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"According as the man is so must you humor him"—Terence

JUNE

- 18—Minnesota twister killed nine, 1939.
- 18—Velma West escaped from Ohio prison, 1933.
- 20—Great Seal of U. S. adopted, 1782.
- 21—McCormick patented reaper, 1834.
- 22—Act created Department of Justice, 1870.
- 23—New Rochelle, N. Y. founded, 1688.
- 24—Oregon enacted prohibition, 1844.

Japanese Threat Apparently Not Bluff

Whether or not this government will use the Navy as active belligerent in the Battle of the Atlantic, is a question that no one but possibly the President can answer. Whatever the eventual decision, there are a number of important obstacles in the way of concentrating our fighting ships in the Atlantic—of which the most important is the strange Empire of Japan.

For many years, the American people have been accustomed to swift changes in the status of U. S.-Japanese relations. Both sides have done considerable diplomatic bluffing. A number of times alarmists have said that the two nations were standing at the very brink of war. But, so far, nothing much has happened, outside of a few minor incidents which were swiftly settled, such as the sinking of the Panay some years ago.

Now, according to a number of responsible correspondents who know the Japanese character and Japanese conditions, there is a chance that matters will at last move from the talking to the shooting point. Here are the reasons they use to substantiate that position:

First, Japanese leaders are confident Germany will win this war, and they believe that, therefore, the future of Japan will depend on the future of Hitler's "new order."

Second, they are convinced that this country cannot be frightened or argued out of its position—a position which says, in effect, that if Japan moves into the South Pacific, we will use force to stop her. Inasmuch as the Japanese leaders are also convinced that Japan must dominate the lands and great resources of the South Pacific Islands if she is to survive as a first-class power, they have come to the point of view that eventual war is certain and there is little use in longer trying to prevent it.

Third, working on the assumption that war is inevitable, the Japanese strategists feel that this is the time to fight it, while the United States has its hands full in the Atlantic and must attempt to dominate two oceans with a one-ocean fleet. By 1946, the U. S. will have a formidable two-ocean fleet, and then, think Japanese naval men, Nippon's chances of winning a war would be extremely poor.

Fourth, Japan knows her position is precarious so long as she must depend for the bulk of essential supplies, such as steel and petroleum, on the United States. Therefore, it is reasoned, the thing to do is to strike out and obtain by conquest essential raw materials for herself.

This government is taking Japan seriously. The bulk of our fleet is operating in the Pearl Harbor area.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

ALL CAN HELP

LET'S ALL BE "SOUND AND STRONG IN WIND AND LIMB" AS WELL AS IN RESOLVE.

ALL CAN HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTS AND SICKNESS, DRAGS ON NATIONAL DEFENSE.

IN ACCIDENTS ALONE THIS COUNTRY LAST YEAR SUFFERED AN ECONOMIC LOSS—INCLUDING WORK HOURS LOST, OF \$3,500,000,000—9,100,000 HURT—96,500 KILLED—AND MOST OF THE ACCIDENTS WERE PREVENTABLE.

The Atlantic fleet is small and its few capital ships are mostly obsolete and slow. Large concentrations of aircraft, particularly Flying Fortresses, have been sent to Hawaii and even farther east. Air-raid shelters have been built in the Philippines, and practice air alarms are set off periodically.

The cool heads in our naval high command do not discount the Japanese fleet. They think our ships are better, and our gunnery more effective. We have a definite edge in the quantity and quality of carrier-based aircraft. And we have a larger fleet. Even so, the navy men feel, it would be a considerable job to lick Japan, and would require all our energies for a considerable time.

It is significant that recent pronouncements of Japanese statesmen have become very blunt. Premier Matsuoka scarcely bothers to conceal his dislike for the U. S. and his admiration for the Axis. Germany's successes in Europe have stiffened Japanese spines, and encouraged Japanese saber rattlers. The result is that the Pacific can accurately be described as a tinder box today.

Milk From The Machine Shop

Christian Science Monitor

They were Americans daily engaged in making tools for defense and destruction. But they had a thought for children, too. Their Government was sending to Britain cheese, flour, and eggs; they themselves were sending tools. And they paused to act with the warmth of individuals.

Last week-end, sandwiched in among tons of food and tools on America's first food ship to Britain, was a small package. A note attached said:

Employees of the Jones Machine Tool Works, in Cincinnati send this box to employees where this machine is sent. The milk is intended for your children and has been sent without the knowledge of the purchasers of these tools or any agent connected with the same.

He givers were not separate from their gifts. They took time to remember: "Milk intended for your children." Ho wheartening is this unofficial supplement to official aid to Britain.

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Your Vitamins—

Those persons who want to get their vitamins naturally need only to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables, according to information provided by Howard M. Carr, manager of the local A & P Food Store. And in case you don't know what vitamins means, here is as good a definition as can be found: one of a class of obscure soluble substances, which are present in living tissues and foods, but the exact composition of which is unknown, and the absence of which interferes with the normal processes of animal growth or may produce disease.

