

\$500,000 STOLEN, NO PROSECUTION

Snyder Tells of Embezzlements of State Officials Later Made Good

BRINDELL CASE CITED

Embezzlement of half a million dollars from State funds by public officials without a single arrest because the "borrowed" money was returned, was an admission made yesterday by State Treasurer Charles A. Snyder at the Bellevue-Stratford.

The shortages occurred and were discovered during his term of office as Auditor General. Last spring he gave up this position and took that of State Treasurer.

In justification of the failure to bring prosecutions of the officials who were short in accounts, the State Treasurer argued it would do no good to put the men in jail after they had made their accounts good.

"I have been a district attorney and have prosecuted a number of cases of embezzlement. In such cases, with the shortages made good, I can see nothing to be accomplished by prosecutions. There would be needless pain given to innocent people and no good purpose would be served."

Under the Snyder theory of management, it appears to be entirely proper for a State official to cart away a barrel or so of public money, use it for a time to his own benefit, and then make a return, if the atmosphere begins to get warm.

The State Treasurer disclaimed responsibility for the report that he had

paid the Brindle shortage would be made good.

When Lewis succeeded Snyder as Auditor General, one of his first duties was to clean out a number of employees who were considered unnecessary.

Among these was Brindle. When Brindle was dropped by the new Auditor General, Snyder, who had moved across the corridor in the Capitol to the Treasurer's office, immediately placed him on the payroll.

Brindle Confessed
Later on, Auditor General Lewis, in the course of an investigation, discovered Brindle was short in his accounts. He was arrested, and, according to advice from Harrisburg, confessed to embezzling \$700,000. Snyder, it appears, made an effort to smother the charges and offered to make good the shortage.

He was averse, it is said, to giving any publicity to the case, on the ground that it would result in no good. The Brindle case came to public notice because, in the opinion of Treasurer Snyder, Auditor General Lewis, an "inexperienced official, insisted on making a mountain out of a molehill."

"The Brindle case?" Snyder queried, when the question was brought up. "That was nothing. But it appeared in the eyes of an inexperienced official. Some people are always making a mountain out of a molehill."

The sensational revelations as to the half-million-dollar defalcations were made following an inquiry of the State Treasurer regarding the charge of Joseph R. Grundy and his associates, of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, that "the people of Pennsylvania had been handed a gold brick by the last Legislature."

They allude to the alleged deficit between the appropriations and the estimated revenues for the next two years.

State Treasurer Snyder, in a formal reply recently published, denied that any such shortage existed, and, while admitting that there were \$7,000,000 of bills payable which the State could not meet on account of temporary financial embarrassment, said everything would be all right in the end. He asserted there would be a probable surplus of \$2,000,000 for the two years instead of a deficit.

21 Arrested in Gambling Raid

Twenty-one men were arrested by the police of the Twelfth and Pine streets station last night in a gambling raid on a house in Lombard street near Thirtieth. Arthur Holmes, alleged to be the proprietor of the house, was arrested. Dice, cards and \$200 in cash were seized.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO COST MILLIONS

Catharine Tells Other Board Members \$5,000,000 a Year Must Be Spent

BIDS SHOW DROP IN COSTS

Philadelphia must spend \$5,000,000 yearly on schools if it is to meet the demand created for educational facilities by the rapidly growing number of pupils.

Joseph W. Catharine, a member of the Board of Education, forecast a program requiring that expenditures at a meeting yesterday to open bids for several new buildings. He asserted a great building program must be opened to make up for the cessation during the war.

Mr. Catharine stands for an enlarged school plant to meet the increasing population and to make up for the discarding of old buildings. He said the outlook was hopeful because of the reduced cost.

Bids opened yesterday showed a drop of 20 per cent from building prices of the spring and a fall of nearly 100 per cent from immediate post-war prices.

The lowest bid for the new Rutledge School, at Seventh and Norris streets, was made by Wark & Co.—\$372,374.

The building will contain thirty-two classrooms and an assembly hall. That bid means a cost of about thirty-two cents a cubic foot, as against thirty-nine cents a cubic foot made in the spring for the Kearney School. Also it places the cost at \$10,000 a classroom, while immediate post-war prices forced the board to pay \$20,000 a classroom for the two new junior high schools, at \$109,970, for the addition to the Martin School, at Richmond and Ontario streets. The awards will be made at the next meeting of the board.

While the committee was discussing new buildings William Rowen, president of the board, opposed the erection of large schools.

"We have today," he said, "some

HILL IS CHANDLER REFEREE

Court Makes Appointment After Judgment of Bankruptcy

Chandler Brothers & Co., bankers and brokers, were declared bankrupt yesterday by the United States District Court. John M. Hill was appointed referee for administration. This action followed an application made several days after the firm announced its inability to meet obligations. The firm failed to file an answer to the proceedings within the allotted fifteen days and automatically a declaration of bankruptcy was made.

