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## SIDETRACK PROPOSAL TO CUT STATE TAXES

### GOP HOLDS UP PLAN TO SLASH INCOME LEVIES

Madison, Wis. — (AP) — Both houses of the Wisconsin legislature organized speedily today with the re-election of Vernon Thomson, of Richland center, as speaker of the assembly, and Conrad Shearer, of Kenosha, as president of the senate. They were renamed by unanimous vote after the Progressives and Democrats gave complimentary votes to members of their parties.

Madison, Wis. — (AP) — A proposal to reduce state income taxes 33 1/2 per cent as a wartime relief measure for taxpayers faced with heavy federal levies was sidetracked temporarily today as the Wisconsin legislature convened for its 66th biennial session.

A bill making a one-third cut in all individual income assessments had been drafted by the steering committee representing the dominant Republican majorities which will control each house but in view of Acting Governor Walter S. Goodland's opposition to the plan the G.O.P. caucus decided yesterday to withhold introducing it for at least a week. Goodland's Message Thursday

Goodland will deliver his first message to the legislators at 11:30 a. m. Thursday and is expected to give his views against tax reduction at this time and in favor of accumulating surpluses to take care of post-war financial needs.

The steering committee will meet with him tomorrow night to discuss the action taken by the caucus in recommending nine bills for immediate introduction.

Three other measures, including the tax cut plan, had been offered by the committee but the caucus withheld its approval until further consideration could be given them. One advocates a uniform system of county government and another the creation of a state agency to rehabilitate the northern cutover area. Off to Harmonious Start

The Republican solons, who will have better than a two-thirds majority in senate and assembly, got off to a harmonious start by deciding to re-elect the officers of the 1941 session.

They are Speaker Vernon Thomson, of Richland Center, Chief Clerk Arthur May, of Madison and Sergeant-at-Arms Norris J. Kellman, of Galeville in the assembly; Senator Conrad Shearer, of Kenosha, president pro tem, Chief Clerk Lawrence Larson, of Racine and Sergeant-at-Arms Emil Hartman, of Madison, in the senate.

Since Goodland holds the post of lieutenant governor, as well as that of acting chief executive to replace See—LEGISLATURE—Page 7

### Jap Base at Sinyang Recaptured by Chinese

Chungking — (AP) — Sinyang, important Japanese base in southern Honan province on the Peiping-Hankow trunk railway, has been recaptured by the Chinese, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

This was considered the most significant Chinese victory in months in the central China war theater.

The high command's communique also reported the recapture of Hwangchuan, east of Sinyang, in a battle in which 600 Japanese were slain.

### Kate Smith Reported in Critical Condition

New York — (AP) — The condition of Kate Smith, radio singer who is ill with a stomach ailment, was described as critical today by her manager, Ted Collins.

Collins said Miss Smith became ill last Friday with a gall bladder attack, and that nine doctors were in consultation on the advisability of operating.

He said she was at home, and felt "somewhat" better today than she did yesterday.

### THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Rising temperature, with occasional light snow, tonight and Thursday forenoon.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 8; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., -15; temperature at 7 a. m., -15.

### Soviets Push Axis Forces Back Along Hundred-Mile Front; Lay Siege to Salsk

London — (AP) — The German high command announced tonight that the Russians have launched a new offensive in the Voronezh area, the Berlin radio said in a broadcast heard by Reuters.

Moscow — (AP) — Along a 100-mile front from deep in the Caucasus to the lower Kalmyck steppe, the Red army is pushing axis invaders back toward Rostov, and just north of this sector other Russian columns are preparing for the siege of Salsk, another milestone on the way to Rostov, Soviet authorities said today.

Only in the lower Don river valley was German resistance admitted to be in such force that the push toward Rostov was slowed from that direction.

Red Planes Raid Krasnodar (The Soviet noon communique said several more populated places fell to the Russian Caucasus army in the night's fighting and added a significant report: that Red army planes had swept far west to Krasnodar in a series of raids on the air-drome at that key German strong-point and rail center, 150 miles south of Rostov and only 60 miles east of Novorossisk, on the Black sea.

