

Close Harmony Under Fire

THE men had finished supper, and sat around in listless groups. Even when a shell went zooming overhead they showed no interest. They were fed up on this war.

A little gray car chugged up the hill to their camp. Two war work men stepped out, carrying between them a curious long box.

"What you got there?" asked the doughboys.

"An organ."

"Well, can you beat that!"

"We've come to give you a little entertainment," said one man. "All right?"

"You bet it's all right," answered a young officer. "This gang hasn't seen a soul from the outside world for weeks. Go as far as you like."

And they did.

They sang the new songs, just over from Broadway. In a minute the whole camp was singing them. Then they sang the verse of a good old close-harmony melody, and the crowd roared the chorus.

"But haven't you men got anybody who can sing?" asked one of the entertainers. The response was immediate and overwhelming.

"Sure we have! Oh, you Shorty! Come on, Happy! Give 'em that 'Perfect Day,' Bill!"

And then things really started.

"Would you know it's the same gang?" asked the American officers.

For two hours it lasted, and then the visitors packed up their organ.

"Come again soon and send more of your men," said the officer. "We can't get too much of it!"

"So long!" yelled the men. "Good luck! Come again!"

Wherever there are American soldiers overseas, these organizations are carrying entertainment to them. Movies, concerts, lectures, local talent, even full-fledged comedies with a truck for the stage, from the simplest sing-songs in the woods to the most elaborate program in city theatres, everywhere free entertainment is provided to meet conditions.

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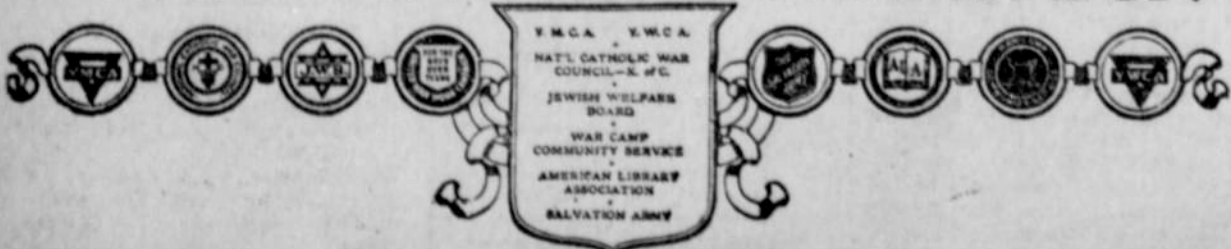
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UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN



WORKING IN UNITY

Japan and the United States Exchange Ideas.

Island Empire Owes Its Systems of Technical Education to an American, and in Return Has Taught Us Much.

The arrival here sometime ago of a mission of eight officers of rank and distinguished record from Japan is proof of at least two things. It witnesses to the steadfastness of the national character, in seeking progressiveness as well as progress; and to Japan's purpose to keep in the foreground of invention and achievement, remarks New York Sun. No other nation realizes more keenly that in the rivalry of civilization the old must perpetually be renewed. There can be no standing still.

From the dawn of history Japan has excelled in fine and dainty work. Her museums illustrate the fact that her craftsmen invented and adapted. A little more than a real, not a poetical, "cycle of Cathay," that is, sixty years ago, according to oriental reckoning, the hermit nation suddenly found herself in the market place of the world. Though at first dazed, resources of mind and material were not lacking.

Age-old taste, skill, experience and reserve armies of trained craftsmen were at hand. Foreign teachers conferred no gift of brains or secrets of cunning. They simply pointed out the new paths and taught the modern methods of meeting the nation's needs. As early as 1861-63, after three years' labor, our own Raphael Pumpelly, still among us in vigor, revolutionized mining methods in Japan. When, in 1868, the intense inward political struggles between the old and the new were over, and Japan had a truly national government, the alertness of her people to the new situation supplied a striking feature in the history of modern education.

At a date when in Europe manual and technical training was still new, and among us the Rensselaer Polytechnic school at Troy was a lonely veteran, Yale and Harvard were at beginnings in this form of education, and even the Massachusetts Institute of Technology a baby, Japan had started in the race. Even before the department of education had been created, the necessity of Japan's training her own engineers, chemists and masters of applied science was pointed out to the important government. The newly elaborated scheme dividing the empire into eight great educational districts was, with the curricula, submitted to an American for criticism. He noted the serious defect of no provision for technical education. A long letter outlining courses of technical education and addressed to the Dai Jo Kuan, the supreme council, fell as spark upon powder. The department of education was created and a technological school started simultaneously in Tokyo. The system has ever since that time had a healthful development.

In addition to the eight universities and 37,810 lower schools of all sorts, there are now in operation under the government eighteen technical schools of the higher order, requiring a four years' course after graduation from the middle schools, while those under local or private auspices number many more. It was settled at court, by the United States minister in Yeddo, in the case of Raphael Pumpelly, that an engineer, civil, mining, or mechanical, was a gentleman and eligible to audience of both the president of the United States and the emperor of Japan. Ever since, the official and social status of a man trained to use his hands and brain in unity has been secure in the mikado's empire. At least two score of Americans have received imperial decorations for promoting technical science in Japan.

