

To Investigate Registry of Boats on West Coast

Naval Officials Take This Step as Fleet Is Aiding in Stopping an Espionage Plot.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 (UP)—U. S. customs agents said today that they were investigating the registries of every American boat in the Pacific to search for secret alien ownership and that the mysterious movements of naval destroyers and launches off the coast were part of the scheme.

Naval authorities hinted that the drive was directed against fishing boats that are being operated out of California ports by aliens, especially Japanese.

There were other rumors that the navy's activity, which has included the halting and boarding of fishing boats in San Diego bay and a continual patrol of the harbor by destroyers, might be associated with a "coastwise espionage plot."

The San Francisco Chronicle said today that U. S. customs agents boarded the Japanese liner Tatsuta Maru just before she sailed from San Francisco yesterday and "seized a sheaf of letters reputedly linked with a coastwise espionage plot."

The newspaper said that the plot reportedly dealt with operations at the Bremerton, Wash., navy yard.

In Honolulu, however, Rear Admiral Oring Murfin, commandant of the 14th naval district, implied that the maneuvers off San Diego and San Pedro this week were a "fishermen's inspection."

Admiral Murfin, the first naval official to comment on the maneuvers except those who explained it as "routine training," said that "the problem is one which has concerned the fleet at Long Beach for some time and we have not gone into the question here" (Honolulu).

He said the question of aliens registering their ships illegally as Americans was "primarily one for the commerce department."

The San Francisco Chronicle, speaking of the so-called plot, said "it was known that in recent weeks both customs agents and postal inspectors have redoubled their vigilance in connection with efforts to intercept letters of a suspicious nature, addressed to undisclosed far eastern destinations."

The letters taken from the Tatsuta Maru were not stamped and were said to have been entrusted to "an unidentified party aboard the vessel," according to the Chronicle.

A naval source asserted unofficially that there were 1,902 fishing boats operated out of California ports that were owned by aliens, and that from 400 to 500 of them were dominated by Japanese.

The Nancy Hanks, a \$25,000 fishing smack, was seized at San Pedro on the suspicion that an alien Japanese owned it. Customs agents said they expected to make other seizures and that one particular boat has to be taken as soon as it reached port.

There was no particular implication that the drive was directed against Japanese, except insofar as Japanese aliens were the main offenders in putting their boats under American registry.

Off San Pedro, destroyers were running a constant patrol in relays of two to each 24-hour shift. In San Diego bay, bluejackets armed with machine guns have been patrolling the waters in launches all week. They have been halting every boat they meet to examine its papers and scrutinize the crew.

The destroyers, farther out in the channel, were observing the movement of all craft.

Last night one destroyer anchored off the San Diego harbor entrance played a sweeping searchlight on Coronado and North Island beaches.

The launches were reported to be stopping from eight to ten boats daily outside San Diego. A patrol boarded each boat and questioned the master about the nationality of his crew and registry.

Nine destroyers went to San Pedro together under emergency mobilization orders the first of the week.

Customs men who seized the Nancy Hanks declined the use of their names but said the navy was cooperating with them. One agent said "we are going to town on this thing."

The customs men had no information as to what inspired the alien drive. California American Legion posts have agitated in favor of it for several years. Legionnaires protested that it is illegal for a foreign-owned vessel to sail under dummy U. S. registry, and that in spite of the law, aliens, particularly Japanese, were taking fish from American waters.

The Legion urged that alien boats be cleared out for three reasons: to



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conserve natural resources; increase employment for Americans, and safeguard national defense.

Customs men said that so far as they knew, the government might be heading the protests of American Legion men, and that any suggestions that the drive was in retaliation for the sinking of the U. S. gunboat Panay by Japanese bombing planes, or that it was directed against spies, would be "merely guesswork."

They charged that the Nancy Hanks was registered by Masataka Kuwabara, an American Japanese, to conceal the real ownership. The boat allegedly was built by the J. M. Martineau Shipbuilding corp. last year for one Y. Suzuki, an alien Japanese.

Ford Prepares to Battle with Labor Groups

Following Stand of the National Labor Board CIO Faces Issues with Auto Manufacturers.

DETROIT, Dec. 24 (UP)—Henry Ford prepared for his second major fight with an agency of the federal government today as union leaders, backed by a sharply worded national labor relations board ruling, requested a conference with Ford Motor Co. officials to promote "industrial peace."

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CANNOT THREATEN DEBTORS

LINCOLN, Dec. 24 (UP)—Attorney General Richard C. Hunter today warned a Lincoln collection agency it cannot threaten debtors with legal action.

In a letter to the Co-Operative Merchants association, Hunter said, "Your business is limited solely to attempting collection without any threat or mention of legal process.

