

Yet within this next week we have a chance to exert an influence in relation to the next reason, which is more important than most of us realize. So I give as the second reason why I would not be surprised that the glory of this nation and even its freedom were to disappear within the next 20 years, yes even perhaps within 10 or 15. I will call it # 2

Failure to maintain strength for defense. William Jennings Bryan said at the turn of the century if any nation would attack the U.S. a million men would fly to arms over night. In the state of technology at that time, that was a quite sufficient means of protection. But today if a million men untained in arms tried to fly to arms overnight they would become cannon fodder or food for a nuclear blast! and nothing more.

The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The great bulk of the American fleet sunk to the bottom of the ocean and there were those who after they had surveyed the situation and saw how much damage was done, and how little a means there was of protection in this country. They said if the Japanese had realized it they could have the remainder third of the way across the ~~Akai~~ Pacific Ocean quite easily, and seized California, Oregon, and Washington! But they didn't realize how great a victory they'd won there nor did our country until investigation was made.

We had two oceans to protect us, and we could take a full year to train men, train technicians building equipment and preparing to strike back. We look back a few years. A young man 35 years of age in 1925 wrote a book. He was a German, and Germany was then suffering from a wild inflation it had gone through.

I visited Germany shortly after that and I remember a woman telling me, I went to her to get some special lessons in conversational German) and she described to me how that during their period of inflation which fortunately did not last as long as it might, she said during that time she had American students who would try to get her to give them a full hours teaching for the amount of German money that could then be secured for one American cent! She said that that she had to get coal to put in her little stove to keep her apartment warm and she would have to buy the coal and pay the man to deliver it and then was supposed to give him a tip. The tip she was supposed to give him would take her 8 hours of work to get during those years of extreme inflation in Germany. It left the country utterly prostrate seeing nothing but total disaster ahead and as the English historian said read to grab on any thing that promised ~~relief~~. relief.

In 1925 this young man of 35 wrote a book in which he laid out the program to get control of Germany, and to seize all the property of the Jews and to destroy them all and to mould the German nation into an instrument that he could use to conquer the world. People laughed at the foolishness of what this very skillful young man wrote but he made no secret of it. It was laid there for