The next move in the new action will be for the referee to call a meeting of the creditors and elect trustees who will supersede the present receivers appointed by Common Pleas Court and United States District Court.

The receivers, Edwin J. Gillfillan and Cornelius Haggarty, Jr., have been assembling the assets of the company since their appointment, and the appraisers appointed by the courts are still engaged checking up the nearly 1200 accounts. J. Howard Heber, counsel for the receivers, said yesterday that some time will elapse before a statement of assets

will be prepared.

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The committee is as follows: John H. Gerscht, chairman; William F. Culhane, William F. Brownell, Louis J. Farren, Louis J. Mayer and Francis J. Hoguet, of Lansdowne; Harry J. Donaghy and Charles J. McCue, of Morton; Arthur A. Perry, James E. Carbine, Peter F. Higgins and A. J. De La Cova, of East Lansdowne; Albert J. Crawford and Hugh Doherty, Jr., of Clifton Heights, and John E. Weber, of Darby.

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ACOUSIN from the west was staying for a short time in Philadelphia and he wished while here to purchase an Engagement Ring to take home to his fiancée; especially as the name and high reputation of the firm of Bailey, Banks and Biddle Company was well known to him. He showed me the ring which he selected. It was magnificent—a lovely Polished Girdle Diamond set in the most charming traceries of platinum, designed and executed by Bailey's own artists and craftsmen. Any one, however inexperienced, in comparing a Polished Girdle Diamond with any other cannot but appreciate the superior brilliancy and color of this stone. And I am sure that she possesses the most beautiful ring which could be procured anywhere.

HOME-MADE ice cream is less expensive than the kind that you buy and on a hot day when you want it most. That is, if you only have an old-fashioned freezer, but if you have an Auto Vacuum Freezer it is very simple. No churning is required and it freezes the cream hard and smooth in only thirty minutes. I saw them for sale at the housefurnishing store of J. Frank Miller, 1612 Chestnut Street. The one-quart size is priced at \$5 and the two-quart at \$8. This is only one of the many labor-saving devices which you will find at this store. If you are looking for any household supplies, from kitchen utensils to cleaners or refrigerators, I can recommend this store very highly.

RAISED DOLLAR BILLS IN CAMDEN

Raised one-dollar bills have appeared in Camden. A receiving teller in the Camden National Bank detected a spurious note which had been raised to ten dollars. Several South Camden merchants reported to the police the raised notes had been passed on them.

VEAUVIUS MORE ACTIVE

Naples, Aug. 18.—Increased activity has been shown for several days by the volcano Veauius. Enormous columns of smoke which arise from the crater have a very impressive appearance, especially when seen at night by the light of the full moon.

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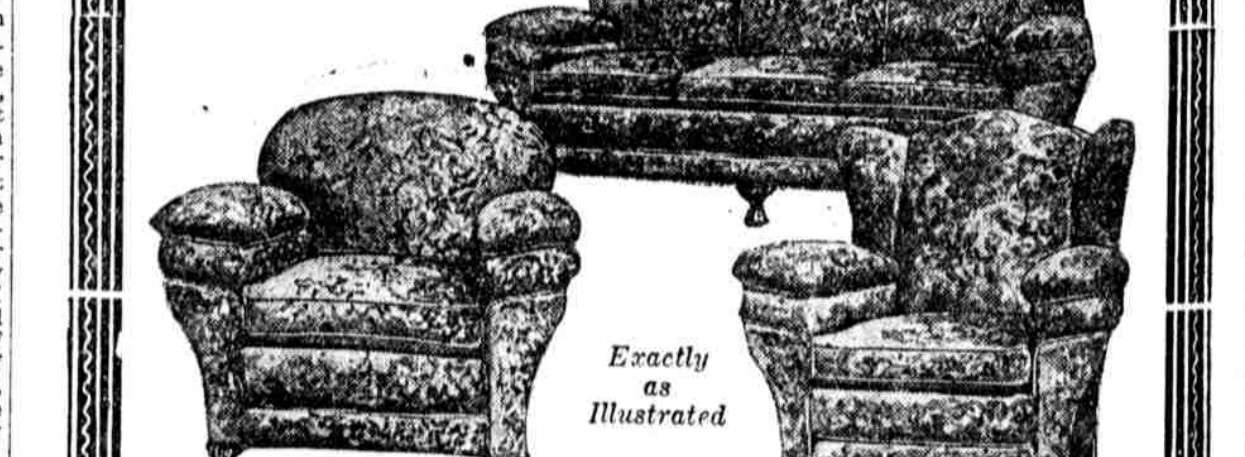
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