

## Affidavits Obtained From Union Officials On Fight at Statler

Chairman Green of the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee reported today that a committee agent had obtained "a number of affidavits" from officials of the Teamsters Union in New York City regarding the "battle of the Statler," which followed President Roosevelt's speech at the Statler Hotel September 23.

The affidavits were obtained by Robert T. Murphy, counsel of the committee, who was sent to the union's headquarters in New York yesterday after the committee had failed to receive any report from union members said to have engaged in a brawl with two naval officers at the hotel.

Asked if Mr. Murphy had talked with Daniel J. Tobin, Teamster Union head, Chairman Green replied, "I believe he did."

Senator Green said he did not know yet what declarations were made in the affidavits, but he expects Mr. Murphy to return to Washington late today.

The committee is conducting a preliminary inquiry into the fight encounter between the officers and a group of unidentified men. The Navy men said the fight developed when they objected to questions as to whether they would vote for the commander in chief.

## Applications Lagging For New Gas Rations

Applications for the new A and D gasoline ration books for use after November 8 are lagging, and some motorists will be left without rations, the District Office of Price Administration has warned.

OPA Director Robert K. Thompson said yesterday reports reaching his office from the 16 local boards show motorists are not filing applications for renewals. He warned that failure to file at the earliest possible date "will result in prolonged delay in the issuance of new coupons."

A-11 coupons expire at midnight November 8. However, 12s in the present book won't be in effect the next day, but A-13s in the new book will become valid.

Application forms are available at most service stations, Mr. Thompson pointed out. They should be filled out and sent to the proper local board, along with the back cover of the present book.

No new book will be issued unless this back cover is surrendered, the official stressed. New books will be mailed to motorists and none will be issued at the boards' offices.

## South China 'Corridor' Is Cut to 60 Miles

By the Associated Press.

CHUNGKING, Oct. 13.—Pincer-like Japanese columns, advancing on Kweilin from the north and on Liuchow from the east, have reduced the strip of free China between Hang Kong and Manchuria to an area 60 miles wide, Maj. Gen. Chang Tung Chuen, Chinese military spokesman, acknowledged today.

The high command reported Japanese forces had broken into the communications center of Kweiping, 70 miles southeast of Liuchow, and street fighting was in progress. Another column was reported driving upon Pinghang, 80 miles southeast of Liuchow.

Gen. Chang also acknowledged the loss of Fochow, which he said fell October 5.

Meanwhile, Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell disclosed that bad weather in the South China sector had hampered operations of the 14th Air Force, but on both October 11 and October 12 fighters and medium bombers got through to the Salween front to support Chinese ground operations. B-25s knocked out a bridge at Mangshih and also bombed Japanese-held sections of the Burma road, while P-40s attacked Japanese supply dumps and positions in the Mangshih area, starting large fires.

## Record Near 718,492 Register in Detroit

By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, Oct. 13.—Registration of voters for the election November 7 neared a record in Detroit today, with four registration days remaining and 50 neighborhood stations operating 12 hours a day to accommodate those certifying their eligibility.

Nearly 6,000 voters were registered Thursday, bringing the total in the city to 718,492. The record, registered for the 1940 general election, is 722,207.

City Clerk Thomas D. Leadbetter, chairman of the City Election Commission, estimated that between 740,000 and 750,000 qualified voters would be on the rolls before the deadline next Wednesday. In addition, there may be some 30,000 men and women in military service, who have not previously been registered voters, but derive their right to vote through special wartime legislative provisions.

## Woman, 39, Found Dead In Gas-Filled Kitchen

Mrs. Nora Mae Waple, 39, of 3023 Fourteenth street N.W., was found dead in the gas-filled kitchen of her apartment yesterday.

