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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HANWOOD

WILL WE FIGHT JAPAN?

AN AMERICAN gunboat, the Tutuila, lies at anchor in the Yangtze River at Chungking, far up rapids which have prevented Japanese war vessels from making an appearance, and behind rough terrain which has prevented Nippon's foot soldiers from attacking. Japanese bombers, however, have showered explosives on the city, and last week, one of these bombs upset an outboard motorboat tied to the Tutuila. Washington became highly incensed about it.

Not only that, President Roosevelt has said up Japanese causes and has so much as said: "Just look across-eyed at us and it means trouble, of shooting, neighborly. Why have we become so belligerent with our slant-visaged friends across the Pacific?"

It is obvious that the Administration is opposed to further Japanese aggression in the Far East; that it feels Japan should be kept in her present position of a second-rate power. Japan felt about it all, and on a standpoint of "equal rights" for all nations, she is perfectly justified in her feeling for why should we be the dominant power in the Hemisphere, also insist on running Asia.

Don't Seeking Justice. We don't feel that what you do for don't take much stock any more in international justice and morality. The world powers are not seeking justice and uplift of the common man, rather, they are in a mad and bloody scramble to retain power and security. So, the mad search for Japan's need for "oil and room." The United States might as well stand ready to do the "Japan" ears back if it doesn't look for much.

In the immediate past, the Administration at Washington has been appearing Japan, sending her all of steel with which to murder the poor Chinese. (There's a good example of our "policy of Goodwill Toward Men around the globe.") We have appeared Japan because we felt that trouble in the Pacific would be a dividend at a time when there was no money coming in the Atlantic and in Europe.

Now the situation has changed and we are apparently through with the present time, and an indication that Mr. Churchill figures the "Atlantic situation is well in hand at the present time and an effort to let his obedient ally, the United States, become

The Eccentric's Camera Corner. From this angle subject motion is rapid and a fast shutter speed should be used. By getting further away, and having the act moving almost directly toward the camera, effective sports pictures can be taken at slower shutter speed.

More on Action Pictures. If your camera has a slow shutter speed of 1/50 or 1/25 of a second, the average box camera (except a 2 1/2) you can still take action pictures. Practice "swinging" your camera as the moving object goes by. Get the object in the frame, and move the camera smoothly in the same direction as when the right spot is reached, click the shutter. Get the object in the frame with a slow shutter is a real four subject-to-pose, momentally stopped in its motion. A good, for example, can easily snap on his backwing, or at the moment of his strike.

Another Example of Lax Law Enforcement

EXAMPLES OF OUR POLICE CHIEF'S laxity are not only no hand to find. Last Sunday afternoon at East Maple avenue and Hunter boulevard, a 1940-year driver from North Branch failed to heed a red light and smashed into the car of a Detroit man. Negligence was admitted in writing.

An officer investigated the case, and realizing that a law had been violated, he asked the Detroit man if he cared to have the driver prosecuted. The Detroit, apparently not wishing to "cause trouble" for the boy, acquiesced in the negative and the case has been dropped, and the offending driver allowed to proceed with a bewildered notion in his head that the law is not so tough after all. But here is the humorous part: The Detroit driver

Roll Out

Are you saving up money to pay your 1941 taxes, to be collected in 1942? No, well, that's your affair. For eleven years the federal government has been rilling off annual deficits. It may not be conforming to consider the various amounts of the totals. Yet, these deficits are first mortgages on you and I and every other citizen of these United States.

It is a mortgage on the food and clothing of the poor. It is a lien upon the wages of the working people. It dips into the income of the widows and they will accept almost anything for the amount which is highly valuable to blockades having few resources at home, second, they must fear our huge Pacific fleet and the added vessels of the Dutch and British; and third, after a long and exhausting fight with the Chinese, they are in no position to start another first-class war.

Without hysteria let's look at the red-ink record of the government of the United States for the eleven years. For each year consideration will give the amount of the annual deficits in billions. Remember, this does not indicate what has been spent—merely what has been spent in excess of what was collected:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. 1931: \$ 500,000,000. 1932: 2,500,000,000. 1933: 1,800,000,000. 1934: 2,900,000,000. 1935: 3,200,000,000. 1936: 4,600,000,000. 1937: 3,100,000,000. 1938: 1,400,000,000. 1939: 4,000,000,000. 1940: 3,600,000,000. Total: \$33,200,000,000

It is estimated that the deficit—the red ink for the year ending next July 1, 1942) will be \$14,000,000,000. Likely it will be greater. No one in Washington—much less at home—seems to appreciate what will be spent in deficit this year. It is a time to consider only the threat to our liberties and our way of life. Even this last does not seem to concern many local people. We are still worrying more about our everyday affairs than we are about national existence. When will the awakening come.

