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Thunder in the East

To most Americans, the crisis mounting in American-Japanese relations comes rather as a surprise. It is as though we had been playing with the bottle washed up from the sea, knowing it to be filled with an explosive mixture, but not expecting the genie to appear, war-girt, in a sudden, tempestuous rush.

For that reason the growing tenseness between the Japanese and American governments has become a matter of particular concern. There was, several weeks ago, the matter of the partial embargo on scrap iron, accompanied by restrictions on the export of aviation gasoline, neither of which had any real effect, but which were expected and supported by most of the American people.

More recently the Japanese have signed their alliance with the Rome-Berlin axis, an action openly directed against the United States. To this the administration countered with a complete embargo on scrap iron and aviation gasoline, and the Japanese in turn replied with Foreign Matsuoka's blast giving the Americans the alternative of accepting Japan's new order, or of fighting. The statement was tardily denied, in a way which left its impact unchanged.

Since then the British have announced the reopening of the Burma road, and the American government has cut off wheat subsidies on grain shipped to Japan or Japanese-controlled ports in Asia. In Japan, at least, the crisis is now full blown, with the government papers denouncing the United States and making belligerent utterances; the European axis papers are also sniping in an obvious effort to distract and disturb the American people.

There the matter stands, with the Japanese apparently quite hot, and the Americans realizing almost for the first time that war, so long devoutly deprecated, may actually be in the offing.

All this has come with such suddenness that the country, poised as it may be on the brink of conflict, is little different in temper towards the Japanese than it was a year ago. The relative lack of war hysteria is an excellent thing; yet one would hate to see the current crisis aggravated by action which is purely diplomatic, and which has relatively little basis in popular sentiment.

The crux of the matter is, perhaps, that the nation is willing to see Japan chastised for her China adventure; and it would be happy to see peace return to China with the departure of the Japanese locusts. Yet it finds the prospect of fighting for what would be virtually the oriental status quo of 1933 not a very appetizing prospect, particularly when Britain needs all the military and industrial aid we can give her; and it fails to see, after two years of the administration's wrist slapping policy toward Japan, any real need for going to war at this particular time. Even the administration admits that the Japanese-axis pact merely ratifies an alignment which has existed in embryo for some time.

This is an era in which nation's fates are decided in an evening, in which empires centuries old may collapse in four short weeks. The United States must be prepared to move rapidly and with decision; but it should not win mere speed at the expense of a sound, broadly supported policy.

Repeat Double Liability

When the proposed constitutional amendment designed to repeal the double liability of state bank stockholders was defeated in the 1938 general election, it was assumed that the opposition centered largely in certain "liberal" quarters. This assumption was based upon recognition that the repeal was generally favored by bankers, chambers of commerce, the state banking department and other state officials, and knowledge that it was then opposed by organized labor and some farm organizations.

If that was the case it is likewise safe to assume that the measure was misunderstood. "Liberals" assuredly do not favor discrimination on behalf of big banks and against small banks—and that is just what the double liability provision means.

Most of the big banks are national banks, which are not affected by this provision of the state constitution; and the bigger state banks, for the most part, were in existence before 1913 when this provision was added to the constitution, and their charters exempt them from its application. Double liability applies only to state banks chartered since 1913—28 out of the 48 state banks in Oregon at present.

Double liability is no longer a safeguard for the average bank depositor, for he is amply protected by the national deposit insurance program. The double liability feature was in effect in most states prior to the enactment of the deposit insurance law; it has been repealed in all but ten states and several of those are now proposing its elimination.

Repeal is now supported by the Oregon state grange and some other groups which opposed it in 1938, and it will be hoped, purely in the interests of justice, that it will receive approval in the November 5 election.

