

As to Singapore, he hinted that it would be defended to the last, and later said, as stating their stubborn defence for taking point for the offensive from it in future.

According to ~~the~~ ^{an} editorial of the New York Times (Dec. 24), the ~~lack~~ ^{shortage} of ~~the~~ air force ~~strength~~ will prevent them from ~~having~~ ^{fully assisting} Singapore and the Philippine Islands; ~~satisfactorily~~; the loss of Singapore will naturally lead to the loss of the Netherlands Indies; ~~to be lost~~; ~~and~~ this is indeed a matter of national honor, but for all that, the ~~disposition~~ ^{detailing} of air force to that part should be judged ~~by~~ ^{from} the whole war situation.

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Thurs., Dec. 25, 1941

Today is Christmas Day.

The Wake Islands have fallen; a landing of a large ~~force~~ ^{forces} are said to have been carried out ~~on~~ ^{at} Lingayen and Atimonan in the Philippine Islands; ^{and} the landings on Manban and Nasugbu are also reported; The American Army has really got into a scrape. The ^{experts} specialists here, seem to ~~have the fear~~ ^{anticipate receipt of} that ~~it will have the bad news~~ unexpectedly earlier. recognizing the difficulty of holding ^{out} ~~it~~ consequently the disparate defence of Singapore for ^{the sake of} Britain, America and the Netherlands, ~~has become the subject of much discussion.~~ is being ^{vigorously} urged.

The problem has been discussed at the White House, too, and the Prime Minister of Australia is reported to have demanded the desperate defence of Singapore to the last.

Now, ^{when seen from the American viewpoint,} the war situation is very pessimistic and there is no possibility of its retrieval ^{for a long time.}

~~Some of the American standpoint.~~
In instance, the President, ^{who possesses keen military insight & realized} ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~least~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~least~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~least~~

from the first ~~has~~ ~~realized~~ the difficulty of two-front ^{operations} as well as that of the Pacific, ^{operations} and

I remember his dwelling on this point once. Chief of the ^{Naval} Operations Stark has once declared that ^{as} the Japanese-American War would ~~perish~~ ^{perish} both countries, only to ^{benefit} ~~profit~~ a third

The opinions of Admiral Pratt, country. Former Chief of ~~the~~ Naval Operations, Admiral Pratt and Admiral Standley and also Rear-Admiral Sterling's comments ~~seen~~ in the press, all ~~have~~ predicted the present state of affairs. I have heard that even Secretary of ~~the Army~~ ^{War} Stimson had favored a ~~was of the opinion that~~ the Japanese-American understanding, ~~and~~ ^{since} ~~be first up~~, Chief of General Staff Marshall thought ^{as} ~~the~~ Japanese-American War ^{would be} ~~very~~ disadvantageous.

Secretary of State Hull, ~~once~~ ^{to me} ~~stated that the White House that~~ ~~we should cooperate for the attainment of~~ ~~our common objective~~, responding to my opinion that if ~~we allowed~~ the war ^{to be extended to} ~~develop in~~ the Pacific, ~~then~~, it would bring ~~forth about~~.

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at the White House

declared to me that we should mutually cooperate to achieve our common objectives.

be the "Armageddon," ^{and} the greatest misery of ~~human~~ ^{man-kind} beings.

Nevertheless, ^{apparently} influenced by the ~~insistence~~ ^{contentions} of the officials of the State Department (this is disclosed in the "Merry-go-round"), and moved by ~~the~~ crude public opinions ~~and~~ by the strong opinions of ~~Secretaries~~ State Ministers Morgenthau and Acheson, ~~they made~~ ^{he put out the} so called "final proposals" on November 26.

Such is my observation. ~~and~~ This may be ~~judged~~ ^{considered ~~partly~~} as an evil caused by the lack of ~~strategic~~ ^{military} ~~discrimination~~ ^{to insight} on the part of American statesmen.

The ^{high-handedness} ~~oppression~~ of the militarists is indeed annoying, but the

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military insight on the part
lack of strategic ~~discrimination~~
of statesmen and, ^{moreover,} the system of
all mighty ^{authority of} civil officials, as
seen in America, must be said to
be ~~very~~ dangerous, too.

