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Armageddon

Japan Sets Off The Struggle Which Has Long Been Shaping Up 🧸

Tokyo ten days or two weeks ago. Under cover of continued talks, talks ostenaibly to search out some formula for appearing the United States, her military forces had been disposed and made ready to deliver in concert the blows that fell yesterday upon American and

British strongholds.

The initiative, with kil its advantages, was seized by the Japs, and apparently this bold aggressiveness will have done the United States an indirect service.
It will have cut off all talk, put an end te all quibbling and procrastination, unilied this nation and aroused its full anger as only the direct assault could

The deep roar of U.S. guns and the drone of her planes will supply their own answer to our flouted questions.

The first move in the field was Ja-pan's, and on her falls the blame for ommencing hostilities. But this, for all-the-contemplible-deception which masked her preparations, was no more than a bold move in a clash of basic interests which was leading to a break between the two countries, a break that would have come aboutation and was only hastened by the Japanese declaration

There were two things which inescapably were forcing an open breach be-tween us. Either of them could have i-war; both of them together as-

Beneath them amouldered animosities which long had engendered in this counky a willingness to consider war against Japan. Her-treatment of China, our Japan. Her-treatment of China, our adopted protect, and increased us. The Yellow Peril, that abiding fear in which the white Arace hold the multitudinous Asistics, was in our thoughts. Our obligations in: the "Philippines, precariously situated aimost in Japan's back yard, which was been been able to the properties of the protection of danger. Her designs upon our Facilie trade and the safety of our rather negligible investments in China were considerations. But all these were no more than items in our bill of particularies against Japan, and they did particulars against Japan, and they did not add up to war at so inconvenient a

The two main, unavoidable reasons ir war between the United States and Japan were !:

Japan were!

1. Her unmistakable inlent to drive
out the British and Dutch from the
Bast indies and so to seize and shut off
from them, and from us the supply of
raw materials critically necessary to the prosecution of war.

2. Her active military collaboration with Nazi Germany and the employment of her forces in the East as a factical ally of Hitler, as an open enemy of

Britain and Russis.

Basically, it came down to the horrible necessity of determining by force whether the world is to be our sort of world or Hiller's. Japan had chosen to make herself an instrument of Nation, had sooner or later to be dealt with Sha has chosen it sooner.

Labor...

American welders and shipyard workrs on the West Coast already have erved notice that strikes they had planned this week have been falled off. ned this week have been cauce on. From this hour on, all work-stoppage. So matter why it is undertaken, is a direct menace to the safety of the Uni-distate. Patriotic Americans will not airlike, and for the few unpatriotic ones who may, there will be special war destrike; and for the few unpatriotic ones who may, there will be special war de-cress under which they may be dealt

this reason, comparatively mild and limited laws such as the anti-strike Besith Bill may be forgotten for the mo-ment. Henceforward work is not only an American privilege; It is an Ameri-can war duty.

war duty.
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duty is not going to be the shorterms, higher-pay jobs we might prefer. All of the are going to have to work

.The attack by Japan yesterday came duction, not profit. This means that duction, not profit. This means the same bit the ancial reliable Precident Roosevelt and other national leaders had hoped to maintain must be ascrificed for the duration. The choice is between postponing a few things or losing all.

Politics...

Politics...

From 1:22-P. M. yesterday, when the nation first learned of the dastardly attack on American soil, there ceased to be but one political party in the United States—the American Party. The speed gith which so-called modationists have swung into step with the rest of the nation has been most heartening. Sententian Whenter gave us a typically American watchword when he said, "The only whink to do is to beat hell out of them." Senator Gerald Nye of South Dakota, whose lookidoniam has frequently resembled something like pro-Nazism, has showed his true colors: His reaction—the sole voice of discord heard in America yesterday (for the Japanese here were silent)—put him on record. He blamed the Pearl Harbor attack on Britain.

Censorship...

American readers have already become accustomed to a measure of censorship. From now on, military news sources will be even more careful of what they say. The American Press will co-operate: Prom now on, be even more careful of what the been more careful of what the first one operates it will not print information that could be enemy.

will not print information that could be of value to the enemy.

This does not mean that all helpful critician of the Government will cease. It has not stopped in Britain and, it will not stop in this democracy.

For example, there is a question to be asked immediately: Why, even though the attack was treacherous and underhanded, were the American naval and air units at Pearl Harbor, Hawail, taken so completely by surplise? There can be little doubt that we were caught manning. And in war, napping means And in war, napping means

Little Things...

