

## VOTES PROGRAM

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The House committee, returning today a bill for operating a m. (D-Mo) said came on a t a closed ses- sion subcommit- omnended pas- and the subcom- re, Cannon said other hearings orting a new bill

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### NG'S TRIP POSTPONED

Physicians have thung Kai-shek as postpone her tour originally ber to Chicago, Los Angeles.

seven-day basic pay raise, with an is-a-day minimum without excep- tion in a one-year contract to re- place the one expiring March 31. The operators' spokesman today launched into a point-by-point de- nial of Lewis' remarks yesterday. Asserting that management had come to the conference to reach an agreement if one could be reached, O'Neill said:

**Denies Lewis' Assertions**  
"There must be no cessation or interruptions of operations in these coal mines until our enemies (the Axis) have been defeated."

Mine workers, O'Neill said, were not ill-fed, as asserted by Lewis, when compared with other classes of workers. He added that com- pany stores, attacked by Lewis in a report of a survey of food prices, were well run, and asserted that prices quoted by the UMW presi- dent were higher than actual prices charged.

The coal industry has made more progress in raising incomes of workers and improving its own fi- nancial structure than any other industry, he declared, adding that in the past 10 years miners' salar- ies had risen on an average of \$1- 100 per worker.

"Increases in wages have been a good deal greater than the in- crease in prices," he said.

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## Decoration Won By Corp. Lange, Parents Learn

Another Marshfield soldier, Corp. Cornelius J. Lange, 24, who was killed in action in New Guinea Dec. 29, has been post- humously awarded the decoration of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, according to a communication received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wil- liam J. Lange, 713 W. Arnold street. He is the 10th Marshfield soldier to receive the decoration posthumously.

## Touche!

### Is Riser Insinuation, Recalls Days When Results Led to "Field of Honor"

If duelling on Sen. Mel- shfield Republi- cued a challenge

n he took the privilege to re- describes as in- was "the paid

negotiation or condemnation, for the Badger Ordnance Works near Baraboo.

Replying to a statement by Sen- ator Riser (Prog-Madison) that the measure also would save mon- ey for a wealthy Milwaukee family that "unloaded" some land on the Government, Laird declared that

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The unit system which would be junked under terms of the John- son measure sets up a national standard of production per farm- er, tabulating a specific number of cows, chickens, acres of wheat and other commodities to deter- mine a unit.

The Johnson measure itself was proposed as a substitute for a bill by Senator Bankhead (D-Ala.) and others, providing for the blanket deferment of farm workers. It is opposed by military leaders on the grounds that it would disrupt plans for an orderly increase in the size of the armed forces.

## ALLIES GAINED IN FIGHTING; STIMSON

Secretary Says Losses on  
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Substantial'

Washington — (AP) — Allied forces in Tunisia "had much the bet- ter of the fighting last week," Sec- retary of War Stimson reported today. But he added that losses on both sides "have been substan- tial."

Reviewing the war at his press conference, the Secretary said that casualty reports from North Africa are incomplete, but that the Allies have taken more than 1,000 German and Italian prisoners and destroyed well over 100 Axis tanks.

The heaviest American losses, he said, occurred in the week of Feb. 14-20—the period of the American retreat and initial coun- ter-attack on the central front—when casualties were 59 killed, 176 wounded, and 2,007 missing. Most of the missing, Stimson said, prob- ably were taken prisoner, but it is possible some of them might yet return to the American lines.

From England, he commented, American and British bombers are continuing their relentless round- the-clock attacks on industry and transportation centers in Germany and Axis-occupied western Europe, the two-fold purpose being to de- stroy enemy facilities and to keep Axis fighting planes away from the Russian and Tunisian fronts.

## GENERAL KENNEY BACK AFTER EPIC SEA BATTLE

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## USURY LAW BROKEN, SAYS ROBERT HENRY

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