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Jap Victory Dangerous

The Japanese military machine continues to achieve strategic victories but the embittered Chinese withdraw deeper into the recesses of their country and turn a deaf ear to talk of peace.

Premier Konoye, it is reported, has advised the Japanese leaders that the failure to bring China to terms has created an increasingly grave situation, forcing the Japanese government to resort to another course of a serious nature.

After six months of fighting the Japanese army is busily engaged on extended fronts and the "incident" threatens to become a disaster. The entire Japanese economic and social set-up demanded a quick decision but a long contest seems assured and an imperial conference, the first in twenty-four years, is called to chart the course of the island empire.

Already the economic effects of the war have been profound in Japan. The financial strain of prolonged fighting may prove too much. No one knows how long the Chinese will last but if they can keep fighting for as much as two years they may bring about the downfall of their enemy.

Japan, proudly determined to rule Asia, may be so weakened by the guerrilla warfare of the Chinese that she will be unable to resist the imposition of terms by western nations when the settlement is made. In fact, even now, the future of Japan depends upon the tolerance of Great Britain and the United States.

No Pollution of The Air By Radio

The Federal Communications Commission, in charge of radio, very properly rebukes the broadcasting company and participating stations for the Mae West and Don Ameche "Adam and Eve" skit of several weeks ago.

"The ethics of decency" were violated, says the Commission, and most of the persons who were shocked by hearing the broadcast, are very much in agreement. Such things could not occur, the Commission adds, if the broadcast had a proper appreciation of their public responsibility.

The question is whether or not a public reprimand is adequate punishment. There seems to be some doubt in the commission's mind for it warns that while under the law it cannot exercise the power of censorship, it can revoke licenses or fail to renew them and this with other misbehavior will be taken into account when renewals are sought not only from the main licensee in this instance but all the other sixty stations which were involved.

Use of the air for private profit under present regulations is open to much question at best, but when that air becomes polluted, the situation is all the more aggravated.

An Unusual Advertisement

An unusual advertisement recently appeared in The New York Times. Because we feel the advertisement must have caused much favorable comment, we are reprinting its entire text. Captioned "Pay Your Bills First," the advertisement was inserted by The House of Seagram, and read as follows:

"No person should spend a cent for liquor until the necessities of living are provided—and paid for. Bills for groceries—clothes—shoes—rent—light—heat—doctors—bills—such as these have first call on America's payroll. We don't want to sell whiskey to anyone who buys it at a sacrifice of the necessities of life.

"Whiskey is a luxury and should be treated as such. Fine whiskey can play a pleasing part in the scheme of gracious living—but only when taken in moderation and only after the bills are paid. This statement may seem contrary to our self interest. Actually it is not. As one of America's leading distillers we recognize a definite social responsibility. The very existence of legalized liquor in this country depends upon the civilized manner in which it is consumed. In the long run, we believe, it is good business for us to say 'pay your bills first.'"

A Happy Ending To A Baby Mixup

Every mother rejoices in the satisfactory identification of the Shamokin hospital baby. For a time it looked as though the mother was given a baby girl, when she believed that her begotten child was a boy.

After a deep and searching examination of records, agreement was reached that a clerical error was responsible for the misunderstanding and that the attractive girl infant and not an equally attractive boy infant was the mother's child.

Nothing could be more terrifying for a mother than to be given the wrong baby. Nature makes a mother a doughty fighter in such a circumstance. If there is to be happiness there can be no doubts as to maternity. The incident ought to make hospital authorities doubly careful in keeping their baby record straight.

Governor's Second Step For Highway Safety

Governor Earle in his admirable highway safety campaign, now goes a step farther. Drivers responsible for accidents will not drive again until they submit to an examination by the State.

In some cases this means a first examination; in others a re-examination. The highways are full of drivers who never submitted to an examination. Their first permit was

granted before examinations were started and renewals have followed automatically. The Governor's program does not exempt these drivers from the test if they are declared responsible for an accident. That alone is progress.

