## •58 Japanese Ships Sunk or Damaged in Sea Battle

### U.S. Navy Launches New Raids on Manila After Great Victory

(By the Associated Press)

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor-The victorious American navy has launched new aerial attacks against Manila, Tokyo reported today, after sinking or damaging 58 Japanese warships in one of history's greatest naval triumphs.

The Third and Seventh U. S. fleets definitely sank 24 Japanese warcraft, including four aircraft carriers and two battleships, in last week's naval action off the Philippines, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced last night.

Thirteen more Japanese craft, including a battleship, were damaged so badly they may have sunk, and 21 other warcraft, including six

battleships, were damaged. The total—at least 500,000 tons--

is more warcraft than Japan lost in all the four preceding great Pacific war sea battles combined. U. S. Lost Six Warships American forces spent six war-

ships for a victory by which, Nimitz said, "the Japanese fleet has been decisively defeated and routed." Dispatches from the Philippines say, however, American personnel casualties were "considerable." In addition, the 10,000-ton Australian cruiser, Australia, was

(Tokyo radio today reported, with out allied confirmation, that 200 U. S. carrier planes staged three raids on Manila and Clark airfield Saturday-just three days after heavy fighting in the naval battle ended. Japanese aircraft, said another Tokyo broadcast, Sunday began attacking an American task force, including four aircraft carriers, in Lamon bay, on the east coast of Luzon, opposite Manila). 'Overwhelming Victory'

Nimitz' 1100-word communique said that "amplifying reports, although still subject to revision as more information is received, indicate an overwhelming victory. . . the second battle of the Philippine sea ranks as one of the major sea battles of World War II in the Pa-

Philippine sea, were fought south of Formosa, off the east coast of Samar and in Surigao strait off southeastern Leyte, Oct. 23, 24 and 25. Aircraft and submarines scored

Possibly only two Japanese ships bacle. No modern nation has had its BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER fleet so nearly destroyed in one engagement.

Number of Ships Involved The Philippine battle involved recall of General Joseph W. Stil-

more than the 248 ships engaged in well to Washington. the World War I battle at Jutland although exact figures cannot be given. This means that American naval power alone totalled
termine the fate of the Chinese approximately 200 warships, possib- war effort from now on-

Among them, Nimitz proudly announced, were five battleships "seriously damaged at Pearl Harbor"the West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, California and Pennsylvania, and three new carriers named for See--WAR IN PACIFIC-Page 7

#### Fire Destroys Shed Behind Tomsyck Tavern

A garage and woodshed behind the Nick Tomsyck tavern, West Grand their cards either way. avenue, was destroyed by fire Saturday evening, while another small woodshed, the back wall of the tav- at the White House Saturday. The ern and the roof of the building war department said he would get housing a dry cleaning establish an important new assignment. The Soviet policy toward Spain, which ment were damaged as local firemen action is linked directly with the had troops fighting for the Germans quelled a blaze which threatened for thus far unsuccessful American ef- in Russia, and toward Switzerland, a time to destroy all wooden struc- forts for a complete shakeup of the which does not recognize Russia. tures in the half block area. Flames Chinese high command and subse- Portugal presumably was lumped in and sparks could be seen shooting quent reorganization of the Chinese with Spain. Apparently the developup over the First National Bank armies. building when the blaze was at its Pian for China height. A large crowd, attracted by Allied strategy has called for a important factor in the future diplothe activity gathered on West Grand drive across the Pacific, via the macy of western Europe. avenue and behind the building, and philippines, to the China coast and police directed traffic to a side a drive from interior China to the

tavern building was full of rubbish, power with American supplies and authorities stated, and it was not technical training. yet known exactly how the blaze Until this could be accomplished started. Several windows and a pane the aim was to keep pressure on of glass in the door of the building the Japanese from forward air west of the tavern were reported bases which had to be protected by broken sometime during the fire. Fire authorities stated that the nese have forced evacuation of damage was done by a person or some of the best of these bases. persons unknown as the regular fire crew were busy on the other side of the building and the blaze never reached that area.

