

GOD OF WAR - - Natives of Katsura take "Hachiman",
the god of war for his triennial bathe in the river.

-Japan-

Picture.:- Eastern civilization has not disposed of
this gentleman. He is Hachiman, the god of war, and
every three years, the Japanese repeat the ancient
worship of him. They're--

--happy this year, because he's brought them success--

--so they say, in Shanghai and Manchuria.

The ceremony ends with Hachiman's symbolic return
to Heaven - - - after a bathe !

Seems undignified to give the war god a forced
ducking,--

--but it's all part of the show. For the next three
years--

--let's hope the old divinity will be satisfied with
peaceful victories.