(Ten German planes were destroyed on the ground, and two were brought down in an aerial duel, the communique said. It was broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded in London by the Soviet monitor. Hurl Back Nazi Tanks

(A German tank advance in the lower Don area was thrown back in vicious fighting and several towns were occupied in one sector, the war bulletin said.

(The Russians also reported that Red army shock troops had broken through to the western outskirts of Stalingrad after bitter fighting in buildings, courtyards and streets. The siege of Stalingrad began 141 days ago.

(The besiegers themselves are held in a huge trap before Stalingrad by the Russian columns that fanned out in the winter offensive launched Nov. 19.)

Advance Along Railway The Soviet midnight communique pictured the far-flung central Caucasus advance moving steadily along both sides of the railway that angles from Baku, oil center on the Caspian, northwestward to Rostov, at the mouths of the Don, near where the river splits to flow into the Sea of Azov 25 miles below the city limits.

The recapture of six more points in the Caucasus, including Essentuki, 12 miles west of Pyatigorsk, was announced. Essentuki's fall See—RUSSIAN FRONT—Page 7

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"Tin cans represent two strategic materials—tin and steel," Mr. Franson said. "The nation must have all it can get. Now that processing is available to recover the metals, every kitchen must become a salvage center."

In Wisconsin Rapids, the collection by city trucks will start at 8 a. m.

Mr. Franson urged all housewives of the district to continue to save their tin cans. Other collections will be made periodically to gather them for this continuing phase of salvage for war purposes.

"Mrs. Miniver" Voted Year's Best Picture New York — (AP) — "Mrs. Miniver," drama of war-time English family life, was selected as the best picture of 1942 in a nationwide poll of newspaper, magazine and radio film critics, the Film Daily, motion picture trade paper, announced today.

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BUT THE FLAG WAS STILL THERE—Twisted steel, flame and smoke and death, that was the signal bridge of the U. S. carrier Hornet after a Jap dive bomber pilot crashed his plane into the bridge. But the Stars and Stripes still rippled from the gaff. (Associated Press photo from U. S. navy.)

### Begin Tin Can Salvage Collections in South Wood County Saturday

First of the periodic tin can collections in the south Wood county district will be made next Saturday, January 16, to gather up this district's contribution of vital tin and steel for the war effort.

Lloyd Franson, Wisconsin Rapids, has been named tin can salvage chairman for the district by Bernard C. Brazeau, general district salvage chairman. Mr. Franson announced today that the collection will begin in Wisconsin Rapids, Neokosa, Port Edwards, Biron, Babcock and Vester next Saturday morning.

Name Local Chairmen Directing the collections locally will be Harold Haertel, Wisconsin Rapids chairman; Albert Amundson, Babcock; James Kellogg, Vesper; Phil Nobles, Biron; Jerry Kurz, Port Edwards, and Frank Korbal, Neokosa.

Householders are to place their prepared cans in containers in front of their houses where the truck crews can pick them up. The cans will be concentrated here for the district and then taken to Stevens Point, regional collection center, by county highway department trucks for shipment directly to the detinning centers. Storage facilities here have been provided by the Bo-Sert Coal company.

Mr. Franson said communities will be credited with amounts of cans brought here, and money received will be turned back for community use.

Public Health Endangered The WLB, in telegrams to John L. Lewis, UMW president, and heads of five companies, declared that "anthracite coal stockpiles are at a critically low level endangering the health of our people and the prosecution of the war," and added

"Unless this threat to the safety of our nation is immediately terminated, the board will exercise all powers within its jurisdiction to fulfill its obligation to the country."

Strike in 15th Day Spokesmen for the 19,000 participating in the 15-day-old wildcat strike took this statement to be a strong indication that the board, if necessary, would recommend that Mr. Roosevelt seize the 15 strike-bound collieries in the name of the government.

The strikers demand a \$2 a day bonus over wages estimated unofficially to average \$8.50 a day. They also are protesting against an increase in union dues from \$1 to \$1.50.

