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Germans Will Wage Guerrilla Warfare to Death, Goebbels Says

ARTHUR NEIMAN CASE OPENS IN CIRCUIT COURT

The case of Arthur Neiman, charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm, opened this morning in circuit court before Judge Herman J. Severson with counsel for the defense and the plaintiff giving an explanation of the case to the jury. Complainant and victim of the alleged assault is Arnold H. Kempen, chairman of the town of Rudolph.

Happens August 7

District Attorney Hugh W. Goggins in his introductory explanation to the jury pointed out that Neiman had apparently without provocation accosted Kempen with derogatory language and then struck him several times. The altercation occurred on August 7 when Kempen was picking blackberries on the farm owned by Willis Neiman, Arthur's son.

Kempen, when questioned by Attorney Goggins, explained that after Neiman had struck him several times, Neiman started to kick him. Kempen then grabbed Neiman's heel, upsetting him, and then held onto his foot to keep him on the ground. Previous to that time, Kempen stated, Neiman made two attempts to grab his glasses and on the second attempt succeeded. Kempen said that while he held Neiman on the ground, a Mrs. Westphal who had come into the blackberry patch, spoke to the two men. After releasing Neiman's foot and turning to the speaker, Kempen said he turned back to find Neiman armed with a club which, Kempen stated, Neiman used to strike him on the side of the face. There was some question on both sides concerning whether Kempen had released Neiman's foot as he turned to speak to Mrs. Westphal or before he turned to speak to her.

Heard Defendant's Side

Attorney John Roberts, counsel for Arthur Neiman, presented the defendant's side of the story, stating that it would be proven by testimony that the club was not used to strike a blow, that there were "no trespassing" signs on the property, and that Kempen had, by going into the grove, committed a criminal offense.

Attorney Roberts also pointed out to the jury that Arnold Kempen had previously been convicted on two charges of assault and battery. Mr. Kempen admitted the accusation and stated that the first conviction

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DISTRICT BANK MEETING OCT. 11

Bankers from 16 Wisconsin counties will convene in Wisconsin Rapids next Wednesday for the annual meeting of Group 6, Wisconsin Bankers Association. President of the 16-county bankers' group is Charles V. Stark, assistant cashier of the Wood County National Bank here.

Key speakers at the afternoon business meeting in the Witter hotel are Willard G. Aschenbrenner, president of the state association and vice-president of the American Bank and Trust company, Racine, Wis., and R. A. Bezoer, member of the American Bankers Association commission on country bank operations. He will discuss service charges.

Bankers and their wives will attend the banquet in the hotel Wednesday night, when committees will give their reports, officers will be elected and a humorist-philosopher will speak in an entertaining vein.

Mr. Stark will preside at both the afternoon and evening sessions. Other officers of Group 6 are A. J. Greiner, Stetsonville, vice-president and N. G. Oertel, Stevens Point, secretary-treasurer.

Last Air Prisoners Out of Bulgaria

Rome—(P)—The withdrawal of 442 captured allied fliers from Bulgaria was completed yesterday when 24 wounded men landed at an Italian air base from Cairo. The first men crossed the Bulgarian border into Turkey Sept. 10 following Bulgaria's surrender.

A 14th air force announcement said all the injured made the trip in good condition and like those brought here earlier, told stories of life in overcrowded prison camps where food and medical care were poor.

PRESIDENT SIGNS LEGISLATION FOR SHIFT TO PEACE

Washington—(P)—President Roosevelt, signing two bills providing tools for the shift from war to peace, has served notice that his administration wants something more—treatment for laid-off war workers "no less fair" than that given farmers and returning veterans.

Mr. Roosevelt put his signature "with considerable reluctance" yesterday to the surplus war property bill which Surplus Administrator William L. Clayton has called unworkable. With less distaste he approved the overall demobilization act creating an office of war mobilization and reconversion.

But Mr. Roosevelt expressed his hope that congress, when it reconvenes after elections, will "promptly" rectify what he called deficiencies in the latter measure.

