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GERMANS WITHDRAW IN VORONEZH SECTOR 7 Marshfield Soldiers Killed U.S. Troops, Accepting Nazi Soviet ARMY OF PLAN TO RECRUIT Police Find Plenty of 14 FROM CITY ALL Challenge, Raid Enemy-Held TOWARD ROSTOV PLAN TO RECRUIT Police Find Plenty of 14 FROM CITY

"LAND ARMY' TO Clues But No Suspects HAVE MET DEATH WORK ON FARMS in Train Murder Case IN NEW GUINEA

Washington- (P) - War Man-power Commissioner Paul V. Mc-Nutt and Food Administrator Wickard announced today they would today. seek to mobilize a "land army" of about 3,500,000 to volunteer for seasonal farm work this year.

Together they told a press conference that persons doing work not connected directly with the war effort would be enrolled in both rural and urban communities and asked to shift temporarily to planting and harvesting work whenever needed to John Funches, 30, Oakland, Calif. save crops

Pay Regular Farm Wages Such persons-they gave clerks in to connect them with the crime. They issued a John Doe warrant stores as an example of the type for the arrest of a third man, an unworker they had in mind to accept regular farm wages, even if below identified Negro, who was believed the pay of their normal jobs, as a to have been a passenger, although trainmen could find no record of contribution to the war effort. Workers in rural communities him.

would be enrolled as to ability and At Los Angeles detectives today willingness to perform farm work met the train on which Mrs. James through questionnaires sent out by was slain and took Robert Folkes, the agriculture department's ex- 21, Negro second cook, into custody tension service, which would follow for questioning. Folkes said he had no connection with the slaying. up with recruitment drives. Even as McNutt and Wickard Wed Only 4 Months

talked, the senate appropriations Portland police said this was the committee unanimously approved an story of the killing: Mrs. James, daughter of a prom-

inquiry by a sub-committee into the nation's manpower situation and the inent Norfolk, Va., family was folsenate military committee opened lowing her husband of four months, extensive hearings on the manpow- Ensign Richard F. James, also of a prominent Virginia family, after a er problem.

Advocates 48-Hour Week

that he advocated a 48-hour work train neared Tangent, Ore., two naval officer's bride of Seattle and Marshfield men have been reported week, to get "maximum production men in berths near Mrs. James formerly of Norfolk, Va., was found as missing in action on other battleweek, to get maximum production heard a woman exclaim, "I can't slain in her berth-lower 13_ grounds and 14 others have been did not hear any relation to the quess take this any longer," and then, aboard a main line Southern Pa. wounded.

Portland, Ore. $-(\mathcal{P})$ — The slaving of comely Mrs. Martha Virginia Brinson James, 21, whose throat was slit as she lay in lower berth 13 of a California-bound train, grew more mystifying

Clue abounded, but police in their third day of investigating the strange death of a navy ensign's

bride said they could determine no motive and could find no suspects. Hold 2 for Questioning

They held two men for questioning, at Klamath Falls, marine Private Harold R. Wilson, 22, Buckley, Wash., who slept in upper 13, and dining car waiter on the train, but emphasized there was no evidence

routine navy transfer from Seattle. SLAIN IN "LOWER 13" - Mrs. About 4 a. m. Saturday as the Martha Virginia Brinson James, 21,

Marshfield, Wis. -War department messages to relatives here over the week-end told of the ceaths in the New Guinea area of seven

more Marshfield men, raising the count of dead from this city in New Guinea to 14.

Widow of One Lives Here

Among the new list of casualties was Sgt. Frank J. Busche jr., 24, whose wife, the former Frances Elmer, resides on Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids. He was killed in action December 27. His father lives in The other men killed in action, all

on December 28, were: S/Sgt. William A. Lemke, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemke,

Sgt. Lloyd J. Mueller, 22, son of Henry C. Mueller, Marshfield. Sgt. Donald E. Reese, 21, son of Mrs. Cleo Reese, Marshfield. Cpl. Cornelius J. Lange, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lange,

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Markee,

Marshfield. Missing, 14 Wounded

All of the dead were members of the Marshfield National Guard unit inducted into service in October,

1940. In addition to the 14 dead, four

parents were notified Saturday. The

award was made post, humously to

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Merkel were in-

formed by the war department

that an engraved certificate and the

medal will be forwarded to them in

about two weeks. Sgt. Merkel was

killed in New Guinea December 7.