Slowly the realization comes to all Americans that the little things—so important to us before the shock of year-draw sterroom—have been transformed overnight. Rose Bowl. Cutton Bowl. Sugar Bowl—who will play in these tourness on New Year's Day? The wave of enlishments will enguli the gridient. With their superb physical equipment. Onlices football players can no longer be deferred by draft boards. The emergency is too seute.

ergency is too acute.
For all patriots the Christmas gift problem is solved. Defense bonds and stamps should be No. 1 on America's list

this season. Voluntary cirillan conservation of gasoline, oil, and all other defense materials now becomes our stern and agreable obligation. No Ickes is needed to dramatize the petroloum situation. War requirements must be filled first, and

dramatize the petrologin situation, war requirements must be filled first, and the remainder rationed equitably. Waste is row intoterable. We fight an enemy of unequalied frugality and willingness to sacrifice. Our resources outweigh; his, but to make this advantage effective, we must enqual his ability to scrimp and save. This won't be a silk-shift war, or a top-has one either. The first, excitement of the thing will inevitably war off. I must be replaced by a grim and lasting resolution on the part of every one of us little people to see this thing through. It must be antiging and cheerful resolution—one that has the fortitude to bear reverses, but looks forward with white anger to the victory that it will not be denied.

We assume that the fained Nazi efficiency extends even to the Q. M. Corps, and that no military skis are being shipped to Libya, or sun helmets to the

Having disposed of the Russian chemy, the larger task confronts the tired Finn. In the quaint patois of the American-candidate, he is now in the hands of his

Having proved that a family of five can live on \$7.50 a week, an Eastern experimenter will now resume eating. experimenter w frozen steppes.

Inflation Hits Reich

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Next planners take Pittle in
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apennas varieties.

This week hoarders turned to hooks. Long queues formed before little shaps on side streets and in arcales off Linter den Linden. When stocks of popular hooks gave aut several weeks agenties public turnet before verlous abbjetts. But by weeks ago, the public twent to more verious subjects. But by this week they are busing any-thing that it left, regardless of subject.

of subject.

Cigareties are expected to be next on the last but there are already loose controls on the sale of fobacco, so this week maneuvering on the part of shrewd shoopers to lay in extra supplies has at no time amounted to anything like

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One River. "On Order"

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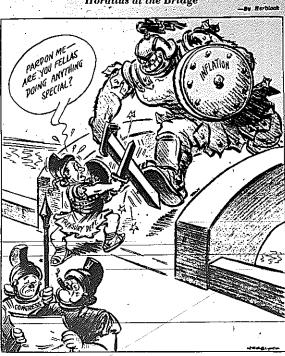
Senator Soaper Says:

Among the subjects which General Ben Lear proposes to teach his intrepid Second Army is geography, And what to do about it.

Maybe it's too late to duck but there is nothing in this world outlook that we particularly wanted for Christmas.

Einstein, who likened one of his theories to lurning a tennis-hall inside out without tearing, the caver, is probably the one to explain inflation.

Horatius at the Bridge



Letters to the Editor:

A Ballad Of The Greek

This is a poem written by a number of my fraternity, The Or-der of Ahepa. His name is John Dennis Mahoney, Please publish B.

Prevident, Marathon Chapter No. 2, Order of Abepa.
Charlotte.

(Note: We are delighted to publish Balladeer Mahoney's ex-cellent and well-pointed stanzas.— Editors, Titt News.)

When the Duce with his legions Knocked at Orasse's ancient gate he had forly million people and the Greeks had only eight with his Faschi banners pleaning From the high Albanian peak, "a me compile" cited the Duce "come whead," replied the Greek.

"Forward!" shouled the comman-

Then that poor moth-eaten Car-

What a different sone he sang!

"This great big builty lirked met
"Hey, Adolf, get your sang!"
"You're a dumbkop!," cried der
Prietre Adombtop!," cried der
Prietre Ade puilted his trusty gun:
"You buy I know how to murder
kill show you how it's done."

And then the tanks began to roll.
With clank and rear and grown:
The great planes blacked the sky
and filled
The air with ceaseless drone.
In endless ranks with flame and
bomb

bomb And gray guns long and sleek: he mishty German war machine Moved down upon the Greek.

And still that fellow wouldn't run
"He dath't quite kness how."
"We've got some help." he said,
"and that
"Just makes it even now."
"Bring on your millions, Adolf dear.

"We're neither scared nor meek.
"The British sixty thousand strong.
"Are standing by the Greek!"

