

Bombing Of Shanghai, Death Of Americans Is Described By Correspondent

AERIAL BOMBS MISS TARGETS, SHATTER HOTEL

(Editor's note: Following is a story of what one American saw and felt during Saturday's bombing of Shanghai. The author is the far eastern manager of the United Press.)

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SHANGHAI, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—Chinese bombing airplanes, apparently trying to destroy the old Japanese cruiser Idzumi off the waterfront in the busiest part of the international settlement, changed the tea lounge of the Palace hotel from a comfortable box seat for today's fast moving drama to a scene of wreckage, confusion and death.

One bomb smashed the hotel's top floor where numerous foreigners and Chinese were killed.

Every plate glass window on the first floor, which houses the tea lounge, the restaurant, the lobby and the bar, was smashed to bits. Those in the rooms were killed or wounded as they were crowded through the street outside.

Every floor had its casualties. Here and elsewhere, flying glass and other debris added to the injured in the streets.

Watching Airplanes
I was standing at the only window on the waterfront side of the Palace hotel with three other foreign guests. We were trying to sight the target that had caused the anti-aircraft guns of the Idzumi to blast out half a dozen times.

Suddenly across the black skies came three great bombing planes, flying northward, roughly following the Whangpoo river that divides the city.

About three seconds later I saw the plane nearest us release its first bomb.

At about the time they must have struck across the river, the first shattering blow hit the Palace hotel, apparently a bomb from another plane which was invisible from my position.

Window glass and plaster fell on me. The crash was ear splitting.

I ran out to the Nanking road side of the narrow lounge, hurrying over-turned tea tables, chairs and the penetrate forms of guests seeking the safety of the floor.

Foreigners Wounded
Through the gaping windows on the Nanking road I could see at least 50 persons writhing on the sidewalks and roadway. Three foreigners were trying to crawl away over the bodies of dead Chinese.

Another crash sent up a geyser of dust and debris flying, which temporarily obscured my view. This one brought merciful death to some already dying, but added scores of new names to the list of killed or maimed.

The injured and their companions were imploring hotel clerks to call ambulances, but the blast had rendered them useless.

Flames were leaping in the street and acrid fumes were thickening. It was half an hour before effective first aid arrived.

I went to the lobby which was densely packed with dying and wounded. The tiled floor was slippery from their blood.

Dying All Around
Foreigners of many nationalities, mingled with Chinese of all classes were lying side by side as they breathed their last or huddled together as far as possible from the shattered revolving door. Striding firm as a rock in a whirlpool I saw J. Findlay, of Wallasey, Newcastle, for seven years a resident of China. The calmness with which he awaited the urgently needed ambulance helped to soothe hysterical people in his immediate vicinity.

CONGRESS IN RUSH FOR ADJOURNMENT
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send it to conference with the Senate Monday.

Groups To Meet
Also on Monday, the house agriculture committee will meet to consider a senate-approved resolution pledging congress to consider at the outset of the next session—regular or special—general crop control legislation. The president has insisted on such assurance before going ahead with an immediate crop loan program.

Chairman Jones (D-Tex.) said the resolution would obtain speedy approval of the agriculture committee and probably would be brought up in the house Tuesday or Wednesday.

Other Washington developments: The senate passed and sent to the house a safety-net bill dealing with requirements for ship construction.

Senator Byrnes (D-S.C.) introduced a new government reorganization bill exempting independent regulatory agencies.

The senate postponed action on legislation to regulate air travel in the face of a threat of prolonged debate.

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Eye-Witness Describes Scenes Of Destruction, Death; Bloody Scenes Revealed By Newswriter

By ROBERT BERKOV
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SHANGHAI, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—Shanghai's teeming amusement district around the intersection of Avenue Edward VII and Tibet Road was turned into a shambles today when an aerial bomb fell into the crowded streets. Estimates of the dead ranged up to 1,000 in this area alone.

The bomb fell in the middle of the wide, paved street directly in front of the great World Amusement structure—a huge steel and concrete structure which houses theatres, puppet shows, picture galleries and dozens of other amusement places.

The area is on the border between the international settlement and the French concession and always is thronged.

Scores of people were blown to bits. Bloody scenes
Blood smeared the walls of buildings, the street and sidewalks and ran in rivulets in the gutters.

I reached the scene a few minutes after the explosion.