The figures above represent barrels of red ink. Some day these barrels will have to be paid—or repudiated.—Clinton Court (St. John, Mich.)-Republican News.

No Foolishness. Secretary of State Cordell Hull says that Germany is seeking, by threats, to induce the United States to refrain from any self-defense.

The French, it seemed, "abandoning" a German game by reasserting the United States, that they will never surrender their fleet, or their colonies to Germany. As long as German bayonets are at the throat of France, however, French assurances should be taken with a liberal supply of salt. Hitler is following his usual tactics. Just now, Germany has as much war as she wants. Consequently, it is the game to talk nicely to the United States and persuade the saps in this country that we can live peacefully and happily with the Nazis.

When the time comes, we have no doubt, Heer Hitler will change his tune and stand for no "foolishness" from the United States. Let us be sure that we will not have to stand for "foolishness" from Germany.

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE Birmingham Board of Education and the City Attorney, relating to the problem of getting more taxes for the public schools, ought to prove beneficial. After all, our schools have suffered more from lack of finances than any other unit of government. No doubt the City will cooperate in aiding the Board of Education in finding a solution to the subject.

Eccentricities

A news item says Moscow remains average one third in 18 months. Things like this are what attract young boys to Communism.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Winston Churchill and your editor have one thing in common, it is a plain. Churchill's thing is from affairs of state, while ours is from the state of affairs, Wilson, can seven.

The average Wellesley girl owns seven-tenths of a fur coat; a survey shows. This figure, it is held to be the most accurate, is based on a survey owned by the average girl everywhere.—Boston Globe.

Journalism students at the University of Missouri have recently been privileged to hear the late Charles O. Collier, a veteran newspaper man, deliver a paper on the subject that Miss Sally Rand.—Grand Rapids Press.

Out of Harm's Way

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, DEATHS AND INJURIES

What a tragedy of justice engages us to wonder. Does he think that respect for law can be thought and the terrible accident toll reduced by such ridiculous misanthropy?

Accidents Take 96,500 Lives. In full years division were wiped out. It would be a terrible shock to the country. Why is it that these people are concerned about the fact that the number of people killed every year by accidents of one kind and another? Last year, the toll was 96,500 people killed, according to the current report of the National Safety Council.

Friendship in a Prison. It is a bit refreshing when we turn from wars and conflicts of various nations, to meet in the home were thousands taking 33,000 lives, compared with 32,000 the previous year.

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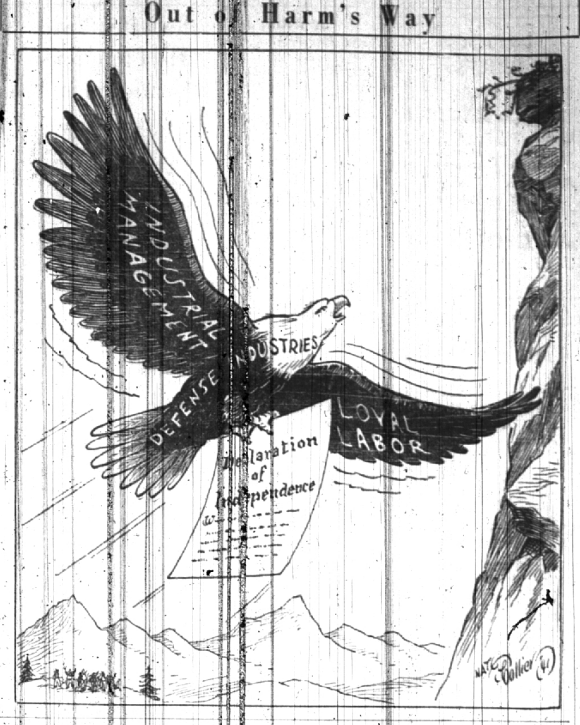
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DEFINITIONS BY HERBERT STALKER

Patience: Possessed only by the very great and the very meek. Defeat: An undimble mountain to one. To another, merely an irritating Boulder to be rolled aside. Religion: The contradiction of contradictions. It has produced blazing spiritual leaders and burned men the state. Happiness: The game but not to seek joy, but to earn it.

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