Former Arpin Soldier

Killed in Plane Crash

Sgt. Leander Merkel, 29.

Maknassy, Take 80 Prisoners Allied Headqquarters in North Africa -(AP)- United States troops, accepting a dare from axis forces opposing them, raided the town of Maknassy, only 33 miles from the Gulf of Gabes, and cap-

tured 80 enemy soldiers, it was announced today. A military spokesman said the raid-obviously made in force-was made after the enemy dropped a note on the U.S. lines taunting: "Why won't the Americans come out and fight?"

Halt German Thrust The answering slap at the troops of Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim came as French, British and American forces halted the menacing German thrust down the Ousseltia valley more than 100 miles to the north, checkmating a play for possession of the heights dominating the Kairouan plains and a long section of the coastal communication

routes.

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A new threat to Marshal Rommel's forces fleeing before the British 8th army appeared as it

was announced that Brig. Gen. Jacques LeClerc's Fighting French troops hurrying up from Equator-Pfc. Victor L. Michels, 29, son of ial Africa had reached the Jebel Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Michels, Nefusa, a range of hills southwest of Tripoli, and had only 50 more miles to go to reach the Mediterran-

ed Jebel Nefussa. The enemy is being pushed without respite." Reach "Little Maginot Line"

A Cairo dispatch said almost all Rommel's surviving Italians and the

tions, Junisia's "Little Maginot brought out to them for the first



BANQUET PRINCIPALS-Dean Chris L. Christensen, left above, will present the University of Wisconsin's honorary recognition to a Wood county farmer at the Farm and Home Week dinner here Wednesday night. Dr. John Earl Baker, right, former inspectorgeneral of the Burma road, will speak at the dinner.



This is Farm and Home Week for the rural men and women ed Germany to capitulate" in 1918. of the 10-county central state region of which Wisconsin Rap- and told them they must "work ids is the center. On Wednesday and Thursday, farmers and farm wom- more and endure more" because "a greater part of the Germans were already behind the Mareth fortifica-en will come here for the University of Wisconsin's diversified program

days.

Russian front.

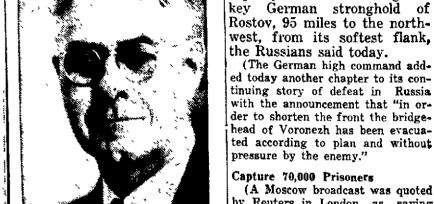
the city.

the ceilings to include the time notice of resignation was submitted

in production as well as the cost of 22, she said. In it she indicated she

hired hands. This move, which is now negotiating plans for other

would jack up price ceilings from employment.



the Russians said today. (The German high command added today another chapter to its continuing story of defeat in Russia with the announcement that "in order to shorten the front the bridgehead of Voronezh has been evacuated according to plan and without pressure by the enemy."

Moscow -(P) The red army of the north Caucasus has smashed through German

resistance to the rolling plains

of Rostov province, capturing

the railroad city of Peschano-

kopskoye and threatening the

Capture 70,000 Prisoners

(A Moscow broadcast was quoted by Reuters in London as saying nearly 3,000 more Germans had been captured in the Kamenka-Rossosh sector below Voronezh in the

BAD NEWS FOR REICH

Stockholm -(AP)- Dispatches from Berlin indicated today that the Nazi press is preparing the German people for news of a great defeat on the Russian front.

Articles in leading German newspapers, these dispatches said, emphasized the great difficulties confronting Hitler's armies in the east and the Boersen Zietung went so far as to declare that "for the first time in this war Germany faces reverses of a certain importance."

Editorials warned the people that weakness on the home front forc-

some 70,000 prisoners taken in 11

(Voronezh, important railway

unction 365 miles southeast of Mos-

cow, has been the hinge between the

central and southern sections of the

(The Germans announced last

July 7 that "the Don has been

crossed and Voronezh captured."

