

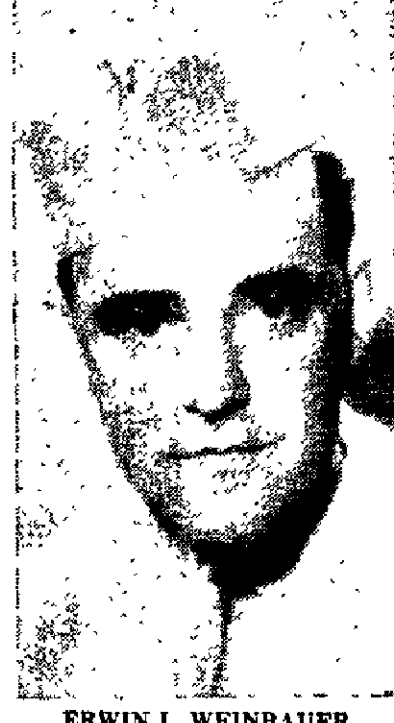
AMERICANS SWEEP WELL PAST LE MANS

Japanese End Bitter Hengyang Fight

CHINESE BATTLE TO FINISH FOR STRATEGIC CITY

(By the Associated Press) Japan has broken her steady string of defeats in the Pacific, Burma and India with the capture of Hengyang, vital Chinese city from which the Japanese can drive south to split China in two.

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Pfc. Erwin L. Weinbauer, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Weinbauer, 1141 Oak street, was killed in action on Saipan island in the Marianas group in the central Pacific on July 11, according to a telegram received from the secretary of war by the parents Tuesday.

Born in Wisconsin Rapids Private First Class Weinbauer was born on June 26, 1921 in Wisconsin Rapids and lived here until enlisting in the armed forces on November 10, 1942.

Worked at Consolidated Before entering the armed services, he was employed at the Consolidated Water Power and Paper company here.

Not Highest But It's Mighty Hot The official temperature for Wisconsin Rapids hovered around the 94 mark at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Reveal Results Of Misery Bay Workers' Vote An Associated Press dispatch from Washington today stated that the national labor relations board announced this morning that the majority of employees at the Misery Bay operations of the Nekosa Edison Water Paper company have chosen to be represented by the International Woodworkers of America (CIO).

Cherbourg Director Is Killed in Action Washington (AP)—Capt. Norman S. Ives, U. S. director of the port of Cherbourg, France, has been killed in action.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED Marshfield, Wis.—Pvt. Jerome Brandt of Marshfield was seriously wounded in France on July 27, according to a war department telegram received by his wife here.

POST-WAR PLANS ARE DEBATED BY COUNTY BOARD

A prolonged debate on post-war planning took place in the Wood county board's afternoon session Tuesday, with Supervisors Reuben Connor and Hans Vollert asking for a listing of all possible projects which the county might consider in a post-war program.

At another angle was the viewpoint of Supervisor Warren Beadle Jr., who felt that it was too early to list a grandiose parade of roads, courthouse, jail, parks and other facilities whose cost would total millions of dollars.

WLB Can't Order Truck Strikers Back Washington (AP)—Officials of the war labor board said today they are powerless to order striking Midwest truckers to return to work because the operators are ignoring a WLB order to increase wages seven cents an hour.

Stevens Point Woman to Christen Vessel Sturgeon Bay, Wis.—(P)—Mrs. Anastasia Cabrowski, of Stevens Point, Wis., who has five sons in the armed services, was selected today to christen a subchaser at the Leatham D. Smith Shipbuilding Co., yards here Saturday, August 12.

Legionnaires to Hear Gibson Describe Early Legion Days Charles Hagerstrom post No. 9 members of the American Legion will meet at the Memorial armory here tonight at 8 o'clock to hear Richard M. Gibson, first commander of the local post, tell about early days of Legion history in Wisconsin Rapids.

Blames Tram Strike On FEPC Actions Washington (AP)—Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) charged on the senate floor today that the recent Philadelphia transit strike was "deliberately fomented by an agency of the government."

MAUSTON SOLDIER MISSING In an Associated Press dispatch today, the war department listed Lieut. William R. Holgate, son of Mrs. Marguerite Holgate, Mauston, as missing in action in the Mediterranean area.

17 Are Dead or Missing In Freak Clipper Crash; Fourteen Are Rescued

Havana (AP)—Seventeen passengers are dead or missing as the result of the crash of a Pan American flying boat, which broke in two and sank Tuesday in an attempted takeoff from the rough waters of Nipe bay, in northeastern Cuba.

Polish Premier and Committee Fail to Reach Agreement Moscow (AP)—Rival Polish regiments failed to agree today on a plan of fusion and leaders are returning to their respective headquarters in London and Lublin with renewal of negotiations delayed at least until after the Russians capture Warsaw.

President Morawski of the committee departed for Lublin. Both sides left the way open for talks in the indefinite future, but indicated they preferred to wait until the Germans are driven from Warsaw, the Polish capital, which could be the scene of their next deliberations.

