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ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

The attention remains focused but the eyes are watching experts this possibility of a very definite engage in.

This go Nippon has tant change News puts ment of the ed. The U. will refuse to b out of Toka interests in the Dutch East Indies and British Malaya are not to be sacrificed without an effort to defend them. If Japan presses ahead with her present plans in

the face of American opposition she must expect war."

Japan means to dominate the Pacific. Her statesmen have said that all Oceania must be brot within her sphere of influence. Some feel that as an Axis partner she intends to make an attempt on Singapore. She is a definite threat to Australia and New Zealand. She has out flanked the Philippines and she is making angry faces at French Indo China. And she threatens our supplies of rubber, tin and tea.

Evidence of Washington's stiffen-policy is found in the almost unanimous House vote in favor of a measure to fortify Guam. Not long ago similar proposal was easily defeated. Japan has said that fortifying Guam would be warlike act. Chief of Naval operations Stark told Congress that Japanese objections should be "totally disregarded."

If we should go to war with Japan it is clear that the campaign would have to phases. First and perhaps most important would be the economic phase. Of all first-class powers Japan is the weakest economically. She must import or die. And most of her imports come from us. We have embargoed sales to Japan of machine tools, aviation gasoline and some grades of scrap iron. But she has been buying increasing quantities of our crude oil, cotton, machinery, timber and other commodities.

Second step in economic war against Japan after the embargo would be a boycott of imports. Japan's great cash crop is silk. We now buy three quarters of all her silk production. If we refused to buy from her her economy would be terribly shaken.

According to the U. S. News if the U. S. and Britain both were to join in the embargo and the boycott, Japan would find that the source of 75 percent of her vital supplies was closed to her and that the market for 75 percent of her produce was also gone.

It is apparent that the economic weapon could be used against Japan without formally going to war. How

ever the experts believe that this would simply make war inevitable, in that Japan would have to turn elsewhere for supplies and markets and that she would have to use military force to get them. If, for instance, we refused to longer sell her oil, her logical move would be seizure of the oil rich Dutch East Indies.

From the strictly military point of view our naval authorities have good reason for believing we could defeat Japan in combat. Our fleet is larger, has greater fire power and is considered far more efficient. Japanese cities are extraordinarily vulnerable to attack. Our fleet has the finest and largest carrier based air force in existence. We could blockade Japan, but Japan could never blockade us. We could go indefinitely without imports. Japan could not. And Japanese resources and some say, Japanese civilian morale, have been worn thin by the long drawn out war in China.

In the event of a naval war with Japan it would be logical for us to use the British base at Singapore. Our own nearest major naval base, Pearl Harbor is over 5000 miles from Manila. The Manila base, Cavite, is not yet of formidable dimensions. It is considered certain that the British would welcome our fleet to Singapore with open arms.

Japan would go to war with us under heavy handicaps. That being true would she take the chance of forcing us to fight? The answer to that is difficult. Eastern ways are not western ways. Japanese samurai tradition is something that is utterly alien to us. A real Japanese thinks little of death or disaster, he prefers it to losing face. Some who have studied the Japanese character believe it not unlikely that Japan might attack us even though she knew she was certain to lose in a grand suicidal gesture.

FULL PAIRS AND MINDS

Regardless of what you read or hear you and you alone determine what shall fill your mind at any one moment.

You can fill a pail with oats and then you have room to add considerable water. But when you fill your mind with good thots, there is no room for anything else.

You cannot fill the mind with thots of health and still have room to entertain ideas of possible ailments.

You cannot think good cheer and still have room for despondency.

You cannot think of another in terms of goodwill and at the same time entertain thots of ill will.

You cannot fill the mind with good purposes and plan to do evil. You cannot fill the mind with thots of success and have any chinks left to caulk up with the ideas of failure.

The good thinker reflects goodness as the diamond reflects light.

No matter how lowly your station in life when you climb the ladder of noble thots you lift yourself momentarily to the level of the immortals.

Gearing Knowledge to the Wheels of Personal Progress

A powerful engine under the hood is of no value if you can't somehow make its power turn the wheels that takes you places.

Just so, a powerful thinking machine beneath your bonnet is of little value unless its power (which is knowledge and the ability to think) can be geared up with a position that will help you along in life.

There are four ways in which a thoroly intelligent man or woman may throw the shifting lever to mesh the gears so that his mental power may turn the driveshaft in any situation.

He learns to condense his knowledge and focus it. However he does not make it burn as do the concentrated rays of the sun under a magnifying glass.

He is able and willing to follow Priscilla's advice to John Alden, "Speak for yourself." He is not of the retiring type. However he does not smash forward among people with football tactics. His tactics are so tact-full that many are almost glad to step aside and let him pass.

When such a one has to be emphatic he takes any possible hurt out of his driving earnestness by his confidence-inspiring, pleasant way.

He has the graciousness of a diplomat; the bouyancy of a blimp.

It takes these qualities and more, for most men to successfully drive thru those periods when, because of detours and conditions beyond their control they have to gear their powers in low for a long, hard, or uphill pull.

The despotism of custom is on the wane. We are not content to know that things are; we ask whether they ought to be.—John Stuart Mill.

SKILLED WORKERS ARE NOT AT THEIR TRADES

Figures based on the recently concluded survey for potential skilled labor in defense industries released by L. C. Stoll director of the state employment service to R. A. Blyth local manager show that there will be a great number of men available if and when the national defense gets under way in Oregon. The state wide survey was begun late in October under the direction of the governor and state employment office.

The survey is significant according to Mr. Blyth in that it shows in the majority of occupations listed a greater number of men are employed in other trades than their own. For example, there are 1084 ship carpenters in other employments and 82 actually in the trade; 1176 blacksmiths outside that employment and 250 inside; 953 plumbers outside and 237 inside the trade.

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Earth's Atmosphere
The earth's atmosphere is known to extend upward at least 120 miles.

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George A. Baker, Executor of the estate of Rosa D. DeShazer, Deceased.
Fred A. Miller,
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