The Russians never admitted loss of

(Significance of the German an-

nouncement was not immediately

clear, but apparently it means that

at least any territory the Germans

ronezh area has been abandoned. It

The important advance in

Russian drive to destroy all the

German forces south of Rostov was

reported a few hours after a special

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Mrs. Amundson, Draft

Mrs. Fern Amundson, assistant

clerk of the south Wood county se-

lective service board, today announc-

ed she has submitted her resigna-

tion to the board to become effec-

Mrs. Amundson, whose home is a

Nekoosa, has been a board clerk

MacArthur, Australia

Melbourne --- (AP)--By a happy

coincidence, Gen. Douglas MacAr-

thur and Australia will celebrate

their birthdays together tomorrow.

For the commander-in-chief of

THE WEATHER

Celebrate Birthdays

city of Sydney now stands.

For Wisconsin:

northwest and

west central:

Today's Weather Facts

trace.

Maximum temperature for 24

hour period ending at 7 a. m., 25;

minimum temperature for 24-hour

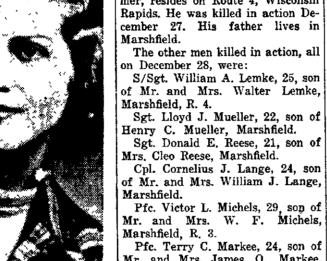
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Board Clerk, Resigns

Reds Take Starobelsk

ast 24 hours, making a total



did not bear any relation to the question of whether work beyond 40 "My God, this man is killing me." hours a week should carry time-and- A scream followed.

one-half pay rates. The wage-hour act fixes a 40-hour week at basic Daly City, Calif., looked into the pay rates, with time-and-one-half train aisle immediately. He said he REDUGE pay for overtime except where con- saw Private Wilson lifting Mrs. pay for overtime except where con-tracts between employers and unions James, who had sprawled into the aisle. provide otherwise. The act does not, aisle. however, limit the hours of work if

overtime is paid. McNutt also said the government the wound was made by a gouge." did not expect to "take over" any Saw Man Running Away colleges in its program for using them to provide special training for him and he looked out in time to by the navy today to have won sevmen in the armed services and see a heavy-set man running away. others scheduled to do technical See-MANPOWER-Page 7

Youth Released from Custody in **Pig Stealing Case**

One youth was released from custody this morning and his companion in a venture which brought larceny charges against them in con- did not have a pin-point stripe. nection with theft of pigs early this | Find Tracks in Snow month had his case adjourned until April 26.

Rapids, was released after paying \$27.50 in restitution and \$93.60 bound train. Police said, however, join the navy as soon as he becomes tracks. 17 years old in April.

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The \$27.50 represents half the amount which O'Day and Donald Powers, Seneca, received for three Bauer, Wisconsin Rapids, on Janupigs which they sold to George ary 6. The pigs were the property Sheriff Denies Guilt of Peterson Brothers, Seneca.

Powers' case was adjourned and he was placed under \$500 appearance bond. The boys were brought back to Wisconsin Rapids from Minnesota by sheriff's officers January 14.

Van Verd Dick, 32, Wisconsin Dells Indian, was sentenced in county court this morning to serve not less than 364 days in the Wood county jail, and was placed on pro-

bation Dick admitted guilt to a charge of which he had purchased on contract and moving the information be here.

U. S. DIPLOMAT DIES

Ottawa -(P)- Canada's capital lost one of the best-known members of its diplomatic colony when

Jay Pierrepont Moffat, United States minister to Canada since 1940, died unexpectedly of phlebites which was transferred from Wausau yesterday in the American legation. on a change of venue.

Information on Rationing

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stamps may exchange period No. 4 Albany, 14 miles northeast of here. fuel stamps for others which they | The injured man was identified at | Sent Back to Farm may use at once. The exchange will Grant Hospital, Columbus, as Sergt. be made at the rationing board of James H. Foldesi, 23, of Superior, turn to their farm for the next two charge however, continued her fast. Wie. fice.

cific train in Oregon.