Dead and injured lay everywhere. All that I saw were Chinese as few Occidentals patronize the district's resorts.

Windows were smashed and many people were cut by flying glass.

Scores of those killed appeared to have been trampled to death as great crowds fought their way frantically out of the densely packed amusement places.

Only one bomb was dropped but it apparently was at least a 100-pound one.

A crater was blown in the concrete and asphalt pavement.

Rickshaws and automobiles were smashed.

Men, women and children fought like beasts to escape the death scene.

They had to take Ernest's word for it that one of these days he "was going to take down Max's pants and spank him."

"Eastman has never thrown a punch yet," the author of "A Farewell to Arms" said. "He says that he put a bump on my forehead, but I got that in 1918 and it's nobody's business how I got it."

The Hemingway account of the battle in Perle's office was quite different from Max's release.

No False Modesty
"Why I took his book and opened it and knocked him on his beam end," said Ernest, only he didn't say it quite so nicely as that, for Ernest speaks as he writes—no restraint, no false modesty.

"He said to me, why you blank, blank, blank, etc. etc. etc. But there was no wrestling match. He didn't throw me down. I told him, Max, if you were ten years younger, I'd knock you blank, blank, blank at infinitum."

Moreover, said Ernest, he thought so little of the whole affair that he didn't even mention it to Gene Tunney when he had lunch with Tunney.

He took from his pocket a copy of the book, which contained Eastman's essay, "Bull in the Afternoon," opened it at the odious essay about his own writing, showed everybody a smudge and said he was going to present the book to a publisher friend as a literary curiosity.

"It's autographed with Max's nose print," laughed Ernest.

FINE PRIZES FOR SOAP BOX WINNERS
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Officials for the derby will be: Wink Wintler, head timer; John Warren, timer; Arthur Hendershott, W. P. Walter and Cal Bryan, judges; C. A. Huntington, starter; Irv Custer, starting clerk; G. A. Sprague, referee; Harold Terry and James Lamb, car inspectors, and Dick Strile, recorder.

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IRRIGATION TOUR TO BE HELD HERE THURSDAY, AUG. 19

Sir Lane county farms will be visited by irrigation experts and many farmers of the valley Thursday, August 19, this being the first day of the eighth annual Willamette valley irrigation tour, sponsored by the Oregon State college extension service.

In Lane county, the Lane County Agricultural council and the Lane County Horticultural society are co-operating and will not hold their annual tours this year. O. S. Fletcher county agricultural agent, is sending out copies of a letter written by Arthur King, extension soil conservationist, telling of the details of the tour and of the itinerary. The itinerary in Lane county on August 19 follows:

Thursday, August 19
9:00 a. m. Thistlewood farm, six miles north of Eugene. Seventy acres under irrigation. Ladino clover for pasture and seed. Sweet corn and beans for canning. Three pumping plants. Water supply from drilled wells and from river. Electricity and gasoline for power. Portable revolving sprinkler method of irrigation.

10:30 a. m. Truman Chase farm, across Willamette river from Eugene, one quarter mile below Ferry street bridge. Take first road to left after crossing bridge. Forty acres of beans and other vegetables under irrigation on this and neighboring farms. Two electric pumping plants pumping from the river. Several different revolving sprinklers and "Shining" line.

Lunch—Osburn Hotel, Eugene. (Speaker—E. A. McCracken, manager, Eugene Fruit Growers Ass'n, "Irrigation of Vegetables for Canning Purposes.")

1:30 p. m. Ben Dorris farm, one mile south of Springfield on Second street road. Fifty acres of filberts irrigated with low pressure sprinkler pipe. Also revolving sprinklers on nursery stock.

2:30 p. m.—Frank Bartholomew farm, two and one-half miles north-east of Springfield on the Hayden road. Beans and other vegetables. Two irrigation systems—one with revolving sprinkler and electric power, the other, furrow irrigation and gasoline power.

3:30 p. m. Cloverleaf dairy, two and one-half miles north of Springfield on the Marcola road. One hundred acres under irrigation. Ladino clover pasture, clover seed, and alfalfa. Flood system with water supplied by gravity. Water supplied by Springfield Land and Water company.

On the second day, Friday, August 20, four farms in Washington county will be visited.

MID-WEST SETTLERS FLOCKING TO LANE
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work. Most of these were from the Dakotas and Kansas, and said they had been employed in such offices before coming west, and were interested in following the same line.