In many sections of the oil-rationed east, the outlook has created the worst coal shortage since the World war. Production has been reduced by about 30,000 tons a day.

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### Indict Negro Janitor on Sabotage Charge

Detroit — (AP) — A federal grand jury indictment today charged George Clarence Myers, 20-year-old Negro and former janitor in the Chrysler Corp. Jefferson avenue plant, with sabotage.

John W. Babcock, chief assistant district attorney, said Myers smashed two gauges on production machines, delaying war work involving thousands of dollars.

Myers didn't like his work, Babcock said, and resented not being able to get a better job.

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### BOARD VOTES TO REPLACE BOILER AT COUNTY JAIL

The Wood county board of supervisors this morning authorized purchase of a new boiler for the heating plant of the county jail here to replace the present boiler damaged last week when an automatic control failed and the boiler cracked from overheating.

Not Covered by Insurance The board approved a resolution of the public property committee, presented by the committee chairman, Supervisor Frank D. Abel, making available up to \$1,100 for a new installation. The type of accident involved is not covered by boiler insurance the county carries, Abel told the board.

As explained by Abel, failure of the mechanism controlling flow of water was at fault. He said a local plumber is able to supply a new boiler at once, and the board authorized its purchase without taking bids on the equipment.

Supervisor Ed Zettler, chairman of the insurance committee, reported that the county is not covered on accidents of the type experienced since premium for such coverage on all boilers in county-owned buildings would be approximately \$800 annually.

To Abandon Stamp Plan The board heard from Mrs. Ann M. Ganster, county welfare director, that the federal surplus marketing administration's food stamp plan will be abandoned after February 28, and that elimination of the plan will have a bearing on the county's 1943 relief costs.

Mrs. Ganster said she was informed the plan will be discontinued for the duration. Stamps made available to eligible cases up to February 28 will be honored, she said, and the windup of the plan will probably not be complete for a month or six weeks thereafter.

She forecast some difficulty in "reconciling" food budgets of relief cases with the plan discontinued, and indicated there might be some additional costs to the county beyond what is contemplated in the welfare department's 1943 budget.

While some change in the direct relief fund might come about, the See—COUNTY BOARD—Page 7

### Weaken Jap Foothold on Sanananda Point

Allied headquarters in Australia — (AP) — Allied ground forces in New Guinea reduced further the Japanese salient extending one and a half miles inland from Sanananda point on the Papuan peninsula of New Guinea yesterday as allied planes carried the triumphant campaign to the Salamaua area of New Guinea, allied headquarters announced today.

After announcing the destruction of Japanese positions at Sanananda point in the previous communique, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported today "further gains against the remaining enemy positions."

Nine Japanese bombers raided Merakue, colonial administrative center on the south coast of Dutch New Guinea yesterday, but caused only slight damage, it was said.

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### Ickes Calls for More Diligent Efforts to Aid Small Business Man

Washington — (AP) — Secretary of Interior Ickes pictured America's small business man today as a forlorn loser in the turmoil of war and called for a more diligent effort to keep him on a going basis.

"We can clearly see the trends," Ickes told a special senate committee which concerned itself primarily today with ways to find a place in the war economy for small mine operators, "—the major portion of war production contracts going to a few large corporations, the hundreds of small businesses closing."

"Resources, Talents Lie Idle" "The fundamental fact and problem that we face," he said, "is that both mineral resources and business talents lie idle. They must be brought together."

While Ickes was expressing his concern over this phase of war-brought changes in American life, assurance developed that the new congress would tackle the issue of a national retail sales tax.

Rep. Robertson (D-Va.) announced he would re-offer this method of raising revenue toward the goal of \$16,000,000,000 new income proposed by President Roosevelt in his budget message. A similar tax plan died last session but its supporters believe it will command more support now.

Condemns Coal Strike Meanwhile, the New England members of congress, gathered to discuss the fuel shortage which is especially acute to their states, heard Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, Democratic floor leader in the house, charge that those responsible for the anthracite strike in Pennsylvania were guilty of "what might well be termed close to treason."

