

THE WEATHER
For Wisconsin: Decidedly colder in extreme south east tonight. Continued cold Sunday.
Local weather facts for 24 hours preceding 7 a. m.: Maximum 41; minimum 17. Precipitation .29.

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

A CONSTRUCTIVE NEWSPAPER

RED CROSS BOX SCORE
Local Quota \$20,500
Amount Received ... 1,871
Still to Go \$18,629

Thirty-First Year—No. 9720.

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Saturday, March 3, 1945.

Single Copy Five Cents



FIRST TO COMPLETE SOLICITATION—H. F. Warsinske, a canvasser in the commercial bracket of the present Red Cross campaign Friday became the first worker to complete his solicitation. He is shown with the Red Cross headquarters staff. Pictured are, left to right, Mrs. Georgia Gibbs, Mrs. Gladys Nash, Dwight H. Teas, Frank Husting, and Mr. Warsinske.

Red Cross Funds Climb to \$1,871

Red Cross war fund solicitors have already begun turning in part of their collections to headquarters in the Mead-Witter block, Dwight H. Teas, general chairman stated today, and \$1,871.19 or nine per cent of the total \$20,500 has been entered on the books.

Organized labor, with a quota of \$5,400, has thus far turned in \$529 or 10 per cent of its individual quota. Four hundred fifty four dollars has been received from the "salaried employes of major industries" group, which has a quota of \$2,000 for the campaign, this is 28 per cent of their quota.

The commercial and professional group (firms and employes) have received 14 per cent of their quota of \$4,700, in the amount of \$644. In the public official and employes bracket, \$14 of the \$700 quota has been reported, making a score of 2 per cent. Clubs and lodges with a quota of \$700 for the entire campaign have brought in \$86, 12 per cent of their entire amount. The division not otherwise classified now has \$143 toward the \$700 quota, a percentage of 20.

There has been no report as yet from the major industries division, (firm contributions) and none from the rural branch (officials and employes).

Chairman Teas today reiterated the pre-campaign talk of the Rev. A. W. Triggs in which he said, "This is a campaign not only for money but a campaign of mercy." People seem to be responding wholeheartedly to this present campaign, the chairman said, for they are well aware of the vast and acute need of funds for use by the Red Cross on all of the fighting fronts as well as to alleviate emergencies at home.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Julia Rapp

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia Rapp, 88, who died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anton Ebsen, 1630 Eighth street south, will be held at 9:30 Tuesday morning, at St. Michael's Catholic church in Hewitt. Burial will take place in the parish cemetery.

The former Julia Mauch was born in Washington county, Wisconsin, February 4, 1862, and had resided at Hewitt the past 60 years, coming to her daughter's home eight months ago. She was married January 9, 1878, to William Rapp, who died in June, 1931.

Surviving besides the daughter are four sons, Ernest Rapp, North Fond du Lac; Fred Rapp, Wausau; Mathias Rapp, Marshfield, and Aloys Rapp, Milwaukee; three brothers, three sisters, 20 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Krohn and Berard funeral home, where prayers will be said at 8 o'clock Monday evening.

Hold Everything



"I won't buy, but I'll trade you the Brooklyn Bridge for \$4!"

Donald Holz Of Saratoga Dies in Action

Pfc. Donald V. Holz, 20, son of Mrs. Jessie Holz, Saratoga, was killed in action in the Pacific theater of operations, February 27, according to a war department telegram received by the mother Friday.

Private Holz was an aerial gunner in the United States marines and had been in service the past two years.

He was born in the town of Saratoga, December 15, 1924, and attended Alexander High school in Nekoosa. He received his boot training at San Diego, Calif., and advanced training at El Centro, El Toro and Santa Ana, all in California.

In addition to his mother, Private Holz is survived by two brothers, Elroy, in Milwaukee, and Virgil, at home and one sister, Mrs. Vernon Weber. Mrs. Weber is living with the dead marine's mother as her husband is in the army.

North Dakota Senator Dies

Rochester, Minn. — (AP)—United States Senator John Moses of North Dakota died early this morning in a Rochester hospital.

Senator Moses, who was the first Democrat ever elected to congress from North Dakota, had been under treatment at the Mayo clinic since January 18 for an abdominal ailment.

Late Friday, it was announced the 59-year-old senator, who three times was governor of North Dakota, had taken a definite turn for the worse in the preceding 12 hours.

Senator Moses had occupied his senate seat for only a few days after having defeated Gerald P. Nye in last fall's general election.

Reliable sources in Washington said there was "no chance" that Republican Governor Fred Aandahl of North Dakota would appoint Nye to the vacancy left by Moses' death although they campaigned on the same ticket.

