

# PETAÏN TO TELL CABINET RESULT OF HITLER TALK

Vichy, France, Oct. 25—(AP)—Marshal Philippe Petaïn, France's 84-year-old chief of state, was expected to return to Vichy today to inform his ministers on the outcome of an historic meeting with Adolf Hitler upon which a government announcement said, "the situation of the nation and its future in large measure depend."

Major Action Brewing—Official silence clouded the nature of the negotiations which took place in a railway car somewhere in German-occupied France yesterday, but the public divine from Petaïn's unprecedented action that major changes in France's position was brewing.

Hidden also were the results of Hitler's conference Wednesday on the French-Spanish frontier with Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

So far have events moved already that observers here believed an announcement of France's new place in the European order being planned by the axis powers would be forthcoming quickly.

Petaïn to Explain to Cabinet—Informed sources, however, said that while Petaïn had authority to make an agreement with Hitler it was likely he would explain the situation to his cabinet before making a definite commitment.

Vichy was almost breathless with excitement over the rapid-fire trend of events and speculation was increased by imposition of new and more stringent censorship in connection with the current negotiations.

All the temporary capital really knew was that Petaïn, accompanied by Vice Premier Pierre Laval, had crossed into the occupied zone yesterday morning where he had received military honors from German soldiers, talked with Nazi generals and late in the afternoon had a long conference with Hitler in what a communique described as "impressive surroundings."

Communicates describing these events were issued only after German agencies had published similar announcements of the meetings.

Began Five Days Ago—The negotiations which culminated in the first interview between the Nazi Fuehrer and a French chief of state began only five days ago when Laval left Vichy for Paris apparently to discuss with German officials the possible return of the French government to Paris.

Two days later the French government broke its silence on Laval's visit to announce his meeting with Hitler.

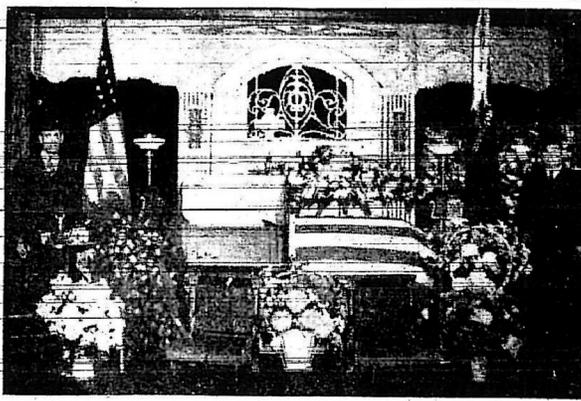
On his return to Vichy, Laval conferred Wednesday for several hours with Petaïn and later attended a meeting of leading cabinet ministers. He left them several times to confer again with the marshal, but halted his scheduled return that night to Paris so he started out early yesterday morning—but with him went France's highest official, Petaïn.

## Box of Blasting Caps Found by 2 Children at Play

Two 5-year-old children had a close brush with death here yesterday, but they didn't realize it.

Lois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Rathrope, and Arthur, son of Mrs. Ward Pound, found a metal box containing 100 blasting caps while playing at the corner of Oak and Third streets, in front of the Episcopal vicarage. The box had been concealed in a tile pipe embedded in the ground near a tree between the sidewalk and curb.

Fortunately, the children did not tamper with the blasting caps, containing enough nitro-glycerine to produce a tremendous explosion. They carried the box to the Lath-



GUARD SOLDIERS HONOR—The body of Private Donald George Henry lay in state today at the Krohn and Beard funeral chapel, awaiting burial with military honors Saturday morning. Above, the body, laid out in the uniform of the U. S. army, rests in a casket draped with the national colors. Legionnaires William Lust, left, and Wesley Fritz, were two of the ex-service men detailed to stand constant guard.

# Body of Private Henry Lies in State, With Legion Honor Guard

## BUY EQUIPMENT FOR SUBSTATION

The water and light commission Thursday night awarded a contract to supply the metal clad switchgear for the east side substation to the Wisconsin Rapids Manufacturing company of East Pittsburgh, Pa., at the company's bid of \$54,798.

Three Bids Entered—The commissioners approved the low bid of three entered. Only a few dollars separated the bids, the General Electric company's figure being \$54,818 and the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing company's \$55,117. To be built especially for the new substation, the equipment will be constructed within 100 days, contract terms stipulate.

Manager Frank L. Steib of the Wisconsin Rapids public utility said the equipment, accounting for the large part of the cost of the new east side facilities, is to be built in anticipation of requirements covering the next 20 years based on the current upward growth trend of the city.

Building Under Construction—The building, fronting on the east side market square, is already under construction and the manager indicated both building and two towers for power transmission cables would be ready in ample time for the installation of the switch gear.

Towers 75 feet high and 20 feet square at the base, of galvanized iron, will be reared near the substation and the Cities Service oil station on First street. The first street tower will carry the heavy power cable leading electricity directly from the Consolidated power source. The power will then be transmitted across the square underground for distribution to east side outlets.