They fought a fight like Homer's

song;
They died as brave men must;
Their ranks, 'neath dark and fear-

ful odds.
Were beaten to the dust.
And then heroic chivalry
Attained its highest peak.
As the victors clasped their bloody
bands. hands Above the fallen Greek.

Romeday, beyond this vale of lears, We'll all stand on the spot.
To tell the Judge of all the world salust who we were—and what.
I wouldn't be a Pacets tien.
Or Nazi grim and bleak;
But I'd be proid to tell my God.
That once I was a Greek!

Against Pistol

Hegistration

Editor, The News.

Some time ago (on published an extension of all firearms, citing as your, horrid cample the case of a Charlotte man who shot his sife with a piscul, lifeasily obtained. Since he bought the gun illegally I fail to the two would have saved the unfortunate amonan. Would you extite I have a would have saved the unfortunate amonan.

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Side Glances



"Lester has very decided views, you know—he says if we didn't live so far away, he'd go down to Wash—ington and give Congress a piece of his mind!".

Real Labor Bill Needed

By Reymond Clapper

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thouse shouled in additional amendments, including one by Martin Dies.
This was done in the fact of a strong
labor lobby. It was, as some members
and afterward, parity an act of defunce of labor pressure.

ENION LEADERS RALLED
TO BLOCK THE BILL

CHOICE OF LEDGE PRESSET.

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Labor union officials were called from sell over the country to assemble free and work on Congress. The State of the CIO determined to the resultance of the CIO determined to life appropriations or labor separation the most courageous legislator takes pause. It is no easy matter to vote against a numerous and organized minority. Parliamentary Government has become widely discredited because it has been unable to resist streable voting minorities.

ng minorities.

As a believer in Democratic Governs As a bettever in Democratic Government I felt better when the House passed—builf labor oill. It tan't the bill so much as the principle of the thing. The House action gives at least the appearance of stamina. It also was healthy, because substantistly the same body has more recent years voted a liberal program of labor and social reform and has now moved to correct abuses of its own program. This is no Pagists-include House, as its pro-labor votes in the beat show.

BENATE EXPECTED

RENATE DAPACTED
TO REWRITE THE MEASURE
The talk is that the Senate will rewrite the Bill and take the love our
of it, Some time and the House passed
amendments to belance the Wagner
Act and they were buried in he Senate.
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Act and they were buried in the Senate. The Thoro looky is constitute on the same break this time. Vice-President like Senate Labor Committee, which items toward mid legislation, rather ban to the judiciency committee, which had reported out the Committee, which had relate bett and which would have been inclined toward a strong bill. Where the Senate will aumour the House and which would have been inclined toward a strong bill. Whether the Senair will support the House remains to be seen.

RMITH RILL WENT
TO HEART OF THE ISSUE
The purpose is to get at the strike
The Smith bill passed by the Houri
goes straight to that point. It outlaws The Smith bill passed by the Hourgoes straight to that point. It outlies
a strike or lockout during a 30-day
cooling-oil period. A strike rould be
called only by a serve vote of the renployees taken under Government ausprices. The status of the closed shopl
is not to change. Jurnsdestungal strikes
would be outlawed. Unions would be
required in register and make their
accounts public. Some details of the
Smith bill insay be estreme or impractical, but those resential features
ask in more of labor then should be
expected during an emergency.
Ample opportunity is previded for
fair adjustment of wage disputes. Can
emplody say that, this administration
and its scencies have not taken a
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and its spenders have not taken as sympathetic attitude loward labor in deciding eage questions? The strike weapon still exists as a last resort but lookstactes are thrown in the way of exercising it. That is not only considered good body dutter the emergency. It always has been considered good policy, as in the case of the Rathwy Labor Act devised by labor ixelf. A Democratic Government has the

Labot Act devised by labor itself.

A Democratic Government has the right to ask of all its citizens that they assist it during the emergency. By establishing upon that right now, the House gives new respect to the principle of self-government.

Visitin' Around

(Wall City Item. Lexington Dispatch)

Lexington Dispatch:
The beautiful autumn days are still with us dry weather also provails, but why worry or grumble, for there has been a time when it did not rain on the earth for a priod of three years and at months. But He who made all and six months. But He who made all things, heard the prayer of His ser-vant and sent a great, downpour from a cloud which at first appeared to be no farger than a man's head and He is able to do so foodsy. If we pray from a true heart, having clean, anade and, an upright life, which is lived in islossity and truth before God and man-