"In event of failure to collect accounts, your duty is to return them to the individual creditor who must employ his own attorney to bring any legal proceedings if they are to be instituted."

The attorney general said the use of the threat of legal action constituted illegal practice of law.

Pope Pius Scores Treatment of the Catholic Church

Religious Persecution by Nazis in Germany Touched by Pontiff in Address.

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (UP)—Pope Pius, at a reception to his cardinals today, bitterly attacked the German Nazi policy toward the Roman Catholic church.

"In Germany there is real, actual religious persecution despite efforts to present a contrary impression," the pope said.

Cardinals leaving the ceremony said that the pope spoke frankly and bitterly about the church situation in Germany.

His remarks were made in response to Christmas greetings, which Cardinal Granito Pignatelli Di Belmonten dean of the college of cardinals, extended to the cardinals' name.

Twenty-nine cardinals were present. The pope denied that the church was engaged in political activities in Germany and affirmed that its work was purely religious.

He prefaced his remarks regarding persecution with the statement:

"We want to say a few important plain words before the whole world regarding the situation of the church in Germany."

Then he asserted that religious persecution in Germany was "frightful and grave"

THURSDAY NIGHT'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

By United Press
State Colleges
Indiana 43, Nebraska 42.
West State Teachers 39, Creighton 36.

Nebraska High Schools
Auburn 27, Sacred Heart, Falls City, 24.

Bellwood 23, Duncan 13.
Wymore 24, Barnston 16.
Wileox 20, Franklin 15.
Bladen 23, Holstein 11.
Bratton Union 23, Stella 6.
Chappell 23, Julesburg, Colo. 13.
Valentine 26, Chadron 18.
Thedford 23, Mullen 24.
Chappell 23, Venango 21.
Dawson 20, Peru Prep 18.
Shubert 22, Verdon 14.
Rockville 26, Decatur 25.
Decatur 27, Waterbury 19.
Duhels 25, Honey Creek 19.
Fairfield 27, Lawrence 15.
Republican City 19, Bloomington 12.

Plymouth 25, Diller 6.

KENDALVILLE, Ind., Dec. 24 (UP)—Donald Lantz, a young farmer, didn't want to live through Christmas because his two-year-old son would have no toys. So he killed the baby and attempted to take his own life.

Lying on a hospital bed, Lantz admitted to Coroner Myron C. Hutchins last night that he bludgeoned the child Wednesday "to make things all right." He told of his anxiety because he had no money to buy presents.

"Each day, Christmas came nearer. We had no money and I couldn't stand it," he said. "I wanted to kill myself and take my baby with me."

The child's body was found at Lantz's poverty-stricken home. Lantz was nearby, his throat slashed. They were found by his estranged wife as she returned home to be with her husband on Thursday—his 24th birthday.

STEAL CHRISTMAS FUNDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (UP)—The executive committee of the Paul E. Santagalo Association, a Tammany Hall club, of which former Governor Alfred E. Smith once was a member, assembled last night to receive \$3,000 collected for the purchase of 1,000 Christmas baskets for the poor.

Five gunmen walked in while Morris Solomon, club secretary, counted the money. He pleaded for the needy and the spirit of the kindest holiday of the year but the gunmen picked up the money and fled. Their leader called back over his shoulder "we need a Christmas too."

Your courtesy in phoning news to No. 6 is appreciated.

Panay Officer Tells Deliberate Bombing of Boat

Report Transmitted to the Naval Department at Washington by Commander J. J. Hughes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—Japanese planes that bombed and sank the United States gunboat Panay gave every appearance of deliberation; the planes machine-gunned the small boats taking the survivors, some of them wounded; from the sinking ship to the shore; a Japanese surface boat machine-gunned the Panay as she went down.

These facts Commander J. J. Hughes, commanding officer of the Panay, transmitted to the navy department in a report made public today.

The report revealed both the details of the attack on the Panay, and the individual acts of heroism by members of the crew.

In the view of officials here, Hughes' report supported the official belief that the Panay was first boarded by Japanese military officers, then deliberately sought out, attacked and sunk by Japanese bombing planes.

The report was the formal statement required by law of every naval commander who loses a ship.

It revealed that the attack was made at mid-day; that visibility was excellent; that the Panay was practically covered by huge American flags, both horizontal and vertical; that the ship was painted with distinctive markings; that, in spite of all these marks of identification, the Panay was the principal object of the Japanese aerial attack.

Only after it was apparent that the gunboat must sink, Hughes' report stated, did the attacking planes turn to the three Standard Oil steamers the Panay was convoying, and destroy them.

Hughes' report was considered by state department officials to support in full details this government's formal protest, and to justify demands that the Japanese government must, in addition to making full indemnification and a formal apology, give adequate guarantees that American nationals, their rights and interests in China will be assured of freedom from attack or interference in any manner whatsoever from Japanese armed forces or other Japanese elements.