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Bits for Breakfast

"A Day With the 19-10-40 Cow Column," Jesse

Applegate's classic of the trek across the plains:

(Continuing from yesterday:) "But from the standpoint of the hunters, the vexations are not apparent; the crack of whips and loud arguments are lost in the distance. Nothing of the moving panorama, smooth and orderly as it appears, has more attractions for the eye than that vast square column in which all colors are mingled, moving here slowly and there briskly, as impelled by horrid forces riding furiously in front and rear."

"But the picture in its grandeur, its wonderful mingling of colors and distinctness of detail, is forgotten in contemplation of the singular people who give it life and animation. No other race of men with the moose at their command would undertake so great a journey, none save those could successfully perform it, with no previous preparation, relying only on the fertility of their own invention to devise the means to overcome each danger and difficulty as it arose."

"Yet, whether it were a deep river with no tree upon its banks, a rugged defile where even a loose horse could not pass, a hill too steep for him to climb, or a threatened attack of an enemy, they are always found ready and strong to the occasion, and always conquerors. May we not call them men of destiny? They are people changed in no essential particulars from their ancestors, who have followed closely on the footsteps of the receding savage, from the Atlantic seaboard to the great Valley of the Mississippi."

"But while we have been gazing at the picture, the vast valley, the hunters have been examining the high plain in the other direction. Some dark moving objects have been discovered in the distance, and all are closely watching them to discover what they understand. In the atmosphere of the plains a flock of crows marching miles away, or a band of buffaloes or Indians at ten times the distance look alike, and many ludicrous mistakes occur. But these are buffaloes, for two horns which they do not call them and are, alternately, pushing each other back. The hunters mount and are away in pursuit, and I, a poor cow-driver, must hurry back to my daily toll, and take a scolding from my fellow herders for so long playing truant."

"The pilot, by measuring the ground and timing the speed of the wagons and the walk of his horses, has determined the rate of each, so as to enable him to select the nooning place, as nearly as the requisite grass and water can be had at the end of five hours' travel. Today, the ground being favorable, little time has been lost in preparing the road, so that he and his pioneers are, at the nooning place an hour in advance of the wagon, which time is spent in preparing convenient watering places for the animals, and digging little wells near the bank of the prairie, as the teams are not unyoked, but simply turned loose from the wagons a corral is not formed at noon, but the wagons are drawn up in columns, four abreast, the leading wagon of each platoon on the left, the second on the right, and the third in view. This brings friends together at noon as well as at night."

"Today an extra session of the council is being held, to settle disputes that does not admit of delay, between a proprietor and a young man who has undertaken to do a man's service on the journey for bed and board. Many such engagements exist, and much interest is taken in the manner in which this high court, from which there is no appeal, will define the rights of each party in such engagements. The council was a high court in the most exalted sense. It was a senate composed of the ablest and most respected fathers of the emigration, representing both sexes, live and judicial powers, and its laws and decisions proved it equal to any of the high courts of the land worthy of the high trust placed in it. Its sessions were usually held on days when the caravan was not moving. It first took the state of the little commonwealth into consideration; revised or repealed rules defective or obsolete, and enacted such others as the exigencies seemed to require. The commonwealth being cared for, it next resolved itself into a court to hear and settle private disputes and grievances. The offender and the aggrieved were called before it. Witnesses were examined, and the parties were heard by themselves and sometimes by counsel. The judges being thus made fully acquainted with the case, and being in no way influenced or cramped by technicalities, decided all cases according to their merits. There was but little use for lawyers before this court, for no plea was entertained which was calculated to hinder or defeat the ends of justice. Many of these judges have since won honors in higher spheres. They have aided to establish on the broad basis of right and universal liberty two pillars of our great Republic in the Occident. Some of the young men who appeared before them as advocates have themselves sat upon the highest judicial tribunals, commanded armies, been gov-

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"Flying Blind" by VERA BROWN

Chapter 33
Dudley waited. He watched the slumping Tex with unwavering eyes. "Four him some coffee, when it's ready," Dudley said calmly. He pushed the cup to Tex. He pushed it aside.