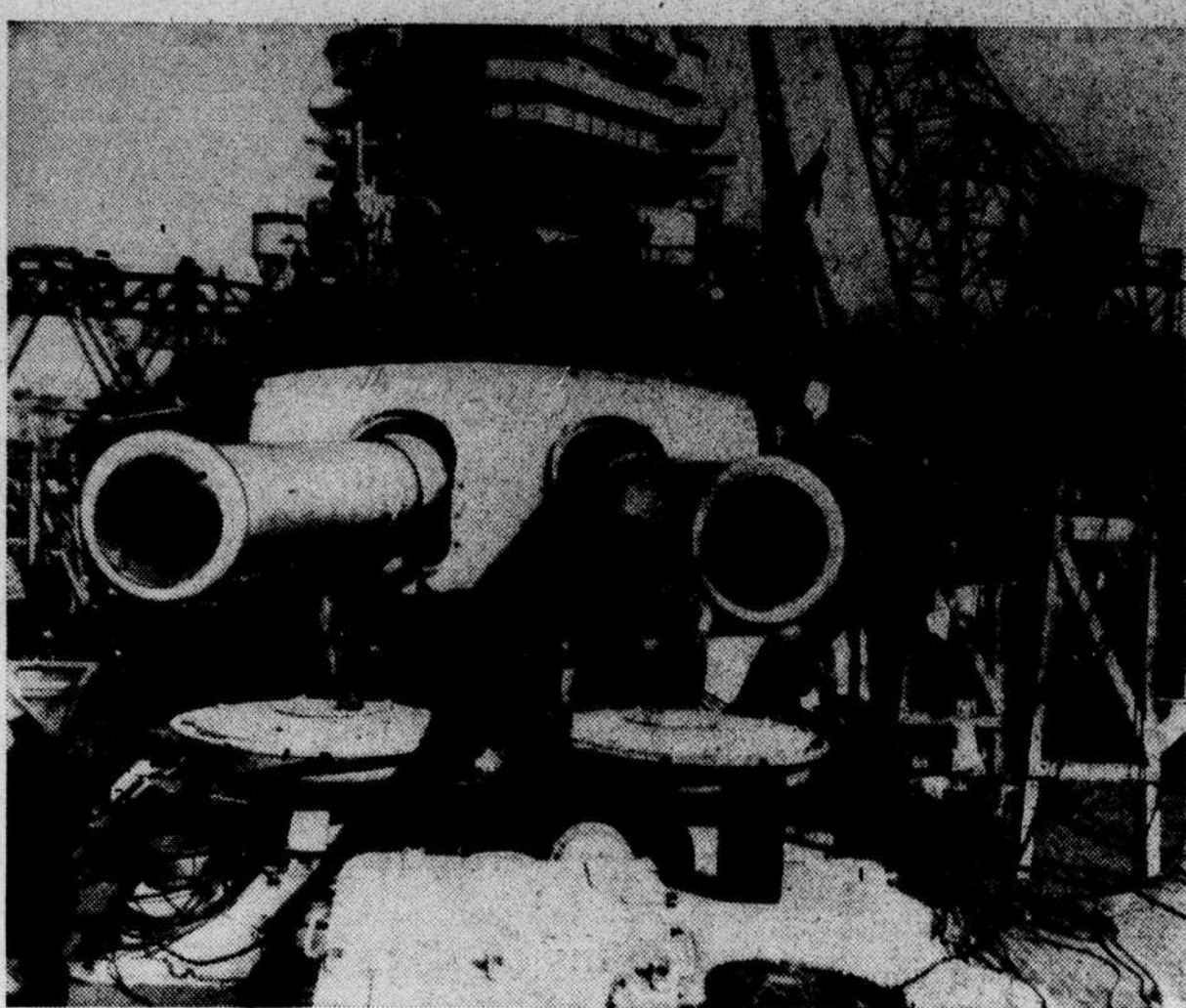
Mrs. Virginia Palmer, her sister who lived in the house, told police she came home and found the apartment door locked. She called the janitor, who forced the door. Mrs. Waple was pronounced dead by Dr. Christopher Murphy, deputy coroner, who issued a certificate of suicide.

Police reported all keyholes and crevices around doors and windows had been stuffed with paper, and two burners of the gas stove had been turned on. A note was found in the apartment, they said.

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**NEW YORK.—BATTLE SCARS BEING REMOVED**—Under the shadow of the 14-inch guns of the U. S. S. Texas, 32-year-old battleship which received a direct hit from a German battery off Cherbourg, workmen at the Brooklyn Navy Yard are refitting the proud vessel for more action. The Texas, despite its damage at Cherbourg, continues firing.

## 2,000,000 Women to Quit Jobs After War, Miss Perkins Says

More than 2,000,000 woman workers will give up their jobs as soon as the war ends, Secretary of Labor Perkins forecast today in an address before the annual workshop of the National Council of Negro Women in the Departmental Auditorium.

