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ELECT DICKINSEN TO COMMISSION CHAIRMANSHIP

Eau Claire, Wis.—(P)—Further steps towards realignment of key administrative spots in the Wisconsin conservation system were taken yesterday with election of Virgil Dickinsen, of Augusta, as chairman of the conservation commission.

Dickinsen, a member of the bloc which voted discharge of H. W. MacKenzie as conservation director May 19, succeeded William J. P. Aberg, of Madison, as commission head.

Reelect Rahr Secretary

The new chairman, appointed to the commission in May, 1941, by Governor Heil, was named at a regular meeting of the body at Lake Eau Claire, 30 miles southeast of here. Guido Rahr, of Manitowoc, also one of the commissioners who voted for MacKenzie's dismissal, was reelected secretary.

Aberg had served one year as coran, of Webster, a former member of the body since June 23, 1939, when he was appointed by Governor Heil. He and James Corcoran, of Webster, a former commission chairman, opposed MacKenzie's ouster at the special meeting in Oshkosh. Voting with Dickinsen and Rahr for dismissal were Wally Adams, of Conover, and Mark Catlin, sr., of Appleton.

Authorize Land Purchase

The commission authorized purchase of 860 acres of land for \$1,090, and 523 acres for \$1,233, near New Auburn, for a public hunting ground, and approved re-establishment of a 1,680 acre game refuge in Fond du Lac county for a five-year period.

Ralph Conway, supervisor of game refuges, was instructed to investigate the possibilities of the purchase of land in the Chippewa bottoms area west of Durand for public hunting grounds and a game preserve. The commission took no action on a proposal by Earl Hanson, of Menomonie, Dunn county board chairman, that 2,400 acres in Dunn and Pepin counties be purchased for similar use.

Decline Park Offer

In other actions the commission ordered removal of private club buildings erected in the Horizon park area by sportsmen groups, declined the offer of a park near Endeavor with a \$1,000 fund for upkeep, and approved purchase of \$2,000 worth of corn for its commercial feeding division.

The commission's next meeting will be held at Land O'Lakes, August 11.

Willkie Seeks Permit to Visit Battlefields

New York—(P)—Wendell L. Willkie, 1940 Republican presidential candidate, said today that he would seek official consent to visit the battlefields of Australia, China, Russia and other united nations.

He did not indicate in what capacity he would make such a trip—as a civilian or an official observer—but it was understood he wanted to see at first hand conditions in the war areas.

FBI Seizes American Citizen for Espionage

Washington—(P)—The justice department announced today that Herbert Karl Friedrich Bahr, 29, an American citizen, had been seized by FBI agents on charges of violating the espionage laws.

DEMAND WAGE INCREASES

Los Angeles—(P)—AFL and CIO representatives submitted joint demands to a government conference today for aircraft industry wage increases ranging as high as 50 per cent. Union and management were conferring with government advisers on blanket increases covering the entire industry. Such a wage scale would affect more than a million workers if applied on a national scale.

Al Smith White House Caller; Says It's "Personal Visit"

Washington—(P)—President Roosevelt, continuing a series of conferences which have brought a stream of New York politicians to the White House this week, talked today with former Governor Alfred E. Smith.

Apparently Smith talked over the New York gubernatorial situation with the chief executive although he would not say so.

He said that his call at the White House was "more a personal visit than anything else," although he and the president "talked about nearly everything."

A reporter remarked that the conference followed rumors that he was being talked of as the Demo-

Bitter Battle Rages Along Don River; Soviet Submarine Damages Big Nazi Warship

Moscow—(P)—The Germans massed 800 tanks on the west bank of the upper Don today and, exploiting numerical superiority, sent small groups across the river to fight for footholds upon ground where their earlier bridgeheads were crushed, Soviet dispatches said.

Wipe Out Some Units

Part of the advance guards were quickly exterminated by red army troops in the bitter struggle for the strategic waterline before Voronezh, the prime objective of a 120-mile Nazi push eastward from Kursk.

Others survived to await reinforcements. The red air force pounded the mechanized concentration on the west bank, wrecking 60 tanks, Russian ground forces engaged the light armored units, automatic gunners and infantry holding the new bridgeheads.

Reds Give Up Staryi Oskol

A red army withdrawal from Staryi Oskol had widened the Kursk-Voronezh invasion salient, aimed to surge across the Don and cut communications between central and southern Russia.

Dispatches said the situation was serious on the west bank, where some red army detachments were forced to retreat anew. The Germans occupied a number of points.

200,000 Germans in Drive

Nazi numerical superiority was conceded. The Russians estimated earlier that about 200,000 Germans were massed for the offensive.

