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EDITORIAL

Where Will Japan Strike? - - -

Japan is now concentrating troops on Hainan Island in the China Sea and in French Indo-China. Units of heri navy are in the Gulf of Siam and anchored at Saigon in the south of Indo-China. Japan is almost certainly putting pressure on Thailand to allow her to establish bases in that country. From these new vantage points in the south, where is she most likely to strike?

The Dutch East Indies and British Malaya are the richest colonial territories in the world and Japan would certainly like them. The most adjacent prize is Borneo, largely owned by the Dutch with British territory in the north. It is sparsely populated and rich in oil. It is de- WANTED-1, 2 or 3 light housefended by the Dutch air patrols and small land forces and keeping room or rooms. Box 78, the lap of spring, the smithers of Curling Club completed its season the Dutch have laid careful plans to wreck all the oil- Daily News: wells before they can fall into the hands of the Japanese. WANTED- Housekeeper. Perman-winter on Sunday evening when But before stretching out towards Borneo Japan would ent position. Box 83, Daily News, the Ward Carey rink defeated the have to be sure that her long line of cmmunication and supply would not be cut off from Hong Kong or from Sing- Wanted used range. Good con- and carried away the pen and apore and she would have to be sure that the Americans dition. Cash. Phone Black 166. would not strike at her from the Philippines.

Hong Kong would have to be seized first. It is an island at the mouth of the Canton River with territory on the mainland chosen for strategical reasons. As the Japanese are in virtual control of the mainland here, some sources believe Hong Kong would have to be abandoned. The British authorities have insisted that they will hold w. out. Even if Hong Kong held out only six weeks it would FOR SALE—Two-hole ice cream only the heaviest hurlers could get Association, Canadian tions to be carried out farther south and possibly to allow the American fleet to steam to Singapore, a voyage which would take about six weeks.

Singapore Important - - -

If Japan gains a stronger foothold in Thailand, Burma will be exposed to attack, although her long border CAPABLE woman wants position with Thailand is almost impenetrable. Rangoon is only an as housekeeper or chambermaid hour and twenty minutes bombing time from Bangkok in Thailand and Rangoon is the port of entry for supplies which move along the Burma Road to the Chinese capital of Chungking. Because of its geographical contacts with Free China, Burma would be an important country in the event of Britain's declaring war on China's enemy and one which Japan could not afford to neglect. But Japan could not proceed very for with air defence forces and anti-aircraft, surrounded by submerged reefs and waters recently mined, ringed by 18-inch guns that fire shells 25 miles—a longer range than that of battleships—Singapore would be very difficult to seize by sea and air attack. It might conceivably be taken by land attack from the rear but not without great difficulty. It is an island joined by a causeway to the narrow Malayan peninsula. Its hinterland is jungle. As there is completely inadequate rail or road connection from present Japanese bases to Malaya, forces would have to be landed on the peninsula from naval vessels and transports. This might be done by creeping along the Thai coast to the narrow isthmus in the centre of the peninsula which is Thai territory. But such forces would be under fire from British Burma and from the fortified island of Penang just off the west coast of Malaya. Singapore could be bombed from Saigon in Indo-China where the Japanese are already establishing themselves. The distance is about 400 miles, roughly the distance from London to Berlin. In this way they could possibly damage the great base but capturing it is another matter. Certainly they would be facing a type of Kermath or Lycoming aerial opposition unlike anything they have yet experienc-

Today in Sports

Much Action In Military Elimination Matches Last Night

Over two hundred excited fans watched the boys fight it out in the armories last night to place in the finals. Four elimination bouts packed full of stiff punches amused the eager fans and sometimes broght smiles to even the fighters themselves.

In the first bout featherweight Hunter of the 102nd Battery won a technical knockout over Phillips of the Second Searchlight Battery Hunter's continual right jabs to the jaw weakened Phillips to the extent that the fight was called in jabs to the chin his opponent one minute and twenty seconds of the second round. Phillips was game to the last.