What each of these foods contain in the way of vitamins is unknown to the layman but the list provided by Mr. Carr says that the following foods have the following vitamins: potatoes B C; lettuce A B C G; onions C; cabbage B C G; cauliflower B C; asparagus A B C G; celery C; spinach A B C G; beets C; tomatoes A B C; carrots A C; string beans A B C G; peas A B C G; oranges B C; apples C; bananas A C G; grapefruit C B; rhubarb C; lemons C; strawberries C; pineapples C; cantaloupes A C.

Adults as well as children need vitamins. They prevent undernourishment among the children and give adults as well as children improved health in warding off lurking diseases. Look over this list and get your regular list of vitamins for the next meal.

Preacher's Prayer—

"O Lord, give dy servant this eben- in the wisdom ob de owl; connect his soul wid de gospel telefoam leading frum de central skies; illuminate his brow wid de love of dis people; turpentine his imagination; grease his lips wid possum oil; loose his tongue wid de sledge hammer ob dy power; electrify his brain wid de lightning ob dy word; put perpetual motion in his arms; fill him plumb full ob de dynamite ob dy glory; noint him all over wid de kerosene ob dy salvation; an' sot him on fire."

Hitler Phoning—

Hitler called the devil up on the telephone one day.

The girl at central listened to all they had to say.

Hello! She heard Mr. Hitler say.

Is old Man Satan there?

Just tell him this is Adolph Hitler that wants him on the air.

Hello! She heard the devil say and Hitler said, How are you?

Well, you're my pal so tell me what to do.

So now you listen closely and I will try to tell.

Just how I was running here on earth a most modern hell.

I started out for Paris with the aid of heavy tanks.

The Frenchmen, dam 'em stopped us and wouldn't let us pass.

So of course we raided France shooting women and children down, we blowed up all her cities and tore up all her towns.

My Zeps (Zeppelins) dropped bombs on Poland killing both old and young, and those the Zeppelins didn't get were taken out and hung.

as well. All conscription boards face a tremendous responsibility in this.

RULES OF THE ROAD

By KEITH SAUNDERS
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UNATTENDED VEHICLES

Sec. 125, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina:

"No person having control or charge of a motor vehicle shall allow such vehicle to stand on any highway unattended without first setting the brakes thereon and stopping the motor of said vehicle and when standing upon any grade without turning the front wheels of such vehicle to the curb or side of the highway."

In other words, before leaving a vehicle parked with no one in it, be sure that the motor is cut off and that the emergency or hand brake is on, and it parked on a grade, see that the front wheels are cut toward the curb or side of the roadway. At night be sure to leave your parking lights on.

Well, my subs (submarines are devils, you ought to see them fight.) They go sneaking through the seas and sink a ship on sight.

The U. S. advised me they wanted the world at peace.

I paid this no attention so I've got a fight with Greece.

Those Greeks, they fight like devils, their temperature just right.

When they go with their bayonets they put Mussolini's army to flight.

I was running things to suit me until a month ago.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt wrote me to go more slow.

I did not listen to him so now I believe he's coming after me.

With a million airplanes from their base across the sea.

That's just why I called you, satan, for I need advice from you, and you are so well experienced, I know you'd tell me what to do.

Satan's Answer

My dear old pal Hitler, there's nothing for me to tell.

Those Yankees will make it hotter for you than I can in hell.

I have been a mean old devil, but not half as mean as you.

The minute that you get here I'll give my job to you.

I'll keep the fires all bright.

I'll have your room all ready when the Yanks begin to fight.

So now my dear old pal Hitler, there is nothing else to tell.

Hang up the phone and get your hat and meet me here in hell.

Some Stuff—

A reader who evidently patronizes the ABC store, sent in the following

said I would and proceeded with the unpleasant task.

"I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the third bottle and emptied the good old booze down the sink, except a glass, which I drank. I pulled the cork from the fourth sink and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank.

I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it and poured the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. I poured the next cork out of my throat and pulled the sink down the bottle and drank the glass. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

"When I had everything emptied, I steadied the bottle with one hand and counted the bottles and corks and glasses with the other, which were twenty-nine. To be sure, I counted them again as they came by and I had seventy-four; and as the houses came by I counted them again, and finally I had all the houses and bottles and corks and glasses counted, except one house and one bottle, which I drank.

"I have the wifiest little nice in the world."

NEWS and FACTS... of Statewide Interest

THE WORK GOES ON!

North Carolina's brewing industry has just closed its second year of "clean up or close up" activities—a self-imposed task of cooperating with state and local law enforcement officials to see to it that law-violations in retail beer establishments are not hidden behind legal retail licenses.

For us to say merely, that 171 undesirable law-violating outlets have been "closed up" through our cooperation with officials is to tell only part of the story. In many other ways—by friendly criticism, by warning or by recommending refusal of license renewals—our industry has said emphatically that it wants to protect the legitimate dealer from the consequences of the wrongdoings of the comparatively few.

This Committee pledges, as it enters its third activity year, that it will continue its unremitting efforts to help law enforcement officials maintain the general high level of beer retailing.

YOU, the PUBLIC, can also continue your part in this cooperative movement by restricting your patronage to the law-abiding outlets.

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