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NEW PEACE ERA BEGINS

City Goes Wild in Observing Victory

Tense Community Springs Into Wild Surge of Life as Siren Sounds

Two Rivers Tuesday night celebrated as never before, joining the nation in rejoicing over the greatest war victory in world history.

A tense city sprang into a wild surge of life when shortly after six o'clock, 6:12 to be exact, the air raid siren atop the Hamilton plant howled the welcome message, church bells pealed in a glorious harmony, whistles shrieked, people ran from their homes, shouting, weeping,

CLOSED TOMORROW
Officials of the Hamilton Manufacturing company, Aluminum Goods Manufacturing company and the Paragon Electric company announced today that their plants will remain closed all day Thursday and will reopen at the regular time Friday morning.

laughing, praying and excited motorists toured Washington street honking their horns. The war was over, the citizens were told.

Within 15 minutes downtown Washington street was a scene of merriment, with more than a ton of paper removed by youngsters from the storeroom of The Reporter, torn to bits and scattered higher than kite-deep between 16th and 17th streets. Never before was Washington street such a sight, young America making the most of it.

Band Assembles Quickly
V-J Day committee plans followed quickly, with Director Lorenz F. Lueck assembling his Hamilton band within a half hour. It paraded down Washington street from 22nd street to the public square amid the blare of horns. Youngsters strutted out sleigh bells to add to the bedlam.

However, there were solemn moments for many of the citizens, who quickly prepared for church services at the sound of the bells.

The three Catholic churches, St. Luke's, Sacred Heart and St. Mark's all held services and every one of them was crowded. Services will again be held at St. Mark's at 7 o'clock tonight while St. Luke's and Sacred Heart will hold special services on official V-J day.

At St. John's Lutheran a short informal service was held last night, and a regular service will be held at 7:30 tonight. Calvary English Lutheran church will hold a service at 7:30 p. m., as will Emanuel Evangelical church.

Hundreds of young folks and a sprinkling of adults were entertained by the department of recreation at a dance in the J. E. Hamilton Community House at which no admission was charged. The regular house orchestra offered the music.

The Central Park program got underway with martial airs played

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WISCONSIN: Fair, not quite so cool west portion tonight. Thursday fair and a little warmer, increasing cloudiness west portion in afternoon.

Upper Michigan and Eastern Wisconsin — Temperature will average about three degrees below normal in northern section and near normal remainder of area. Cool beginning of period. Slow rising trend Friday and Saturday. Precipitation will average 1-3 inch, occurring as showers and thunderstorms east Tuesday night and as showers near end of period.

TWO RIVERS TEMPERATURES
(Courtesy of U. S. Coast Guard)

Tuesday 4 p. m.	78
Tuesday 8 p. m.	70
Tuesday midnight	69
Wednesday 4 a. m.	54
Wednesday 8 a. m.	66
Wednesday noon	74
Wednesday 3 p. m.	72

JAP BALLOONS PROVE FIZZLE

Bomb-carrying Balloons Prove Big Flop

SEATTLE, (AP)—Japan landed more than 200 bomb-carrying, unmanned paper balloons, but the bizarre attack fell flatter than a pancake as a military weapon.

Details of the strange balloon attacks, hitherto secret to keep the enemy from learning the results, were disclosed today with revelation of censorship.

At the end of July nearly 230 of the lethal balloons, or their exploded remnants, had been recovered. They fell from Alaska to Mexico and as far east as Michigan, but most frequently in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, California and Montana.

Many more were sighted and still are being recovered in isolated areas where unexploded bombs remain a menace. Possible duplications in reports of balloons sighted and the fact that many may have come down unseen in mountainous areas, make uncertain the exact number that actually reached this continent.

Unknown too, unless Japan tells, is the number launched. But official guesses that it may be in the thousands are based partly on a navy task force report that hundreds were sighted in a single day off the Aleutians, headed for California, and the report caused apprehension and a redoubled watch. But not one of these was sighted ashore, all apparently falling into the sea.

Except for killing six persons who tampered with a bomb near Lakeview Ore., perhaps causing two small fires, and diverting manpower for the investigation and control, the balloons flopped badly as a war weapon.

Herring Size Limit Repealed by Board

MADISON, Wis., (AP) — The Wisconsin conservation commission, meeting yesterday at Plymouth, repealed its 10 - inch size limit on herring caught commercially in the Great Lakes.