The switchgear will be built to handle 4,000 volt loads but to operate at 2,300 volts at present, and will control nine circuits. The circuit breakers are to have a 100,000 KVA interrupting capacity and 7,500 vft insulation. The switching equipment will consist of nine metal clad sections.

## Elks Club Burglars Obtain Small Haul

Burglary of the Elks club at 240

The body of Privates Donald George Henry lay in state at the Krohn and Beard funeral today. American Legionnaires stood guard before the flag-draped casket. Outside, in the mortuary yard, a flag floated at traditional half mast.

Returned yesterday from Tennessee, where the youth National Guardsman was killed in a traffic accident as the second battalion of the 128th Field Artillery travelled southward to Louisiana, the body was met at the Milwaukee depot by a crowd estimated at nearly 100 persons.

So strong was the press around the Milwaukee road's Hinwatha that northbound mail could not be put aboard before the train pulled out.

It was a silent crowd that watched the soldier's body placed in the hearse. It was a silent crowd that watched from the sidewalks along Grand avenue as the Legion color guard and escort moved in solemn cortege to the mortuary. Traffic officers led.

Grand avenue at that late afternoon hour burned and clatters commonly. Thursday at that hour, in the autumn half-light, it was heavy with quiet. Seldom has the community yielded tribute of the depth and yesterday to Private Henry.

Guarded constantly by Legionnaires, posted in details of two for 1 1/2 hours, the body will remain at the mortuary until Saturday morning. Legionnaires are active in the absence of guards from the battery. Prayers will be said at the mortuary tonight at 8:16.

Military Rites Saturday—At 8:30 tomorrow morning, the body will be taken under escort of the Legion's color guard, firing squad, pallbearers and honorary pallbearers to St. Peter and Paul church where the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Reding will officiate assisted by the Rev. A. F. Hauman.

The Rev. Louis Papette, of Vester, an army reserve chaplain, was designated by Legion Commander J. J. Pizak today as chaplain for the military services at the grave in Legionnaires, while former members of Battery E and members of the Wisconsin Rapids Motorcycle club, of which Private Henry was a member, will act as honorary pallbearers.

From the church, the procession will proceed in cars to the cemetery. Chief R. J. Exner arranged today for special traffic directed by his full force, in anticipation of throngs attending the rites.

# Sneezing Powder Upsets Court

Burglary of the Elks club at 240

# WILL SERVE 4 FULL YEARS IF ELECTED--FDR

Washington, Oct. 25—(AP)—President Roosevelt laid his press conference today that he intended to serve out the whole four years if he is elected to a third term.

Answers Reporter's Question—The president made the statement in reply to a reporter's question concerning his speech Wednesday night in Philadelphia in which the

RAPS "SLIMMY CAMPAIGN"

New York, Oct. 25—(AP)—Democratic National Chairman Edward J. Flynn asserted today that the Republican campaign forces were attempting to "stir up religious hatred" and denounce what he called

"the slimy campaign that the Republicans are conducting."

At his press conference the Democratic leader referred to what he said was a story and news picture in a Philadelphia newspaper describing a campaign billboard.

The billboard, Flynn said, carried these slogans: "Save Your Church, Dictators Hate Religion, Vote Straight Republican."

"At last they have brought into the open what they have been doing underhandedly for the last month," Flynn said, declaring that his office would trace the responsibility for the billboard.

President said his objective in the next four years would be to make work for every young man and woman "a living fact."

The reporter asked: "Does this mean that, God willing, you intend to serve the full four-year term if re-elected?"

"Of course," Mr. Roosevelt responded with a smile.

He then volunteered that the newspaper report was "a very interesting one," and added he was glad the reporter had put in "God willing."

Stays 12 Hours from Capital—The president, in response to further questioning, suggested that as long as the international situation continues as it is at present, he would not go more than 12 hours away from Washington to campaign.

He made this reply when asked whether he would go to Chicago before the election and added that there had been a misunderstanding about plans for a western tour. Governor John Stolle of Illinois had indicated that Mr. Roosevelt might go to that state before election.

The president said that if the foreign situation eased up there were many places he would like to go, including the middle west and Warm Springs, Ga., for Thanksgiving.

## Two Injured in Auto Accidents on Hy. 13

Two motorists sustained injuries in accidents reported today by the sheriff's office. Both were on Highway 13 south of the city.

Fred Bender, 72, was taken to his home shortly before noon today, after the car in which he was riding, driven by his son Leo, city, was struck from behind by a car driven by Walter Jero, Saratoga.

Sho-Hi Henry Jackson reported that Leo Bender, intending to make a left turn, had stopped his car to let the Jero car pass. The driver's father suffered from shock and minor bruises. Damage to the two cars was estimated at more than \$200.

Norman Rees, city, was treated for injuries at Riverview hospital Wednesday night after his car, headed south on the highway about seven miles south of here, left the roadway and went into the ditch on the west side. August Reaso, father of the driver, was discharged after examination at the hospital.

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