"Our troops fought fierce battles west of Voronezh," the Soviet information bureau announced. "After stubborn fighting, our troops evacuated the town of Staryi Oskol."

Staryi Oskol lies on the Oskol river 65 miles southwest of Voronezh, a major communications center (which the German high command declared Tuesday had been captured) on the Moscow-Rostov railway.

Claim Reds in Retreat

Berlin (From German Broadcast)—(P)—A German breach in the southern sector of the Russian front has "shaken" the Soviet defenses west of the Don river for a See—RUSSIAN FRONT—Page 13

British Take Over French Island Off East Africa Coast

London—(P)—British forces occupied the French island of Mayotte in the Mozambique channel on July 2, without resistance or casualties, the war office announced today.

Mayotte is one of the Comoro islands. Grande Comore, Anjouan and Moheli are the other principal islands.

Mayotte, with a population of less than 18,000 and an area of 140 square miles, is an island producing principally rum and perfume.

It is the most strategically situated of the Comoros for control of the Mozambique channel, being about 200 miles west of Madagascar, the northern part of which the British occupied in May, and about 300 miles east of Portuguese East Africa.

(Dispatches from Portuguese East Africa Tuesday reported sinking of three neutral or allied merchant ships in the Mozambique channel and an attack on a fourth by submarines.)

ARRIVES IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Korn, Wisconsin Rapids, have received word from their son, Kenneth, a private in an artillery unit of the army, telling of his arrival safely in Australia. Kenneth enlisted in May, 1941.

Captain Otto explained that the 65 officers and enlisted men who will make up the unit must be between the ages of 36 and 56 and must enlist for a period of three years. Applications for enlistment will be received at the army here Friday from 7 to 9 p. m., Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p. m.

Prior to Captain Otto's talk, C. F. Kruger, chairman of the war bond staff of Wood county, advised the clubmen that monthly quotas for bond sales were being increased each month and urged his listeners to aid in the campaign to produce greater bond and stamp sales.

CANCEL STRIKE VOTE

Chicago—(P)—A proposed strike vote among more than 10,000 Chicago Surface Lines employees has been cancelled upon notification by the company that it would name an arbitrator in negotiations for a new contract.

7 Perish in Crash of Big Army Bomber

Smithfield, N. C.—(P)—Army authorities today fixed at seven the number of men killed when a big, two-motored army bomber crashed near here late yesterday. Previously, it had been believed that nine persons were killed.

The army officers, who came here from the air base in Columbia, S. C., said the seven bodies had been identified. They did not, however, release the names of the victims.

The plane roared low over the farmhouse of A. D. Stephenson. Suddenly, Stephenson said, a wing broke away from the plane, "the ship rose slightly, jumped about wildly and in no time was completely enveloped in flames."

"It then crashed with a big explosion," he added. A wing was found approximately a half mile from the spot where the plane tore deeply into the earth. One body was found 100 feet distant in a cotton field. Over it was a partly burned parachute.

STREET OILING NOT YET BANNED

City Engineer Carl A. Cajanus estimated today that the city's 1942 street oiling program will be 70 to 75 per cent completed before Federal petroleum restrictions, as now interpreted, cut off the supply of road oil.

The engineer said he was basing his estimates on instructions from the Wisconsin highway commission affecting the use of petroleum products on roads. Federal action regarding oils and asphalts was taken last week.

150,000 Gallons Available

About 10 miles of streets here were included in the summer oiling program, and with oil stock on hand and two 10,000 gallon cars in transit and expected some time next week, Cajanus said 150,000 gallons in all would be available. Of that amount, about 110,000 gallons has already been used by the street department.

The remaining 40,000 gallons will be allotted first to streets, such as Washington where a sewer installation makes oiling necessary, and others which were included in the original blanket oiling program approved by the council in April.

The engineer said the department plans to give priority, in general, to streets for which oiling petitions were entered earliest.

To Complete Asphalt Paving

Cajanus anticipates that the cut-back asphalt paving of streets will be completed as planned. About one-half mile in all will be asphalted and the department is ready to go ahead with the application of black top.

The city contracted to purchase between 18,000 and 20,000 gallons of asphalt. Two cars of the material have been ordered and are understood to be in transit.

Kiwanis Club Hears Plans for Guard Unit

Captain Earl F. Otto, commanding officer of the Wisconsin State Guard unit which is being organized here, told members of the Kiwanis club of the plans for the organization at the regular weekly meeting of the clubmen at the Hotel Witter this noon.

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Balkan Guerrilla Forces Invade Italian Territory

Washington—(P)—The office of war information said today that foreign broadcasts had disclosed that Balkan guerrillas, employing hit and run tactics, have invaded Italian territory as far west as Trieste, where a clash with Italian troops was reported.