The commission also: Purchased 350 acres of land from Walter Phipps, Sheboygan county, for \$11,500 to be added to the Kettle Moraine state forest.

Bought 45 acres of land to be added to the Brule river state forest, Douglas county.

Acquired 960 acres of land for \$5,000 from the Rib Lake lumber company, Lincoln county, to be used as deer yards.

Acquired 1,392 acres from Price county for \$1,050 for deer yards.

Teachers' Meeting Will Not Be Held

MILWAUKEE, (AP) — O. H. Plenzke, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Education association, said today the association will not hold its annual convention this fall even though travel restrictions may be eased.

At the request of the Office of Defense Transportation, the WEA agreed last June to cancel the meeting which was scheduled to be held in Milwaukee Nov. 1 - 3. Plenzke said the convention normally attracts as many as 13,000 teachers and administrators and because its details require months of planning, it is too late to attempt arrangements.

CALLS MRS. ROOSEVELT
WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Truman called Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt last night, it was disclosed today, to express a wish that the late Franklin D. Roosevelt could have been here to witness the end of the Pacific war. Mrs. Roosevelt was in New York.

GOVERNMENT'S RECONVERSION WHEELS MOVE

U. S. Swings Sharply Toward Peace With Warning Task Won't Be Easy

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The government turned sharply toward peace today with the cautioning word that getting back on a prosperous, normal basis won't be easy.

Reconversion Director John W. Snyder, in a report to the president, said there "should be no mincing of words" on the job ahead.

President Truman, himself, already had called this changeover from war to peace "the greatest task we have ever been faced with."

The whole government machinery—all the agencies responsible for trying to make smooth the switch-over to prosperous peacetime—awaited this word from Snyder.

His report was an over-all plan for the job facing the government and the people. The agencies will announce individually the individual plans for the parts they will have to play.

Snyder said bluntly "the sudden termination of the major portion of war contracts will cause an immediate and large dislocation of our economy."

Temporary Unemployment
He said that "our nation will undergo the shock of considerable but temporary unemployment."

The goals ahead, he said, were: Jobs for all willing to work, better living standards, economic stabilization, and increased opportunities for farmers and businessmen.

But he said these goals could not be reached in a "week or a month." Here are some things done in the past 24 hours, or about to be done: The army cut its procurement of

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PETAINE FOUND COLLABORATOR

Life of Aged Marshal in Hands of De Gaulle

PARIS, (AP) — The life of aged Marshal Petain was placed in the hands of Gen. Charles De Gaulle today when the French high court of justice found the former Vichy chief of state guilty of collaboration with the enemy and sentenced him to death.

Presiding Judge Paul Mongibeaux expressed the court's wish that the death sentence "not be carried out." This means that the decision regarding Petain's execution rests with De Gaulle, president of the French provisional government.

Persons in the courtroom close to De Gaulle, a former protege of Petain, said De Gaulle was almost certain to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

The special tribunal of three judges and a 24 - man jury also sentenced Petain, former chief of the Vichy state, to "national indignity" and ordered confiscation of all of his property.

The sentence was pronounced shortly after 4 a. m. today after a deliberation of seven hours, ending a 20 - day trial which ranks among the most sensational in French history.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said that meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes and tires will stay on the ration list "until military cutbacks and increased production brings civilian supplies more nearly in balance with civilian demand."

"Nobody is any happier than we in OPA," Bowles said, "that as far as gasoline is concerned, the day is finally here when we can drive our cars wherever we please, when we please and as much as we please."

He'll Dictate to Emperor



General of the Army Douglas Mac Arthur, above, has been designated as the supreme commander for the Allied powers and will accept the formal Japanese surrender.

"Cease Fire" Order Stops Big Assault

Order Comes Too Late to Halt Some Previously-launched Air Operations

(By The Associated Press)
GUAM, (AP) — The order to "cease fire" spanned the broad Pacific today but two of America's greatest military leaders sounded words of caution as they prepared to put it into effect.

It came too late to halt some previously - launched air operations.

Accepting command of the Allied occupation forces of Japan, General Mac Arthur said at Manila:

"I thank a merciful God that this mighty struggle is about to end." His next sentence was "I shall at once take steps to stop hostilities and further bloodshed."

Admiral Halsey, commander of the Third fleet, told his officers and men and the world in a broadcast address from his flagship only 110 miles off Japan:

Watchful Waiting

"Now that the fighting has ended, there must be no letdown. There must be watchful waiting."