The Governor's step follows a first one that suspends for ninety days the driving permit of any person guilty and convicted of exceeding fifty miles an hour. The effect of that regulation is already apparent to some observers. The second step ought to have equally good results.

One thing seems certain. The public is just mad enough over reckless driving to back the Governor to the limit in almost any reasonable measure he takes to end or reduce the slaughter of the highways.

The Fasting Dean

It is little or none of our business what the very Rev. Israel Harding Noe, of Memphis, Tenn., eats, or whether the Episcopal clergyman continues the absolute fast that he expects will attest spiritual perfection and immortality.

The 46-year-old cleric lived on oranges and cashew nuts in 1936, on oranges alone in 1937 and, beginning January first, has wafer three times weekly. While he puts ice cubes into his mouth to relieve the dryness of his throat, it is said, he expels the water from his mouth when the ice has melted.

He is of the opinion that he is entering a "new higher plane of spiritual life," taking food from "the Father's life within." Moreover, he has "worked it out potentially" and knows that he can "experience it."

So what? Simply this, don't be surprised to hear that the worthy man has entered the spiritual realm, through the door of natural death, unless he abandons his absolute fast. It will be a pity, no doubt, but it will be.

Sunday School Lesson

MINISTERING TO SPIRITUAL NEEDS.

International Sunday School Lesson for January 30, 1933.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Son, thy sins are forgiven."—Mark 2:5.

(Lesson Text: Mark 2: 1-12).

The important purpose of Jesus was to "teach" men the truth, by revealing the divine, by words, by example, by illustration, by analogy, or whatever method the moment required. It was not his desire to amaze or mystify, yet, very often, he accomplished these results.

One of his most striking miracles was the healing of the man sick of the palsy, brought to him by four devoted friends, all five having in their hearts the faith not necessary for great achievement.

Jesus was busy as "the spake the word" in the crowded company in the Capernaum home. He had eager listeners hurriedly gathering when they discovered Jesus had returned from his recent swing around Galilee. Yet, Jesus stopped teaching and performed an awe-inspiring wonder.

"The healing miracles of Jesus were not wrought to prove what God could do, and man could not do," wrote Leslie D. Weatherford, "but what man could do and ought to do," if they would accept the wonderful assurance of power offered through John's Gospel, "the faith which on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

The effect of Jesus' ministry had already had its influence felt far and wide by this second summer of activity. The religious leaders of Jerusalem had been aroused by this new doctrine, already critical of their own religious leadership and sincerely and had sent their emissaries to Capernaum to scout out this teacher and discover some flaw

in his life or doctrine with which they could discredit him.

When the four friends brought the palsied sufferer to the house where Jesus was, they were booked away by the crowd but, full of persistent faith, they lowered him down from the roof, resting immediately in front of Jesus, attracting his notice both to their belief in his power and their devotion to the sufferer. Jesus always rewards faith and fidelity, so here, he addressed to the patient words forgiving his sins.

"Then, the scribes from Jerusalem took note,—this lay preacher dared to assume divine power, that of forgiving human sins as a special divine command. They readily reasoned, was blasphemy—a serious ecclesiastical crime then as it was later in the Dark Ages! How often have the assumed and assumed upholders of truth been revealed by history as selfish, prejudiced enjoiners of privilege which warped their judgment and discernment.

Jesus read the thoughts of his critics, and accepted the challenge. Nobody could disprove his spiritual miracle of forgiving sins, which gave no outward signs, but, that he may know that the Son of Man hath authority on earth to forgive sins," he would perform the visible, physical cure of the body of the sufferer. This done, it was not strange that those who witnessed it were "amazed and glorified God."

How far can faith act in our own lives? To a much greater degree of reality than any of us dare to believe. How much of the world's disease and deformities would disappear with the removal of sin? Practically all in the course of a few generations completely influenced by right living and faith in the power of the Son of Man. The time element for such a modern transformation would be longer, but its basis would be the same two-fold need: absence of sin and presence of belief.

