

TWO SIDES To Every Question

By LITTLE HULL

THIRD RATE STATESMEN
There are rumors afloat that at least one man in Europe knows what all the shooting is about—his name is Stalin.

Another report has it that Mr. Hitler at one time had some ideas on the subject but that these have gone with the Red wind. Mr. Daladier has apparently lowered his head, like the proverbial bull at a red flag, and the tardy

(with one exception) statesmen of England and trying to catch up with the guessing.

The situation would seem almost ridiculous were it not for the tragic fact that fine young men must die because of the blunders of third rate statesmen.

There are those among us who—though on the other side of the fence—believed Hitler to be the mental giant of the age. But Hitler pulled the trigger which may spell the ruin of himself and of the empire which he had constructed. It is claimed by his apologists that the act was made necessary because of the financial condition of Germany—that she must fight or "go broke." This sort of reasoning does not make

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all the progress of a fly on a piece of sticky fly paper. Their minds are always at civil war. One half is chasing the other half around in order to get things done. Letting things pile up is one of the most demoralizing of vices.

Serenity, one of the hardest traits to acquire, comes with clearing the docket every day.

Voltaire's favorite motto used to be: "Doing clears the air." Get it done and out of the way!

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sense, for war would ruin Germany financially even if she won it, and possibly destroy her politically if she lost it.

Hitler must have known, or at least suspected, that he could not depend upon the professed good intentions of Stalin. He must have been informed of the definite attitude of England and France in the event of his attack upon Poland. He must have known that Germany was susceptible, as before, to blockade, and he must have known that there was likelihood of stalemate on the Western Front, and that a blockade would strangle Germany in a long war. So—unless he has something extraordinary up his sleeve—what is the answer to his seemingly suicidal act of invading Poland? Third rate politician!

The French had the least to suffer from a military conquest of Poland and an economic conquest of the Balkans by Germany. She would have sustained a certain amount of trade loss but not sufficient to make a vital difference. She was in a weak financial condition and needed peace badly to restore her prosperity. Socially she has a considerable element which might conceivably "ferment" if war lasted too long and the suffering of her people became too acute. In concert with England she acted hastily in the "Danzig guarantee." If Danzig had been eliminated from the "Poland guarantee" there might quite possibly have been no war. Hasty diplomacy is a weakness of third rate statesmen.

Britain stood to lose her empire if she lost a war against Germany, particularly if Russia, with her ideas about India and the Far East, became a military partner of Germany. Whether or not Russia is to become a military partner of Germany, probably only Stalin—and possibly Hitler—know. There was one man in the British Government who feared Russia and Russian Communism as one does the plague. He foresaw the many opportunities for the advancement of this sinister ideology which war between the other great nations would offer. He fought a one man fight to prevent just what is happening today.

He purposely left out any mention of Danzig in his early speeches concerning a Polish guarantee, and only after a masterful struggle were a great man's knowledge and intuitions overridden by the persistent pressure of lesser minds. No third rate statesman this, but a man of keen insight, who did not care how red his face got if his country could be spared the tragedy and the risks of such a war. Neville Chamberlain fought a great fight but weakened at last under the constant pressure of the third rate politicians of Germany, France, England and Poland.

Let us not take our hats off to the one outstanding statesman of them all—Joseph Stalin: the man who fooled the British and French emissaries and then precipitated the war by fooling the German Fuehrer. Unscrupulous, scheming, brilliant, sinister—but a statesman of high order. The man who engineered Russia, and that horrid thing, Communism, into the commanding position which they hold at the moment. The man who can't lose no matter which way the dice of war fall, except by some completely unforeseen circumstance or set of

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From the Writings of
Dr. Frank Crane

It is a good thing to remember that no resolution is of any account unless it contains something that can be put into practice at once.

People grow by doing and they learn by doing. Thinking about it is of no special value. We ought to think about it enough to know how we are going to do it, but that is all.

Over the desk of many a business man is the motto, "Do It Now." If you have anything to do get it done and over with. If it is disagreeable, the sooner it is done and out of the way the better.

There is nothing more upsetting than a lot of loose ends left undone.

There is nothing so calming to the nerves, sweetening to the disposition, aiding to digestion and strengthening to the morals, as getting it done.

According to the old story, when the doctor told the parents their run-down boy was overworked, they said it was impossible because he had but one task to do. Each day he had a small woodbox to fill, that was all. When the doctor insisted that he was overworked, they investigated and found that he put off the task as long as he could.

He thought about it all day, worried about it all day, and actually carried the wood the last thing at night.

The effect on his system was the same as if he had carried wood all day long.

How about your woodbox? How about the little sticks of wood that make up the armor of you have to carry every day?

Do you worry about them, and say, "I must get that done today," or do you get it done?

Most people have a letter they owe, a book they are going to

circumstances. An Allied victory; a German victory; a stalemate—he wins all ways, and in a long, devastating war he may win even more than he himself hopes for.

This is what Chamberlain feared; this is what we must all fear; and this is what we in our country must fortify ourselves against, both from outside and from within our borders—for the breath of Communism is death.

Most of us in this country believe our leaders to be first rate statesmen. We believe they are fighting to keep the stench of war away from their people and we believe they will succeed. But it is essential that we help them and the best way to do that is to denounce war-mongering propaganda in all its forms, whether it be by word of mouth, through the press, over the air or on the silver screen. Denounce it and beat it down with every means at our command and our leaders will know how to do the rest.

Mr. Chamberlain says the world won't look the same after this war has been fought to a finish. He is fifty per cent. right already—his half won't. Nor will ours—unless we mind our own business and mind it exceedingly well.

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