#### Delay in Buying Oil May Cause Shortage

Chicago-(AP)-Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum administrator reported today delay in consumer purchases of heating oil was creating a overtaking this effort was seen in Pvt. John Enfield bottleneck that might develop into a dispaten from New Delhi, India, serious shortages this winter.

"It is most important that a steady flow of products be maintained allied censorship, Grover reported from terminal storage to distributor, and thence to consumer storage. Delay in consumer purchases has caused a backing up to a point where refineries are without sufficient storage for finished products,"

#### MRS. JAY SMITH DIES

Mrs. Jay Smith, a resident here until about a year ago, died Sunday MEMBERS ELKS GUESTS night, shortly before midnight, at ago. The body will be taken to Colfax, Wis., for services on Wednes-

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KING HAAKON HAILS ARRIVAL OF RUSSIANS IN NORWAY-King Haakon VII of Norway, in a broadcast from London, tells his people to give the Red army the "greatest possible support," in the Russian advance into Norway. He said Norwegian administration will be restored in reconquered territory. This photo was radioed from London.

### The three related actions, thus classified as the second battle of the Recall of Gen. Stilwell Plunges China Into New more successes in hunting down Military, Political Crisis firm the Berlin reports on the Lamore survivors the next two days.

military and political crisis by the

cates that decisions which must be

Among American officials there is hope, but little real confidence. that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek will be able to put his military and

High strategy of the war against Japan hangs on the outcome.

Affects Future Strategy The campaigns ahead have had to be planned on an "if" basis-if

free China remains an effective force against Japan, or if she gal and Spain, which for many doesn't. Counting always the possibility of a Russian move in east Asia and also of a direct attack on the Japanese homeland, allied strategists now appear ready to play

Stilwell's recall from the China-Burma-India theater was announced

The small structure behind the objective was to equip China's man-

In a sense their place has been

taken, however, by uses on the ler's wife, Catherine. Pacific side, in the Saipan-Guam area and now in the Philippines. Despair Over Situation Nonetheless considerable effort

has been made to keep free China functioning effectively against Japan and the United States virtually alone has sponsored the role of China as one of the "big four" al-

Evidence of the despair now by Associated Press correspondent Preston Grover. Writing through last night that Stilwell's withdrawal appears "to have pulled the props from under American activity in this area."

Grover pointed out that it had been Stilwell's dual task to obtain for China a maximum amount of supplies from the outside and to get the Chinese to use them in the most effective manner.

regular curtain time at eight o'clock. slightly by smoke.

## Washington —(A)— China has been plunged headlong into a new military and political array in the military array in the military and military array in the military array array in the military array in the military array array array ar

affairs in the Balkans slid into a Arctic to the Balkans, groove of collaboration oiled by Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

The newest upset in Washington, political affairs in order without and probably London, calculations further delay. al aviation conference opening in Chicago Wednesday.

Chicago Wednesday.

Moscow announced last night that Air Tragedy Russia would not attend because 'countries like Switzerland, Portuyears have conducted a pro-Fascist policy hostile to the Soviet Unionhave also been invited."

American officials have talked with Soviet aviation experts and know their views and intend to keep them in mind as the conference develops.

What caught attention, however, was the demonstration of a firm ment forebodes stern Moscow opposition to the Franco regime as an

S/Sgt. Bernard V. Buehler of Ne-Chinese armies. Recently the Japa- koosa was killed in action on Oc- was assigned a crew. tober 13 in Italy, according to a 2 Brothers in Service telegram received from the war department today by Sergeant Bueh-

Mrs. Buehler had received her last letter from her husband on October

Sergeant Buchler was born in Necoosa and was graduated from Alexander high school. His mother, Mrs. John Buehler, sr., also lives in Nekoosa.

### Wounded in Italy

Pvt. John Enfield of this city was ber 10, according to the war departarmored infantry.

Private Enfield entered the armed forces on January 19, 1944 and was sent overseas in June of this year.