Judge Brings Politics Into Strike Trial Philadelphia (AP)—U. S. District Judge George A. Welsh told a special investigating grand jury today that Philadelphia's six-day transit strike may have been called "to have some effect on the impending national election."

YANKS CAPTURE GERMAN GENERAL Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (AP)—Lt. Gen. Karl Spang, commander of the German 266th infantry division, has been captured by the American First Army near Brest.

Investigate Killings Of Three Women Fort Wayne, Ind.—(P)—Investigation of the recent slayings of three Fort Wayne women was spurred today by the posting of awards of \$5,000 in each case for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.

Mrs. Johnston Dies In Stevens Point After Short Illness Mrs. John A. Johnston, 80, formerly of this city, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emil Houten, 1116 Blane street, Stevens Point, at 9:20 p. m. Tuesday after an illness of two weeks.

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WISCONSIN LEGION LEADERS—New Wisconsin American Legion officers elected at their state convention in Milwaukee, are William R. Kenney (right) from Marshfield, commander, and Mrs. C. W. Hurtig, from Marinette, Auxiliary president.

REPORT FIGURES ON LEND-LEASE TO BRITISH ISLES

Washington (AP)—The United States has furnished Britain with about \$2,000,000,000 worth of foodstuffs in the three and a quarter years that lend-lease has been in operation. This is the most important element of civilian supply that will require adjustment when only the war with Japan remains.

Curtailment Not Planned However, so far as can be learned, no program to that end has been worked out and officials plan to make the curtailment only when they have a real situation to work with.

It is impossible at this time, one authority said, to estimate just what lend-lease help the British will need to concentrate their efforts in the final campaigns to crush Japan.

Amount Sent Already In the first three years of lend-lease, March 1941 through March 1944, lend-lease shipments to all nations totaled \$17,195,000,000. Of that amount \$7,306,000,000 went to the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom total consisting of \$3,169,000,000 of munitions as such as guns and tanks, \$1,862,000,000 of industrial materials and \$2,275,000,000 of other supplies.

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Robert Bell Is Reported As Missing



Tech. Sgt. Robert K. Bell, 23, has been missing in action over Germany since July 18, according to a war department telegram received Tuesday night by his wife, Mrs. Robert K. Bell of Port Edwards.

Sergeant Bell enlisted on June 18, 1941, took his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., then went to Scott Field, Ill., for radio operator training, graduating on August 1, 1941.

Assigned to Harlingen, Texas, for advanced training, he received his wings as a radio operator-gunner in October, 1943. He left for overseas service on March 3, 1944, and as a member of the 15th air force stationed in Italy has completed 28 missions, and received the Air Medal.

Sergeant Bell graduated from Lincoln high school and was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company before entering the service. His father, Giffon Bell, resides at 1040 Sixteenth street north.

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SECOND DRIVE TO CITY OPENED BY CANADIANS

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (AP)—American troops today captured Le Mans, southwest gateway to Paris barely 110 miles beyond, and Canadians smashed through the Germans' second defense line to a point 16 miles below Caen.

(Berlin broadcasts said motorized U. S. forces had raced on through Le Mans to within 87 miles of Paris.)

The Canadian plunge carried within four miles of Falaise, itself only 65 miles above Le Mans. The allied wings curling around the bulk of the German army, threatening to pocket it.

Near Loire River Other U. S. troops battering southward neared Angers on the Loire river, 50 miles inland from the river port of Nantes and 50 southwest of Le Mans.

This broadened the U. S. front in France to some 80 miles. Enemy resistance in the Loire push was reported light.

On the Breton peninsula, doughboys charged into the outer defenses of the great port of Brest after the German garrison refused a surrender ultimatum. Lt. Gen. Karl Spang, commanding the German infantry, was captured near Brest.

Double Drive On Paris Both the Americans and Canadians were within little more than 100 miles and perhaps closer—to Paris in a great pincers drive on the French capital.

The British army on the Canadian left smashed ahead, threatening to trap sizeable German forces battling See—INVASION—Page 6

1 STRIKE ENDS; 28,000 STILL IDLE

(By the Associated Press) Four work stoppages accounted for more than two-thirds of approximately 28,000 idle today in labor disputes in the United States and Canada.

These four involving some 19,000 were: Five plants of General Motors' gear & axle division, Detroit, 7,000; Midwest over-the-road truck drivers in at least four and possible eight states, an estimated 5,000; Wright Aeronautical corporation, three Patterson, N. J., plants, at least 3,000; Montreal, Que., tramways strike, 4,000.

The United Automobile Workers (CIO) appealed to the national war labor board today to review the dispute in the five Detroit plants.

Nine thousand more were idle in 16 other disputes across the nation. Latest stoppage was a walkout of 150 tool makers and grinders at the Dodge Chicago plant, making engines for B-29 Superfortresses, in what a company spokesman said was a protest over a three-day suspension of a worker for refusing to take orders.

Settled, however, was a stoppage since July 23 of 300 glass blowers at Ball Bros. Co., Muncie, Ind., an AFL-CIO jurisdictional dispute. They returned to work yesterday.

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