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Friday, Dec. 26, 1941.

○ Hongkong is reported to have fallen yesterday, Christmas Day.

The press is trying to make the people prepare themselves for the worse news, reporting that the Japanese forces had landed ~~at various~~ ^{at various} ~~on~~ ^{at} every part of the Philippine Islands and that, the air force strength being insufficient, it might be almost impossible to hold out.

The press is arguing that, ^{since} the important base of Singapore ^{is} ~~being~~ more important than the Philippine Islands, it is necessary for the U.S.A. to support its defence from the standpoint of "grand strategy". That is, ~~they are~~

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it is said
~~that the war~~ that the war
will become harder and longer if
~~with the loss of this base is lost.~~

It may be imagined that they
will undertake the operations of
sending ~~airplanes~~ submarines
~~or by aircraft carriers.~~
or airplanes either from the Near East
or by aircraft carriers.

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Saturday, Dec. 27, 1941

O Yesterday, the 26th, Churchill made an address, which condemned ~~the~~ Japan's participation in war, ^{which address} and met with approval from all quarters, at the Anglo-American joint addresses in ~~the~~ Congress.

Churchill appears to be a man of iron nerves. He went to church with the President on Christmas Day.

Whereas the President looked very tired ~~and~~ ^{owing to the great burden of} ~~the~~ ^{responsibility} ~~of~~ ^{of} State affairs, Churchill maintained an imposing figure, despite his age of ~~to state it over the attendance with~~ sixty-seven ~~years of age~~. He ~~is~~ ^{looks to be} a man of high calibre.

According to the press, since Churchill is ~~opposed to~~ ~~keeping~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~Pacific~~, concentrating his attention to the Atlantic too much, and putting off the Pacific Ocean,

Australia and her neighboring countries
 are ~~feeling uneasy about it~~ ^{feeling uneasy about it}, calling
 in question whether they will be
 able to maintain the present
 situation if Singapore should
 fall.

According to the newspapers,
 (1) The question ^{as to} whether ~~they~~ ^{or not} ~~the~~
 energies should be concentrated ^{for} the defense
~~of Singapore~~ ~~is~~ ~~being~~
 of Singapore ~~is~~ seems to be
 much discussed, ^{in America, too}
~~press.~~

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Sunday, Dec. 28, 1941

The President ^{wired today} ~~sent~~ ^a message to the ~~Philippines~~ ^{Philippines}, saying "their freedom will be redeemed and their independence established and protected."

The New York Times (Dec. 29) said that, whereas the people ~~are~~ wondering why the American air force in the Philippine Islands ~~was~~ not active, this ~~was~~ ^{was} because the airdromes at Nichols, Clark and other places had ^{been} ~~been~~ destroyed at the outset of the war and ~~are~~ ^{have} not ^{been} restored since.

~~later on etc.~~ ~~Some specialists~~ Experts ~~are~~ ^{stressed} ~~emphasizing~~ the indispensability of "underground hangars", ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~New~~ ~~York~~ ~~Times~~ (the edition of the 29th). (the paper reported.

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Monday, Dec. 29, 1941.

Left Washington for Hot Springs, Va.
My heart was full. ^{Emotionally} Made an address
to the intimates to the following effect:

(1) Generally speaking, it is when
the national existence is ~~endangered~~ ^{at stake}
that we have recourse to arms, and
~~this will lead to its life or death -~~
~~to the rise or fall of the State.~~ It
has been my mission to strive for
national development in obedience
to the Imperial command, without
appealing to arms, but I am sorry
to say that ~~things have gone wrong~~ ^{things have gone wrong contrary}
~~to my intentions.~~ ^{Time and again}
~~to my ~~intentions~~ ~~intentions~~ ~~intentions~~~~ I laid
my wish before the President that
I would not like to be the last
ambassador. ~~But~~ ^{But} Alas, my words came true!
~~should deep prophetic of that?~~ I am

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full of deep emotion, indeed. I ~~shall~~ ^{will} never forget the whole-hearted co-operation of the Minister, Councillor, ~~and staff~~ ^{other members} and the Military and Naval attaches Iwatsubo and others. And I ~~feel~~ ^{pay high tribute to} ~~the~~ ^{to} patriotic spirit of Envoy Kurusu and Secretary Yuki, who came from afar by air at the supreme hour, without ~~being allowed~~ any time to ~~for~~ ^{about} thinking ~~whether~~ success or failure, ~~and~~ advantage or disadvantage.

