

Citation Will Be Given Company By Army, Navy Figures

An event epochal in the history of Wisconsin Rapids will take place Wednesday afternoon when army and navy officers, in an elaborate ceremony here, present the army-navy "E" award to the officers and employees of the Prentiss Wabers Products company.

TRI-PARTITE CONFERENCE OPENS

VOLTRNO RIVER LINE IS ENTIRELY IN ALLIED HANDS

Allied Headquarters, Algiers—(P)—The battle of the Volturno river has ended in victory for the Fifth army with the American and British troops crossing the river at all points, it was announced today.



TO MAKE "E" PRESENTATION—Principal representatives of the army and navy at the ceremonies here Wednesday at which the Prentiss Wabers Products company will receive the army-navy "E" award for outstanding production of war material, will be Col. Frank Finley Taylor jr. (left) and Lieut. Comdr. Thomas F. White jr. (right).

NEW LEND-LEASE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY U. S.

Washington—(P)—Two American moves for closer relations with Russia were disclosed today as the first great Anglo-American-Soviet conference of the war got underway in Moscow.

Hull, Eden Meet With Molotov in Russian Capital

Moscow—(P)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull, highest United States official ever to visit Moscow, plunged quickly today into the war's first full dress tri-partite conference, meeting with his British and Russian counterparts, Anthony Eden and Vyacheslav Molotov, only a few hours after concluding his 14,000-mile flight to the Russian capital.

As the foreign secretaries settled down to the first day's business, the Soviet press turned the spotlight on the long awaited get-together, at which the Russians consider a "second front" in western Europe an important topic.

The newspapers did not comment editorially on the conference. The U. S. secretary of state, who made his first airplane trip to get here arose early and at his favorite breakfast of American rolled oats. It took considerable effort to locate the rolled oats; an American supply mission furnished six boxes to solve the problem.

Preliminary Discussions Preliminary discussions were held at the Kremlin last evening shortly after the arrival of the American and British visitors at the Moscow airdrome. It was announced that the first real business session would take place this afternoon between the representatives of the three nations, who are expected to discuss not only wartime but post-war matters of a military, political and economic nature.

Frontier Discussion Out It is not Russia's intention at this time, Pravda added, to discuss post-war frontiers or the status of the Baltic states "any more than the borders of the United States or the status of California."

Those accompanying Hull and Eden included W. Averell Harriman, newly named U. S. ambassador to the Soviet Union; Green Hackworth, U. S. state department counsel; James Dunn, political adviser, Maj. Gen. John Dean, U. S. army; William Strang, British assistant secretary for foreign affairs; and Lt. Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, chief of staff of the British ministry of defense. Harriman's pretty daughter, Kathleen, also accompanied him.

American Leave Exchange Vessel Mornungao, Portuguese India—(P)—Americans nationals filed off the Japanese ship Teia Maru today and boarded the exchange liner Gripsholm which will carry them home after months of interment in Japanese hands.

They took the place of Japanese nationals brought here aboard the Gripsholm from America. It is expected the Gripsholm will sail late this week.

Dates Announced For Four Ration Stamps Washington—(P)—The office of price administration today announced the dates when four sets of brown stamps in war ration book No. 3 will be valid for purchasing meats, fats, oils and dairy products, as follows: Stamps G, Oct. 24; H, Oct. 31; J, Nov. 7 and K Nov. 14. All will expire Dec. 4.

Enemy Forces Drive Across Salween River

Chungking—(P)—One prong of the Japanese drive into southwest China has been thrust eastward across the Salween river, which for 18 months has held the enemy in check, a communique from headquarters of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell indicated today.

COAL CRISIS IS AGAIN IMMINENT

Washington—(P)—Another coal crisis reared up today. Operators disagreed with each other on contract terms, union men in some mines stuck to their "no contract, no work" stand and home owners who use soft coal already are starting to feel the pinch of an incipient shortage.

Old Elements Discernible Many of the elements which existed last spring—when there were three walkouts—were discernible as the war labor board (WLB), the operators, and the United Mine Workers (UMW) sought terms acceptable all around.

A Possible Guide Lewis, in appealing to the miners, said he believed the WLB would accept a proposed contract between Illinois miners and the Illinois Soft Coal Producers association, raising wages approximately.

Junction City Man Killed in Action Pvt. Joseph A. Grzanna of Junction City, one of 11 Wisconsin soldiers listed as missing in action in a war department release to the Associated Press today, was killed in action in the North Africa area on August 3, according to a war department telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Mary Louis.

THE WEATHER For Wisconsin: Warmer tonight and Wednesday forenoon. Rain beginning extreme northwest portion Wednesday forenoon. Increasing winds Wednesday forenoon.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. 58; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. 29; temperature at 7 a. m. 31.

Federal Agencies Have Penalized Dairying, Is Industry's Tale of Woe

Wisconsin dairy leaders, closing a one day annual convention here Monday afternoon, unanimously approved resolutions which expressed dairying's willingness to produce all possible dairy food for military and civilian needs, but protested sharply against governmental policies which were blamed for conditions of near chaos in dairying today.

