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GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 5.—(U.P.)—A high dignitary of the Roman Catholic church today had filed a suit in which he demanded an accounting for \$309,000 which he claims he has invested in Oregon mining properties.

In his suit, Archbishop Francis J. Beckman of Dubuque, Ia., named seven defendants including the First National Bank of Portland, Phillip I. Suetter and County Clerk F. L. Coon as joint defendants.

The Rev. Beckman charged in his suit that he gave Suetter sums

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**Beckman Suit  
Not Yet Settled**

A mining investment suit filed against Phillip Suetter and others by Archbishop Francis J. Beckman, Dubuque, Iowa, has not been officially settled, Circuit Judge H. D. Norton said Sunday night.

Norton said attorneys for the prelate and Suetter conferred in his chambers Saturday but no stipulation has yet been filed and he was not aware of any out-of-court settlement.

The prelate sued Suetter, others, and the Suetter Placer Mines for return of \$306,000 he said he invested in gold mines here. He charged Suetter had expended the money without proper authority and without returns.

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## Archbishop's Suit On Investment In Mine Settled

MEDFORD, June 21.-(P)-The suit of Francis J. Beckman, archbishop of Dubuque, against Phillip Suetter and others of Josephine county, Oregon, was settled out of court last Saturday, Attorney Charles W. Reames, counsel for the archbishop, reported Tuesday.

In the settlement, according to Attorney Reames, Archbishop Beckman recovered all he sought, which includes securities assertedly delivered to Suetter for investment, and mining machinery and mining property in Josephine county.

While a contract of settlement has been entered into, the injunction issued by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton remains in force until all the securities are returned to the archbishop, Reames added.

The archbishop, it is claimed, had advanced in securities and money approximately \$309,000.

## Bishop-Suetter Case Dismissed

MEDFORD, June 22.-(P)-An order dismissing the suit of The Most Rev. Francis J. Beckman, archbishop of Dubuque, against Phillip Suetter and others of Grants Pass was signed Thursday by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. The injunction against Suetter was also ordered vacated. The litigation was based on Josephine county mining deal.

The dismissal order, according to Attorney George M. Roberts, counsel for Suetter, was the result of contract of settlement entered in last Saturday at Grants Pass, between the parties concerned and their counsel.

Under the terms of the settlement Suetter receives certain mining properties and equipment and money, Attorney Roberts said. Suetter surrenders to the archbishop promissory notes executed by the archbishop and held by Suetter amounting to approximately \$150,000, it was further explained.

The archbishop under the terms is to pay indebtedness outstanding by reason of the operation of the mines, and purchase of equipment, the indebtedness including promissory notes held by third parties, was explained.

It was announced both parties were satisfied, and expect to continue operation of their respective mining properties.

## Suetter Case Agreed for Settlement

### Archbishop's Lawyer Announces that Terms Reached By Litigants

An agreement has been reached by attorneys to settle out of court the \$306,000 gold mine suit brought by Archbishop Francis J. Beckman of Dubuque, Iowa, against Phillip Suetter and others of Josephine county, an Associated Press report from Medford said Tuesday.

Attorney Charles W. Reames, counsel for the archbishop, announced that the case was "settled out of court last Saturday" but Circuit Judge H. D. Norton refused to confirm the statement, declaring again that as far as the court was concerned the case was not closed until an official stipulation of terms was brought to him in the Josephine county session of the court. However he said he understood that terms had been agreed upon for a settlement.

Judge Norton is scheduled to appear here again Monday.

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The defendant Suetter claimed the securities had been delivered to him to be held in payment for interest in mining properties. The archbishop brought suit to declare that the mining properties, together with the mining machinery, was held in trust by Suetter for the archbishop, as they were purchased by his own money, and for the return of the securities and money.

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The agreement for an out-of-court settlement was reached this morning following a conference of defense attorneys and a Chicago lawyer, Joseph Lasicki, understood to represent the note holders.

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Following the consultation, the conferees left for Medford to arrange final details of the settlement. In his original action, the archbishop asked an accounting and demanded temporary injunctions to prevent Suetter from expending additional amounts, removing any sums from banks, or removing any equipment or machinery from the mining properties involved. The injunctions were granted, and Suetter's demurrer, filed earlier this week, was overruled as it pertained to the injunctions, which remained in effect.

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## Settlement of Mine Suit Sought

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The opposing attorneys, Charles W. Reames for the plaintiff and George M. Roberts for the defendant, met in Circuit Judge H. D. Norton's chambers to begin discussion of a private settlement.