Senator Brewster (R-Me.) suggested representatives of the striking miners should be summoned to Washington to explain the "difference in their action and sabotage, if not treason, in blocking the production of a vital commodity in this crisis."

As for the retail sales tax proposal, there was no apparent reticence by the administration from its policy of opposition.

Calls for Sales Tax A member of the tax-framing house ways and means committee which will start consideration of See—CONGRESS—Page 7

### Bedaux, Friend of Windsor, Held for Trading With Axis

Washington — (AP) — Secretary of State Hull disclosed today that Charles Bedaux, American industrial engineer known as the author of an "efficiency system" for industrial labor, has been arrested in North Africa on a charge of trading with the enemy.

In answer to press conference questions, Hull said that news of Bedaux's arrest had come to him but that he was not informed of the details.

Bedaux came into news prominence in 1937 when it was disclosed that he was arranging the details of an American tour which the Duke of Windsor was planning to make. Windsor subsequently dropped the idea of the visit.

Leaders of organized labor were especially critical of Bedaux, whose system is termed the "stretch-out" in union circles.

Windsor married his American wife, the former Wallis Warfield, in Bedaux's French home.

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Besides his parents he leaves three brothers, Charles and Richard of Los Angeles and Merle of Manitowish and one sister, Mrs. Myles Terry of Lewiston, Ill. Local relatives include an aunt, Mrs. George A. Otto, and two uncles, Leonard and Francis Bender. Bruce was born in Wisconsin Rapids on March 1, 1915.

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### BANK OFFICIALS REELECTED HERE

The two national banks of Wisconsin Rapids, the First National bank and the Wood County National bank, held their annual meetings at their banking houses Tuesday evening, reporting satisfactory progress during the trying year of 1942. All officers and directors were reelected by both banks.

The meetings were more informal this year, according to bank executives, with brief reports of the officers followed by discussions of banking problems under wartime conditions. The stockholders discussed the general business conditions as related to bank operators.

Lists Bonds Sold W. J. Taylor, president of the First National, reported to his stockholders that the bank had holdings of two million dollars in government bonds, which represented an increase during the year in such holdings. Sales of government bonds through the First National to others during the year totaled \$2,165,000 while savings deposits showed the largest gain since 1934, the report stated.

Directors reelected by the bank were Charlotte G. Witter, George W. Mead, Stanton W. Mead, W. J. Taylor, H. C. Demitz, C. D. Searies and R. F. Johnson. Mr. Taylor as president, Stanton W. Mead, vice president, H. C. Demitz, cashier, W. G. Schroedel and E. C. Brenner, assistant cashiers, were all reelected by the directors.

Tells of Ration Banking Following the review of a satisfactory year of business by the officers, Guy O. Babcock, president of the Wood County National, gave an analysis of the ration banking activity, which is to be put in vogue on January 27. This system, Mr. Babcock explained was tried out in eastern areas before it was generally accepted as the most efficient method of operating a clearing house for ration coupons and merchandise in each community by the banks of the United States in service to OPA. While it entails considerable detail bookkeeping on the part of banks, Mr. Babcock told his stockholders he did not believe that it would seriously overload the bookkeeping and accounting departments of his bank or any other banking institution.

Directors reelected by the Wood County National were Guy O. Babcock, John E. Alexander, E. C. Wittig, A. E. Bennett, Einar Olson, C. R. Wood and A. F. Gottschalk. Following the stockholders' meeting the directors met and reelected Mr. Babcock, president; Mr. Alexander, vice president; Mr. Wittig, cashier, and F. H. Muehlestein, Fred F. Haertel and Charles V. Stark as assistant cashiers.

### Vocational Board Adopts New School Schedule Here

At a meeting of the board of vocational and adult education Tuesday night, a new school attendance program was adopted for the duration of the war, according to W. A. Sprise, director.

Youth between the ages of 16 and 18 who are employed on a labor permit, and who have been attending on a one day per week basis of eight hours, will attend two afternoons, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 o'clock to 5 o'clock, beginning the week of January 25.