, France—(P)—Navy Minister Admiral Jean Darlan left Vichy by special train for Paris at 11:30 a. m. (5:30 a. m. EST) today, where he expected to resume talks with former Vice Premier-Foreign Minister Pierre Laval.

Darlan declined to discuss his second trip to Paris within five days. "I cannot say anything—I leave all comments to Marshal Petain (French chief of state)," Darlan replied to questioners.

Darlan departed amid indications that the French government was opposed to restoring Laval—chief proponent of French-German collaboration—to the cabinet on his own terms.

After Darlan's departure, United States Ambassador Admiral William D. Leahy had an interview with Petain for what the embassy called "general information."

Censorship as to Darlan's movements was lifted and the press was permitted to announce his departure, contrary to previous practice.

Stormy Meeting
Official circles reported last night after a stormy meeting of the council of ministers that Laval might be offered both the presidency of the council and the interior ministry, which would give him control of all police services in unoccupied France.

The council was reported to have rejected a proposal by Admiral Darlan at the outset of the meeting that all the ministers resign and allow Petain to form an entirely new government.

Finally it was decided, informants said, that further action be withheld pending the outcome of Darlan's renewed deliberations with Laval in Paris.

Colby Store Looted of Clothing Worth \$1,800

Colby, Wis.—Burglars who smashed a store window and backed a truck up to the building made away with men's clothing valued at \$1,800 from the E. A. Fleischer store here some time early this morning.

Officers investigating said the loot included 71 suits and 26 overcoats. The looters, they said, knew quality merchandise since only the best garments in the stock were stolen.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

Rome—(P)—An Italian submarine sank the 5,200 ton British steamer Uria, the Italian high command reported today.

Lincoln High Debaters in Clean Sweep at Tournament

Lincoln high school's debate team was one of three winning all six debates in which it competed in the sectional debate tournament at Stevens Point Wednesday and will be one of six teams appearing in the regional tournament at Wausau on February 13.

Other Teams Chosen
Coach William L. Miller's debaters ranked with the Merrill and Wausau teams in making a clean sweep. Other teams chosen for the regional tests were Greenwood and Stevens Point high schools, winning five of six, and Mosinee, winner of four of six, but chosen from among schools with that record on a point basis.

Among teams in the tie was Nekooosa's Alexander high school. John Edwards high school's team also competed in the tournament, but the record of the team was not known by the school officials, announcement of the results not having been made by the time the team left Stevens Point.

Name Winant Ambassador to England

Washington—(P)—John G. Winant, former governor of New Hampshire, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be ambassador to Great Britain, succeeding Joseph P. Kennedy.

The nomination of the 51-year-old former Republican governor of New Hampshire was sent to the senate along with several other diplomatic appointments.

These included: Anthony J. Drexel Biddle of Pennsylvania, now ambassador to Poland, to serve also without additional compensation as ambassador to the exiled government in London of Belgium and as minister to the governments of Norway and the Netherlands.

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BRITISH PRESS AHEAD ON ALL AFRICAN FRONTS

Cairo, Egypt—(P)—British forces in Africa are closing in on Cherchen, important railroad town in Italy's Eritrea, British headquarters announced today.

In northern Africa the advance of the army of the Nile on Bengasi, Libya, "progresses satisfactorily," a communique said.

Cherchen lies about 40 miles north-east of Agordat, which the British captured last Saturday.

Farther south in Eritrea, the British said, the Fascist forces which had withdrawn eastward from Barentu were vigorously pressed in the Tole area.

Italians Fleeing Bengasi?
Pilots of royal air force bombers, blasting a path for the British advance, told of seeing Italian trucks rolling southward out of Bengasi along the coastal road which offers the only overland line of retreat from the town.

There was no indication of the magnitude of this movement, but east of Bengasi the Italians were reported in full retreat toward the town with the British at their heels.

Panic-stricken Italian settlers, who emigrated to this fertile region in large numbers in recent years, were said in British reports to be tangled with columns of blackshirt troops falling back upon Bengasi.

60 Miles from Objective
Reports from the front indicated British advance units, moving at a 30-mile-a-day clip, were within 60 miles of Bengasi.

This would place the British close to the Italian air base at Barea, reported bombed repeatedly in recent days. A narrow-gauge railway runs from Barea to Bengasi.