Blood spurted from a neck wound, and Norton said, "It looked to me

Wilson said the scream awakened

ed on his pants and shoes as fast as 40, and to have virtually wiped out possible and jumped down. He an enemy island base 190 miles to

low, and discovered her dead. Then he ran to the rear of the train after the man. He discovered

no one. A trail of blood specks was found through the three cars to the rear

of the sleeper. tal village of Kokumbona where A brown suit was found among quantities of stores and equipment waiter Funches' possessions, but it were seized.

This meant that the American Track were found in the snow front lines had been advanced about where the train stopped momen- two to three miles beyond pre-Dist. Atty. Daniel T. Hosek said tarily in Tangent, indicating a man viously-held Point Cruz which had the army air forces for more than a to which it was thought Marshal that Jerry O'Day, town of Grand stepped off the California-bound been the furthest known point of year, and was married just before limited and swung aboard a north-advance on the coast.

costs and promising that he would a brakeman could have made the pushed forward in an effort to camp near there.

Dr. John Beeman of the state

had not been raped.

Waupaca, Wis. -(A)- Ralph nique said. The island attacked was Gunzel, former sheriff of Marathon Kolombangara in the Munda area county, entered a plea of innocent of the New Georgia group. when arraigned Saturday before "Completely Burned Out" Circuit Judge H. J. Severson on an

information containing 72 counts. They charged malfeasance in office, obtaining money under false pretenses and misdemeanors over 36 months.

pletely burned out." Judge Severson denied two motions by Gunzel's attorney, who sought to enter a plea in abatement

granted so that he could prepare the defense. Gunzel made his plea after the

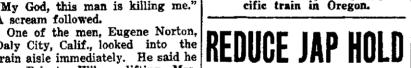
motions were denied and Judge Sev-M. S. King, of Wisconsin Rapids

is special prosecutor of the case,

Army Bomber Crash in Ohio Fatal to 11

Columbus, $0. -(\mathcal{R})$ -The state ighway patrol reported today that

The war price and rationing 11 persons were killed and one inboard today announced that fuel jured in the flaming crash of a fouroil users who are short on current motored army bomber near New



the highest in proportion to population in the state. Merkel Awarded Purple Heart One of the soldiers, whose death vas announced previously, has been awarded the decoration of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. his

Washington -(P) - A merican forces on a general offensive in the Solomon islands were reported

en important positions from the enemy on Guadalcanal, to have The man was dressed in a brown pin-point suit. Wilson said he pull- killed 201 Jap soldiers and captured

propped Mrs. James up with a pil- the northwest by sea and air attack. Take Coastal Village

The places, captured, a commu-A former Arpin soldier, Staff nique said, were six important elevations west of the American air field on Guadalcanal and the coasport plane which crashed January shipping facilities.

15 in Dutch Guiana with the loss of 35 lives. The war department notified his ed destroyed on the ground when parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stof- two waves of U. S. medium bombers

let, Lyons, Wis., of the death Sat- struck yesterday at an airdrome urday. He had been a member of immediately west of Mendenine. in-

The front apparently is being girl he met while stationed at a He was born in Arpin. The family

dwindling Japanese forces on the moved to Burlington seven years Powder at Merrimac police medical staff said Mrs. James northwestern end of the island. The ago. Besides his parents, Sergeant enemy still holds about 16 miles of Stoflet is survived by two sisters,

coastline on the northern side of Mrs. Claus Loonstra, Arpin, and Mrs. John Leddon, Auburndale, and Juadalcanal. The heavy attacks against the by three brothers, Harold, a mem-

Japanese island base were delivered ber of the U.S. marine corps, Wenby both airplanes and warships on dell of Greendale, Wis., and Roy of started at the plant last week. Saturday and Sunday, the commu- Spring Prairie.

Elks Club to Hear University Professor

"The operations were successfully Prof. George M. Briggs, agronocompleted," the communique said, 'and fires from explosions of fuel mist on the University of Wisconsin and ammunition dumps indicated college of agriculture, will be the that the enemy held area was comspeaker at the weekly meeting of he Elks club Tuesday night. Pro-

Of the 201 Japanese reported fessor Briggs, noted as "Soy Bean" killed, 110 were slain on Friday Briggs, will be introduced by County pelling charge for guns, meets spec-See-WAR IN PACIFIC-Page 7 | Agent H. R. Lathrope.

