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THE WEATHER
Fair, little warmer to-night, Thursday.

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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

JAP BALLOONS PROVE FIZZLE

Bomb-carrying Balloons Prove Big Flop

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, Schwartz 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 ton of paper removed by youngsters from the storeroom of The Reporter, torn bits and scattered higher than ankle-deep between 16th and 17th streets. Never before was Washington street such a sight, young Americans 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 about on 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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The Weather

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.	68
Wednesday noon	74
Wednesday 3 p. m.	72

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 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 — waited 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 plan 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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PETAIN 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 Mongeau 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.

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He'll Dictate to Emperor



General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, 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 MacArthur 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' gunners were ordered to stand an air alert.

Five Japanese planes have been

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 MacArthur 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.

Gasoline Rationing Terminated

WASHINGTON, (AP) — OPA today announced immediate termination of the rationing of gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves.

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."

The OPA chief said "right now it's impossible" to estimate when other commodities can be removed from rationing. He added:

"It certainly can't come too soon as far as we are concerned. You can be sure that the other items will go off the list the minute we hear that supplies are anywhere near big enough to go around."

Gasoline rationing began in the east May 15, 1942, and was extended throughout the nation in 1942.

The canned fruits and vegetables program began in March, 1943, while fuel oil rationing came to the east in October, 1942, and to the rest of the nation in March, 1943.

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."

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 communiqué 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.

"1. His majesty the emperor has issued an imperial rescript regarding Japan's acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam declaration.

"2. His majesty the emperor is prepared to authorize and insure the signature of his government and the imperial general headquarters of the necessary terms for carrying out the provisions of the Potsdam declaration.

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 MacArthur 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 MacArthur to arrange for the surrender.

3. Allied armed forces were or-

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