

13,000 DETROIT WORKERS IDLE

Detroit—(P)—Approximately 13,000 Detroit area war plant workers remained idle today as workers in six Briggs Manufacturing company plants refused to end their strike and employ in five factories of Gar Wood Industries, Inc., left their jobs.

The Briggs strike, which followed the discharge of a group of workers whom the company accused of leading earlier strikes, entered its fifth day. The Gar Wood stoppage, involving 2,000 employees, followed a change in shift hours from six eight-hour days weekly to five 10-hour days. A spokesman for Local 250, United Automobile Workers (CIO), said the new hours would make transportation more difficult.

Officers of Local 212, UAW-CIO, representing the 11,000 Briggs strikers, reiterated today a demand for "unconditional reinstatement of 12 discharged employees" as a condition to ending their strike.

Plants of Chrysler corporation were humming again after settlement of a strike which made more than 25,000 employees idle for more than a week. An umpire will rule on a production rates dispute which involved the discharge of eight men accused by the company of refusing to meet rates.

German Night Air Raiders Return To British Skies

London—(P)—Return of German night air raiders to British skies after a lapse of nearly a year may result in a revival of the blackout in some areas.

The ministry of home security was said today to have such a plan under consideration.

There was no belief, however, that the surprise return of German night raiders indicates any possibility of greatly expanded enemy air activity. The new night raiders have shunned the big cities and apparently scattered their bombs at random over the countryside.

It was believed the raids might be chiefly for German home front propaganda purposes.

A brief official announcement said southern England was under enemy attack again in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. today (fourteen words censored here).

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their words away. There was this thought: "How many of these men will be dead ten minutes from now?"

Then terrible carnage broke loose on the beach itself. The sounds of war—the boom and crack of naval guns all around us—was unleashed in full fury. For a while the hellish nightmare ashore was too great to absorb.

So, the sharpest memory is of boys, light hearted and without pretense, going into the worst mission the marines have ever been called upon to undertake.

The Japanese had hundreds of mortar and artillery pieces deeply entrenched on high ground covering every inch of the beach. They opened up just after the first assault elements charged ashore.

U. S. navy guns had knocked out some enemy positions in the terrific shelling that hadn't ceased until five minutes before the actual landing. But hundreds more were still in action.

Wreckage Litters Beach

In a short time, the wreckage of landing boats, trucks, amphibious tractors and other equipment littered the shoreline.

Surviving crews were forced to take shelter with the marines in shell and bomb craters until they had an opportunity to charge up the steep slope to the rim of the southern Motoyama airfield, which was the initial objective.

That goal was reached the first day—taken by the first battalion of the 23rd marines, commanded by Col. W. W. Wensinger, of Fremont, Ohio, and LaJolla, Calif. It took these men from "H" hour (9 a. m.) until nightfall to advance the 500 yards from the beach to the airfield.

Just how grim the fighting was I learned first hand after going ashore with the Third battalion of the 23rd marines, commanded by Maj. James L. Scales of Stoneville, N. C.

I was pinned down on the beach. A shell hole seemed the only place to be while the enemy poured the concentration of fire on us. There was no turning back.

Jumble of Impressions

Out of the jumble of impressions, several stand out sharply in retrospect. There was the heroism of Capt. John W. Thomson, 3rd, mid-mannered Fourth division public relations officer and former Houston (Tex.) Chronicle reporter, who rallied the medical corpsmen and helped carry out the wounded under fire.

There was the sight of the gravely wounded marine in a crater five feet away, who laboriously removed the canteen from his belt but lacked the strength to lift it to his mouth.

There was the stupefying crash as a landing boat received a direct hit, tearing one crewman in two while another, standing only two or three feet away, apparently was unharmed.

There was the story of the marine, with both feet gone, who politely replied to an inquiry from his sergeant just before he died: "I'm very sorry but I don't know."

On the lighter side, remains the memory of the unidentified marine charging ashore and tearing off his lifebelt, while he declared in a southern drawl: "That thing's not going to save my life now, Mac."

Seventh War Loan to Call for Record Amount of Advertising

Washington—(P)—The appeal to "Buy War Bonds" will be more thunderous in April, May, and June than ever before.

Phrases like "the greatest use of advertising known" flew around at a two-day meeting of state war finance representatives yesterday and today.

The treasury said that even if the fighting in Europe should end during the Seventh War Loan drive—that is, before July 1—it would not decrease the need for war bond sales.

As a result the state leaders were cautioned to be ready to pour on extra zeal in the event of V-E day.

Two major reasons were given by the treasury to explain why it will be just as vital to sell bonds after the European fighting is over:

1. War production will continue at "astronomical levels" troops must be transported vast distances to the Pacific theater and re-equipped with the latest weapons.

2. The national income will continue high, and civilian goods will continue scarce, meaning it still will be necessary to control inflation.

With another \$14,000,000,000 goal—including a record \$7,000,000,000 for individual investors—the drive will last seven weeks, May 14 through June 30. In addition, payroll savings from April 9 through July 7 will count in the totals.