Brother of Local Resident Is Killed

Mrs. Clarence Kizewski, 950 Eleventh avenue north, received word Friday that her brother, Pvt. Ray Piczynski of Stevens Point, had been killed in action in France October 22, 1944. The dead soldier also has a brother living in Wisconsin Rapids, Joseph Piczynski, 641 Fourteenth street north.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piczynski, Stevens Point, Private Piczynski entered service July 5, 1943, and went overseas in August, 1944.

He is survived by five other brothers, a sister and his wife, who resides in Stevens Point.

Sgt. Steinke Awarded Purple Heart Medal

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Steinke, 910 Sixth street south, received the Purple Heart Thursday which had been awarded to their son, Sgt. Lawrence Steinke, who was wounded in action in Belgium on Christmas morning.

Sergeant Steinke is now back in combat after recovering from his injury.

NEKOOSA MAN FACES CHARGES OF FIRING GUN

Preliminary hearing for Floyd Ross, 50, Nekoosa, who pleaded guilty in justice court Friday to charges of resisting an officer and not guilty to charges of aiming a gun at an officer, discharging a gun at a female companion, and discharging a gun within the Nekoosa city limits, will be held in the court of Justice Byron E. Conway at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Ross was taken into justice court Friday following a disturbance in Nekoosa early Thursday morning when Ross allegedly threatened police Officer Joseph Wolfe after having fired at a fleeing woman a short time before.

According to Officer Wolfe's report, he received a call about 1:30 Thursday morning advising him to make an investigation at the home of Mrs. Mary Barney on Section street. He was told that an argument had evidently developed between Mrs. Barney and Ross. Mrs. Barney later told him that she ran from Ross and that he had fired a shot from a rifle at her, Wolfe stated. Wolfe, after talking to Ross, who the officer said pointed a gun at him, returned to headquarters, later returning with Chief of Police William Wintlyn where they observed a man believed to be Ross still standing in a woodshed with the gun. Sheriff's authorities were contacted the next morning when Ross could not be located and the suspect was picked up near Babcock later in the day.

District Attorney Hugh W. Goggins stated this morning that the state upon conviction carries the following penalties for the first three charges: resisting an officer, imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or a fine up to \$300; for aiming a gun at an officer, not more than six months imprisonment in the county jail, or a fine up to \$100; discharging a weapon at a companion carries the same sentence or fine as aiming the gun. A local ordinance of the city of Nekoosa carries a penalty of five to 30 days imprisonment or \$1 to \$25 fine for discharging a gun within the city limits.

ASK NEWSPRINT CUT
Washington — (AP)—The newspaper industry advisory committee has recommended that all newspapers cut their newsprint delivery orders by 5 per cent in April, May and June to meet an estimated 45,000-ton supply shortage.

By German account, Russian armoured spearheads cut across the Danzig-Stettin communications east of Koeslin, seven miles from the Baltic coast.

Moscow has not confirmed this report nor a German statement that the Russians were in the outskirts of Koeslin.

By enemy accounts Russian attempts to widen their wedge were repulsed in wild hand-to-hand fighting while Moscow dispatches said Rokossovsky, when he had driven his wedge as far as he needed it, turned his attention to the flanks and rapidly beat back Volkstrum (home guard) and seasoned Nazi army units.

A German communique announcement that Soviet units had thrust northwest of Drumburg, indicated the Russians were making a new smash through Pomerania toward the Baltic. Drumburg is 47 miles southwest of Koeslin.

Roosevelt Will Submit Six or More Peace Treaties to Senate

foreseen by diplomatic officials as inevitable in establishing the peace:

1. The United Nations charter would provide to commit the United States to full and active membership in a world organization prepared to use force when necessary to prevent war or to meet the threats of war.

2. A separate treaty or possibly a series of treaties with other countries in the proposed United Nations organization stating in detail the amount of force—land, sea and air—which the United States is prepared to use in fulfilling its part of the bargain to cooperate under the United Nations charter in maintaining the security.

3. A special treaty, probably among the leading military powers only, providing for control of armaments and the scaling down of the armament burden. This probably will not come along for many months, although it is contemplated under the United Nations organization plan as worked out at Dumbarton Oaks.

4. A general treaty among the

9th and Canadian Armies Join to Form Solid Front West of Rhine

Gen. Harmon, Pacific Air Chief, And 9 Others Missing on Flight

600 Yards Between Last Stronghold and Marines

BY LEIF ERICKSON

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam — (AP)—Only 600 yards of terrain stood today between the Third U. S. marines and the point at which they may cut the last interconnecting Japanese pillbox line, along blood-soaked two island's northern end.

But it was a rugged stretch, by anybody's definition. It sloped irregularly downward to a cliff which probably will serve as the last stand of the Japanese.

Between the marine outpost and the cliff runs a system of half-underground enemy defense works which, like others the marines have faced in the last ten days, must be taken the hard way. And the Japanese are beginning to show signs of desperation.