REFRIGERATOR MOTOR BURNS A fire was reported in the refrigerator motor in the home of Mrs. H. American mother, to grow up in a Wisconsin Rapids Elks will be S. Wagner, 1121 Sixteenth street world at peace," Mrs. Stassen said: the Masonic home at Dousman, Wis. hosts to members of the army show north at 11:45 Saturday evening, "This hope, this prayer in the heart She had been confined to her bed at their regular Tuesday evening necessitating a call to the city fire of every mother, cannot be realized since breaking her hip several weeks supper meeting. Several of the cast department. The motor was dam- except with the leadership of a pres- old H. Schneider, 26, of Milwaukee, permitted to excuse any act which of the WACaravan will present pre- aged by the fire and the inside of ident and congress working together views at the Elks club before the the Wagner home was damaged in harmony on the terribly complex term for burglary, is still at large, the chief said.

London-(AP)-The last rail escape route for Germans in northeastern Hungary was blocked by the Russians today with capture of Csap on the upper Tisza river, while to the north Berlin reported further Russian gains in the liquidation of an estimated 100,000 Nazis pinned against the Baltic sea.

Csap, junction of four rail lines at the southeastern edge of liberated Ruthenia, was occupied by troops of Gen. Ivan Petrov's Fourth Ukraine army which fought their way 50 miles across mountainous eastern Czechoslovakia, Moscow an-

Wild Fighting for Town A midnight bulletin said the Rus-

sians seized the town after a day of wild street fighting during which hundreds of Germans were killed. A Berlin announcement said So-

viet troops attacking in western Latvia had penetrated the Priekule area 20 miles southeast of the Baltic port of Liepaja, and had captured Auce, communications center 70 miles east of Leipaja. Moscow Communique Brief

The Moscow communique, one of the briefest in weeks, did not conthe East Prussian front, where

heavy fighting has been raging along the Kaunas-Konigsberg high-(Berlin said Soviet attacks

The Moscow communique asserted Washington--(P) -- Russia hung that fighting only of local impor-

Former Rapids

The body of Lieut, Donald J. Wiederhoeft, missing since last back to Fort Jackson, So. Car.; then Tuesday, was recovered near Cher to New York, from which point he ry Point, N. C., the public relations left for overseas early in September office at the Norfolk, Va., naval of this year. Just prior to going base has announced It was announced last week by the navy de- Infantryman's badge. partment that a navy land plane, List of Survivors occupied by six marines, including Lieut, Wiederhoeft, was missing. Watson is survived by his three-Lieutenant Wiederhoeft had lived in | year-old daughter, Penny; his par-Wisconsin Rapids from 1925 to ents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers, 210 E.

Attends Teachers College

Lieutenant Wiederhoeft, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wiederhoeft, Peter & Paul's congregation. LaCrosse, was graduated from Logan high school there and attended LaCrosse State Teachers' college for a year and a half. While at the college, he was enrolled in the civilian pilot training program.

Entering the naval corps, he was trained at Vermillion, S. D., the University of Iowa and Glenview, III. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the marine air corps at Corpus Christi, Tex., August 11, at Hollywood, Fla., he was transfer-

He is survived by his parents, two John Martin ruled today. brothers who are in service, S-Sgt. Waldemar Wiederhoeft of Hamilton Field, Calif., and Pvt. George | Portage county. Wiederhoeft, Camp Fannin, Tex., 12. He was a member of the air and a sister, Mrs. Lloyd (Edith) by a cross in a party column should Thompson, who is staying with her be counted for all those candidates

> No date for the funeral has been set but burial will take place at

#### Mrs. Stassen Urges Support of Dewey

St. Paul, Minn,-(P)-Mrs. Harold E. Stassen, wife of Com. Harold wounded in action in Italy on Octo- E. Stassen, former Minnesota Republican governor, today cailed upon ment. He was serving in the Sixth the women of America to support Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and his running mate, Gov. John W. Bricker. for president and vice president in a speech prepared for radio broadcast his afternoon and released by GOP state campaign headquarters.

Asserting that she "wanted her children, along with every other problems of peace."