Be Fingerprinted by March 31 or erson ordered the trial conducted in Stevens Point. Face Prison, Judge Warns Aliens

> Madison, Wis.-(P)-Four mem- | said that if they refused to comply | only a sandwich Friday and a glass pers of the John Weinkauf family, at the end of that time the three of milk Saturday, ate the three charged with failure to comply with women would be committed to pris- meals offered them Sunday, jail at-

the alien registration act, were on for one year and Weinkauf warned by Federal Judge Patrick T. | would be sentenced to finish the 90-Stone today that they would be im- | day jail term imposed on him when prisoned if they did not register | the case came up last week. and submit to fingerprinting by

March 31. Alvin Loverud told Judge Stone that federal officials had made every The family group includes Mr. effort to persuade the family to and Mrs. John Weinkauf and their

comply with the law. two daughters, Olga and Alma. Alma and Olga yesterday dis-They are of German descent and continued a "hunger strike" they operate a farm in Adams county. had been staging in the Dane coun-

ty jail for several days. Judge Stone permitted them to re-Their mother, held on the same

months to make their decision, but | Olga and Alma, who consumed ing.

American Legion officials believe line," and only rear guard elements time. remained in the northwestern tip of National Service Is Keynote the community's war toll is one of Tripolitania.

(While the Maknassv action was simply a raid, it suggests that American forces may be mobilizing above the Chott Djerid wastelands for a slash at the coastal roads and the Gabes-Sfax railway, which would outflank the Germans campaigning to the north in the Ousseltia valley.)

Further particulars of the axis challenge which was answered by the Maknassy raid were lacking, but it was assumed the raiders started from behind Sanad, 22 miles to the west and about 26 miles northeast

of Gafsa. Sanad is the most easterly point known to have been held recently by allied forces in that region. Continue Aerial Onslaught

American medium and heavy Sgt. Roger M. Stoflet, 25, was a bombers continued their aerial onpassenger in the large U. S. trans- slaught against axis airdromes and

> The spokesman said between 25 and 30 axis aircraft were believ-

Rommel may be withdrawing the

See-WAR IN AFRICA-Page 7 **Begin Production of**

Baraboo, Wis. - (AP) - Major R. P. Staeffler, commanding officer of the Badger ordnance works near here, announced yesterday that pro-

duction of smokeless powder was Major Staeffler said the first of several powder lines was in operation and that others would start

soon. The plant is a government-owned project operated by the Hercules Powder company. Elaborate safety

precautions have been taken to protect workers. A gun range for small arms and cannon has been set up by the ballistics department to determine

whether the powder, used as a proifications.

tendants reported.

Removed to Hospital Mrs. Weinkauf, taken to a hospital Saturday when she was found Assistant U. S. district attorney in an apparent coma, continued to

refuse all food, accepting only water.

> The mother and daughters donned the Saturday previous. nightgowns Thursday afternoon en before Circuit Judge A. C. Hoppmann. The judge had hoped to con-

CONCESSIONS TO The program will be staged on the keynote: "Farm and Home FARM BLOC SEEN

Week-In Service of the Nation.' The addresses, the discussions, the inspiration of the two days of ses-Washington ---(P)-The adminisions here are aimed at helping to stration was reported preparing tosecure the maximum production of day for a strategic retreat at some food, feed and fiber. The war and point on the agricultural price front the job of winning it underlines the in an effort to avoid a general asimportance of Farm and Home

sault by the congressional farm bloc Week in this war year. on its controls over food costs. Events of the program on Wednesday are:

Biddle Drafting Opinion At the Eagles hall, starting at Attorney General Biddle was un-9:15 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., forum derstood to be drafting a legal opin- still held east of the Don in the Voon "Wartime Crops and Fertilizers," ion defining the extent to which in-George M. Briggs, chairman. Eight creased farm labor costs should be may also be the first step there speakers and exhibits. taken into account in establishing of a large scale withdrawal compar-

At the Elks club, starting at 9:15 price ceilings on agricultural pro- able to that from the Caucasus). a. m. and 1:30 p. m., forum on ducts. "Livestock for War Needs," O. Burr The economic stabilization bill Ross and E. E. Heizer, chairmen.

