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consider themselves at war with Britain and Russia." In the case of Germany and Italy,

in the case of Germany and Italy, as in the case of Japan, their initiative will have had an incidental good effect. It will put an end, now and forever, to the interminable arguments in Congress, to the acquations of war-mongering on the one hand and blind indifference on the other. The event in Berlin has taken the selection of our destiny out of our hands. Our only alternatives are victory or defeat.

As far as Hitler's prosecution of the war is concerned, there is little that he can do save to intensify his sudmarine warfare—that, and one hing more: to conceive and to execute a foray of great audacity against the continental United States. Being forewarned, we shall be readly.

Three Views

Bob's More Nearly Match the

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Last Sunday in preclaiming war
assins the United States, the Emparer
of Japan his verse, it is Emparer
of Japan, his verse, it is President,
of the Wart. Last Tweday, the President,
of the United States, after having initiated a counter declaration of war against
Japan, gave his reasons swy the war and
come upon us. Now Bob Reynolds has
basued a detailed press release of his own
views which makes clear that, until the
stated at Peart Harbor. he had rather
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There can be no doubt about it. Listen: Hirobito: "Eager for the realization

ances in East Asia. Moreover, these two powers, inducing other countries to fol-low suit, increased military preparations

on all sides of our empire to challenge us."

has followed for the past ten years in ler and Mussolini in Europe and Africa

Reosevelt: 'The course that Janan

ler and Mussolini in Europe and Africa, Your Government knows that for weeks Germany has been telling Japan that II Japan did not attack the United States, Japan would not abase in dividing the spoils with Germany when prace came. She was promised by Germany that if she came in she would receive the complete and perpetual control of the whole of the Pacific area—and that means not only the Far East, not only all the Islands in the Pacific, but also a stranglehold on the west coast of North, Central and South America." ["Now hear Repondix: "For years past."

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L. with other members of the United Blates Senate, have advocated the relinquishing of all our interests in the Philippines, the withdrawal of mackins interests in the Oriental sphere, recognizing at the time that the future might involve us in a bloody confilet which I was anxious that we might avoid there or elsewhere. (But) we have been attacked, and no matter what has, been the view of any American in the past, we cannot tolerate this attack."
We shall never know, now, wetcher

We shall never know, now, whether or not Japan would have attacked the United States if we had taken Bob's advice and got out of her way in the

oed.

It is as well, we think, had as it may
that the President has followed other.

be, that the President has followed other counsel and deals with the Japan of her present size and strength.

In Washington, an angry solon moves to eliminate fat commissions on war contracts. Always, there are a few such fellows who would reduce a supreme mational effort to the ignoble level of patriotism.

ambitions to dominate or teer ambitions to dominate the Orient, both America and Britain, by supporting the Chunking 'Chlang Kai Shek) regime, have aggravated disturb-

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1941

Edlad Redona Berlin

Hitler Gives Useful Formality to the President's Hostile Declaration

It is something of an unusual . It is something of an unusual courtesy that der Fuchrer has paid us. We are the only nation upon which he has declared war before loosing a full attack. He has attacked us, to be sure, but with restraint dictated by some hope of our probabilities process.

straint dictated by some nope of our non-belligerency.

Beside, his declaration, and that of his dog-robber, Mussolini, only gives formality to the state of heatilities existing between Germany, Italy and the United States. No longer ago than Tuesday night the President recognized the enmity between us in openly hostile words:

"Remember always that Ger-many and Italy, regardless of any formal declaration of war, consider themselves at war with the United States at this ment just as much as they

Red Silence

Stalin Shore No Sign of Aiding Us Against Japan

Why isn't Russia fighting Japan?
That is the most important question
in the Pacific war—indeed in the whole
World War—and it has not been an-

Rather, it has been evaded, cautiously Rather, it has been eraded, cautiously and aimost ominously, by Stalin and his amissaries. Ambassador Litvinoff chose his words to carefully in extending his personal" support to President Rossevell. His choice of words save not adightest indication that Russia would become our active partner gainst Japan. The Kremlin has been slient—too silent for comfort.
Today Russia and Japan are friendly powers, signatories to a trade pact that still has four years to run. It may be that Russia does not care to take on Japan and Germany at the same time.

that Russia does not care to take on Japan and Germany at the same time. But it is also certain that a Soviel ale attack on the Japanese mainland, combined with a land offensive against Manchukuo, would be of declaive Importance in distracting the Japanese from their murderous drive southward toward Singapore. Is there a secret agreement between Moscow and Tokyo, double-dealing pact that has permitted Japan to leave her northern outposts unguarded for aggression against Britain and America?

Britain and America?