#### Sgt. Watson Is Killed on French Soil



SGT. JAMES WATSON

killed in action in France on October 12, according to a war depart- 000,000. ment telegram received this morning by his wife, Betty, who resides at 431 Ninth street north.

the 26th (Y.D.) division, an infan- was raised to 44,637,000 when high- cheren island, virtually cut off by waing, Mich., whose patrol reached try group, in France when he met er figures were taken into account a Canadian drive to within 3,000 him by crossing the bay south of his death. A Star Athlete

April 1, 1920 and moved to Wisconsouthwest of Ebenrode and south of school. He attended the Two Mile 50,000 each in Colorado and Ten-Gumbinnen, important highway school and then was graduated from ness, 25,000 each in Alabama, Ar-seized the village of Kaatsheuvel, Lincoln high school in 1938. Ser- kansas, and Virginia, and 10,000 in only three miles south of the Maas, geant Watson was an outstanding New Mexico. a question mark over her western tance occurred along most of the Lincoln high and starred in amateur a combined estimate by these state miles from the Geertruidenberg

> Wheeler, Ga.; then to Fort Meade, Md.; to Fort Jackson, So. Car.; the election. Camp Gordon, Ga.; Camp Campbell, Ky.; on maneuvers in Tennessee, overseas he was awarded the Expert

In addition to his wife, Sergeant Miller avenue, and one sister, Mrs. Harvey Langmo, 1811 Fifth street south. He was a member of SS.

## TO BE COUNTED

Madison, Wis. - (P) - Ballots which are marked with a cross in the circle at the top of a party 1943. After spending a short time column and with a cross in the square opposite the name of some red to Cherry Point, N. C., where he candidate in a different party column should be counted by the election officials, Attorney General The opinion was deliveted to Dis-

trict Attorney John A. Meleski of "It is clear that a ballot marked

in the column x x x Except where a mark has been placed beside the name of a candidate in another column," the optinion read.

Martin added that in such marking a citizen "votes—the straight ticket except in the case of the office for which a different choice was indicated and for which his vote must be counted."

#### Waupun Prisoner Hangs Self in Cell

Waupun, Wis. - (A) - Frank San | thing of a destructive nature will Felippo, 31, of Milwaukee, hanged bring prompt punishment. himself Friday night in his cell at Add Auxiliary Policemen the state prison after making a noose from his blanket, Warden L. F. Murphy said today.

San Felippo, who with another prisoner escaped from a prison farm at Gordon, near Superior, on Oct. 22 was retaken near Shell Lake the next day and placed in solitary confinement. The other convict, Harwho was serving a one to two year | might be termed harmful or vicious, Warden Murphy said.

### OFFICIALS FIGURE TOTAL VOTE OF OVER 44 MILLION

(By the Associated Press) Washington-On the basis of in-

complete registrations and qualified estimates of voters, state officials figure roughly that more than 44,-000,000 persons will vote in next week's presidential election, including 3,392,000 service men and wom-

registrations in big cities. There have been lower and high-

Henry J. Kaiser, shipbuilding ineducation, figures 50,000,000 will vote for an all-time record. He made this forecast in taking exception to northeast of fallen Breda. a 39,500,000 estimate.

Vice President Wallace has predicted a vote of 45,000,000 and Calvin B. Baldwin, assistant chairman Sgt. James A. Watson, 24, was of the CIO political action committee, estimates a minimum of  $47_{17}$ 

Higher Figure Possible

The state officials' minimum esti-Sergeant Watson was serving with Press today was 44,102,000. This Beveland island; on flooded Wal- 1st Lt. Claude Hornbacher, Sebe-He was born at St. Charles. Minn., estimates, for example, added 250,- long, four mile wide corner of Bel-000 to the vote forecast for Mis- gium south of the Schelde.

