

ARMS PLANTS BUCKLE DOWN TO NEW WORK

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Small arms ammunition plants—cut deeply in production a year ago—buckled down today to a whopping new assignment from General Eisenhower.

His appeal is for a 100 per cent boost in output, as quickly as possible, to maintain the furious pace of the allies' offensive against Germany.

Promising the need will be met, War Production Board Chairman U. A. Krug announced yesterday that orders to "roughly double" present schedules had been dispatched to 13 plants. They will need approximately 77,000 workers, over and above the 200,000 that must be found for about eight other critical munitions programs.

Krug acknowledged that getting workers back into these plants will be no easy task. Eight of the plants are in areas of labor shortage where they will compete with other "must" programs.

The sudden demand for a huge production increase—mainly in 30-caliber bullets and machine-gun cartridges—results from battle experience on the western front the last few weeks, Krug told a news conference.

He said General Eisenhower had sent word that this ammunition was being expended at about four times the rate anyone had expected.

Apparently that goes for mortar shells as well. The WPB chief said that program also will have to be "very considerably expanded" soon.

Like heavy artillery and shell production, small arms ammunition output was cut back sharply months ago when the need for a tremendous stock pile was thought to have been met.

The cut in small ammunition was about 50 per cent, with some plants put on a standby basis.

Ten of the plants included in the ammunition program turn out the finished product, while the other three make cores for bullets. These 13 plants, now employing 53,400 workers, will need 62,200 more. An additional 15,000 will be required in brass mills.

WAITERS ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—The FBI announced today the arrest of more than 100 Union Pacific railroad dining car waiters and stewards on charges of withholding receipts for meals.

Director J. Edgar Hoover, stating that the alleged operation had cost the railroad an estimated \$200,000 a year, said "dozens" of arrests had been made at Los Angeles, Los Vegas, Nev., and Omaha, Neb. Others are being arrested as trains arrive at other points, the announcement said.

The FBI said the employees, including complete crews of waiters, stewards and assistant stewards, had been withholding receipts for meals served on the railroad's crack Challenger trains which operate between Omaha and Los Angeles, but that no customers had lost money as a result of the alleged manipulations.

Hoover said a federal grand jury in Los Angeles had already returned indictments in some cases.

Snow Sprinkles Downtown Atlanta

ATLANTA, Nov. 25 (AP)—Snow pellets, the first of the winter, lightly sprinkled the heart of downtown Atlanta shortly before 9 a. m., today.

The weather bureau said the fall was a phenomena as the temperature at the time was 40 degrees and the indicated freezing level was 1800 feet above Atlanta.

The pellets, landing on window ledges, melted almost instantly.

A job for women who'd like to do men's work

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Flashes of Life

DOUBLE FEATURE
CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP)—Members of the Harry J. Recks family were pleasantly partaking of turkey Thanksgiving Day when a three-pound cock pheasant crashed through their kitchen window and landed on the stove.

Recks quickly substituted an ax for his eating fork, repaired to the chopping block outside, and then rejoined his family turkey dinner. Today the Recks will eat pheasant.

ICED CREAM
HYRUM, Utah, Nov. 25 (AP)—A truck overturned, spilling several hundred ice cream bars on the highway. But the spectators weren't impressed. The accident coincided with the season's first snowstorm.

DUCK SOUP
SHAWNEE, Okla., Nov. 25 (AP)—Henry Parry and Joe Sumner went fishing and came home lugging four fat ducks, in addition to a good fish catch. They found the ducks floating in the water, apparently brought down by some hunter who was unable to retrieve them.

LEADING YANK ACE HELD BY GERMANS

MISSOULA, Mont., Nov. 25 (AP)—Tears and laughter echoed through the Zemke household last night upon notification that Col. Hubert Zemke of Missoula, leading American air ace in Europe who has been missing in action since October 30, was safe and a prisoner of war in Germany.

A family group, comprised of his wife, Mrs. Maria, his son, Hubert, Jr., two and one-half years old, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benno Zemke, gave vent to tears of happiness on war department notification of the colonel's capture—then to joyous laughter.

"We were tearful, then hilariously happy," his pretty, dark-haired wife said.

"All along we knew that we'd hear from him again—we never gave up hope," she laughed. "Of course," she added proudly, "you see, he wasn't shot down and we have enough faith in his ability to take care of himself in a disabled plane."

Five Men Burn to Death In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 25 (AP)—Five men burned to death in a fire which swept through a rooming house in the French quarter here today.

Three of the victims were identified by Benjamin Aperim, the rooming house manager, as Albert Develin, 40, August Textar, 49, and Charles Louis, 44.

Aperim escaped from his quarters on the second floor of the three-story building after being awakened by someone yelling "fire" shortly after 6 a. m.

"I don't know how the fire started nor what happened," he said.

COMPROMISE EYED ON TAX FREEZE BILL

By FRANCIS M. LEMAY
WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Whether the historic 78th congress will end in harmony or in bitter strife was figured today on a slim one-half of 1 per cent.

That was the measure of a proposed compromise, passed along the corridors, in the brewing controversy over efforts to "freeze" the social security tax at 1 per cent instead of letting it rise automatically January 1 to 2 per cent, as the law now provides and as the administration wishes.

Those seeking to avoid another showdown fight between the White House and anti-administrationists indicated a willingness to split the difference—and let the tax go at 1 1/2 per cent.

The 1 per cent tax, supporting the old age and survivors' insurance program, now is yielding about \$1,500,000,000 annually for the program's reserve fund. "Freezeists" and "anti-freezeists" differ on whether the increased tax is needed to guarantee a healthy condition for this fund.

And the "freezeists" were not sure they could override a veto, if successful in passing their bill.

The ways and means committee, in its first post-election meeting yesterday, opened the way for a battle, if not a compromise, by calling open hearings beginning Monday on whether "to freeze or not to freeze."

The committee, ignoring a request by President Roosevelt, refused by a 15 to 9 vote to consider legislation to revive federal minimum price regulations in the bituminous coal industry. The price program died last year when the committee voted against an extension of its powers.

In Arctic regions a man who wants a divorce leaves home in anger and does not return for several days. The wife takes the hint and departs.



MERRILL—Michael J. O'Connor, NMI/c, home from the South Pacific after 30 months service with the Seabees, is the guest of his father, James B. O'Connor, and his sisters, Mrs. Dan Barry, Mrs. Jerry Ahern and Mrs. Dalton Parker. O'Connor has been stationed on Midway and nearby islands. Prior to entering the service he served as a dragline operator with the reclamation service, Klamath project. His furlough will be terminated in 30 days.

ALCORN GETS MEDAL
S/S William L. Alcorn has been awarded the Air Medal, the presentation taking place at the Aero club in London on November 2, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. A. T. Hoffman of Highway North.

Olson Gets Ribbon
Pvt. Delmer O. Olson Jr., formerly of Bly and now somewhere in Italy, has been awarded

ed the good conduct ribbon, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Muriel Joneschiet of Jackson, Calif.

Committeemen in Britain
LONDON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Seventeen members of the U. S. House military affairs committee arrived in Britain today. They will see military establishments in this country and then go to the continent for a more extensive inspection of battle fronts and military affairs in general.

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