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:—

I am a girl of 16 and go with a very nice boy of 17. We like each other very much and he doesn't want me to go with any other boys. My mother is not willing for me to go with just one boy so I am worried about the whole thing. What would you advise me to do?

Susan—Mass.

ANSWER: It is a very unwise thing for a girl and boy of your ages to make such a promise to each other. Even if you are very much in love and it should last until you are old enough to get married, you deprive one another of a great deal of pleasure by such a course. It is alright to like one boy more than the rest, and to be nicer to him than to the others, but do not limit yourself to his company, alone.

Your tastes in many things are not definitely formed at your age and it is just possible that several years from now you will find that the boy you admire so much right now does not appeal to you at all. If you have given several years of your life to him and have foregone other company you may find it hard to get back in with the other boys or they may think that your friend has gotten tired of you.

It is the natural thing for boys and girls to enjoy the company of the other sex and if they see and know many boys and girls they will be better judges of the man and woman they finally marry than if they never knew but one.

Youth is the time for play time and the boy or girl who has his pleasure when he is young will be very apt to settle down and be content with mature things after he is married. So many of the men and women who indulge in silly flirtations when they grow older so because they missed that phase of life in their younger days and try to get back something which they feel that they have missed.

Do you think your boy friend would be very much hurt if you tell him that you think it better to go with other boys but in your case the solution is very simple. You must try to concentrate on one boy—if your friend is the right kind of person he will realize that you must obey your mother—so put the blame on her and go with other people.

Then if you remain true to each other until you are old enough to marry he should feel complimented that you still prefer him after being in a position to know other boys.

LOUISA

Dear Louisa:

My child and one other make the highest marks in their grade. Now my child has always led the grade until this year, but the other child has gotten the higher marks this year. The teacher is a friend of her mother's and I think she is being partial—Would you protest if you were me?

Mother—Virginia.

ANSWER: After all what do high marks mean? The only reason we are anxious for our children to make good marks is because it means that they have learned something well. If you feel that your child knows her subjects, why you should be well pleased. I certainly should not make an issue of such a thing. It will do your child much more harm than good.

LOUISA.

Civil Service Examination The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination for the position of elevator conductor. The entrance salary is \$1,080 a year, less a retirement deduction of 3% percent.

Applicants must have had, within the past 10 years, at least 3 months' experience in operating elevators. They must have reached their eighteenth but must not have passed their fiftieth birthday. Full information may be obtained from the Post Office, State College Pa., or Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office or customhouse, Washington, D. C.

Negro Juror Votes to Convict Negroes

John Claybrook, 66-year-old negro farmer and timber man, of Marion, Ark., serving on the jury, voted with eleven white men to send two members of his own race to the electric chair on charges of attacking a white girl. The jury reached its verdict in seven minutes.

THE OFFICE CAT. A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men.

IT CAN'T BE DONE (By the Barnyard Poet)

Oh, a man can do lots of miraculous things— He can fly through the air like a birdie on wings He can pilot a submarine under the sea He can build him a house from the trunk of a tree He can stop a fast train amid rumbblings and squeals Just by jamming a few pounds of air on its wheels. He can harness the lightning and make it behave He can turn a huge waterfall into a slave With a radio he can sit back in his chair And snatch entertainment right out of the air And by just boiling the water and using the steam He can do things that sound like a coke-eater's dream. He can just press a button and, quick as a wink, He can flood-light a room that was blacker than ink. He can breakfast in Frisco and dine in New York He can make a small fortune by not raising pork He can even, sometimes—if he's lucky, that is— Make a few extra bucks with a poem like this, But, although he is monarch of all he surveys, And a miracle man in pun-jenny of ways And although he does lots of miraculous stunts He just CAN'T—damn the luck!—love two women at once!