European diplomacy today just as rast battlefields scattered from the basketball and baseball circles here officers of 69,766,625 registrants and span across the Mass. other eligibles, compared with 60. Until he entered the armed for- 576,979 estimated to have qualified es. Sergeant Watson was employed for the 1940 election. These officials by Consolidated Water Power & Pa- emphasized that official registration campaign to clear the Schelde apper company. He left Wisconsin Ra- figures are kept only in a dozen pids on Auugust 30, 1942 and went states and that hence their esti- twerp, was gaining momentum and to Fort Sheridan, Ill. For the next mates of eligibles must necessarily two years, he served in various ar- be largely guesswork. Also, final my camps, going first to Camp registration statistics are not avail- war. able in some states until long after

Some state officers said the total service vote may never be known as many states do not separate them from civilian ballots in the counting.

States With Records California and Illinois were two

of the big electoral vote states which set registration records this water. year. Final official registrations for California totaled 4.141.331 an inrease of 88,936 over the record See-ELECTION-Page 7

#### Two Slightly Hurt In Crash Sunday

Two persons were injured slightly late Sunday afternoon when cars driven by Miss Mary Willoughby of Madison, traveling west on Chestnut street, and Donald Lichty of Port Edwards driving north on Lincoln street, collided.

Charles, three and one half year old son of the Lichtys, received a badly bumped head as he was breaking the glass. Mrs. John Brahaney of Madison, a passenger in the Willoughby car suffered a bruised right arm. The Willoughby car was damaged

today, in a public warning that any-

on Hallowe'en pranksters.

## **Allies Enter Last** Link in Defense

London—(.P)—Allied columns paced by tanks and planes raced for the German escape bridges and ferries across the broad Maas and Hollandsch Diep in Holland only five miles away today, and Berlin radio asserted that a major withdrawal across that barrier to Rotterdam was in full swing.

Allied troops, breaking into This compares with the 49,815,- the last of the chain of strong- story related by the last of the Maas, en-1940 election, but takes into account tered Roosendaal, a city of wartime dislocations in estimating 25,000, 12 miles south of Wilhe overall decrease, despite heavy emstad ferry across the Diep, the sea arm of the river.

American armor plunged to with-There have been lower and high-er estimates of the 1944 total vote. In six miles of the Moerdijk bridge, Henry J. Kaiser, shiphulding instance of the longestarence of France. one of the longestspans in Europe, dustrialist and chairman of the non- and other forces fought to within partisan association for franchise three miles of the Maas and five BY AL DOPKING miles from the Geertruidenberg crossing by capturing Oosterhout Nazi Force Disintegrating

gium had been cut into four pockets, and military spokesmen said the German force was disintegrating John, 24, of Philadelphia, related under the concerted pounding.

The four pockets were below the where he was given his second pair Maas where the chief resistance of shoes in three years. He was mate compiled by the Associated center of Breda had been taken; on brought through American lines by in eight states where officials gave yards of the causeway connecting varrying estimates. The maximum with Beveland; and a tiny six mile

North of Tilburg a British column lashed out from Loon op Zand and and drove to within two miles of Antwern Drive Gaining

The drive across flooded lowlands, proaches to the allied harbor of Anapproaching a conclusion after some of the most difficult fighting of the

On Walcheren the remnants of German forces were fighting from islands within the island-bits of land and raised dikes around the principal cities of Vlissingen (Flushing) and Middleburg which stood above the flood waters loosed by allied bombing of the seawalls. The Germans admitted many of their guns were under eight feet of

Enemy Offensive

To the east, however, an enemy counterthrust launched too late to save the garrison north of Antwerp grew into a determined attack, supported by tanks, artitlery and planes, and gained ground against a stubborn American defense. Striking on the east flank of the allies' Dutch salient in the Maas bulge, the Germans yesterday swept

MRS. MARY MILLER DIES Mrs. Mary Anna Miller, 95, died

nt the home of her son, John F. Miller, 551 Thirteenth avenue north. at 1:10 p. m. today. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Krohn thrown against the front window, and Berard and a complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's

CARS COLLIDE

Mary T. Suchowski, city, driving west on High street and Alfred J. on the grille and radiator, the front Race, city, traveling north on Canal cometery. bumper broken off, left front fen-street at 5:10 p. m. Saturday, colder and headlight smashed. Mr. lided causing damage to the right Lichts's car was damaged on the door and running board of the Race right front fender, door, and running | car. No one was injured in the Lerash.