Lawrence Zimmerman Reported Prisoner Of War in Germany

S-Sgt. Lawrence Zimmerman, 28, who had been reported missing in action in France last November 19, is a prisoner of war of the German government, according to word received Monday by the soldier's wife, Gwendolyn, who resides at 1550 First street north.

Mrs. Zimmerman received a card from her husband from a prison camp in Germany, stating that he is well. He was serving with the 26th infantry division of the Third army when he was taken prisoner.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Zimmerman, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids, he entered service August 31, 1942, and went overseas two years later.

Mother Is Held in Slaying of 3-Year-Old

Marquette, Mich.—(P)—Mrs. Margaret Chenier, 25, was held without bond on a murder charge today in the shooting of her only child, 3-year-old Mary Loretta.

The girl was found slain in the Cheniers' two-room cabin in Wells township Saturday, shot in the back with a hunting rifle as she sat at a table playing with crayons.

DRAFTED NURSES TO BE OFFICERS

Washington—(P)—The house decreed today that any nurses inducted for service in the army or the navy must be given commissions as officers.

The action came on a teller vote of 135 to 98 adopting an amendment to nurse-draft legislation prohibiting the induction of nurses who are not qualified to be commissioned and requiring the issuance of commissions to those inducted. Representative Harnes (R-Ind.) wrote the amendment.

Democratic members of the military committee opposed it mainly on the ground it might negate the compulsory provisions of the legislation, since no one can be forced to accept a service commission.

The commissions that would be issued presumably would be as second lieutenants in the army or ensigns in the navy, the same that are given now to volunteer nurses. The action was subject to a roll call vote later, but it was doubtful that one would be ordered.

Earlier, rushing to finish action today on the draft measure, the house rejected a proposal allowing the issuance of commissions to acceptable male nurses.

PRELIMINARY HEARING

Fred L. Campbell of Green Bay, naturalization examiner, was at the Wood county courthouse Monday to hold a preliminary naturalization hearing for four Wood county applicants.

SOLDIER WOUNDED

Marshfield—Lt. Robert Birge, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Birge, Marshfield, was seriously wounded in action in Germany February 22. The lieutenant's wife resides in Sparta.

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Can Expect Most Anything Next Six Months in Pacific

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Charles Fitzgerald Slightly Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, 620 Thirteenth avenue, received word this morning that their son, Sgt. Charles Fitzgerald, 28, had been slightly wounded in action at Iwo Jima.

Sergeant Fitzgerald, a member of the Fifth marine division, received his injury the third day after the initial landing on the tiny Pacific isle.

In a letter to his parents, he stated that a bullet bounced off his head and that it didn't hurt him much but "it sure ruined a good tin hat." He entered service in December, 1941 and went overseas in the spring of 1942.

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'Hitler Strasse' Now 'Eisenhower Blvd.'

Neuss, Germany—(Delayed)—(P)—There isn't any "Adolf Hitler Strasse" any longer in Neuss. One of the first things doughboys did on taking the city was to paint a huge sign reading: "Eisenhower boulevard."

Western Front

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Canadians, into the Wesel pocket farther down the Rhine.

The First army, closing swiftly to the middle Rhine south of Cologne, struck within six miles of the river center of Bonn (101,000).

The 50-square mile Rhine bridgehead west of Wesel was being compressed rapidly, American, Canadian and British troops battering the survivors of the German First parachute army from three sides. The German stand there appeared in its last hours.

Both Rhine bridges at Wesel were impassable, although the Germans were striving to patch up the road bridge for further escapes to hastily dug defense positions east of the Rhine.

Berlin 288 Miles Away

The main force of the First army was in the rubble heaped streets of the great cathedral city of Cologne. Germans fought from dugouts in the ruins mainly with small arms and some cannon and with artillery support from across the Rhine.

Berlin was 288 miles to the northeast.

Gains to 10 a. m. overran at least eight of the city's 25 square miles and placed the tanks and infantrymen less than two miles from the medieval cathedral and the wrecked Hohenzollern bridge. The fringe sections of Efferen, Aistaden and Hermsdorf all were cleared; Bratsfeld was almost conquered.

Tanks and infantry rolled through the great industrial area in the north and western sections of Germany's fourth largest city, and shelled the railroad marshaling yards, among the biggest in the Reich.

Seven Miles from Bonn

Between these erupting fronts, the American First army pushed to within seven miles of Bonn.

To the north, the foe was feverishly strengthening fortifications east of the Rhine and mustering troops to man them.

Nazi demolition squads, trying desperately to guard the rich industrial Ruhr left the Rhine bridgeless along the twisting 70-mile stretch from Bonn to Wesel.

Farther north units of the First Canadian army stabbed into the outskirts of Xanten, key enemy stronghold guarding the Ruhr city of Wesel eight miles to the east.