The meeting of the American Dairy Association of Wisconsin brought here nearly 200 representatives of dairy production and manufacture, with a directorship representing 18 producer and processor groups, as well as affiliation with the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, the state department of agriculture and the Wisconsin Council of Agriculture.

Penalize Badger Cheese Typical of the attitude of the dairy leaders is the plaint of the cheese producers, voiced in a resolution which says that "the OPA has issued orders which have severely penalized Wisconsin cheese producers. The Plymouth plus base price for cheddar cheese forces Wisconsin to sell its cheddar cheese for less than any other state in the Union, although under normal conditions Wisconsin cheese has been recognized as a premium cheese."

"The statement made no mention of sales tax proposals, but one Republican member said "that issue is dead."

Knutson said his statement was issued on behalf of the 10 Republicans on the 25-member ways and means committee.

In view of known opposition by a bloc of Democrats to the administration's program, which proposes increases in individual and corporate income rates and larger excise levies, the Republican statement was viewed as dealing the death blow to the program.

Text of Statement "The treasury has failed to justify its proposal to add an additional \$10,500,000,000 to our tax load," the statement said. "On the other hand, witness after witness has shown conclusively that an increase in taxes at this time would probably undermine our whole economy."

"We do not wish to assume the See—TAX PLAN—Page 13

Ask Butter Ration Point Cut The dairymen request that "ration points on butter be lowered as soon as supplies become adequate," and voice the industry's stand that "it does not object to the sale of See—DAIRY—Page 15

Dependents' Bill Is Approved By Senate Washington—(P)—The senate, by voice vote, today approved a bill raising cash payments to dependents of service men. The measure now goes to the White House.

The legislation, providing \$80 a month for a wife and one child and \$20 monthly for each additional child, passed the house unanimously yesterday. Present payments are \$62 a month for a wife and one child and \$10 for each additional child.

Christie Tells of Finding Body of Sir Harry Oakes

Nassau, Bahamas—(P)—Harold G. Christie went to the witness stand in the Bahamas supreme court today to tell of finding the bluejacketed, partly-burned body of Sir Harry Oakes, who he described as "one of my closest friends."

The small courtroom was a-buzz as the stocky real estate dealer started his testimony against Alfred De Marigny, Sir Harry's son-in-law, who is on trial for the murder of the millionaire gold miner. Special Prosecutor A. F. Adderley had anticipated yesterday that Christie's testimony would come under attack from the defense.

Spectators were waiting for the cross-examination, expecting the first fireworks of the trial. Adderley had told the jury that a police captain, Edward Sears, reported seeing Christie riding in a station wagon the night of the slaying. Christie testified at a preliminary hearing that he did not leave Westbourne that night.

Christie was the days second witness, following a housemaid who told of leaving in Sir Harry's room the insecticide used by the murderer in an attempt to burn the body.

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Hitler Speaks On German Political, Military Situation

London—(P)—Adolf Hitler made a speech on Germany's political and military situation after a conference of "leading personalities of the state and party" called by Field Marshal Gen. Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the high command, the German news agency DNB announced tonight.

"The meeting was addressed by a number of speakers on ideological and home political subjects," said the Berlin radio.

"During the reception Hitler spoke on the political and military situation."

"The commanders of the home commands, the commanders-in-chief of the naval commands, commanding admirals and commanding generals of the air force attended the meeting together with their chief military officers and quartermaster generals."

"A number of high-ranking officers and officials of the high command also attended."

FDR SUMMONS LABOR LEADERS

Washington—(P)—President Roosevelt today summoned labor leaders to a conference on Thursday to discuss labor's demands for higher wages with a probable view of heading off a threatened nationwide strike ballot by railroad workers.

Labor War Board Labor sources said the White House called the meeting of what is known as the combined labor war board, consisting of representatives of the CIO, the AFL and the Independent Railroad Brotherhoods.

A spreading restlessness among the railroad workers over failure to win their wage demands threatens to develop into an order for a strike poll soon, but the decision is believed to depend largely on the attitude of the five operating brotherhoods whose representatives meet in Chicago late this week.

Strike Considered Remote Whether or not a strike vote is taken, authoritative quarters consider an authorized strike remote. However, the poll may be conducted to relieve the employees' restlessness temporarily and point up their dissatisfaction over current wage-adjustment negotiations.

At Chicago T. C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, said there was "quite a possibility" that an order for a strike ballot might result from Friday's meeting of the general See—LABOR—Page 13

Repulse Jap Landing Near Finschhafen

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific—(P)—Allied troops and airmen have beat back an attempted Japanese landing near Finschhafen, New Guinea, and destroyed 24 of 25 planes bent on raiding allied shipping.

The Japanese sent three troop-laden barges in toward the Finschhafen beach before dawn Sunday. Heavy fire from Australians, who had captured the former Japanese base Oct. 2, sank two of the barges. The third disappeared but General MacArthur's communique said the enemy troops "were largely destroyed."

Thirty-five planes were sent against shipping in Oro bay. Allied fighters intercepted and shot down 24 and probably destroyed six others. Four allied fighter planes were lost but one of the pilots was saved.

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