

4 CIVILIAN DEFENSE DIRECTORS NAMED

Four more county civilian defense directors were named today by Governor Schricker. This brings the number that have been named so far to 14.

The directors announced today were: Fountain County, Charles B. Young, secretary of the Attica Merchants Association; Kosciusko County, State Rep. Robert Creighton of Warsaw; St. Joseph County, Frank E. Allen, South Bend superintendent of schools, and Washington County, Luther Brown, Salem insurance agent.

County directors act as co-ordinators of defense activities in their respective areas.

Captain Stayed With Ship as Bombs Struck; Crew Went Back for Him

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A SEAPORT TOWN, ENGLAND.—When the S. S. Appleton was anchored at its berth near Staten Island, New York, taking on a cargo of guns, trucks, airplane parts and medical supplies, Captain Percival did a lot of things that last day.

He went out and bought two Virginia baked hams, a ten-pound sack of granulated sugar, one dozen pairs of silk stockings and six packages of cream cheese. Next month was his wedding anniversary and the wife would like these things, he figured.

By nine o'clock he was back aboard the S. S. Appleton ready for the long voyage home.

The S. S. Appleton slipped from its berth and headed down river.

THE FIRST days were uneventful.

On the fifth day there was an increase in the tension aboard the S. S. Appleton because the ship was now approaching that triangular zone which stretches from the Irish coast to Greenland down to a hypothetical point in mid-Atlantic. To all Britons, from the Prime Minister to the lowliest

cabin boy, that zone is known as the graveyard of British shipping.

At 5 a. m. the ship picked up the convoy it feared had been missed.

IT WAS early afternoon of the sixth day when it happened. No periscope broke surface and no battleship loomed on the horizon. Instead, five four-engined Focke-Wulfs patrolling far out from their sea base in occupied France appeared.

The lookouts spotted them immediately and then the convoy began to loosen, each ship racing

from formation and trying to put as much distance as possible between itself and its neighbor.

The planes continued on until they were over the convoy and then they, too, separated. Then the bombs began dropping. Many missed, of course, because the barrage from the pom-poms of the destroyers and the Lewis guns of the freighters kept them sufficiently high to make spotting difficult. They did score 12 direct hits, one of them on the S. S. Appleton.

A ONE-TON bomb landed amidships. Captain Percival was blown off his bridge. He fell forty

feet, and when he sat up among the debris of sandbags, hatches and lifebelts he found both his legs broken and his knee joints shattered.

The steering gear was gone and the ship was taking water fast. He ordered lifebelts on everyone and the one remaining lifeboat lowered.

With the men on the move the captain crawled along the deck towards the saloon to get the ship's code books. But a package obstructed the entranceway. That is when seaman Watts showed up and said he was staying with the skipper. Percival ordered him away but still the man refused. So the captain sent him in after

the books and other confidential papers and then, placing them in a weighted bag, tossed them overboard.

All hands were now bobbing up and down in the small boat, floating on the water below. The stern was about to dip under and again Percival tried to get seaman Watts to jump overboard and swim to that boat.

Instead, Watts ran to the rail and shouted for two men to help. The lines had not yet been cut, so two men scrambled up from the lifeboat and with the ship about to take its final plunge, they lowered the captain down.

The wedding anniversary gifts were lost.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24, 1941

SAFETY COUNCIL TO GET REPORTS

General Motors Official to Give Address at Nov. 6 Meeting.

Ralph L. Lee of Detroit, a public relations representative of General Motors Corp., will address the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Safety Council at a luncheon at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, Nov. 6. He will discuss community and industrial safety.

A feature of the luncheon meeting will be reports by chairmen of the operating committees on the progress in the Council's program of reducing accidents in traffic and industry. Dr. R. N. Harger, chairman of the enforcement committee, will present statistics showing increases in arrests and convictions for traffic violations in the past month and the results of using the automatic speed check.

Chairmen to Report

Thomas L. Kemp, chairman of the industrial committee, will report on the organization of classes in industrial safety training. F. Elbert Glass, chairman of the Inter-Fleet Safety Contest, will give details of this annual competition among commercial vehicle operators which will open about Dec. 1.

Other reports will be given by Paul Robertson, chairman of the engineering advisory committee; R. D. MacDaniel, chairman of the fire prevention and protection committee, and Robert W. Emerick, chairman of the educational committee. Mr. Emerick will discuss a pedestrian safety campaign which will be held between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

A number of City, County and State officials and safety directors from industrial plants will be guests. Walter D. Lee, council chairman, will preside.

DUAL PERSONALITY IS PUZZLE IN DRAFT

COLUMBUS, O. Oct. 24 (U.P.)—An unnamed draft registrant from northern Ohio who says he is a "neurotic schizophrenic" and doesn't want to be a soldier gave state Selective Service Headquarters a problem in Freudian psychology today. The reluctant recruit wrote to his local draft board:

"I am a platonic lover and a dual personality. I am a neurotic schizophrenic and also an auto eroticist. Have very little physical strength, easily exhausted, frequently have sick headaches, extremely nervous, effeminate and very emotional."

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