The Third division leathernecks, under Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine, lunged forward 700 yards Friday to seize a 362-foot hill in the northern

Reds in Sight Of Baltic at Three Places

BY JAMES F. KING

London — (AP)—Second White Russian army tanks have severed communications between Danzig and Stettin, isolating the German troops being backed against the Baltic in eastern Pomerania, the "Polish corridor" and the Danzig territory, the Berlin radio said today.

The Russians were fighting within sight of the Baltic at three places.

Moscow clothed in a security blackout the exact extent of the Soviet penetration northward in Pomerania, but AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore said in dispatch from the Russian capital that Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's wedge driven between Rammelsburg and Bublitz southeast of Koeslin "has broken the German's line as a line."

By German account, Russian armoured spearheads cut across the Danzig-Stettin communications east of Koeslin, seven miles from the Baltic coast.

Moscow has not confirmed this report nor a German statement that the Russians were in the outskirts of Koeslin.

By enemy accounts Russian attempts to widen their wedge were repulsed in wild hand-to-hand fighting while Moscow dispatches said Rokossovsky, when he had driven his wedge as far as he needed it, turned his attention to the flanks and rapidly beat back Volkstrum (home guard) and seasoned Nazi army units.

A German communique announcement that Soviet units had thrust northwest of Drumburg, indicated the Russians were making a new smash through Pomerania toward the Baltic. Drumburg is 47 miles southwest of Koeslin.

BY REMBERT JAMES

Army Headquarters, Pacific Ocean Areas — (AP)—Lt. Gen. Milford F. Harmon, commander of army air forces operating in the Pacific, is missing with nine other officers and men in a transoceanic flight.

Early today the army announced that the 57-year-old general's plane was mysteriously missing on a routine flight and the greatest air and naval search ever launched in the Pacific was underway.

The brief announcement by Lt. Gen. Richard C. Richardson, Jr., commander of army forces in the Pacific ocean area, did not disclose when or where the plane was lost.

When last heard from the general's big converted bomber had ample fuel to complete its flight and was traveling through good weather over calm seas.

Fate is Uncertain
There was no indication whether the plane—presumably the four-engine Liberator that Harmon normally uses—was flying through a combat zone and might have been attacked by Japanese aircraft or whether it may have crashed because of operational difficulties.

General Richardson said all available naval ships and planes had been dispatched to join in the search for Harmon, who as deputy commander of the 20th air force played a leading role in the Superfortress attacks on Tokyo.

Vast areas of the ocean undoubtedly are being combed by surface ships and planes since the hunt exceeds the great quest in the Pacific for Amelia Earhart and Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker.

The rescue of Rickenbacker, America's World War I flying ace, after being lost south of Hawaii for three weeks in 1942, gave hope to the hunt for Harmon.

Had Narrow Escape
Gen. Harmon, 57, is a native of San Francisco. A West Pointer, he was a fighter pilot in France in the first World War. Harmon commanded army air forces in the Solomon Islands fighting, winning the distinguished service medal.

He had a narrow escape from death on a torpedoed ship in June, 1943, and since has traveled the Pacific principally by plane.

Among those missing in addition to General Harmon are:
Brig. Gen. James R. Anderson of Washington, D. C., chief of staff to General Harmon.

Col. William Ball, Washington, D. C., executive officer for the deputy commander of operations, army air forces, Pacific ocean area.
1st Lt. Jack M. West, Chicago, co-pilot.

Next of kin have all been notified.

Japs Suffer Heavy Losses in Attack On Ryukyu Islands

United States Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam — (AP)—Without enemy air opposition, carrier aircraft of the U. S. Pacific fleet attacked the Ryukyu islands, southwest of Japan March 1, striking at military, naval and air installations and shipping.

Forty-one enemy aircraft were destroyed, 30 more destroyed or damaged, a destroyer, six small cargo ships, two medium cargo ships, and four other small vessels were sunk. Probably sunk were one medium cargo ship, six small coastal cargo ships and six luggers.

Twenty-nine other vessels were damaged.

150 Americans Are Massacred By Japs

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon — (AP)—The massacre of 150 American war prisoners by the Japanese constabulary at Puerto Principe, Palawan island, was officially announced tonight by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

In a special press release the general said "additional evidence" had been uncovered by the Yank 41st infantry division at the Puerto Principe prison camp substantiating stories that the Japanese threw gasoline in on the helpless Americans, ignited it and then machine-gunned or bayoneted any one who tried to flee.

VETERAN IS SENTENCED

Oshkosh — (AP)—Rudolph Snell, 25, of Omro, who survived the sinking of the aircraft carrier Yorktown, was sentenced to the state prison at Waupun for a term of 1 to 1½ years today after he pleaded guilty to taking a car without the owner's consent.