Disarming The Minister

It was Sunday afternoon, and little Tommy opened the door to reveal the minister. "Is your father at home?" inquired the clergyman. "No, he's not home," said little Tommy. "He's just gone down to the Country Club." Then Tommy, noticing the look of commiseration and long-suffering pity on the minister's face, hastened to add, "Oh, it's all right—he's not playing golf. He wouldn't think of that on Sunday. He's just gone down for a few drinks and a game of poker."

THE LAVENDER COWBOY

He was only a lavender cowboy, The hairs on his chest were two; He wanted to follow the heroes, And fight like the he-men do. Yet he was in mortal trouble By a dream that gave him no rest; When he was a hero in action— He wanted more hair on his chest. Herpicide and many hair tonics He rubbed in each morning and night; But when he looked into the mirror— No new hairs grew in sight. He battled for Red Nellie's honor, And then cleaned out a hold-up nest; He died with his six-guns a-smoking, But only two hairs on his chest!

Ahead Of Time

A salesman who had been traveling on a certain railroad for a number of years was complaining about the trains being late to his surprise, the train came in on time. He immediately went to the conductor and said: "Here's a medal, I want to congratulate you. I've traveled on this road for 15 years and this is the first time I ever caught a train on time." "Keep the medal," said the conductor. "This is yesterday's train."

Taking No Risks

"You remember when you cured my rheumatism a year ago, don't you, Doctor?" asked the patient, "and told me not to get myself wet?" "Yes, Ephraim," replied the doctor. "Well, I just wanted to ask you if you think it's safe for me to take a bath now?"

Slips That Pass in the News

(From the Le Grande, Kans. Times) Felix Charlerot of Big Falls became the father of a bouncing baby boy last month and entered him in the baby contest. Charlerot is a wealthy retired magician.

(From the Henline, Neb. News) FOR SALE—Musical instruments, radio, victrola, and bed springs. Ok 6616.

(From the Pico, Calif. Weekly News) Blond Miss Grace Weeves won the first prize at the Masquerade. Grace wore a mask and a fig leaf too, but we knew her just the same.

(From the San Fernando, N. M., Express) FOR RENT—Large stucco duplex with tile roof, by widow, with two-car garage behind. NK-11770.

(From the Bridgeport, Ala. Journal) WANTED—Stenographer; experienced in fire insurance office. Must understand office detail and be familiar with bookkeeper. Box 1156.

(From the Salamanca, N. Y. Press) All the babies entered in the baby festival to be held at the Andrews Theatre Wednesday afternoon at the matinee are to be examined for physical scoring Monday between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. The manager announces "The Wet Parade" will be the feature picture.

(From the Portsmouth, N. J. Tribune) WANTED—Last maker. Man who can put on iron bottoms and file his own bottom. Steady work and good wages for good men. Apply Newman Last Works.

Not That Brand

A salesman taking his bride South on their honeymoon visited a hotel where they boasted of their fine honey. "Henry," he asked the colored waiter, "where's my honey?" "Ah don' know, boss," replied Henry, eyeing the lady cautiously, "she don' work here no mo'."

Traitor in the Camp

Teacher—"Who gave us this beautiful school?" Pupil—"President Roosevelt." Teacher—"Who keeps our roads so nice?" Pupil—"President Roosevelt." Teacher—"Who makes the trees and flowers grow?" Pupil—"God." Voice from other side of room—"Put that Republican out!"

Air Conditioned

She drove up to the oil station and asked the attendant for air for her tires. "Your tires seem to be up, lady," the station man said after testing them. "Maybe they are," she replied, but it's six weeks since we had air put in last, and it's bound to be stale by this time. I like fresh air in my tires."

A Black Negative

A Harlem flapper went into a photographer's studio to get her picture taken. She smiled her very prettiest when the slick-looking, ebony-hued proprietor came to greet her. "Ah craves to hab mah picture taken," the flapper announced. The photographer looked his attractive customer over with a careful eye. "Ah don' know," he declared finally, "whether Ah should take yo' close-up of frum a distance."

