

### SUSPECT'S BAIL IS SET AT \$2,000

Former Restaurant Employee Returned From Chicago To Face Charges

Peter Kasmarok, 18 years old, is in the Oakland County jail today in default of \$2,000 bail on a charge of grand larceny following his return from Chicago and arraignment before Justice Floyd S. Buck. He is awaiting trial in circuit court.

He is charged with taking \$250 from a box in the Birmingham restaurant, south Woodward avenue, where he was employed. After he is believed by police to have spent the money, he was arrested in Chicago and returned to Birmingham by Police Chief James Anderson.

Charges of issuing a worthless check against Ernest Metrow were dropped by Justice Buck when the check was settled and cost of the court paid.

Miss Emily Howard, a doctor of letters, who recently celebrated her 191st birthday at Sherwood, N. Y., believes that people who live to be 75 should be made to go to school again.

### NOTED BRITISH AVIATRIX IN U. S.



Testing out her Gypsy Moth biplane at Curtis Field, Long Island, Lady Mary Heath, noted British aviatrix, who made a solo flight from England to Capetown, Africa, prepares for the flights in America which she will make during a lecture tour. She holds the world's altitude record for light planes, at 24,000 feet.

### COUZENS GETS ONE MILLION

Tax Refund Given In Old Ford Motor Stockholders' Controversy

Closing a controversy of long standing, Senator James Couzens today revealed as the beneficiary of a tax refund amounting to approximately \$1,000,000.

The controversy between Sen. Couzens and Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, grew out of the \$4,000,000 state action initiated by the treasury department against former minority stockholders of the Ford Motor company.

A decision passed by the United States Board of Tax Appeals last May held that the former Ford minority group was not liable for the additional tax assessment levied.

Treasury officials declined to comment, but Senator Couzens confirmed reports that he had received a check for \$985,883, representing the amount of refund which he might claim under the tax board decision.

**Many Get Refunds**

On this basis the other former minority stockholders of the Ford company involved in the same suit, are entitled to refunds amounting to approximately \$3,000,000. It is assumed similar checks have been mailed out to the other litigants.

Thus the taxpayers, far from being required to pay additional taxes on the sale of their Ford stock back in 1919, actually find themselves some \$3,000,000 better off, minus the cost of attorneys retained to represent them in the fight. Until a short time ago it had not been definitely known whether the treasury intended to appeal the decision of the tax board, and the fact that the refund was granted without the taxpayers being put to the necessity even of filing a formal petition to this end came as a surprise in Washington.

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### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Dr. Hugo Erichsen, of Harmon street: "In my opinion the civic center is the best place for the new Community House. But in case it is located there the exterior should be altered to conform to the architectural style of the Library and Municipal buildings. A Southern Colonial structure would look out of place in the group already there."

and industrial engineers, who offered testimony to support the valuation contended for. Almost an equal sum is said to have been spent by the government in obtaining his expert testimony.

Counsel for the taxpayers was headed by John W. Davis, former Democratic presidential nominee, with many others including Joseph E. Davies, of Washington, former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, and Arthur J. Lacey, of Detroit, personal attorney for Couzens. Alexander Gregg, youthful solicitor of the Internal Revenue Bureau at the time, led the government's legal forces.

Senator Couzens, against whom an assessment of \$10,000,000 was levied individually, charged at the time that the action was inspired by a bitter political feud between him and Secretary Mellon, resulting out of his investigation of the

administration of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. He is now being sued for \$500,000 in the District of Columbia Supreme Court for alleged slanderous remarks contained in a speech on the floor of the Senate against a former employee of the treasury department involved in the case.

In many respects the case is the most remarkable one arising under the tax laws of the nation, both as to the amount involved and the final outcome. As a result of the action, the government, today finds itself the loser by some \$3,000,000, plus whatever expense attached to the prosecution of the case.

### PANTOMIMES ON SCHOOL BILL

Christmas Pantomimes will be given by the pupils of Miss Nettie Baux at the Bloomfield Hills School, Low Pine and Cranbrook roads, Friday—Dec. 14, at 4 p. m. and Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2 p. m.

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