In the second bout of the light weight class, Parkinson of the blows Rocky Mountain Rangers cleverly utboxed Hannah of the 102nd Battery. This fight was very interesting to watch with both tain Rangers. He was assisted by fighters exchanging good rights to the head and body in the bouts Flying Officer Christie the second round. Parkinson show- acted as timekeeper. The judges ed more experience in the ring in for the bouts were Lieut. H. G. both footwork and ability to dodge. The fight ended with Parkinson taking the final honors.

In the third elimination bout

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which was of the welterweight

class Keith of the Royal Canadian

Air Force took a good decision over Sgt. MacNeill of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. This fight were seemingly new recruits to The manly art. Keith continually worried MacNeill with short quick jabs to the chin. The fight ended with the two game boys using each other as leaning posts. All in all this fight was interesting to

The fourth bout in the middletweight division was the most interesting to watch with Brown of the Air Force getting a very close decision over Junker of the 102nd. Both fighters showed previous experience in the manly art. Brown having the advantage of height and reach, was able to worry with Junker. Junker, when getting close, delivered some very effective punches. The gong at the end of the third and final round found both fighters delivering good stiff

The evening's bouts were capably supervised by Lieut. Gray, sports officer of the Rocky Moun-Lieut, J. F. Graves who announced Kennedy of the Second Searchlight Battery, Bombardier Collins, Second Searchlight Battery, Corporal F. Davidson, Rocky Mountain Ran-

of the R. M. R. The finals tonight at the Armories should prove very interjesting as the winners will fight it out for a chance at the Pacific championship later on in the month in Vancouver.

At Smithers

the lap of spring, the Smithers stand-bys. and the final competition of the (tf) rink skipped by Art Simpson in pencil sets presented through! (63) Eby's Hardware at Smithers for Is Spending Over \$10,000 Per Year this competition.

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series when it came to the finals spending in the Prince Rupert while the Cary rink was much area over \$10,000 per year. Among fresher and this no doubt contri- its activities are moving picture buted somewhat to the final out- shows, which are shown twice (CP)-With tickets boughtile

mitt and skip Carey Ward.

There were ninety six curlers a cost of \$1,000 each. taking part in the Red Cross bonspiel, each rink being made up of sporting equipment has been two men and two ladies.

On Saturday evening the finals among the various units. gers, and Lance-Corporal W. Cook in the suspended Lucky Lager bon- The Y. M. C. A. has here a perspiel were played off between the manent staff of two who are kept rinks skipped by Sam Nutter and very busy organizing sports, en-Art Simpson. This resulted in a tertainment parties, etc. and this win for the Nutter rink, the other members of this rink being Wiggs O'Neill, M. Nott and Mr. Dale.

Hope of finishing those two contests had about been given up when a change in the temperature hardened up the ice over the week-end and quick advantage was taken of this favorable weather.

The season has been one of the best ever experienced by the Curl-Keen Interest Taken In Two More ing Club in every way. The ice was Important Trophy Competitions kept in fine condition throughout the winter by Percy Davidson and William Duff and much enthusi-SMITHERS, March 14:- Carry- asm was shown by the many new + ling over the winter activities into players as well as by the old

Among Forces Stationed At Prince Rupert

a fairly cold night the ice was in ors and airmen of the Canadian fair condition for the first few forces is splendidly organized by (64) games but, as the day wore on, the the Young Men's Christian Associlice got wet. During the afternoon ation, Young Women's Christian Dayton automatic frigidaire, the rocks to the hog line. For the Knights of Columbus, Salvation

THIRD AVENUE

T.S.S. CARDENA FRIDAY,

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final game at 9 p.m. the ice had Army and Daughters of the Empire staff is supplemented from the hardened up again so that it was and in Prince Rupert each of these time. This excellent work possible to use a little technique organizations is functioning and ported by voluntary contrib in the game instead of depending doing splendid work among the which gives greater efficient forces.

The Simpson rink was curling It is not generally appreciated ficialdom. its fourth game of the day in this that the Y. M. C. A. alone is weekly in the various camps, and "canvasser," crowds waited or

The members of the winning the "Y" spends monthly over \$300 the town hall for a buxing to rink were Mrs. William Thompson, for picture rentals alone. Two lat- ment in aid of army Della Carpenter, Dr. R. B. Brum- est model movie machines have wasn't even booked and the been purchased for this district at is investigating. Thousands of dollars worth of

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