A military spokesman declared there had been a "marked speeding-up" of the tempo of the British advance not only in Libya but in East Africa, where the Italians were reported falling back steadily on three fronts.

Enemy Abandons Supplies
In Eritrea, the Italians were said to be abandoning vehicles and supplies in a retreat toward Asmara, the colonial capital. Last reports from the front put the British within 40 miles of that town.

In Ethiopia, Italian troops who have been virtually cut off from their homeland for 18 months were reported withdrawing further into the interior along roads little better than muletracks, harried by fierce tribesmen.

The British declared their colonial troops operating from Kenya colony had penetrated Italian Somaliland to a depth of 60 miles, and fighting on this front was said to be increasing steadily in scope.

State Refuses to Pay Interest on County Road Bonds

Madison, Wis.—(P)—The assembly, by a vote of 48 to 47, today killed a bill which would have required the state to pay interest as well as principal on county bond issues floated for state trunk highway purposes.

Two Republicans, Ernest A. Hoden of Ogdona and Carl M. Nelson of Medford, authors of the measure, estimated the state would have to pay out between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually if the bill had passed.

Principal opposition to the measure, endorsed by the Wisconsin County Boards association, was voiced by Mark Catlin, jr., Republican floor leader, of Appleton.

"I believe this bill is a step backwards," Catlin said. "If it passes it would require the state to pay all current interest charges—which might not be so bad—but it also provides that it should pay all future interest, and does not put any limit on the counties which have the borrowing power."

Henry J. Berquist (Prog) of Rhineland, said the bill would reduce local property taxes.

Catlin repeated that past experience did not substantiate this view.

Canadian Plane Crash Costs Lives of Twelve

Winnipeg, Manitoba—(P)—A Trans-Canada Airlines plane crashed to earth one mile from safety early today, killing twelve persons. Nine of the dead were passengers; the others the crew. All were Canadians.

It was the worst disaster in Canadian aviation history.

The crash occurred some time after 3:47 a. m. (C. S. T.) when the pilot, Capt. W. E. Twiss, directing the craft from Montreal to Winnipeg, advised the Armstrong airport, 391 miles east of Winnipeg, that he was going to make a routine landing.

Fass Arrested for Defalcations from Two County Banks

Albin Fass, a deputy state banking commissioner in charge of liquidation of closed banks in the Marshfield area, was held at the Wood county jail here today in default of \$10,000 bond on charges of embezzling more than \$6,000 from closed banks at Marshfield and Pittsville.

Fass was arrested at Vesper Wednesday afternoon by county officers on a warrant sworn out on complaint of Robert K. Henry, member of the state banking commission. Arraignment before Municipal Judge A. C. Wharfield at Marshfield followed shortly after. Fass waived preliminary examination and was bound over to Wood county circuit court for trial.

The embezzlement charges against Fass, who has been at Marshfield since 1933, cover alleged defalcations amounting to \$6,000 from the Cloverland State bank of Marshfield, and \$75 from the Pittsville State bank at Pittsville. Neither institution is now operating. Both closed during the bank holiday period eight years ago, and their affairs have been in liquidation since.

Have Written Confession
At the arraignment in the Marshfield court, an assistant attorney general said that state officials are in possession of a written confession by Fass, admitting defalcations which would bring the total involved to over \$9,000. The additional funds are those of the Chill State bank and the Clark County bank of Loyal. Fass had been directing liquidation of all four institutions.

Henry appeared at the arraignment as the complaining witness. He said the action against Fass was brought at the personal request of Governor Julius P. Heil. The Associated Press reported that Atty. Gen. John E. Martin at Madison today asserted that shortages in funds were discovered as a result of a policy recently inaugurated by the banking commission of auditing accounts of liquidated banks.

May File Other Charges
It was inferred that similar charges might be filed elsewhere in the state as auditors disclosed discrepancies. Henry, new member of the state commission, has been in charge of this part of the work for the commission. Martin said that some of the alleged shortages in the Fass case extended back through a period of several years.

Fass, married and father of five children, came to Marshfield first to handle the affairs of the Cloverland bank. Later, the Pittsville bank was placed in his charge. His direction of the two Clark county banks was assumed some time afterward.