Nothing but good can come of mutual exchange of ideas. What the Japanese have borrowed from us is in the limelight, and we boast of it; what hundreds of American inventors and seekers for knowledge have found in Japan and taken as loan is cryptic and untrumpeted. Yet our debt is none the less real. It is well for the two civilizations to enrich each other. If, in admiring legend, King Solomon set the mechanic on the throne to signify the basis of his realm's wealth, none the less should both republic and empire honor the technician who unites power of brain and the discipline of education to dexterity of manipulation. Honor to the technical workers of Japan and America!

Finland's Aristocracy.

One of the anomalies of Finland, now struggling for its independence, is that it has inherited a foreign aristocracy, speaking Swedish. How foreign it remains to the true interests of Finland may be seen from the fact that it has all along worked for German intervention in Finland, and even helped to send thousands of young Finns to join the German army. With the importation of German rulers into Finland, the Finnish language will have one more competitor to cut it from the linguistic field, unless Swedish is entirely driven out by the language of the newly arrived supermen.

All in the Game.

"Who is that big, strapping woman near the green just ahead of us?" asked the golfer.
"Gee! That's my wife, as sure as I'm born," replied his partner, about to shoot.
"Then I would suggest you approach with caution."

BRITAIN TO BRING FREEDOM

People of Lebanon Are Longingly Awaiting the Coming of Their "Cousins, the English."

"Some day I shall hear their music and, looking out across the plain, I shall see their red coats coming nearer. Then the signal will be given and we shall rush out to welcome our deliverers, our cousins, the English, and we shall be a free people." Thus, in dreamy evidences, spoke Shahim, the bravest and most beautiful, I had been told of the younger generation of the Druses, as we sat together resting in the middle of a hard day's journey in the mountains of the Hauran, on the borders of the old Arabia. I showed no astonishment at this soliloquy; indeed, I was not astonished, having heard about their "cousins the English" ever since I had first come among the Druses some years before. But gently taking his rifle from his knees and examining it carefully as if carrying on his musings, I said: "Yes, and here is her name engraved on the stock of your rifle." This did arouse astonishment in him. "Whose name?" he asked with animation. "The name of the English queen." I replied; and there, under the crown, I showed him the letters V. R. He fondled the gun even more lovingly, for the rifle is the Druses' sweetheart, and murmured: "She is a good lady. Strange that so great a country should be ruled by a woman, yet our learned men tell us that even Tadmur in the days of its greatness was ruled by a queen;" then confidentially: "Our cousins the English sent us these; they cost us much money; but those who bring them take all that, and we are thankful, for otherwise we should have to fight the Arabs with slings and spears." He leaned forward with his rifle across his lap and with chin in hand, gazed intently, but with the dreamy gaze of the oriental, out over the vast plain at our feet, listening in his day dream for the strange martial music he longed to hear, and wistfully picturing to himself the red coats of the "cousins the English" as they should advance to the deliverance of his people. —Howard Crosby Butler, in Scribner's Magazine.

Through Chinese Spectacles.

Here are some comments on the Kaiser from the pen of a Chinese student: "The German Kaiser is not the superior Man as deciphered by the Chinese literature; he is surely a mean fellow containing much fraudish cunning in his deceitful heart. The Superior Man is shown in the merits of the excellent heart with much loving kindness to all peoples; the mean fellow is displayed in the black heart of the unregenerated devils of the hell with much loving kindness only to himself. In the history of China was a Emperor who burn the books and slewed the scholars to extinct the civilizations of the peaceful inhabitants; but he was not success in his crafty tricks, for the civilizations could never be extincted by such dishonourable barbarism means. Now the German Kaiser he also awfully wishing to slave the people and extinct the civilizations of the universe; he also destroy the literature books, and the arts, and the ships, and mess the people of Allies Nations. . . . But he will not be success." —Manchester Guardian.

Canine Life Saver.

Dogs have been given their share of credit for saving human life, from time to time, but it is doubtful if any canine, however faithful, has ever given a better account of himself as a life saver than a dog did here. While driving home to their farm from Pipestone, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thiele were run down at a cross road by another car which was traveling at great speed. When the crash occurred the Thiele car was picked up by the other and the force of the collision threw a fifteen-month-old baby from Mrs. Thiele's arms. The child would have met certain death beneath the cars but for the fact that in falling the baby struck a dog which was riding on the footboard of the other car. The dog grabbed the dress of the child and clung to it until the cars could be stopped. The baby received fewer injuries than did the other occupants of the cars. Both machines were badly wrecked. —Pipestone (Minn.) Dispatch.

Frost Not Due to Moon.

The moon may be of tremendous importance to young folks laming over the garden gate or to night marauders with an incurable thirst for watermelon, but it should have no sinister significance to gardeners or farmers. In some sections of the country prevails a popular belief that in the season when frost is to be expected its occurrence is largely influenced by the phase of the moon or other periodical phenomena. Careful tabulation of frost dates and comparison with moon phases fails to disclose any such relation. All persons interested are therefore cautioned to watch not the moon but the forecasts issued by the weather bureau.

The Women at Work.

We simply can't feel surprised these days when women step into a new line of work. Every day calls them to a new labor. A survey of the present field gives an idea of the variety of work they do. Women are: Elevator conductors, telegraph operators, railroad ticket agents, munition workers, editors, farm laborers, ashers, pilots for airplane mail delivery, mail carriers, county officers, drivers of motor-trucks, street car conductors, foresters, architects, finger-print experts, judges on the bench, lighthouse keepers and ship captains.

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