## Warn Youngsters to Keep

Hallowe'en manks resulting in twar, vandalism, defacing of propdestruction or defacing of property erty, or placing obstructions in the might be excusable in pencetime, streets is absolutely appatriotic." but this year such pranks are "absaid Olson, solutely banned as unpatriotic and "We want no labor or materials harmful to the war effort," Acting of any kind wasted. Property de-Chief of Police Leonard Olson said struction is a waste of both, and that

Hallowe'n Pranks Mild

level," he declared. Asks Parent Cooperation The acting chief of police also said

Violations of the warning will be night. Mild temthat auxiliary policemen with civiltreated as misdemeanors injurious peratures. Tuesian defense training will be on duty Tuesday night to keep close watch to public safety and will be treated day. accordingly, the acting police chief warns. He also asks that parents Tuesday night, in the eyes of the cooperate with law enforcement police, will be no different than any agencies by keeping children away Today's Weather Factsother night, and no leniency nor relaxing of law enforcement will be from anti-social vandalism.

thought should be sufficient to keep

Hallowe'en fun on an ianocent |

Soaping or waxing windows, the acting chief replied upon inquiry, is minimum temperature for 24-hour ncluded in the list of items which period ending at 7 a. m., 18; tem-"At this time, with the nation at constitute defacing of property.

# Line Below Maas

With the 7th Division, Leyte-

(AP)-A slender, blue-eyed American who escaped at Bataan's fall was rescued from Leyte mountains The German stand in all south- today, ending three years of secret western Holland and northern Bel- missions in the Philippines with the Japanese constantly hounding him. Second Lt. Joseph Francis Saint

the story from the bamboo hut

Abuyog. Rescued also was red-haired Ensign Edwin J. Beattie, 21, Colum-

biaville, Mich., naval pilot who crashed in a dog fight during the invasion and took refuge with Saint

(The dispatch failed to reveal any details of the "secret missions.") A B-17 gunner of the 14th bom-

bardment squadron when he was ombed out Dec. 7, 1941 John reached Bataan Christmas eve laced by canals and dikes, in the and later with 900 other airmen went to Malabang airfield on Mindanae where "we waited for planes that never came." When the surrender came, Sain't

John and 11 other Americans fled to the hills and finally reached Leyte May 8, 1942, in a frail native launch, passing through the straits n the darkness. There, Col. Cornella the island commander told them they must leave before 5 p. m. May, 10 to avoid surrender. They left 2 hours before the deadline in an outrigger boat for Australia but were shipwrecked off Cauit point, Mindanao, May 17, in a storm. It was Saint John's hirthday.

Then began his guerrilla life. He subsisted on fried monkey meat and tropical fruit He once wasted from 155 pounds to 100 before he was cured of malaria with "ditto" tree bark brews concocted for him by a native. His escapes were many Once 200 Nips charged his hideout, shooting everything at him without

#### See-WESTERN FRONT-Page 7 Mrs. Mathews of City Dies; Funeral To Be Wednesday

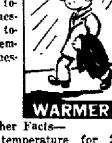
Mrs. Michael Mathews, 69, of 140 Twelfth street south, died at 6:30 a. m. today at Riverview hospital following a stroke. There will be a prayer service at 11 a. m. Wednesday at the Krohn and Berard chapet and burial will be in Calvary

Mrs. Mathews, nee Emma D. Jessen, was born in Chicago on May 19. 1875, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jessen. She married Michael Mathews in Illinois in 1916 and had resided here since that time. Resides her husband she leaves three brothers, Louis and Albert Jessen of Chicago and William Jessen of Buchanan, Mich., and two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Oswald and Mrs. Nels Cooley of Chicago. The body will remain at the fun-

eral home, where friends may call

#### THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Warmer to-



Maximum temperature for 24-

hour period ending at 7 a. m., 61; perature at 7 a. m., 24. NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE®

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