London dispatches tell of continued German retreats all along the Russian fronts, of a surprising new element—Soriet air suppresses of the Luftwaffer. Bilder readily dumins that no further drive will be undertaken against the Russians this Winter. Why? Is he preparing to Inwade Britain, or to march through Spain into Africa? Or has he made a deal with Stalin, promising to lead with Stalin, promising to let up on the Russians if, in turn, the Soviet Far Eastern commanders are or Soviet Far Eastern commanders are or-dered to hold back against the Japan-

Out of this speculation, two sure

Out of this speculation, two sure things emerger.

1. America needs Russia, We used here base at Vladivostok for our bombers. This is the only available place from which we can effectively bomb Japan-see industrial centers. We need the cooperation of her intelligence service—for of all our allies, only Russia has in Japan, taself a say system worth mentioning. Even more we need that Russian diversion in Ribertia—one that will give us time to bring up reinforcement to the battlefront.

3. Russia needs America. She has made no bones about asking for malerial and technical assistance sealing Cermany. And, in spite of Stalin's previous picture with the previous picture with the receipt stated on the state of the staling for malerial and technical assistance sealing Cermany. And, in spite of Stalin's previous picture with the receipt stated on the state of the staling for the staling of the staling

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powers battle each other prostrate so
that the world would fall to Communism.

Put your dollars on the firing line against Japan. Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps today—and buy as many as you

Tradition-Of Infieme

The Baltimore Sun

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Go back to the Japanese war with China of 1894 and you find Captain Helitachiro Togo attacking and dannaging three Chinese ships of war and sinking a Britania of the Chinese Ships of war and sinking a Britania of the Chinese Ships of war and sinking a Britania of the Chinese Ships of war and sinking a Britania of the Chinese Ships of war and sinking a Britania of the Chinese Ships of the Chi ish transport—a week before Tokyo got around to declaring war. In Japan Admiral Togo, later the hero of the naval war against Russia, is now known as "the Nel-

Russia, is now known as "the Neison of Japan."

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CHIANG KAI-SHEK REGIME ENDS INTRIGUE

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WE COULD NOT HAVE EXPECTED IMMUNITY

advice and not out of her way in the Pacific. But it is apparent that Bob would have done his best to avoid such an attack by giving Japan a free hand in the East, all on the tenous hope that with growing strength her last for power and possessions would have sub-sided.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Here is a force that will over-come the world: Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is horn of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth What is this dark forboding? After next March 15 we don't expect to feel any change. In any pocket. not God, for God is love.- I John 6:7, \$

Now It Is America

By Dorothy Thompson

A BOND DETWEEN ALL MEN ATTACKED AT HOME

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It happened the day before and now the President was going to speak.

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Suddenly a cold, exaggerated fury

A friend, sitting next to me at the radio, said, "Well, at least, you are not shorked." "No." I said, "I am not shocked."

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That passion to thange what one
hates, Yes, fight for that, too! For
our own damned right to change
things in our own damned way.

AMERICA MAKES ITS OWN RHYTHM

tremble in his voice, so wonderfully controlled. The President. WITH DEEDS,
GOD HELP US..."
Not ice mely words. That was good. There have been so many words already. Now it is dreds, "No matter how long it may take..."
"We will gain the inevitable tri-

dradly monotonous coar: Sing Helli Sing Helli Stylina. America'd He Andherret: The Brasident, And Some of them had harded him; and many of them had harded him; and many of them had fought him; and all of as had elected them: Josah Bailes and Gerter Glaco: Senator Wheeler said Senator Austin; Seli-tical Senator Austin; Seli-lates and Gerter Glaco: Senator Lash and Genera Alten . . . All the states . . the North, the Southwest, the Faw Meet . . So user the Far East . . The United . . Shates Out Stee, Curretam, Our tight, Out Stee, Curretam, Our tight, Out Stee, Curretam, Our tight, Our Victory, Their volces co-minished in the great cy of the

common our team. Our fight.
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Free! What did you say, Walt
Whitman?
"So help up God."
"Protect us by Thy might,
"Great God our King!"
That's telling 'rm who our
King is!

That's tenton King is!
"Americans! Conquerors! For thee . . . for thee, oh, democ-

thee . . . for thee, oh, democracy!

'For thee I am singing these songs."

mont Home
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Tes, God help us. God bless us recy on sand Tiny Tim. Saxs Great America. Such ears will think the same series of the same series of the same series of the same series of the same series. Second Insularia Administration of the Lord are true, and rightness the same series. For still the judgments of the Lord are true, and rightness to force there.

together."
"I love thy rocks and rills", the creek by the house where I neatly drowned at ten thy woods and temples delivered thils", going to a college conference at Lake George, oil, how long and the white farm in Versiand

Daniel Webster's Advice

Editors, THE NEWS:

We have been doing a good deal of thinking about present day conditions in this wast-form world. The shreking news of the Japanese attack on our possessival can prompted into the control of the state of the



Who remembers the old-fushioned bill of fare you could run an eye down until you came to 15 cents?