What Is Needed

Still needed to complete the kit of reconversion tools, he said, are: back-home travel pay for discharged workers; nationwide minimum standards of unemployment benefits and unemployment pay for federal employees.

As it stands, the bill is a "states'-rights" measure, with the federal government guaranteeing the state payments by providing help when state funds run low.

New Chiefs Not Named

The guessing game over four new appointments required by the laws was prolonged by Mr. Roosevelt for at least six weeks, with present odds favoring Fred M. Vinson, now director of economic stabilization, to take over the key post, that of running OWNR.

James F. Byrnes has done a "magnificent job" as head of the office of war mobilization, the president said, but he has asked release from the government. Since the permanent appointment requires senate confirmation, Mr. Roosevelt said he had decided to send the new name to congress when it assembles Nov. 14. Byrnes meanwhile stays on.

A chairman and two other members of the new surplus property board, charged with disposition of \$100,000,000 worth of government goods and property, also remain for future appointment.

SCOUT LEADERS HEAR HOFFMAN

Scout Executive William Hoffman of Wausau told south Wood county Boy Scout leaders at a meeting at the Lowell school here Tuesday night that the 1944 summer camp was the largest on record. Mr. Hoffman also outlined objectives for each troop, with special emphasis on getting Tenderfoot scouts to advance to Second Class and then to First Class. He brought out the point that there are more scouts in south Wood county than ever before.

Several annual events were discussed, with dates being set for them. The Court of Honor will be held on November 18, 1944, with many awards to be made at that time. If proper arrangements can be made, a waste paper collection is to be carried out by the Boy Scouts on October 14, 1944. The date for spring Camp-O-Ree was set for May 12 and 13, 1945, which is three weeks earlier than a year ago. The earlier date was arranged in the hope that there will not be a conflict with other boys' activities.

He was defeated for the presidency in 1928 by Herbert Hoover. Although he carried only eight

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In his passing the country loses a true patriot."

Former President Herbert Hoover, who defeated Smith in the 1928 presidential election, paid this tribute:

"Gov. Alfred Smith contributed a real part in building America. Great as that was it was his qualities of character that will leave a mark on American life. He was valiant in political campaigns, but he was so intrepid in his honesty of mind, in his fairness and his sportsmanship that he won the esteem and personal friendship of every opponent."

Schedule McMurray Here Sunday Night

Cong. Howard J. McMurray, former University of Wisconsin forum lecturer on political economy and known here as a speaker on several previous forums sponsored by Witter vocational school, will open the forum series here Sunday night when he speaks in Lincoln high school music room on "What Kind of a Peace." W. A. Sprire, vocational school director, announced today.

Mr. Sprire said that there had been efforts made to get Cong. McMurray here earlier in the summer but that it had been impossible to get him until this time.

The meeting Sunday night is open to the public, without admission.

DINNER PLANS CHANGED

The testimonial banquet for William Kenny to be held in conjunction with the Eighth district American Legion conference at Marshfield on Thursday will be held at the Elks club at 7 p. m. instead of the armory as previously announced.

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WOUNDED IN ACTION

Auburndale—S/Sgt. Elmer W. Schroeder, 22, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Auburndale, was slightly wounded in France on September 16, according to word received by the parents.

Mc Quinn's Home Run Drives in One to Win For Brownies 2 to 1

London—(P)—American tanks rumbled today into a 2½ mile breach torn in Germany's Siegfried line above Aachen and fanned out, bringing their guns and armor into support of a doughboy drive against backstop defenses guarding Cologne.

The First army smash had carried two miles into Germany itself.

AP Correspondent Don Whitehead reported. Supreme headquarters earlier declared the drive had carried three miles beyond Ubach, a mile inside the frontier, to one of the enemy's main escape roads above Aachen.

Infantrymen had torn the broadening hole in the westwall defenses, beating off three German counter-blows.

Fight at Fort Driant

U. S. Third army men 125 miles to the south fought as bitterly at Fort Driant, strongest of the ring of fortresses guarding Metz. Supreme headquarters announced capture of the fort, but a later front dispatch said doughboys were clinging to surface positions in the fort, which is honeycombed by tunnels, against increasingly furious enemy resistance.