(2) Our operations ~~are~~ ^{are progressing} favorably ~~progressing~~ ^{the ingenuity} and minuteness ~~of our operational~~ ^{of our operational} planning operations and our ~~steadiness~~ ^{boldness} and scrupulousness in putting them into practice, ^{have} really made

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the enemy's

~~his~~ blood run cold. But this we must remember: that ~~the~~^a rich man ~~is~~^{is} spoiled by ~~his~~^{his} wealth, a tactician by ~~his~~^{his} tactics, a wise man by ~~his~~^{his} wisdom, and a brave man by ~~his~~^{his} bravery.

And so ~~to~~^{we must be prudent} to the end, as the proverb runs, "Let the victor look to the places of his helmet."

~~But~~ ~~be~~ ~~careful~~, even if ~~you~~ ~~win~~ the first battle, "I don't ~~stop~~ till you are ~~out~~ of the wood."

~~And~~ ~~we~~ must be prepared for a "long and hard war." In everything, danger comes soonest when it is despised.

(3) ~~They~~^{sinners} are the representatives of the Government and the

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people, ~~and so on~~, we must be
really ^{maintain our dignity} ~~maintain our dignity~~
~~we may~~ advance or retreat,
whether we may stand or fall.

Now, I wish to add that this is
the best chance for training
our minds and bodies, especially
for improving our minds; I wish
you young people, ^{would} not ~~to~~ miss
this opportunity.

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Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1941

○ The New York Times gave a full account of the departure of the Ambassador and his followers, with ~~an illustration~~ a photographic insertion

○ Australia and the Netherlands Indies ~~are~~ ^{have} pointedly emphasized ~~to~~ the U. S. Government that the west Pacific is "equal in importance to Europe", and Minister London had a talk with the President.

○ Majority leader Senator Barkley stated that ~~there might be~~ "eventually" the bombing raids ^{against} ~~in~~ Tokyo as "a terrible retribution."

might be carried out

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○ Senator Thomas (of Utah) is reported to have said that the Japanese Ambassador and others in America, foreseeing the worst coming, ~~in good~~ ⁱⁿ ~~faith~~, had endeavored "in good faith" to prevent it, ~~from coming true~~.
(The Times, 30th.)

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1941.

In today's New York Times, Mr. Baldwin (retired Lt. Commander) said ~~as follows~~ ^{to the following effect} ~~as follows~~ in response to the criticism "What's the Navy doing?":

~~as follows~~ ^{is as follows}
The U. S. Navy ~~is~~ ^{was} ~~equally~~ ~~divided~~ on both oceans from the beginning of this year. ~~if~~ There might have been some changes in this ~~department~~ ^{detailment} ~~force~~ ~~after~~ after the outbreak of war, but this takes much time, as the oceans are vast ~~as eyes~~ ^{in order}. To defend Singapore and the Philippine Islands, it is necessary to send ~~the~~ ^{arms} ~~the~~ above all air planes. But to this end we

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are forced to depend on vessels, excepting the transportation of bombers.

The Pacific Fleet ^{is} ~~is~~ ~~has~~ been reorganized since the 7th of December, but we have no base in the Far East except Singapore. Under the circumstances, we cannot carry out any large scale operations against Japan at present. In the course of time it ^{may} ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~possible~~ ~~to~~ ~~mount~~ ~~such~~ ~~attacks~~ ~~as~~ ~~follow~~ ~~by~~ ~~means~~ ~~of~~ ~~carrier~~ ~~striking~~ ~~groups~~ ~~and~~ ~~submarines~~.

"possible and probable"

~~it will be possible to mount such attacks as follow by means of carrier striking groups and submarines.~~ ^{to surprise} attacks ^{by} "carrier striking group" (by this he probably ~~means~~ ^{means} "koku sentai") and by submarines. However, for the advance of large forces, the command over sea and

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air is essential, and "months
or years of preparations" may
be needed for it. ✓