"Drink that!" Dudley ordered. "I can't. It's too hot."
"Judith was on the other side of the room watching. Dudley's set face terrified her. She thought that he would never believe her—never believe she had not planned to see her ex-husband!"

"Now explain yourself, Tex."
Tex was no longer the blustering bully he had been. But he blazed out at Dudley: "You've ruined me and you're going to pay!"

"So Sonia won't support you any more?" Dudley's voice was like a whip-lash.
Tex reared up in his chair, but he eyed the hidden gun, thought better of it, settled back with a quiver of fear.
"You're a coward or you wouldn't say such things without a gun!"

"A gun's the only language you'd understand."
"Do you think I'm crazy?" queried Tex.
"I'm sure of it!"
Tex thought for a moment. "That's a funny one. That's what Sonia said." But his foggy thoughts drifted back to his desired plane. "I've got to have a ship, Dudley! I've got to!"

Dudley saw his opportunity: "Tell you what I'll do. If you go on the wagon, pull yourself together, I'll get a backer for you."
"No, it's no use. Nobody would take me. I want to get into the races next week at Miami. There isn't time!"
"Not if you want to go on being a rummy!"
Tex straightened up. The coffee was having some effect. "All right."

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"I said, get it down!"
"And give her back her ring," Dudley added.
The engagement ring lay on the couch where Tex had tossed it. It gleamed in the rays of the one lamp in the room. Judith held out her hands to Michael appealingly. He held out his arms to her. She came to him sobbing.
"You trusted me!" Judith managed.

Dudley dropped his arms from her. "Sit over there. I want to tell you the truth. I didn't." She watched him with anguish. "I knew Tex was in town and, when you refused to see me tonight, I thought it was because you wanted to see him."
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Judith kissed him again. "You're a grand person! But I was so frightened when you threatened to shoot Tex. It would have killed me to have involved you in a shooting."
Dudley chuckled. "I didn't have a gun, honey." He pulled out his flashlight, tossed it onto the couch. "I think I'm a pretty balanced person. But tonight, I knew how men feel when they want to kill." His voice broke. "I could have shot him in cold blood—and enjoyed it!"
They were silent in each other's arms until Dudley picked up Judith's ring and slipped it back on her finger. So ended happily the stormy event of that night.
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News Behind Today News

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—You may never see them, and especially the Japanese will not see them—but steps are being taken to strengthen our weak Pacific outposts, the Philippines and Guam.
Funds which can be used to make the Philippines a big military base have been tucked into recent appropriation bills passed by congress in such a way that their purpose will not be noticed.
The navy admirals simultaneously have gone after the White House for a straight large open appropriation to fortify Guam.

These are coming steps designed to improve Japan's position she has assumed in the axis, but there may be others first. Extension of the embargo against shipment of copper has been considered. An investigation of the domestic effects of stopping cotton and hanks silk imports is being conducted.
None of these individual steps would be grave, taken singly, but in progression they would advance us toward the whole distance toward the grave result forecast when Navy Secretary Knox called out the naval reserve.

This government has silently tilted its nose at the British offer to let us use the Singapore naval base. It is not because our navy likes the British less. It merely likes the Singapore base less.
The naval board of strategy is in full agreement that Singapore is "too far up the creek" for efficient use by American vessels. Its position is too far around the neck of the prospective fighting area in the South China Sea to make its full use desirable. The admirals would rather have small storage bases at Mindanao, the southernmost Philippine island, or in British New Guinea. From such storehouses American vessels could operate northward on a shorter line to the scene of probable operations.

