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City—(P)—Thomas J. 72, former powerful boss of Kansas City and no served a year in fed- for income tax evasion, ight of heart disease. 1," as he was known, en- spital last Tuesday. He d from a heart ailment cations since an attack y thrombosis while at- 1936 Democratic nation- on in Philadelphia. st, one of the most color- big city bosses, reached of his power in 1932 huge majorities in Jack- helped elect a governor gressmen-at-large and in he successfully backed own Harry S. Truman, president of the United : senator. nfall came in May, 1939, as sentenced to 15 months l prison after he had ility to income tax eva-

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around Clark field delayed the American drive toward Manila.

Troops of the 16th Indian corps swarmed over the beaches of Chedub Island in the British amphibious push toward Rangoo and Singapore. In 30 days, five landings have advanced the British 100 miles from Akyab to Chedub.

Superforts swept out of two widely separated bases for their double strike today. Some 70 B-29s from the Marianas islands bombed industrial targets in Tokyo.

Raid Indo-China

India-based superforts raided into China, apparently concentrating on Saigon.

Unconfirmed Tokyo broadcasts claimed Japanese submarines operating in central Philippines waters hit two transports and a seaplane tender, presumably on the way to Luzon island.

Only small gains on the northeastern Luzon fronts were reported by Sen. Douglas MacArthur who spent yesterday watching U.S. Sixth army artillery duel with Japanese guns firing down from the hills north and west of Clark field.

Many other big Japanese guns were captured by Yapks pushing through the hills from Bamban toward Clark field. The Japanese fled to prepared positions in the hills, abandoning the finest air field in the Philippines to the Americans.

Huge Amount Of Booty

With the field went batteries of antiaircraft guns and stacks of ammunition. Runways and revetments were littered with millions of dollars worth of wrecked Japanese planes. They were destroyed by U.S. air forces which also have accounted for 79 locomotives, 466 railroad cars, 18 tanks, and 535 trucks and staff cars.

Before the B-29s swept over Tokyo, Emperor Hirohito approved a record Japanese military budget of \$5,000,000,000 yen (\$1,400,000,000) for the first fiscal year. This is one fourth larger than Japan's estimated national income and doesn't include the regular budget.

The Chinese army newspaper Sao Tung Pao again published unconfirmed reports that 40 or 50 American and Japanese warships fought a battle off the China coast Tuesday. It said "the broken Japanese navy" fled and may have taken refuge off the Chekiang coast back of Formosa and the Ryukyu islands.

Worker of Nekoosa Admits Draft Charge

Wausau—(P)—Franklin B. England, 36, a transient worker employed in a Nekoosa machine shop, pleaded guilty before Paul G. Megan, U. S. court commissioner yesterday to a federal indictment charging him with failure to report for army induction at Detroit on December 25, 1943.

England was bound over to federal court for further hearing and removed to the custody of the Dane county jail at Madison.

England was arrested at Nekoosa on a fugitive warrant issued at Detroit last September 7.

Edwin Regan Is Killed in Leyte Action



SGT. EDWIN REGAN

Staff Sgt. Edwin J. Regan, 99, was killed in action on the island of Leyte in the Philippines December 9, according to a war department telegram received Friday afternoon by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Regan, 450 Third avenue south. He had been serving with the 16th infantry in the south Pacific since April 1942.

It was three years ago December 11, 1941, that Sergeant Regan left Wisconsin Rapids to begin his army training. From Fort Sheridan, Ill., he was assigned to Camp Roberts, Calif. Four months later he was on his way to Australia, where he remained from April until late August, 1942. From that time until September, 1944, he participated in the various campaigns on New Guinea, with only one rest period in Australia.

Letters written by the sergeant on September 3 and September 22 located him in the Netherlands East Indies. On November 17 he announced his arrival in the Philippines. His last letter was dated November 29 and was followed by a Christmas greeting.

Edwin was born March 28, 1915, at Stevens Point, his parents moving soon afterward to Nekoosa and then to Wisconsin Rapids, where he attended the East Side Lutheran school, Witter Vocational and Lincoln High school, graduating in 1936. He played with the football team in 1934 and boxed in the Golden Gloves. Before entering the army he was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Eleanor and Mrs. Reynolds Peterson, both living at home, the latter's husband being with the U. S. air force in Corsica.

years has been to maintain the independence of the individual in his constitutional rights to join a union, not join a union or to resign from a union as he wishes," Avery declared.

"There has been at no time any opposition to unionism," he asserted. "The company's position has been against the closed shop. Our wages, hours and working conditions have not been a cause of the dispute.

Samuel Wolchok, international president of the CIO United Retail, wholesale and Department stores employees, principal union involved in the long labor dispute which led to the seizure, said he could not say what action the union would take and its executive board would decide at a meeting Monday in New York.

After reading Avery's statement which said Ward's had battled for several years for the workers' constitutional rights to join a union, not to join a union or to resign from a union as he wishes," Wolchok declared: "Woe to labor if Avery becomes its champion."

"President Without Authority"

"I am of the opinion that the president was without authority, either under Section 3 of the war labor disputes act, or under the war powers conferred upon him by the constitution as commander in chief of the army and navy to take possession of the plants and facilities of Montgomery Ward and Company," the court asserted.

The decision in the case which the government said affected the nation's entire wartime labor dispute settlement machinery dismissed the government petition for a judgment to uphold legality of the seizure and for an injunction to restrain Ward's officials from interfering with army operations.

"Our nation is engaged in a global war and it is imperative that we contribute everything we have to insure its speedy and successful conclusion, Judge Sullivan asserted.

"Our country is in a great crisis and our liberty and very existence are at stake. So deeply do I feel on this subject that I believe it is not too much to expect that for the duration employers, employees and unions on the home front should make a determined effort to adjust their labor disagreements without resorting to strikes and lockouts.

Asks Voluntary Suspension

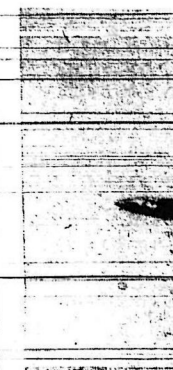
"Selfishness, arrogance, intolerance of the rights of others, self interest and unwillingness' should, See—WARD'S—Page 7

Subs Sink 21 Enemy Ships

Washington—(P)—U. S. submarines have sunk 21 more enemy vessels, including a light cruiser, in Far Eastern waters, the navy announced today.

The toll also included a large tanker, a large cargo transport, a medium auxiliary, 9 medium cargo vessels, a medium tanker, 3 small cargo transports, and 4 small cargo vessels.

The actions, announced in a navy communique, brought to 279 the total of Japanese vessels sunk by submarines, including 104 combatant



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Johnson \$2,500 Side Ba

Johnson & Hill compa sin Rapids department cern, has presented the gift of \$2,500 to be used for the construction of a baseball field projected west side at Mayor William T. Noble today. Mayor Nobles has notified council mem "generous donation" and ance that the check would be formally at the city cing February 6.

In thanking Johnson the contribution, Mr. Nob is expressions of civic is as these which will help city one of the most out the country. I'm sure th for all when I say that it is greatly appreciated be used for the purpose

A letter from Ray F. J sident, which accompan reads as follows:

"We are informed tha Wisconsin Rapids recen title to approximately unimproved lands, kno Bender property, frontin tenth avenue, and that now in process of landsc plan will include consi certain recreational facili a baseball diamond. est of our youth and t Baseball, one of Americ sports—we tender our con herewith in the amount the proceeds of which the city as a contribution to defray any part or al of constructing a baseh within the property wh

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