Not The Blindfold Test

He—"Over in Turkey when a man dies they bury him under the sand for seventy-two hours." She—"Yeh?" He—"And they dig him up again, place him on a white marble slab, and ten beautiful maidens in bathing suits march with him through the streets." She—"What's that for?" He—"If he doesn't wake up then, they know he's dead."

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—Admitting that a gallon of water will weigh eight pounds, plus a half-gallon of water, how much will a gallon and half of water weigh? Answer elsewhere in this column.

N. T.—What town in the United States has the largest chair? Ans.—Thomasville, North Carolina, had for some time what was believed to be the largest chair in the world. After Gardner, Massachusetts, built a larger one, the chair at Thomasville was torn down and to be replaced by a larger one. According to the Bureau of Census, the value of chairs produced in New York City exceeds values reported for either Thomasville or Gardner.

B. L.—Does smoking reduce the appetite? Ans.—Slight indulgence may stimulate the appetite, but excess smoking probably reduces it.

W. H.—What is the salary of the mayor of Philadelphia? Ans.—This official receives a salary of \$18,000 a year.

W. H. J.—What is the group of statutory consisting of a number of female figures in front of the Chicago Art Institute? Ans.—It is the Fountain of the Great Lakes by Lorado Taft. The sculptured female figures are symbolical of the five lakes.

W. R.—How many toll bridges are there in the United States? Ans.—In October, 1932, there were 312 toll bridges in operation.

T. M.—Was the White House copied from some building abroad? Ans.—Hoban's original drawings contemplated a building with wings. The central part only was erected. The design is said to have been suggested by the residence of the Duke of Leinster in Dublin, by the resemblance is slight.

D. R.—How much horsepower is generated by Niagara Falls? Ans.—At the present time about 300,000 horsepower is generated, the American side and on the Canadian, 955,000 horsepower. On the Canadian side is the Queenstown-Chippewa power plant, the largest single hydroelectric development in the world.

E. G.—Is the number of rats in the United States increasing or decreasing? Ans.—It is decreasing. There are, however, about 123,000,000 rats in this country.

G. G.—Is the widow of William E. Gladstone still living? Ans.—No. The widow of that distinguished statesman of England died on Friday, June 14, 1900—very nearly two years following the death of her husband.

R. J.—Can you answer if the Jewish, Mohammedan and Chinese calendar are the same as our Gregorian calendar? Ans.—No. The Gregorian (Christian) calendar dates from the time of Christ; the Jewish calendar from the time of Adam; the Chinese calendar from the time of Confucius.

W. D.—Where and how high is the highest smokestack in the world? Ans.—We have no late and definite data on smokestacks, but it is believed that the smokestack of the Orford-Cooper Company at Bannockburn, N. J., is the highest in the world. It is 365 feet high.

D. H.—What is the official nicknames and flowers of Pennsylvania and Michigan respectively? I am told both have the same official flower. Ans.—The official nickname for Pennsylvania is the Keystone State, but Pennsylvania has no official flower. Michigan's nickname is the Wolverine State, and the official state flower is the Apple Blossom.

M. H.—How many men were in the service of the United States armed forces in the American Civil War? Ans.—In the American Civil War the soldiers that were enlisted, drafted were 2,212,363.

N. F.—Will you please tell me in your good paper what is the seventh wedding anniversary? Ans.—The seventh wedding anniversary is "woolen."

T. H.—When it is 12 o'clock noon here what time is it in China? Ans.—When it is 12 o'clock noon here, it is twelve hours and forty-five minutes later on the following day. For example: If it is 12 o'clock noon on Monday here, it is 12:45 a. m. Tuesday in China.

L. A.—What is the meaning of a white flag flown over a weather bureau station? Ans.—A white flag means "clear and fair weather;" a blue flag "rain or snow," and a half-blue and half-white means "local rain or snow."