The German bridgehead on the Rhine's west bank shrank to approximately 11 miles between Xanten and Rheinberg, which was penetrated by U. S. Ninth army troops.

British vanguards pushing through the Bonninghardt forest only eight miles from Wesel were meeting bitter resistance by Nazi suicide squads.

The Germans blew their last Duisburg bridges yesterday and

READ TRIBUNE WANT ADS.

Rialto Theatre
Nekoosa, Wisconsin

LAST TIME TONIGHT
Dana Andrews, Don Ameche in
"WING AND A PRAYER"
One Show at 7:30 P. M.
COMING WED.-THURS.:
Wm. Bendix in
"THE HAIRY APE"

AUCTION!

"Another Thorp Sale"

2 Miles East of Nekoosa on 73

Sat., March 10

SALE STARTS AT 1:00 P. M. SHARP

6 COWS!

4 Guernsey, 2 Holstein; 4 cows due in March and April.
2 Fall Cows.

HOLSTEIN BULL, 2 years old

1 HEIFER, 10 months old

BAY GELDING, 9 yrs., wt. 1600

BAY GELDING, 9 yrs., wt. 1200

4 Ducks — 1 Passcovic Drake

FARM MACHINERY, ETC.

Wind mill, Deering corn binder, 5-ft. Jones mower, Milwaukee grain binder, 2-sec. drag, plow, seeder, fanning mill, homemade Buick tractor in very good condition, harness, new knitting machine, brooder stove, forks, shovels, small tools.

TERMS: Sums of \$10 and under Cash; over \$10, 1/4 Cash with balance, plus recording fee, and 3% carrying charge, to be paid in 6 equal monthly installments. Property to be settled for on sale day, before removing.

Mrs. Fred Lee, Owner

Thorp FINANCE CORP.

Represented by Louis Joosten, Clerk, Rudolph, Wis.
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NOTICE OF CAUCUS FOR THE TOWN OF HANSEN

The Annual Caucus for the Town of Hansen will be held at the Town Hall on

SATURDAY, March 10th, at 2 p. m.

Caucus Committee
Martin Hoenvelt, Vesper.

Flour Special SAVE 25%
ASK US FOR COUPON

Pillsbury's Best Enriched Flour

WITH COUPON **McNamee's Market**
Vesper, Wis.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS "CITY GAS" COMPANY

(Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Wisconsin Rapids Gas & Electric Co.)
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

For Year Ending December 31, 1944

Income Statement

Operating Revenues	-----	\$10,385.91
Operating Expenses	-----	7,657.26
Taxes	-----	1,032.22
Depreciation	-----	536.31
	-----	9,225.79
Operating Income	-----	1,160.12
Net Non Operating Income	-----	647.56
	-----	\$ 1,807.68

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Property and Plant	-----	\$17,933.22
Notes Receivable	-----	1,017.90
Accounts Receivable	-----	3,515.54
	-----	\$22,466.66

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	-----	\$15,000.00
Consumer Deposits	-----	153.50
Reserves	-----	1,214.40
Surplus	-----	6,098.76
	-----	\$22,466.66

GAS SERVICE INCORPORATED

(and its affiliate
Wisconsin Rapids Gas & Electric Company)
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS STATEMENT

For Year Ending December 31, 1944

Gross Sales	-----	159,107.62
Expenses	-----	115,844.01
	-----	43,263.61
Taxes	-----	11,915.61
Depreciation	-----	11,702.38
	-----	23,617.99
NET PROFIT	-----	19,645.62

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending December 31, 1944

ASSETS

Property and Plant	-----	200,927.93
CURRENT ASSETS	-----	
Cash	-----	15,060.87
Notes and Accounts Receivable	-----	5,031.86
Inventories & Miscellaneous	-----	29,738.45
Total Current Assets	-----	49,831.18
	-----	250,759.11

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Outstanding	-----	94,005.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES	-----	
Notes and Accounts Payable	-----	6,734.80
Reserves	-----	87,552.34
Surplus	-----	62,466.97
	-----	250,759.11

AUCTION!

"Another Thorp Sale"

1 Mi. East, 1 Mi. South of Rudolph

Friday, March 9

SALE STARTS AT 1:00 P. M. SHARP

22 HEAD HOLSTEINS!

15 HOLSTEIN COWS—4 Fall Cows, balance due in February, March and April.
4 HEIFERS 2 years old and Bred . 3 YEARLINGS

FARM TEAM!

FARM MACHINERY, ETC.

Case M-14 Silo Filler like new, Manure Spreader, Moline Grain Drill, McCormick Grain Binder, Corn Binder, 3-bottom Tractor Plows, Sulky Plow, Walking Plow, Corn Planter, Moline Side Delivery Rake, Hay Loader, Mower, Tedder, Hay Rake, 9-h.p. Gas Engine, Feed Mill, Light Plant, Pump Engine and Jack, Scales, Blacksmith Tools and Small Articles.

40 Ton HAY - STRAW

500 Bushels OATS

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