Force Axis to Divert Troops

The guerrilla armies, striking from the forests and mountains, are forcing the axis to divert troops and material badly needed on the Russian and African fronts, OWI reported. The agency said the broadcasts indicated that patriotic armed bands in Yugoslavia, Greece, Albania, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria were striking at isolated axis garrisons, supply depots and communications.

"Large scale operations by axis troops are in progress against the Balkan partisans serving under the

Moscow—(P)—Two well aimed torpedoes from a Russian submarine, which seriously damaged the battleship Tirpitz, Germany's newest and mightiest warship, saved an allied convoy from her attack and let the merchantmen through to Russia intact, Soviet dispatches said today.

Tried to Intercept Convoy

These reports said a German naval squadron in which three heavy cruisers and eight destroyers accompanied the Tirpitz, put out from

DENIED BY NAZIS

Berlin (From German Broadcasts)—(P)—The high command denied today the Russian report that Germany's battleship, the Tirpitz, had been attacked and damaged.

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They described the town as of 15,000 to 20,000 inhabitants of whom more than 5,000 were Jewish.

FDR TRIES ANEW TO BREAK FARM BILL STALEMATE

Washington—(P)—President Roosevelt made another attempt today to persuade congress to break a long deadlock over agriculture department operations, declaring that "our war needs do not permit compromise or partisan discord."

The issue in matters in disagreement between the senate and house, he said in a statement, is that of "more abundant production of the things we need." He added that "we can not afford to cripple any part of our productive effort with unnecessary legislative shackles."

Signs Stop-Gap Bill

The presidential statement accompanied his signature of a stop-gap bill which supplied funds for the agriculture department for the month of July. Congress still is wrangling over the department's full year appropriation.

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Vesper Sailor Missing in Crash of Navy Plane

Vesper, Wis.—The family of Charles A. Hladilek jr., 22, radio-man first class with an Atlantic fleet patrol squadron, has received official confirmation that he is listed as "missing in action."

Parents of the young flier were informed June 18 by telegram that he was missing following an action in which his plane was engaged. A letter from the patrol squadron commander, Lt. Cmdr. R. S. Clarke, informed the family that he is "declared missing in an airplane crash on the night of June 13, in the vicinity of his squadron's advance base."

Memorial Services Held

The letter added that memorial services were held at the advance base for him on Sunday, June 28, and that any further information could not be given the family at the present time.

Besides the family members in Wisconsin and Illinois, Charles is survived by his bride of less than three months whom he married in the east April 15, and who is now living at Portsmouth, Va. A brother, Pvt. F. C. George Hladilek is with the army in Iceland.

Attended School Here

Charles was born April 25, 1920. He attended grade school at Vesper and went to Lincoln high school in Wisconsin Rapids two years. He joined the navy January 10, 1938, and re-enlisted when his term of service was up three years later.

He was trained at Great Lakes and was with units of the U. S. fleet before transferring to the navy air



CHAS. A. HLADILEK JR.

corps on the eastern coast. His service included nine months at Pearl Harbor, his duties there ending shortly before the Japanese attack last December. He was home a year ago on furlough.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hladilek sr., three other brothers and two sisters. They are Frank, of Madison; Mrs. Henry Kohel, Wisconsin Rapids; Olga, at home; Paul, of Berwyn, Ill., and Julian, at home.

Nelson Realigns WPB Staff; Knowlson, Batt Named Vice-Chairmen

Washington—(P)—Donald M. Nelson realigned his production general staff today for better strategic direction of the flow of ore and ingots into America's factories.

He announced the appointment of two vice-chairmen of the war production board and a director general would take much of the administrative load off his shoulders and leave him free to decide matters of policy.

Speed Up Raw Materials

At a press conference late yesterday Nelson explained that the top directing officials had been shifted because the board's main job now was speeding up the supply of raw materials. He gave this report on the production picture:

In the months of defense emergency and then actual war, the big industries have been converted from the manufacture of automobiles and other civilian items to the making of planes, tanks and guns. The immense job of retooling is largely finished. The assembly lines are moving.

Now the limited supply of materials must be directed into making the things which the army and navy consider most urgent.

3 Shifted from Other Posts

The three new appointees were shifted from other WPB posts. In peacetime they were key executives of private industries. They are:

William L. Batt—vice-chairman of the board to serve as Nelson's general assistant and deputy; had been chairman of the board's requirements committee.

James S. Knowlson—vice-chairman of the board with responsibility for determining the programs and Nelson's deputy on the combined production and resources board. He was formerly director of industry operations and now takes over Batt's vacant chairmanship of the requirements committee.