P. B.—Is there any State or Territory in the United States where a license is required to get married? Ans.—Every State and Territory in the United States has a marriage license law except Alaska, where no license is required.

M. P.—Who was Ellen Terry? Ans.—Ellen Terry was a world-famous actress whose home was at Small Hythe, England. She was born on February 28, 1848, and died July 21, 1928, aged 80 years.

Answer to Problem this week: If a gallon of water weighs eight pounds, plus half a gallon, it is obvious that a half-gallon of water will weigh just 18 pounds. Hence a gallon and a half will weigh (three halves) 54 pounds.

Weekly English Lesson

Words Often Misused Do not say, "I am trying an experiment." Say, "I am making an experiment." Experiment means a trial undertaken to discover some unknown principle or effect.

Do not confuse respectfully and respectfully. Respectfully means in a deferential manner. Respectively means as relating to each.

Do not say, "He is the party I mentioned to you." Say, "He is the person I mentioned to you."

Say, "The falseness of Charles (a person) was revealed when the falsity of his figures (a thing) was disclosed."

Do not say, "Don't blame it on me." Omit it, or merely say, "Don't blame me."

Say, "It was a delicious dinner (a pleasure of senses), and the entertainment was a delightful surprise (that which charms)."

Words Often Mispronounced Comely. Pronounce the o as in come, not as in home.

Subpoena. Pronounce sub-pe-na as in pea, a as in ask unstressed, accent second syllable.

Allegheny. Pronounce il-le-ga-ni, first a as in it, e as in me unstressed, second a as in gay, i as in it, principal accent on first syllable.

Auxiliary. Pronounce og-ti-ya-ri, o as in or, both i's as in it, unstressed, accent second syllable.

Prodigious. Pronounce pro-dij-us, o as in obey, i as in it, unstressed, accent second syllable.

Pitomee. Pronounce to-man, o as in no, a as in main, accent first syllable.

Words Often Misspelled Repair, after, declare, are. Reminiscence; observe the in and the Ac. Negotiate observe the ti, no a Teas (plural of tea); tease (to annoy). Boudoir; pronounced boo-dwar. Comma (punctuation mark); Coma (state of insensibility).

Word Study "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Words for this lesson: FELSICITY; state of being happy. "A wife—a mother—two magical words, comprising the sweetest source of man's felicity."—Aiml Martin.

After all, one has to admire the individual who always has a good excuse.

TRADITIONAL handed down from generation to generation, especially by word only; as, traditional opinions; traditional customs.

ABSTRACT (verb); to disengage the mind, attention, etc. "His attention was abstracted from the subject."

PROGNOSTIC; sign; symptom "The passion of hatred is so durable that the surest prognostic of death in a sick man is a wish for reconciliation."—La Bruyere.

CONTIGUOUS; touching; adjoining. "A picturesque house contiguous to the churchyard."—Wilder.

AVERSION; a state of mind which attention to an object coupled with dislike of it and desire of turning from it. "Mankind has a great aversion to intellectual labor."—Johnson.

WILL HAVE NO NEW MOON IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR There will be no new moon during the month of February this year for the first time since 1913. The moon will reach the new moon phase on January 31 and the next new moon will come 29.5 days later, on March 11. Because the lunar or synodic month is 29.5 days long occasionally the month of February which has but 28 or 29 days passes without a new moon occurring. There must be a full cycle of the moon during a regular 30 or 31 day month but this is not possible in the short month of February. The first quarter phase of the moon will occur February 7, at 7:30 p. m., the full moon February 14, at 12:14 p. m. and the last quarter of February 21, at 11:24 p. m.

UNION AGAIN PLANS FORD PLANT DRIVE The United Automobile Workers of America have announced that a new attempt to distribute copies of the union publication would be made at the gates of the Ford Motor Company's Rouge River Plant. Plans call for the largest mass attempt ever arranged by the union to sign up Ford employees.