

GOLD HILL MAN HELD IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, June 7.—(AP)—Detectives arrested Fred R. Hills, 55-year-old business man, on a grand larceny warrant Tuesday in a move described by Prosecutor E. Gray Warner as the "biggest swindle case investigation this office ever made."

The warrant accused Hills of obtaining "money in excess of \$25 from Mrs. Martin Mahone by means of trick device and larceny game." The prosecutor called it "only a holding charge" during further work on the case.

"This is a complete surprise to me," Hills said as he was booked at the county jail.

"I haven't a cent myself and my investors knew exactly what was going on. I did everything I could to protect my investors."

He was arrested at a rooming house on a tip from an unidentified source. He said he recently underwent treatment at a private sanitarium for a head ailment but left "because my money ran out."

The prosecutor said losses to other Seattle investors, including persons prominent here, might reach at least \$200,000 and that transactions by Hills over a period of about five years were involved.

Hills, manager of the Gold Hill refinery, near Grants Pass, Ore., said he had turned over the refinery to his creditors and that his wife and son, Fred Jr., went to San Francisco three weeks ago.

FLAPPER FANNY

By Sylvia



"Maybe we'd better get her something in sterling, instead of plated." They say this marriage is really going to last.

HUNGER MARCH RED PLOT NEGRO SAYS

WASHINGTON, June 7.—(AP)—Charles H. White, negro, who said he was a former member of the communist party, told the house committee investigating the WPA the 1932-33 "national hunger march" on Washington was planned in Moscow.

The witness, identifying himself as a writer employed on a WPA project in New York, told the committee Herbert Benjamin, secretary-treasurer of the Workers Alliance of WPA employees, worked on the plans for the march throughout a visit to the soviet capital.

White said he belonged to the communist party from 1937 to 1938 and spent 18 months in Moscow studying at the college of professional communists. He testified he helped organize the hunger march when he returned from Russia, and his part in the mission was to organize the Ohio delegation.

The witness said the communist program for American negroes was aimed at the formation of an "independent black republic" in the cotton states, dominated by communist commissars.

White, who told the committee he had quit the communist party and was now a member of the

AL ROSSER FACES INCOME TAX CLAIM

PORTLAND, June 7.—(AP)—Albert E. Rosser, whose arson conviction was upheld by the state supreme court, had another item to worry about in the Multnomah county jail today. It was a \$9222 accounting for his income in 1935 and 1936.

Federal income tax officials, who said they were still investigating Rosser's 1937 return, filed the claim recently in the United States district court here and the Washington county circuit court. An identical lien was brought against Paulyn Rosser, his wife, as transferee of his assets.

The state tax commission filed a lien several months ago and received payment of 1935-37 claims amounting to \$4528. The federal claim for 1935 was \$1296 in taxes, \$648 penalty and \$215 interest, for 1936 \$4441 taxes, \$479 interest and \$28 interest to date lien was filed.

Rosser received \$5800 annually as financial secretary of the teamster local 162.

OREGON SAILORS RIDE OUT STORM

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—(AP)—Three Oregon sailors rode out their 20-foot ketch "Nord" today after riding out what they termed the worst blow they had ever encountered, off Point Reyes.

John Erlund, Clyde Johnson and William Lane left Coos Bay Saturday, May 27, sailed down the coast without difficulty until they encountered the gale 46 miles from the Golden Gate.

"We've sailed the whole Pacific but we never hit such a blow as that," said Navigator Erlund. "The water came over the bow green-rot just spray."

THRILLING RIVER RESCUE REPORTED

ONTARIO, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—The king of the river-runners at most lost his life beneath the foam of a Snake river rapid last week but was saved by a companion whose skill in white water proved equal to the emergency.

Haldane "Buzz" Holstrom, Coquille, the only man in history to run the Colorado alone, was "thrown" by the Snake in the vicinity of Hells canyon when he tried to run a rapid in one of two boats being used by a party exploring the stream. He was alone at the time.

Earl Hamilton, also of Coquille, went to his rescue in the second boat and managed to drag Holstrom aboard. Together they

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SEWS UP WING AND FLIES ON HOME

MARTINEZ, Calif., June 7.—(AP)—A little matter of a torn wing on his midge plane couldn't keep Harry Sherman of Portland, Ore., grounded very long.

After his craft, out of gasoline, hopped to a landing on the water front here, ripping the wing, Sherman borrowed a needle and thread, sewed up the tear, bought some gasoline and hopped off to Oakland to visit his brother, R. J. Sherman.

GAINS IN ILLINOIS CHEER REPUBLICANS

CHICAGO, June 7.—(AP)—Republicans found encouragement today in downstate gains in Illinois judicial elections but democrats retained a contested state supreme court seat and scored a landslide in Cook county (Chicago).

Circuit Judge Loren E. Murphy, of Monmouth, a democrat, was elected to the supreme court by a 1,600 margin over City Judge Albert M. Crumpton, of Moline, republican. Murphy replaces a retiring democrat.

Chicago democrats, who gave incumbent republican judges places on their coalition ticket, defeated the republican slate by margins of more than two to one. Republican leaders refused to join the coalition, but incumbent republican judges ran on the democratic ticket.

In downstate the republicans scored heavy gains, electing 26 circuit judges where they won only 15 out of 31 places on the bench six

3 MORE BRITISH FLIERS ARE KILLED

LONDON, June 6.—(AP)—Three royal air force fliers died Tuesday when their bombing plane plunged into the sea off Kinsbardsy, Scotland. Seventy royal air force accidents so far in 1939 have caused a total of 125 deaths.

In 1938 there were 118 accidents resulting in 218 deaths.

PLYWOOD LOG BILL GETS FIRST OKEH

WASHINGTON, June 7.—(AP)—A bill by Senator Holman (R-Ore.), which would prohibit the export of Port Orford red cedar and Douglas fir plywood logs, except by presidential decree, had the approval today of a senate commerce sub-committee.

The measure was designed to keep the processing of the rare logs within the United States.

ASTORIA APARTMENT HOUSE DESTROYED

ASTORIA, June 7.—(AP)—The Astoria apartment house was damaged by fire yesterday at an estimated loss of \$17,000. Occupants of 12 apartments were forced to flee into the streets.

No one was injured.

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