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LOCAL BANK ROBBER IN PLEA FOR CLEMENCY

I. J. Hill, now serving a sentence in Waupun of one to thirty years on a plea of guilty to participating in the attempted robbery of the Bank of Mauston, May 15, 1933, in which his companion Jim Harrison alias Jim Miles was shot and fatally wounded by R. H. Hale, assistant cashier of the bank, has filed an application for executive clemency with Governor La Follette. His petition will be heard at the March hearing of the governor's new pardon board. L. A. Squire, Madison lawyer, has been retained by Hill to represent him in his plea for clemency.

Local Lodge Host To Tomah Rebekah Lodge

On Friday, February 22nd, about thirty members of the Council Rebekah Lodge No. 92 of Tomah visited the local Crescent Rebekah Lodge at the I. O. O. F. Hall in this city. Degree work was put on which was enjoyed by all as was the bountiful luncheon served to about ninety guests.

Missing Dells Girls Found In Chicago

Lorraine Williams and Mildred Lumby of the Wisconsin Dells community, who were missing from their homes since February 17th, were found in Chicago last week Wednesday evening, at the home of a friend. The girls had started on a hike and when they failed to return a search was instituted for them.

Legislative Hearings On Important Bills

Hearings on the following bills were scheduled for this week before the various committees of the Wisconsin legislature:

By Senator Griswold exempting improvements made on real property from 1936 and 1937 real estate assessments.

By Senator Kelly exempting improvements made on real estate during 1935 to 1945 from assessment for purposes of taxation with Sub. AM. 1-S by Senator Kelly limiting such exemptions to \$5,000.

By Senator Groves permitting the use of other criteria of value than sales price in fixing assessed value.

By Senator Callan to put to a vote of the people whether real estate taxes should be reduced by (1) reduction of local expenditures, (2) shifting the burden to other sources, (3) giving localities a greater share of state-collected taxes, (4) state assuming cost of schools, (5) road maintenance to be financed from gas tax and auto fees.

By Senator Kelly creating a Wisconsin committee on crime prevention and enrolling all traffic officers in the Wisconsin Motor Patrol with an appropriation for expenses. (Attempts to create a unified state police without disturbing the present set-up.)

By Senator Shenners extending indefinitely the statutes relating to the promotion of industrial recovery.

By Mr. Kostuck allowing persons 6 months instead of 90 days in which to file claims for refunds of gas tax.

By Senators Schoenecker and Callan appropriating \$175,000 for loans to

Injunction Dismissed On Game Refuge Plans

An injunction restraining the federal and state governments from taking over sub-marginal lands in Wood, Juneau and Jackson counties for the development of a game refuge was dismissed by Circuit Judge Emery W. Crosby, last Thursday. Judge Crosby also ruled that the case was not within the jurisdiction of his court.

The courts ruling came at the end of the hearing on the plea of farmers living within the area that a temporary restrainer ordered several weeks ago be made permanent. Some farmers opposed the government plans, which call for the removal of settlers to other land.

Taxpayers Object

The plaintiff contended that removal of the land from assessment rolls would cause a hardship on taxpayers for maintenance of county town, school, district and village governments.

Judge Crosby commented that much of the land involved could not be profitably farmed and occupants would be moved to acreage better suited to raising crops.

The temporary injunction named R. A. Nowell, director of the land policy division of the AAA, with offices in Madison; the state conservation department; the FERA; the AAA and Juneau County. The plaintiffs were Fred Becker, Lloyd Parker, farmers, and the Arkdale Manufacturing Co., all of Necedah. The Ark-

dale Company signed the complaint as a taxpayer.

500,000 Acres in Plan

The complaint said government agents were obtaining options on the land. The state conservation department has closed leases with the three counties to take over tax delinquent land, and the FERA is damming drainage ditches in the area.

The government plans provide for acquisition of nearly 150,000 acres of Juneau County land, together with large tracts in Jackson and Wood counties. Ultimately 500,000 acres in Clark, Eau Claire and Monroe counties would be added to the refuge.

The fight being waged by opponents of the conservation commission's plans for establishing a huge game preserve in marsh lands of Juneau, Jackson and Wood counties may be carried into federal court within a week or 10 days, it was learned Wednesday.

An attempt may be made to obtain a hearing of the case before Judge F. A. Geiger in federal district court in Milwaukee, it was stated by Ambrose Collier, Necedah, president of the Property Owners' Protective Association.

Hold Mass Meeting

A mass meeting will be held at Tomah on Friday, March 1st, at 2:00 p. m. for all people from Juneau, Jackson and Monroe counties who are opposed to the proposed refuge.

BRISBANE

THIS WEEK

The Gold Decision
Beheading Women
Murder With Germs
The Atom. Absolute Zero

The Supreme court upholds the President and congress in their legislative

and executive action outlawing gold as money in the United States and invalidating "gold clauses" in private contracts.

The Supreme court's decision is all the more important and gratifying, because every American knows that no consideration outside the letter of the Constitution could have influenced Chief



Arthur Brisbane

Justice Hughes or his associates.

The Supreme court decision disposes of the statement that President Roosevelt's administration has been proceeding "regardless of the Constitution." The decision will be reassuring to business and the public generally.

From every point of view the beheading of women by Mr. Hitler's government seems to have been a painfully disgusting performance. The women's hands were bound with steel chains—in fear, perhaps, that they might bite through strings or straps. The agile headsman, in full dress, cut off both heads in six minutes. The women were beheaded out of doors in the night, just before dawn, with floodlights for the headsman's work.

Witnesses of the killings praise the composure of the two women. Each walked to her death erect, wrists chained behind her, showing no sign of fear. An eyewitness said: "They set a good example to our men, whom we usually have to drag to the scaffold."

You have read about "war with germs" in the next great outburst.

India proves that it could be done. At Alipore two are condemned to death, convicted of "germ murder." As rich Amarendra Nath Pandey walked along the street he felt a sharp stab. He cried out. A germ poisoner had injected plague germs into his blood.

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