One local real estate office revealed that approximately 300 persons per month have been inquiring for homes and small ranches to either lease or buy. Their applicants have come mostly from Nebraska, Oklahoma and the Dakotas. While few of these coming in have very much money, most of them have enough to lease or buy small tracts of land to get started again, is the general report.

"The biggest share of persons applying here for jobs are interested in farming," said Day Martin, head of the federal re-employment office in Eugene. "Approximately one hundred a month make inquiries, saying

they have lost their property and jobs at their former homes and are interested in establishing themselves in the vicinity of Eugene.

More Applicants
Compliments made by Mr. Martin show an increase of 10 to 15 per cent over applications last year.

Another indication that population in Eugene is definitely on the increase is tabulations from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. There were 5575 telephones here in June, 1937, against 4224 listed at the close of the same month, this year, giving practically a ten per cent increase during the year.

Springfield showed the largest gain in telephones for the year for towns in Lane county, outside Eugene. There was an increase of 66 bringing the present total of 636. Cottage Grove's figures showed a gain of 53, the total being 657, and Junction City now has 355 telephones, a gain of 29. Harrisburg's increase was 12, and at Florence, 7.

Building at Florence
The telephone increase at Florence cannot be used as a true slant, for the coast town, as the increase in building activity there during the past year shows a decided gain.

Although out-of-state auto registrations do not indicate in any way how many of these people will remain in the state, they do show that Oregon is a mecca for travelers. Twice as many cars were registered last year as the preceding year, with the per centage of out-of-state visitors running higher in the coast states than any other section of the country. No figures are yet available for this summer's travel.

Korstad's directory, for 1936, gave the population as 22,200 for Eugene, but W. M. Korstad, publisher, stated that in this figure, only those who are actually contacted are in the summary. Considering those who were not reached by the canvass, his estimate would show the population at 24,000.

"An average of between \$5 and \$9 new families are contacted per month by our office," Mr. Korstad said, "and although a few of these are from California, the majority are from the middlewest."

An increase in population at Springfield has been noted, and some of this is credited to the lack of housing facilities at the present time in Eugene.

Our estimates of the increase in population can only be made through our increase in business," Frank Armitage Eugene postmaster, said. "We know there are more people in Eugene, for our business has increased 5 per cent over last year."

An average of eight or nine letters a day, inquiring about property and living conditions in this section, are received daily at the Chamber of Commerce, according to John F. Burr, secretary. The only population figures available at the chamber, are the census bureau estimates published in 1932. At that time, Eugene was listed at 20,200 and Lane county, 57,600.

Circulation figures on the Register-Guard show an increase of over 11 per cent during the past year and a gain of nearly 5 per cent in the past six months.

AMERICANS IN GRAVE DANGER

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over Shanghai and the Whangpoo river, striking at Japanese warships and land concentrations, but apparently doing their greatest destruction in the foreign-controlled sections.

Have Little Effect
Japanese aircraft went up to fight them, but with little effect.

There were reports to indicate the Chinese airmen had bombed Japanese centers and vessels with savage effect. Japanese indicated they would take swift and terrible revenge, possibly bombing Nanking, China's capital.

The war in the air was only one phase—but deadly phase—of the battle of Shanghai between China and Japan. The conflict, in the second day of actual bloodshed, was fought from the air, on water and on land along a front from Shanghai to the mighty Yangtze river, 10 miles north.

Mostly it raged along the Whangpoo river, Shanghai's harbor and winding highway to the sea, crowded with the shipping of many nations and the 21 naval vessels that Japan is known to have concentrated here.

Far to the north the five-week-old undeclared war in Hopeh province continued bitterly, involving ever-increasing forces and a steadily widening area.

Planes Very Active
Warplanes of both China and Japan were over Shanghai most of the day in spite of heavy, low-hanging clouds and frequent rain. What tolls of death and destruction they claimed in distant Japanese and Chinese parts could not even be estimated.

In the international zone at Shanghai, as it did in the Japanese zone, the navy failed to do much. Chinese resistance, however, was confirmed.

Protection Increased
Protection for Americans increased late Saturday night. The United States Atlantic fleet ordered a forced-draw of the coast from Taiwan.

The 1650 officers and men of the fourth regiment of United States Marines continued on duty in the line of the coast from Shanghai to the Yangtze river, 10 miles north.

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RETURN TO EUGENE
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