Houghton to Direct Operations

Amory Houghton—director general of operations, including supervision of the industry and material branches and the field organization. He had been deputy chief of the WPB bureau of industry branches.

Nelson created, but left unfilled for the moment, a fourth post, deputy chairman on program progress.

Huffman Reelected as President of Network

William F. Huffman, owner of radio station WFHR, was reelected president of the Wisconsin Network, an organization of eight state radio stations, at the annual meeting of the corporation held at the Gross brothers' lodge on Nepco lake yesterday.

Other officers named are Harry LePoidevin, WRJN, Racine, vice president; Rev. James A. Wagner, WHBY, Appleton, secretary, and H. H. Born, WHPL, Sheboygan, treasurer. The network stockholders and station managers convened separately throughout the morning and early afternoon and then assembled for a joint meeting at which operations of the network were discussed.

LOSE RAILROAD BUT CHECK FOE, AGENCY REPORTS

Chungking—(P)—The Chinese Central News agency reported today that the Chinese had achieved a smashing comeback in central Kiangsi province, trapping 30,000 Japanese troops, killing or wounding 2,000 and capturing large quantities of material.

In eastern Kiangsi the Chinese recaptured the important highway towns of Nancheng and Igwang, the agency said.

Battle Still Rages

A Chinese communique said only that the Japanese were checked at several points in central Kiangsi province and that 3,000 casualties

JAP DESTROYER SUNK

Washington—(P)—Another Japanese destroyer was believed today to have been sunk by a United States submarine in the Aleutian area, where mist and fog has hampered attempts to oust the Japanese from their island footholds.

The navy reported in a communique last night that the destroyer was torpedoed and believed sunk in the vicinity of Kiska island July 5. This brought the damage inflicted by American undersea craft in the Aleutians to five Japanese destroyers sunk or hit in two days. Three were sunk and a third was left burning fiercely on July 4.

The communique reported continued low visibility.

were inflicted on the enemy in a battle that began two days ago and was still in progress.

The Chinese meanwhile belatedly confirmed the loss to Japanese forces of the whole length of Kiangsi-Chengkang railroad.

Meanwhile, Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced that American bombing planes braved bad weather to make another damaging raid Monday on Hankow, Japan's main base in the interior of China.

Planes Start Fires

Oil storage and wharves were raided and eight fires were left burning in the target area of the great city on the Yangtze river, a headquarters communique said.

The war bulletin also said that in an attack on Hankow, on July 2, bombers damaged wharves and warehouses and probably damaged enemy shipping.

Hankow Is Target

Since regular American air force planes have begun operating in China, Hankow has been attacked three times, the first time on July 1.

The destruction of several Japanese planes on the ground in a raid July 4 on the White Cloud airrome near Canton also was reported.

Ickes Warns of Growing Danger of Coal Shortage

Washington—(P)—Interior Secretary Ickes said today there was a growing possibility of a coal shortage next winter, unless the public changes what he described as its attitude of indifference to government appeals for summer purchase and storage of fuel.

New "danger spots" have developed in the mid-west and in the Pacific northwest, he said. New England previously had been described as a fuel emergency area.

"We have less than 60 days left in which sufficient transportation and mine production will be available for stock piling of coal," the fuel coordinator told his press conference. "We expect conditions to grow tighter in September."

The danger spot of the mid-west, according to the secretary's information, centers particularly in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, where it was understood a prospect had developed that the supplies of natural gas used in large war production areas would be insufficient to carry the fuel load next winter.

Rep. Dies Apologizes to David B. Vaughan

Washington—(P) Chairman Dies (D-Tex.) of the house committee investigating un-American activities publicly apologized today for having accused David B. Vaughan, board of economic warfare executive, of being "a sponsor of the American League for Peace and Democracy."

The accusation, Dies said in a statement inserted in the Congressional Record, was made "in a letter written by me on March 28, 1942," to Vice-Chairman Wallace, chairman of the BEW, and released to the press.

Dies said he would pay the attorney fees contracted by Vaughan "in the protection of his good name." (Vaughan filed a \$75,000 libel suit against Dies.)

Exner on Air Tonight to Discuss Defense

Chief of Police R. J. Exner will talk on citizens' defense over radio station WFHR for 10 minutes starting at 6:20 o'clock tonight.

Because of the importance of defense instructions on the home front to safeguard the civilian population, every family with a radio is urged to tune in on the broadcast.

THE WEATHER



For Wisconsin: Somewhat warmer tonight and Friday forenoon with scattered thundershowers.

WARMER

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 81; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 49; temperature at 7 a. m., 53.