Both Admirals Nimitz and Halsey radioed "cease fire" orders to all Allied forces under their command almost simultaneously with President Truman's Washington announcement of the Japanese capitulation — and barely stopped hundreds of Third fleet carrier planes from bombing, strafing and rocketing the Tokyo area. The pilots turned jettisoned their bombs into the sea as they flew back.

However, 35 minutes later, a Japanese bomber was shot down near Halsey's force and all ships' guns were ordered to stand an air alert.

Five Japanese planes have been

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TO FLY ALL WHITE PLANE

Surrender Envoy's Plane to Have Green Crosses

MANILA, (AP)—Japan's surrender envoy will fly in an all white plane, decorated with green crosses, when he comes to learn the Allied terms for surrender, General Mac Arthur disclosed today in his second note to the Japanese since his appointment as Allied supreme commander in Japan.

Ironically, the word "Bataan" was chosen as the code word for communications between the envoy and American forces.

The envoy was instructed to bring competent army, navy and air force advisers and to bear credentials enabling him to represent Emperor Hirohito.

The surrender envoy will leave Sata Misaki on southern Kyushu island Friday morning in an unarmed Zero on which the green crosses must be visible at 500 yards. The plane will land on Ie Shima on an airstrip painted white and marked with more green crosses. Six hours advance notice of exact departure time and route must be given.

From Ie Shima, the surrender party will be brought to Manila in an American plane.

Earlier, in message to Hirohito, MacArthur advised "I have been designated as supreme commander for Allied powers and am empowered to arrange directly with the Japanese authorities for cessation of hostilities at the earliest practical date."

Surrender Told by President Truman; MacArthur Is Boss

Mikado Accepts Potsdam Declarations Ending History's Greatest Conflict; MacArthur, New Ruler, to Accept Surrender

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The world entered a new era of peace today.

Along the enormous battlefronts of the Pacific and Asia the mightiest forces of destruction ever assembled rolled into a victorious halt around the prostrate, vanquished empire of Japan.

Throughout the Allied world, wracked by war or threat of war since Germany struck Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, it was a time for rejoicing and celebration. But already the problems of peace were beginning to pile up.

"We are faced with the greatest task we ever have been faced with," said President Truman. "The emergency is as great as it was on December 7, 1941."

Mr. Truman announced Japan's capitulation at 6 o'clock, central war time, last night. The act marked the beginning of a truce that will last a few days until General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, as supreme Allied commander, can accept formal Japanese surrender on the basis of the Potsdam declaration.

While promising the Japanese people free and decent lives, this declaration lays down a hard future for them. It is much like that imposed on Germany, except that the Japanese will

have their own national government, including an emperor, under rigid Allied control.

All means ever to make war again are to be stripped from them. At advance Pacific base military government officers stood ready to move in with occupation forces and carry out these terms.

More than four hours after Mr. Truman announced the surrender, the war was still on in the Pacific. A communique from Guam early today reported that units of the U. S. Third fleet in the vicinity of Honshu were being approached by Japanese aircraft.

"Those that do so are being shot down," the war bulletin said, adding that five had been destroyed since noon Japanese time (10 p. m. CWT Tuesday night).

Radio Tokyo, however, waited another hour, until 1 p. m., Japanese time, to tell its troops of the surrender.

Mr. Truman announced the surrender at a two-minute news conference. He released at the same time the text of an acceptance note which the Japanese government had sent to Washington through neutral Switzerland yesterday afternoon.

"I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam declaration which specifies the unconditional surrender of Japan," Mr. Truman said.

There were no conditions, although the foe had sought last Friday to win guarantees that the emperor would remain a sovereign ruler.

With the president's announcement came a flood of orders: 1. General Mac Arthur was designated formally as supreme commander for the Allied powers — the United States, Russia, Britain and China — to accept the formal Japanese surrender.

2. The Japanese government, in a message sent through Switzerland, was ordered by Mr. Truman to stop hostilities on all fronts and to send emissaries to Mac Arthur to arrange for the surrender.

3. Allied armed forces were ordered to accept the surrender.

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INSTANTLY KILLED
DANVILLE, Ill., (AP) — Pvt. Franklin Robert Hottinger, 19, of La Crosse, Wis., was killed shortly before daylight today when he was hit by a car on a highway ten miles west of Danville. Military police said the car did not stop.

Bowles said that while immediate removal of several major civilian commodities from rationing may mean local shortages for a while, that the return to normal channels of distribution will take care of these trouble spots promptly."