Fortunately that song has passed, and not mony are conflicting Hawlent on the Billerah with Rostov on the Don.

It costs an extra 10 per cent this year to buy the wife a fur cost to keep her watm, or quiet.

The Skeptics Society will take up the price-control bill, as passed by the House. The boys will mark up a few prices, to see if it moves.

If we and our posterity shall be four to the Christian religion—If we and they shall like a way, in the force of code, and shall respect the force of code, and shall respect the following the follow

Agreement Without Stalling Defense

Stating Petense
Editors, The Nives
Your estimated upon the settlement of
the railrad wase dispute, has been
we appreciate the little treat.
While the simployees did not
achieve all their demands, they
succeeded in negotianting on agreement interrupted in manufacture and
their properties and ofference services.

— A F. WHILENEY.

President, Reotherhood of Railmad Trailmen Cleveland, Ohio.

Under One Banner

_By Herblock



No Time **ForRumors**

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON.

Now that we are at war, all of us

nor compelled to readjust ourselves. Twenty-four



I've are compelled to readjust ourselves.

Twenty-four hours ago, an are
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before yesterday?
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practice training in
conducting ourselves as wartime citizens. We must give the benefit of the
doubt to the Oovernment now.

Some changes must take place in the

doubt to the Covernment now.

Some changes must take place in the work of us in the newspaper business, just as some changes must take place in your attitude as a newspaper reader. What was legitimate reporting or speculation twenty-four hours ago may now be prohibited because it might be of salue to the enemy which is seeking our defeat and destruction. The salety of the nation, and victory in the war, now must ride roughshod over some of the freedom we have rajoyrd.

GOYRENSHENY MIRT NAAVE

GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE HENEFIT OF DOUBT For a while we must give the Cov-ernment the benefit of the doubt. We military machine time to get going without distracting them by acreeching

without districting them by serrecting from the sidelines.

Take these rumors in your stride for the moment. The Covernment would like to tell us more about the damage suffered in the first Japanese attack. But it must not give away information that would help Japan. Washington is full of tumors. There are questions about the Army and Navy. Were they caught off guard, taking it easy on a Sunday morning? How could so many of our planes have been damaged on the ground if they had been alsert to take the six at the first warning of danger or if they had been dispersed on the ground in the manner which I observed on RAF fields in England? Were our shape unduly congregated in barbor over the week-end unstead of being out where they would have been less substrated in RAFILE IS. that would help Japan. Washington is

less subfirible territa?

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NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS

There are the questions being saked.

Judgment must be reserved because we do not know the facts. We are in the midst of a bette. This is not the time to sak questions of people who are doing the fighting. The questions will be followed up in the course by Committees of Congress. But for Ook's sake lets stand behind our Army and Navy now, or at I beat keep out of the way to they can fight.

Congress world war with only one

Congress voted war with only one against it. Miss Rankin has achieved against it. Miss Rankin has achieved her small feetinete in history, it is duly noted and can be forgotten as a life-sial mentalized sincident. The country's unity of will was achieved in one decister hour, as this all buy unanimous yole leatifies by comparison with the last war yole, in [91], when 50 yotes were cast against war in the House and 8 in the Senate Debate in 1917 was hitter. It raged from noon until 11 P. M. In the Senate and for 17 nours in the House. The nation was divided.

the lines. The nation was divided.

NO REMARY WAS
NECESSARY THIS TIME.

This time the issue, was no clear that debute was unnecessity. Mr. Rosservit meeted to make no appeal, Bruisti tests space for themselves. Words would have been superfluour. Recrimination between Americans for past views and have been pointless, because all now think silter. There was no spirit of elation, or of giorification of war, no intentional properties of the evil forces-airy.

determined response to the cril necessive must expect many wild word-of-mounts stories to circulate through that country without the slightest basis in fact. In the last war the report spread everywhere that a high official was under arrest. It was finish official was under arrest. It was finish displication when he made a apsclad public appearance that newspapers and photographers could spread the fact and kill the unterly baseless rumer. All of us need now to be on guard sgalpathese phasions. Where there is smoke you think there must be fire. But it may not be smoke, It may be only dust kicked up by some careless, irresponsible goods, or some malicious tongue best on deling damage to a person of the he nation.

sone goods, or some mailcook torgue beat on doing damage to a person or to the nation. You don't pass on rumors about a friend. Then don't do it about the most important friends you have now —your friends who are trying to win a

—your friends who are trying to win a victory for our country. There will be pienty of checking and givendin-aking by Committee of Congress as the war goes on. The rest of us can well keep out of the way white the Commander-in-Chief gata under way withing the pursuit of this little gangater of the Orient.

Visitin' Around

We Dan't Get It-

lich, Heh 130 Years Ago, Lexington Dispatch) Facetious-minded claim fireman turn-blocks of see which were in danger of hurning when the ice plant raught on fire recently,