

BOGEY OF U. S.-JAPANESE WAR IS ACE UP EUROPE'S SLEEVE IN DEBT PARLEYS

Washington Holds Accord on Far East Problems Essential Requirement for Slashes in Sums Owed This Country.

This is the second of two stories outlining America's difficulties in the coming war debts negotiations.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—One of the aces up Europe's sleeve in the \$22,000,000,000 war debt poker game to be staged here early next month will be the bogey of a Japanese-American war.

Europe, of course, has no intention of pulling out this card with a flourish and slapping it down on the green baize table. She will make far more subtle use of it than that. Simply by letting a corner of it show she hopes to scare Uncle Sam into letting her get away with the pot.

Accord on Far Eastern policy is said here to be essential before America will agree to debt reduction.

It is regarded as essential not because America is vitally concerned in Manchukuo, China, as such, but because the situation out there must be cleared up before there can be any assurance of world peace.

More settlement of the war debt problem, leading revisionists in congress insist, will have little or no effect on world recovery—which is the big stake America is playing for—without the confidence that goes with such assurance.

Japanese Call U. S. Villain

In Japan anti-American sentiment is at high pitch. Public opinion there apparently holds this country to blame for whatever goes wrong with Nippon, whether in Manchukuo, China or Geneva. The Japanese masses have been led to believe that America is blocking the road to their "place in the sun."

Great Britain and France, on the other hand, are regarded in Japan almost as allies. Since September, 1931, these two powers have prevented the League of Nations from taking action against Japan for her invasion of China.

Thus, while they stand ace high in the island empire, the United States' popularity is regarded there as sort of double-edged villain.

America in Some Danger

The United States, therefore, occupies a position of some danger. A responsible populace in Japan is being fed on war talk by their super-patriots, while the general staff of the army and navy seems to be in complete control of national policy, both domestic and foreign.

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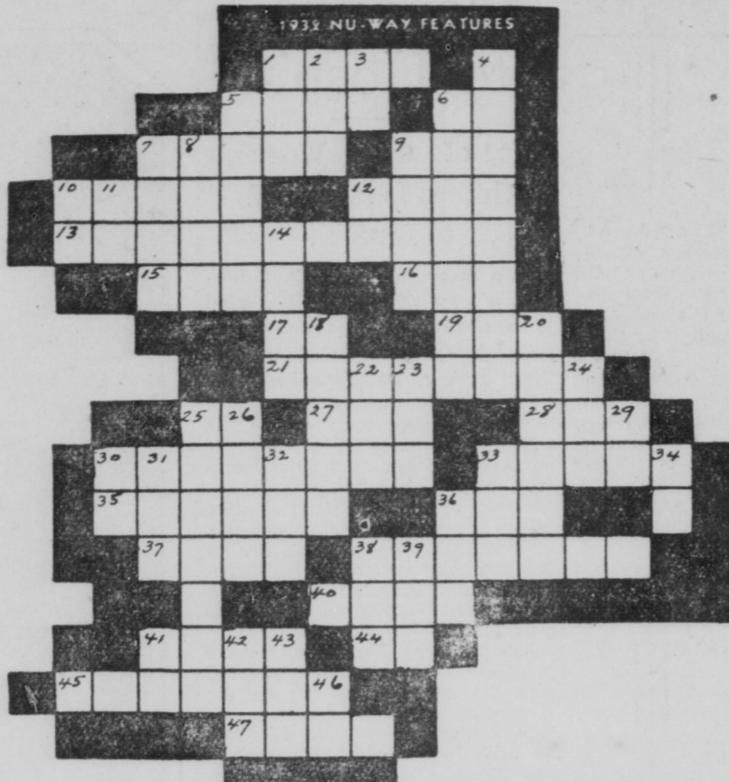
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Jigsaw Crossword Puzzle—No. 28



HORIZONTAL

1—First man.
6—Fact.
7—Box used for packing.
10—Country of Europe.
12—Sea eagles.
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14—Without proof.
15—Plateau with steeply sloping sides.
16—Contraction of ever.
17—Those who wash.
18—Those who wash.
19—A kind of light.
20—Liquor made from an infusion of malt.
21—The letters of a language in their customary order.

23—More bashful.
25—A marsh.
26—To aim or direct a weapon toward an object.
27—Preposition denoting relation of connection.
28—Sure or dependable.
30—Not light.
31—The Carpenter's tool.
32—Used in doing a washing.
33—A small animal.
34—Community or numbers treated as a whole.
35—Altitude (abbr.).
36—Owed.
37—Member of Arts (abbr.).
38—To interpret.

VERTICAL

1—Walking sticks.
2—Short poems, usually amatory.
3—Not excited.
4—To aim or direct a weapon toward an object.
5—Planted for fruit or shade.
6—Steamship (abbr.).
7—The Bishop (abbr.).
8—Boy's name.
9—Rope used to steady gaff when sail is not hoisted.
10—First member of the Hindu trinity.
11—That which is done.
12—Cunning.
13—Top speed.
14—Referring to what was mentioned.
15—Early English (abbr.).
16—Sea eagle (abbr.).
17—Not high.
18—Shade tree.
19—Road (abbr.).
20—Man who kept the animals.
21—A vehicle moved on wheels.
22—Sea eagle.
23—Sea eagle.
24—Used for laundry work.
25—Unctuous combustible substance.
46—Preposition.

Contract Bridge

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On my way south, I stopped recently at Columbus, O., where I dropped in at the Columbus Bridge Studio Club and ran across the following interesting hand:

How to handle the situation when an opponent opens with a pre-emptive bid and you hold an exceptionally strong hand always is a problem.

Mrs. Edmund B. Neil and her partner, M. Porter Wally, met the situation with a very fine bid—a bid that is a fine weapon when properly used. However, you must be very careful not to abuse the bid.

Heller explained.

Meanwhile, the attorney-general's office rushed to the printer and had another fifty copies printed to deliver to Washington, having been unable to discover until days later what became of the first batch.

2 BIDS ARE MADE FOR LIFE INSURANCE FIRM

Proposals Submitted to Federal Judge by Receiver for Company.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Two proposals to take over the Illinois Life Insurance Company, now in receivership, were submitted to Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson today by General Abel Davis, receiver for the \$50,000,000 firm.

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