Attorneys refused to confirm or deny a report that the archbishop was in Grants Pass Saturday.

The archbishop had declared that he invested \$306,000 of his own or borrowed money over a period of two and one-half years in Josephine county gold mining properties managed by Suetter without receiving any return from mineral products.

Grants Pass Daily Courier December 13 1938

Philip Suetter has secured a lease  
on the California mine.

# Iowa Churchman Charges Mine Fraud In Suit

**\$309,000 Said Dropped  
In Local Mining Deal  
With Phillip Suetter**

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The suit asks permanent injunction to prevent removal of machinery and other property from the mines and ordering the deposit of any of the alleged funds remaining with the county clerk, together with the accounting and that a receiver be appointed. Temporary injunctions were granted Friday.

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**Contracts Total \$1,200,000**

Mining properties involved in the suit included one in Del Norte county, California, known as the St. John-Bosco mine, and known as the French Hill mine. The complaint charges that Suetter in his own name contracted to purchase three other properties in Josephine county at a price of \$400,000 each. Those were named as the California Group of Mines, contracted from the Wheelers; the Ajax mine and Mars property, from Walker; and the Hercules property, from Walker and Ritter. It is also claimed that Suetter referred to the properties, particularly the Hercules, as worth "millions of dollars," and that Suetter spent upwards of \$10,000 of the archbishop's money in alleged development of the Hercules mines and demanded more money, but later "gives out and asserts that the plaintiff has no right, title or interest..." in said Hercules property.

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Location of minerals will be superimposed on the present topographical maps.

The survey of the Medford quad-

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## Mining Suit to Be Argued Saturday

A demurrer against the suit brought by Archbishop Francis J. Beckman of Dubuque, Iowa, against Phillip Suetter, Anna Suetter, and others, was filed Tuesday by Suetter's attorneys G. M. Roberts and William M. McAllister of Medford. It stated that there are insufficient facts in the complaint to warrant a suit on each of the three causes.

The archbishop alleged that since November, 1936, he gave the Suetter Placer Mines in excess of \$306,000 to work mining claims in this county, without receiving any return from gold or other mineral products.

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## Division Of Properties, Return Of Some Notes Made In Agreements

It was announced Thursday by George M. Roberts, of the firm of Roberts & McAllister, Medford, attorneys for Phillip Suetter, that Judge H. D. Norton had signed an order dismissing the suit brought by the Rev. Francis J. Beckman, Archbishop of Dubuque, Iowa, against Phillip Suetter and others, with prejudice against the Archbishop bringing any other suits based upon the matters set forth in his complaint, and had likewise vacated the injunctions against Mr. Suetter.

According to Mr. Roberts, this suit was dismissed as a result of a contract of settlement entered into by the interested parties and their attorneys on Saturday, June 17, 1939.

Settlement of the suit brought by Archbishop Francis J. Beckman, of the Dubuque, Iowa, Catholic diocese, against Philip Suetter and others, concerning Josephine county mining property, was reached here Saturday by attorneys representing both parties in the litigation and Joseph A. Lasecki, Chicago attorney representing other clients interested.

Archbishop Beckman did not appear at the conference held Saturday morning in the judge's chambers in the courthouse, but took part in preliminary discussions, spending four days in Grants Pass and Medford.

temporary injunctions included in the suit, the attorney said, will be withdrawn by stipulation of attorneys for both sides. Roberts and McAllister, Medford, are attorneys for Suetter.

Here also Saturday, in conference with attorneys, was a William J. Shaw, Ft. Worth Texas, who was listed as the holder of \$50,000 of the Archbishop's notes, but whose interest, the Chicago attorney said, amounted to \$77,500.

Concerning the charges made in the Archbishop's complaint that his notes in the amount of more than \$200,000 had been altered to make them appear as obligations of the Dubuque diocese, it was reported that the charge was the result of misunderstanding between the Archbishop and his agent here.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—I have disposed of all my right, title and interest in the Mount Reuben mines, known as the Ajax, California and Hercules, located in Josephine county, Oregon, to Archbishop Francis J. L. Beckman of Dubuque, Iowa. All outstanding bills and obligations, if any, should be mailed within five days to the manager of said mine, Mr. August Walker, at Grants Pass, Or. PHILIP SUETTER.

*Portland, Oregon  
June 17, 1939*