Snell recently was discharged from the navy.

Germans Blow Up All Spans in Duesseldorf

Paris — (AP)—Vanguards of the U.S. Ninth and Canadian First armies joined today to form a solid front west of the Rhine while the Germans blew up all the bridges in the Duesseldorf area as 250,000 U.S. soldiers raced up to the great water barrier on the heels of retreating nazis.

"Americans entered Uerdingen, just north of fallen Krefeld, and were fighting on the approaches to the fine superhighway bridge there.

The Canadian-American juncture apparently trapped sizable portions of two German armies. RAF pilots spotted Germans in headlong, disorderly flight westward toward the Rhine.

The Uerdingen highway leads on to the big port of Duisburg. Farther north another U.S. division was within eight miles of the Honberg bridge near Duisburg.

Farther south the U.S. First army struck to within four miles of Cologne, fourth city of the Reich, by reaching Poulheim, and was within 12 miles of Bonn.

Two American armies and the Canadian army now had a solid front from Xanten near the lower Rhine bend to Bonn, shoving Germans in pellmell retreat across the river.

The Ninth army pushed forward six miles today to link with the Canadian forces.

Ross Munro, Canadian press correspondent, said the Germans had given up the entire western sector facing the Canadian army front.

Ninth army men held a six mile stretch of the Rhine's west bank at and near Neuss opposite Duesseldorf where the bridges were destroyed.

The spans, including the Neuss bridge built with loans from allied countries in 1929, were sent crashing down to halt the American Ninth army surge at the Rhine, but their destruction hampered escape of German remnants rolled up in the victorious battle west of the great river.

The bridges were demolished late last night and early today, AP correspondent Wes Gallagher wire-leased.

A Berlin broadcast this afternoon said bitter fighting was raging near Neuss "for the bridge across the Rhine." Captured Neuss is the western bank suburb of shell-wrecked Duesseldorf.

Spearing northwest from Krefeld, Ninth army units were within five miles of a junction with the

854,377 CAPTIVES
Paris — (AP)—German captives since D-day last June total 854,377, with more than one-quarter taken by the U.S. First army, supreme headquarters disclosed today.

Canadian First army, squeezing in a pincers on thousands of German troops.

North of Neuss, Americans were battling toward the fine Uerdingen highway bridge at the Rhine east of fallen Krefeld.

Three bridges, including a railroad span across the Rhine at Neuss, where the river is 1,180 feet wide. Americans who pushed into Neuss with comparative ease encountered bitter opposition as they drove toward the spans. German guns across the Rhine in Duesseldorf joined the battle.

American artillery was pounding both Duesseldorf and Cologne, and Duisburg was coming within range of the advance slowly knocking out the vital Ruhr arsenals of Germany.

Act of Chapultepec Accorded Approval

Mexico City — (AP)—The inter-American conference here today guaranteed the territorial integrity and the independence of each American republic backed by the armed power of the hemisphere.

The act of Chapultepec, modified by the United States from the original document combining proposals from Colombia, Uruguay and Brazil, was approved by the commission on inter-American affairs.

The pledge will take effect immediately when the act is signed, probably at the last meeting of the conference on Wednesday.

Benjamin Cotton Is Seriously Wounded

Pfc. Benjamin Cotton, who was seriously wounded February 12 in action on Bataan is now hospitalized in the Pacific area, according to word received by his wife, Eva Cotton of this city.

Pfc. Cotton went overseas in December, 1943, and was injured in the foot and legs by a Japanese hand grenade.

Relax, Girls! Sinatra Is Out

Jersey City, N.J. — (AP)—Crooner Frank Sinatra has been disqualified for military duty after physical reexamination by army physicians, and his local draft board will meet soon to decide whether his occupation is "essential to the national welfare and interest."

A punctured ear drum was the only thing found wrong with the crooner, his draft board chairman said.

Ira W. Caldwell, chairman of the Hudson county local board 10, said Sinatra was classified automatically today as 2-A-F until September.

Costly Fighting Rages On Yank Italian Front
Rome — (AP)—Fierce fighting that has been costly to both sides raged today along the east bank of the Senio river in the Eighth army sector of the Italian front, Allied headquarters announced.

Frank Sweet, Former Resident, Dies at 57

Frank Sweet, 57, a former resident here, died unexpectedly at his home in Racine Wednesday afternoon. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and three sons, two of whom are in the service; his mother, Mrs. Mary Sweet and his three brothers, William, Roy and Robert Sweet, all of Wisconsin Rapids.

The three brothers plan to attend funeral services at Racine on Monday afternoon.

Costly Fighting Rages On Yank Italian Front

Rome — (AP)—Fierce fighting that has been costly to both sides raged today along the east bank of the Senio river in the Eighth army sector of the Italian front, Allied headquarters announced.