The White House has been definitely advised not to take up the British suggestion.
William Knudsen, national defense commissioner, has privately threatened to resign his post if the Hillman-Jackson labor quarantine is imposed on the defense program.
Knudsen went to see Mr. Roosevelt at the white house last Friday. No news of their visit got out. What was said was kept private apparently by both parties involved. But the conversations which both Knudsen and Commissioner Stettinius, the two top business men pushing the defense, have held among their associates have left no doubt of

what transpired. Both men were deeply upset by the development. Their positions of responsibility for producing defense would become untenable if the largest and most efficient industries are barred from defense production for political-labor reasons or any others.
The propaganda drive to foster American credits for Britain will have a hard time getting beyond a little-noticed routine commerce department report on the present British financial position in this country.
This report disclosed the United Kingdom reduced its cash balances in the United States by only about \$200,000,000, the first ten months of the year. \$200,000,000 of American securities were cashed in the same period. As the United Kingdom had \$2,000,000,000 of holdings in this country at the end of 1939, it appears she should not be so worried about the loss. Her position is actually even better because these figures exclude the cash and security holdings of the Canadian, Australian, and South African.
Britain, therefore, has no need of American credits at this time, nor will she have for a long time to come.

Today's Garden

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
now on rose bushes. That is the grey powdery substance which you mention on the necks of the rose buds. Dust thoroughly with fine dusting sulphur. The very heavy dew and the rather warm days we have been having are responsible for the disease.
L.S.—If your lawn is small I wouldn't cut it up with fences. Use side plantings along rather straight lines to give it more depth. In the case of the friend's lawn you also saw about, something bright planted near the house... like red geraniums for summer use... would bring the house nearer the street. Frequently when the lawn is too long and narrow show plantings about the house will draw it forward. Also he should have those long straight borders at both sides of the lawn. A severe straight edge would be better for your lawn which you term "too short and squat."
E.D.—An English garden? J. Horace McFarland gives Canterbury bells with delphiniums in the background and English daisies as the foreground as an English garden. If well planted that should make a lovely garden in any land. I wonder if any particular type of garden is no longer typical of any one country. Climate, perhaps more than nationality, would determine the flowers to grow within a country. I know of a number of English men and women who claim that Oregon's gardens are very similar to those of England.

Radio Programs

These schedules are supplied by the respective stations. Any variations noted by listeners are due to changes made by the stations without notice to this newspaper.
7:00—Caravan.
7:30—Fred Waring Pleasure Time.
8:15—Bucolic Cabin Orchestra.
8:30—Good News of 1941.
9:00—Champions.
9:30—Ambassador Hotel Orchestra.
10:00—News Flashes.
10:15—Sir Francis Drake Orchestra.
10:30—The St. Francis Orchestra.
11:00—News.
11:15—Kathryn Randava Orchestra.
11:30—Florentine Gardens Orchestra.

KRM—THURSDAY—1160 Kc.
6:30—Musical Clock.
7:00—Western Agriculturists.
7:30—The World Today.
8:00—Just Between Friends.
8:15—Dr. J. H. Bowen.
9:15—Christian Science Program.
9:30—National Farm and Home.
10:00—News.
10:15—Between the Bookends.
10:30—Charmingly We Live.
10:45—Associated Press News.
11:00—Ladies of the Headlines.
11:00—Our Half Hour.
11:30—US Marine Band.
12:00—Orphan Asylum.
12:15—Amanda of Honeymoon Hill.
12:45—Just Plain Bill.
1:00—Faithful Stradiavari.
1:30—Market Reports.
2:15—The Quilt We Weave.
3:15—Tough Criminal Orchestra.

KOAO—THURSDAY—650 Kc.
9:00—News.
9:30—Home Makers' Hour.
10:00—Walter Winchell.
10:15—Story Hour for Adults.
10:30—The Story of the Masters.
11:00—Farm Hour.
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12:00—Smiles That the News.
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2:00—OBC Round Table.
2:45—Fighting Diseases.

KOIN—THURSDAY—940 Kc.
6:00—Market Reports.
6:30—Bob Hope Reporting.
7:15—Headliners.
8:00—Rhythm Roundup.
8:15—Consumer News.
8:30—The Goldbug.
9:45—By Kathleen Norris.
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