Miss Perkins predicted 14,500,000 women will want to work after the war, compared with 16,500,000 employed in March of this year and 18,500,000 employed in July, when seasonal workers and students boosted the total.

The Secretary, who credited the introduction of women into industry with improving living conditions "tremendously," expressed concern that the proposed "equal rights" amendment would destroy much of the effective legislation designed to protect women.

## Burko Faces Trial Oct. 23 In Gas Coupon Case

Trial of Joseph R. Burko, former Police Court clerk, and Clifton K. Gossman, 21, Arlington, Va., on a charge of conspiracy to acquire gasoline coupons illegally has been set for October 23 at District Court, it was announced today at the United States attorney's office.

At the court session today, Justice James M. Proctor granted a Government motion to consolidate the conspiracy charge with another case against Burko in which he is accused of receiving property stolen from the United States, while knowing it to be stolen, and also with receiving gasoline coupons stolen from the mail.

The coupons were said to have been taken from the mail at Falls Church, Va., but the indictments here do not deal with the alleged theft.

Gossman and Raymond L. Cruger, 19, were charged jointly with Burko in the conspiracy indictment. Cruger already has pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiracy to illegally acquire coupons and is awaiting sentence.

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## Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Martha McKee

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Dau McKee, 1736 F street N.W., former regional chairman of the Democratic National Committee in Texas, who died Tuesday at her home, were held today at Chambers' funeral home, 3072 M street N.W. Burial will be in Galveston, Tex.

A native of Galveston, Mrs. McKee was the daughter of Capt. Frederick L. Dua, Texas pioneer for whom the first Liberty ship was named. Mrs. McKee was active in philanthropic work in Texas, continuing her welfare interests in Washington following her moving here about four years ago.

Mrs. McKee is survived by a daughter, Emmy Lou McKee, a student at Mary Wheeler School at Providence, R. I.; a brother, John Dau of Dickinson, Tex., and three sisters, Mrs. Frederick W. Witt of Washington; Mrs. J. Loftin Downing of Henderson, Tex., and Mrs. Morgan Pritchard of Providence, R. I.

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## Lutherans Challenged To Push Christianity

By the Associated Press.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 13.—Delegates to the United Lutheran Church in America convention here last night heard Dr. Charles M. A. Stine, Wilmington, Del., vice president of the Du Pont Co., sound a challenge to Lutheran laymen and pastors to make it possible for American service men and women to return to a Christian American and to an America better than the one they left.

"Germany is proof of what the God of Nations will do with a nation whose educational system not only forgets God, but actually turns its power against Christianity," Dr. Stine said.

Tribute was paid to E. Clarence Miller, Philadelphia, and Arthur P. Black, Washington, member and executive secretary, respectively, of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement, for stewardship.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio, was elected president, succeeding Dr. Frederick H. Knobel, New York. Dr. Fry will assume the office January 1. He had served in Akron for 15 years and at Yonkers, N. Y., for four years before that.

The Rev. Walton H. Grever, Columbia, S. C., and now a resident in New York at Lutheran headquarters, and Henry Beisler, Belle-

vile, N. J., were unanimously re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Purchase of the J. Pierpont Morgan mansion in New York was announced by Dr. Grever.

## Broadcast to Dramatize Life of Kent Cooper

By the Associated Press.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 13.—The life of Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press, will be dramatized at 9:30 a.m. (C. W. T.) Sunday by the Indiana University radio studio in a broadcast over Station WIRE of Indianapolis. The program is one of a series the university is doing on Indiana composers.

Mr. Cooper, a native of Columbus, Ind., and an alumnus of Indiana University, is a composer by avocation and many of his works have been presented on national radio networks. Several of his compositions will be included in the Sunday program.

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## Mrs. Selina Bare, 78, Dies; Treasury Employee's Widow

By the Associated Press.

Mrs. Selina Middleton Bare, 78, of 826 A street S.E., widow of Robert B. Bare, Treasury Department employee, died yesterday at Casualty Hospital after a brief illness.

A native of the District, Mrs. Bare had been active in women's organizations here for many years. She was a past president of the missionary society of Waugh Methodist Church and a member of Chapter L. P. E. O. Sisterhood and Philo-Classics, literary club. She also was a member of the Columbia Heights Art Club.

She is survived by two daughters,

Miss Christine Bare, Washington, and Mrs. Marjorie Rex, Norwood, Pa.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Waugh Church, with the Rev. Samuel S. Rose officiating. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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