Hughes' reports made these points: 1. The Panay was identified as an American vessel by two large horizontal flags, one spread over the forward top deck and one over the after top deck, both clearly visible from the air from any angle. Each flag measured about 18 feet in length and 14 feet in width and had been freshly repainted. In addition, because of the emergency condition existing, the Panay had been flying her largest ensign at the gaff, both day and night whether underway or at anchor. All ensigns, both horizontal and vertical were brightly illuminated at night.

2. Four hours before the Panay was bombed, she was boarded by a Japanese army officer and boarding party. "Her nationality, destination and mission were fully established.

3. When the attack was made, the Panay was anchored in a broad reach of the river. There were no Chinese or other ships in the vicinity, except the American ships she was convoying.

4. At the time of the attack, 1:27 p. m. "the weather was clear with good visibility and no wind. The planes were clearly visible in spite of their altitude which may not have been as high as reported to me at the time (about 4,000 feet)."

5. The bombing attack continued for about an hour, with the attacking planes diving to within 100 to 200 feet of the Panay, from which distance the American flags should have been clearly visible.

"From then (1:27 p. m.) on the planes bombed us continuously until about 2:25 p. m.," Hughes' report said. "They appeared to be attacking us in relays of two or three each. The first group that came over bombed from a considerable altitude which kept them beyond range of our Lewis machine guns. Later when the Panay was visibly smashed up, they came much closer and not only let go their bombs from low altitudes, perhaps one or two hundred feet, but also machine-gunned our decks, firing as they came down, diving."

6. "It should be remembered that the attacking planes concentrated almost all their efforts on the Panay during at least the first half hour," Hughes said.

7. The planes attacked and machine-gunned the small boats in which the Panay's survivors, many of them wounded, escaped to shore.

8. A Japanese surface boat ma-

chine-gunned the sinking Panay, before a boarding party of Japanese soldiers went on board.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.
To all persons interested in the estate of George P. Meisinger, deceased. No. 3274:

Take notice that the Executrix of said estate has filed her final report and a petition for examination and allowance of her administration accounts, determination of heirship, assignment of residue of said estate and for her discharge; that said petition and report will be heard before said Court on January 21, 1938, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated December 20, 1937.
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Educational Lands and Funds or its authorized representative will offer for lease at public auction on the 28th day of January, 1938, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., at the office of the County Treasurer of Cass County, in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, the following educational lands within Cass County, upon which the contract of sale or lease has been forfeited or canceled. At the same time and place, all movable improvements on such lands will be sold at public auction. Said public auction is to be held open one hour. The right to redeem the within described lands ceases to exist upon the completion of this advertisement.

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LEO N. SWANSON,
Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings.

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.
To all persons interested in the matter of the Trusteehip of the Estate of Caroline Williams, deceased.

You and each of you are hereby notified that a hearing will be had before the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska, in the court house at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on all reports filed in this court by C. H. Longacre and Augusta Longacre, trustees under the last will and testament of Caroline Williams, deceased, on January 22, 1938, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., at which time the Court will examine all reports of said trustees, covering the period of time from January 7, 1935, to and including the date of the filing of the sixth annual report herein, namely December 20, 1937, with a view of passing upon the correctness of the same. All objections, if any, to said reports must be made on or before the day and hour of said hearing.

Dated this 20th day of December, A. D. 1937.
By the Court,
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska } ss.
Cass County } ss.

By virtue of an execution issued by C. E. Ledgway, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1938, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the South Front Door of the Court House in the City of Plattsmouth in said County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate, to-wit:

South 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Sec. 15, Township 11 North, Range 13, East of the 6th P. M. in Cass County, Nebraska, except 3.9710 acres deeded to David J. Pitman;

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Albert A. Young, et al., Defendants, to satisfy a judgment of said Court recovered by Fred T. Range, Trustee, Plaintiff against said Defendants.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Dec. 22, A. D. 1937.
H. SYLVESTER,
Sheriff Cass County,
Nebraska

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska } ss.
County of Cass } ss.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by Clerk of District Court within and for Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 9th day of November, A. D. 1937 at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the South Front Door of the Court House at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in said County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate to-wit:

Lot 361 in the Village of Greenwood, Cass County, Nebraska;

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Ray E. Frederick and Claire M. Frederick, Defendants to satisfy a judgment of said Court recovered by State Securities Company, a corporation, Plaintiff, against said Defendants.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, October 7, A. D. 1937.
H. SYLVESTER,
Sheriff Cass County,
Nebraska

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska } ss.
County of Cass } ss.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by Clerk of District Court within and for Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 9th day of November, A. D. 1937 at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the South Front Door of the Court House at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in said County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate to-wit:

West half of the northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 11, North, Range 9, all in Cass County, Nebraska;

upon the following terms: Ten per cent of bid in cash on date of sale, balance in cash upon confirmation of sale and delivery of referee's deed of land free from encumbrance except lease on said lands to February 28, 1938, with 1938 rentals to be assigned to purchaser. Abstract to be furnished purchaser showing merchantable title. Said sale will be held open for one hour.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1937.
W. L. DWYER,
Referee.