The Americans broke into the fort on the Moselle river's west bank after a two-day battle, and set fire to crude oil sprayed into tunnels to underground fortifications in efforts to burn out the Germans. Other units captured Mazieres Les Metz, seven miles north of Metz.

Heavy Artillery Opposition

The U. S. First army men above Aachen fought with air and artillery support to widen their new breach in the German westwall defenses. The Germans were firing artillery in the heaviest concentrations of the invasion.

The First army battled along a main escape road north of Aachen, and was cutting off that stronghold city in developing its wedge.

Lt.-Gen. Courtney Hodges' First

army struck on east of Ubach,

taken in breaching the Siegfried line. Its units fought along and across the main northeast road from Aachen to Gladbach. Aachen (Aix-La-Chapelle) already was flanked on the south by the first major breach in the west wall line.

Advance Cautious

A front dispatch said the First

army still was gaining on this third

day of its new offensive and the

Germans were reforming stragglers into new battle groups.

At Dunkerque, last channel port

held by the Germans, a 48-hour

truce permitted evacuation of ci-

vilians before the final assaults by

British and Canadian troops eager

to avenge the memory of the Dur-

kirke withdrawal of 1940.

On the Dutch front, British

troops repulsed a German attack

north of Nijmegen, and allied

forces at Overloon to the southeast

cut down half of the Germans who

mounted an assault there. In Bel-

gium slow advances were scored

northeast of Metz.

On the southern sector in France,

the U. S. Seventh army took three

villages northeast of Epinal. Prog-

ress also was scored northwest of

Belfort in the resuming push to

ward that gateway to southwestern

Germany.

Surplus Property Chief Resigns

Washington—(P)—War Mobiliz-

er James B. Byrnes today an-

nounced the resignation of Will L.

Clinton as surplus property ad-

ministrator.

It came a day after President

Roosevelt signed legislation setting

up a board to supervise disposal of

an estimated \$100,000,000,000 worth

of war goods, legislation Clayton

previously had branded unwork-

able.

The Texan said he would step

out of office the day a majority of

the new board is sworn in. He

added, however, he would remain

in an "unofficial capacity" for a

"reasonable time."

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin:

Cloudy and a little warmer to-

night and Thursday

occasional rain Thursday

and in south portion tonight.

RAIN

Today's Weather Facts—

Maximum temperature for 24-

hour period ending at 7 a. m., 60;

minimum temperature for 24-hour

period ending at 7 a. m., 43; tem-

perature at 7 a. m., 51.

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Happy Warrior Of New York, Al Smith, Dies



ALFRED E. SMITH

New York—(P)—Alfred E. Smith, 70, native of New York City's east side, four times governor of New York state and 1928 Democratic presidential candidate, died today.

Death came to the man who made the Brown Derby famous at 6:20 a. m. (EST) in Rockefeller Institute. Dr. Raymond P. Sullivan, his physician, said lung congestion and acute heart failure were the causes. He had been transferred to the institute Sept. 23 from St. Vincent's hospital where he had been treated for an intestinal and liver disturbance since Aug. 10.

Only last night a dozen red roses arrived at the hospital for him from President and Mrs. Roosevelt. It was Mr. Roosevelt who nicknamed Smith the "Happy Warrior" when he nominated Smith for the presidency in 1928.

The close political and personal friendship between Mr. Roosevelt and Smith cooled, however, in 1936 when Smith took what he called "a walk" from Mr. Roosevelt and the Democratic party and supported Alf Landon for the presidency. He again opposed the New Deal in 1940, stumping for the Republican candidate, Wendell L. Willkie.

Smith had not taken an active part in politics in recent years, devoting himself instead to management of the Empire State Building and aiding in bond drives and other civic activities.

A prominent Catholic, Smith knew he was dying "and was praying all the time," said the Rev. John Healy, his pastor, who was present when death came. Father Healy said Smith "passed on peacefully." His death occurred five months to the day from the death of his wife, Catherine Dunn Smith.

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