Eight speakers and exhibits. passed by congress last October di-At the Rose room, Hotel Witter, rected the administrative agencies starting at 9:30 a. m. and 1:30 n to compute these increased wartime labor expenses to the farmer. Thus m., forum, "The Home in Wartime," Josephine Pollock, chairman. Six far little was said to have been done speakers. At 4 p. m., conference, toward raising price ceilings accord-

representatives of county home demonstration councils. **Banquet Wednesday Night**

At Memorial armory, starting at derson, former price administrator, relied on an interpretation placed in 6:15 p. m., honorary recognition banquet, Dean Chris L. Christensen the Congressional Record by Prenpresenting honorary recognition to tiss M. Brown, then senator from Wood county farmer for his signi-Michigan and now the OPA chieftain, that only hired labor costs tive February 1. ficant contribution to rural living. Events of Thursday are: should be taken into account. Farm bloc members had sought

At the Elks club, starting at 9:30, to force a sharp upward revision of since October, 1940. The written morning joint session on "Prices. See-FARM PROGRAM-Page 7 spent by the farmer and his family to the board under date of January

Legion to Honor 7 Former Commanders

ed. Charles Hagerstrom post No. 9

Wisconsin Rapids American Legion, See Upward Adjustment will present past commander buttons While the Biddle opinion was exto seven former commanders of the pected to hold that only hired labor post at the annual meeting honorcosts should be taken into account, ing past officers to be held Wednesit was believed likely to furnish the day night at Memorial armory. basis for upward adjustment of Recipients of the buttons will be some food price ceilings. Capt. R. M. Gibson, Los Angeles; Whether such a partial retreat would ease the farm bloc pressure allied forces in the southwest Pa Fred Schnabel, Wausau; and Dr. F. X. Pomainville, Hugh W. Goggins, on the whole agricultural price cific it will be his 63rd; for Aus structure was problematical but ad- tralia it will mark the 155th anni-Leo Colburn, William Pribbanow ministration, leaders were said to versary of the day the British flag and John Podratz, all of Wisconsin believe they might thus head off an was run up at ... point where the Rapids.

ingly.

James F. Byrnes, the economic

stabilization director and Leon Hen-

10 to 15 per cent, has been renew-

Two motorists were fined in Jus-

tice George C. Jacobson's court here

today on charges brought by Coun-

Roman Piotrowski, 34, town of

He was the operator of a gravel

Garland Bentzler, 17, of Loyal,

truck which figured in a crash or

Custer, Portage county, paid a fine colder elsewhere

county traffic ordinance on a charge ued cold Tuesday

of driving without due caution in forenoon.

ty Traffic Officer Tony Hentz.

Fred Bushnell, eighth district overwhelming attack. vice-commander of the Legion, will make the presentation. The meet **Truck Driver Fined**

ing will begin at 8 o'clock. After Hy. 54 Crash

Collect 2,570 Pounds of Tin Cans Saturday

Lloyd Franson, district tip can salvage chairman, said today the collection last Saturday in the district's communities brought in 2,570 of \$10 and costs under the Wood tonight; contin-

pounds of salvaged cans. Most of the amount collected was taken to Stevens Point Saturday regard to road conditions. with cans which had been collected

Mr, Franson said that, beginning Highway 54 Saturday morning.

when informed they were to be tak- next Wednesday, city trucks will paid a fine of \$1 and costs on the make can pickups every Wednesday in Wisconsin Rapids. Householders same charge of violating the counvince the women that they should who have saved cans are asked to ty traffic ordinance. The offense was period ending at 7 a. m., -9; temperregister and submit to fingerprint- call the civilian defense office, No. committed at Seneca Corners Satur- ature at 7 a. m., -9. Precipitation 271, and a truck will stop.

day.