CARL D. GANZ,
Attorney.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.
To all persons interested in the estate of William Patterson, deceased. No. 3268:

Take notice that the Executrix of said estate has filed her final report and a petition for examination and allowance of her administration accounts, determination of heirship, assignment of residue of said estate and for her discharge; that said petition and report will be heard before said Court on January 14, 1938, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated December 17, 1937.
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska } ss.
County of Cass } ss.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by C. E. Ledgway, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1938, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the South front door of the Court House at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in said County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate to-wit:

Lots 12, 16 and 17 except the West 50 feet in a parallelogram of Lot 17 and a strip of land 13 feet wide along the south side of Lot 17, all in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 12 North, Range 9, East of the 6th P. M., in Cass County, Nebraska, and Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 27, 38, 39 and 40, situated in Jones' Second Addition to the Village of Greenwood, Cass County, Nebraska;

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Fanny Saylor, a widow, et al., Defendants, to satisfy a judgment of said Court recovered by Carrie M. Armstrong, Plaintiff against said Defendants.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, December 13, A. D. 1937.
H. SYLVESTER,
Sheriff Cass County,
Nebraska.

NOTICE OF HEARING

on Petition for Determination of Heirship

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.
Estate of David Bachler, deceased. Estate No. 3215.

The State of Nebraska: To all persons interested in said estate, creditors and heirs take notice, that T. H. Pollock has filed his petition alleging that David Bachler died intestate in Cass County on or about November 27, 1868, being a resident and inhabitant of Cass County, and died seized of the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 11 North, Range 13, East of the 6th P. M. Cass County Nebraska;

leaving as his sole and only heirs at law the following named persons, to-wit:

Mary E. Bachler; David Bachler; John H. Bachler; Phillip Bachler; Henry J. Bachler; Mary Ann Bachler; and Catharine Ward, nee Bachler.

That the interest of the petitioner in the above real estate is, owner in fee simple title by purchase, and praying for a determination of the time of the death of said David Bachler and of his heirs, the degree of kinship and the right of descent of the real property belonging to the said deceased, in the State of Nebraska.

It is ordered that the same stand for hearing on the 14th day of January 1938 before the County Court of Cass County in the Court House at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m.

Dated at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1937.
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF REFEREE'S SALE

In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska
Plaintiff
vs.
Ruth Bechtel, et al.
Defendants

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a decree of the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, entered in the above entitled cause on the first day of December, 1937, and an order of sale entered by said Court on the first day of December, 1937, the undersigned Referee will on the 22nd day of January, 1938, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. at the front door of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Alva, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 11, North, Range 9 and—

West half of the northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 11, North, Range 9, all in Cass County, Nebraska;

upon the following terms: Ten per cent of bid in cash on date of sale, balance in cash upon confirmation of sale and delivery of referee's deed of land free from encumbrance except lease on said lands to February 28, 1938, with 1938 rentals to be assigned to purchaser. Abstract to be furnished purchaser showing merchantable title. Said sale will be held open for one hour.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1937.
W. L. DWYER,
Referee.

CARL D. GANZ,
Attorney.
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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.
To all persons interested in the estate of Henrietta Lawton, deceased. No. 3313:

Take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and for the appointment of Homer Lawton as administrator, with the will annexed thereof; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 7th day of January, 1937, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated December 10, 1937.
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.
To the creditors of the estate of Theodore P. Livingston, deceased. No. 3304:

Take notice that the time limited for the filing and presentation of claims against said estate is April 11, 1938; that a hearing will be had at the County Court room in Plattsmouth on April 15, 1938, at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of examining, hearing, allowing and adjusting all claims or objections duly filed.

Dated December 7, 1937.
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of two executions issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Otoe County, Nebraska, both of which were delivered to the undersigned Sheriff on November 13, 1937, on two judgments entered in County Court of Otoe County, Nebraska, and transcribed to said District Court, in actions in which Nebraska City Federal Savings and Loan Association, a corporation, is plaintiff, as assignee of Securities Investment Corporation in Tr. No. 170, and as assignee of Fred W. Romann and Nebraska City Building & Loan Association in Tr. No. 175, and E. Dewey Hoback is defendant, I will, on December 20, 1937, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the South door of the court house in Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, offer and sell at public auction the following described real estate taken under said execution as the property of defendant E. Dewey Hoback,