Arrested at Vesper
Fass was arrested by Officer Henry Kottmeyer of the Marshfield police force and County Traffic Officer Tony Hansen. He was in Vesper, it was understood at Marshfield, on a personal business matter. He has not been active in the liquidation work for several days, it was said there, but state officials offered no information.

Specific nature of Fass' alleged defalcations was not revealed by the banking commissioner.

Merrill Publisher Is Hurt in Point Crash

Stevens Point, Wis.—(P)—Walter B. Chilson, publisher of the Merrill Herald, was injured seriously last night when his automobile was struck by a bus.

Chilson was taken to St. Michael's hospital, where it was reported that he suffered a possible skull fracture and injuries about the ribs and spine.

O. F. Nienow of Merrill, who was driving Chilson's car, stopped to avoid two other cars on the slippery street and the Chilson machine was struck by the bus.

Minor damage resulted in a collision on Fourth avenue north last night involving cars driven by Ida Evanson, Route 2, and Carl Otto, city.

Red Cross War Relief Garments on Display

Garments made by war relief workers of the South Wood County chapter of the American Red Cross will be on display tonight and Friday in the windows of H. L. Man's store in the Liver block.

The garments were made by women volunteers of Wisconsin Rapids, Port Edwards and Nekooosa. Shipment of the chapter's quota of garments, to be sent abroad for civilian war victims, will be made Saturday.

WOULD BAN COALITION

Madison, Wis.—(P)—A bill forbidding candidates to run for office on more than one ticket, a practice employed by the Republican-Democratic coalition two years ago and several congressional and legislative candidates last fall, was introduced today by Assemblyman Edward L. Graf (Rep.), Milwaukee.

Report Crash of Four-Motor Army Bomber

San Francisco—(P)—Army officials said today they had a report that a four motor army bomber had crashed 10 miles from Lovelock, Nev. It was believed to be the experimental ship carrying Capt. R. F. Freeman and a crew of seven from McClellan field, Sacramento, to Denver.

The big ship in which Captain Freeman was flying was being used for development of information on cold weather flying.

Lovelock is 75 miles northeast of Reno, between the Trinity mountains and the Humboldt range.

Reports received at the Oakland airfield control tower said a railroad section hand saw a big army plane crash into the side of Ragged mountain, in the Lovelock area, and burn. He ran to a telegraph station and notified the Pershing county sheriff, who dispatched ambulances and a rescue squad.

SLEET RESULTS IN 5 ACCIDENTS

Wednesday night's sleet storm contributed to five auto accidents, four of them last night and one this morning, but no injuries were reported in connection with the collisions.

Car, Truck Collide
A car driven by Mrs. Robert Luzenski, city, and a Noble Transport truck driven by Walter Dombrock, city, collided at 9:45 this morning at the intersection of Saratoga street and Fifteenth street north. The grill, hood, and fenders on the Luzenski machine were severely damaged with the total estimated as high as \$100. The truck was not damaged.

James Ruesch, Route 1, Vesper, was traveling north on County Trunk M about 9:30 Wednesday evening when his car skidded on a slippery part of the road, left the highway, and rolled down the embankment. Ruesch was not injured, although considerable damage was done to the roof and body of the car.

Crash On 8th Street
A car driven by Frank Austin, Port Edwards, which was going south on Eighth street south near Grape street at 8 p. m. last night, collided with a Central Wisconsin Motor Transport company truck driven by Harry Williams, Route 4, city, which was also going south. After the impact the Austin car slid across the street, damaging a light pole on the left curbing. Damage to the car was over \$50, estimated damage to the light pole was \$17, and body dents to the truck caused about \$20 damage.

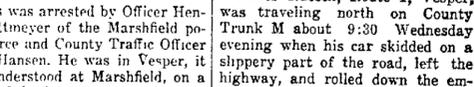
Cars driven by A. H. Ludwig, city, and Fred Shearier, city, collided on East Grand avenue near Fifth street at 7 p. m. Wednesday causing considerable property damage. The left side of the latter's car was dented, and fenders on the Ludwig machine were bent.

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• THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Partly cloudy; extreme west, snow flurries central and east, colder tonight; Friday fair, colder east.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 31; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 19; temperature for 7 a. m. 19. Precipitation .02; snow .3.



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