

SHANGHAI HELD BY CANTONESE

Rioting Follows Fall of Defenses

American Marines Parade War Equipment Guard- ing Foreign Quarter

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lender, it also grew more desultory. Tired northern soldiers began to stream into the city, selling their arms for a few cents, to buy food. Cantonese agents, it was noted, were buying most of the arms. At 11 o'clock the last resistance faded and the sound of guns stopped and with dramatic suddenness the gray-clad Cantonese marched into the city and took possession.

Orders were given about a week ago for a general strike when the southerners arrive and trades' union members dropped their tools and swarmed into the streets, cheering the southern army.

No Resistance

There was no fighting as the Cantonese entered the city. The main body of defense troops evacuated, leaving stragglers behind.

The complete collapse of the Shanghai defense led observers to believe an agreement might have been reached with the northern leaders. Rumors of a truce which circulated throughout the morning added to the belief.

From the time Sunkiang fell, discipline and direction were gone from the northern troops. It was a rabble that defended the city and a rabble with no heart in its fighting. Occasional warm skirmishes were reported at bridges and suburban villages, but for the most part the Cantonese advanced steadily, firing occasionally as they marched, and the northerners fired perfunctorily and fell back mile by mile.

Foreigners on Guard

In the last few hours before Shanghai fell foreigners who had stayed outside the settlement swarmed to the guarded gates and joined the large group within.

All industries in the city were paralyzed when the strike began at noon today, although before the Cantonese arrived it had been reported that a split in the labor federation would keep the walkout from success.

The capture of the city ended a long, methodical campaign by the southern forces, who weeks ago established a line running from just south of Sunkiang to the vicinity of Soo Chow, thence around Lake Taihook to Nanking. First at one place along the line and then at another the Cantonese would hammer, while their propaganda agents worked behind the northern lines.

Battle for 2 Weeks

Despite changes in command and internal strife among the northern chiefs, the defense line held firm while the southerners pounded first for Sunkiang, then toward Soo Chow, which they nearly captured, and finally at Nanking. The attack on Nanking began two weeks ago and led the observers to believe the Cantonese had abandoned Shanghai as an immediate objective and intended to throw all their resources against the other city.

Chang Chung Chang concentrated his forces there, knowing that if Nanking, terminal of the only railroad connecting Shanghai with northern China, the key city of the Yangtze river, fell, he would be trapped.

Friday the southerners, without warning, started a driving attack between Sunkiang and the sea and it became evident within a day that Chang did not have enough troops available to stem the advance.

The international settlement and the French concession became quieter toward midnight tonight.

The streets were almost deserted except for armed patrols, which were everywhere.

The electricity supply was reduced by half by the strike and only essential lights were permitted to burn tonight. It was expressed that skeleton foreign volunteer staffs would try to maintain postoffice as well as essential telephone service.

Fires were razing tonight in the Chapel area and threatened to spread to the foreign settlement. An officer in the United States marine intelligence service informed the United Press tonight that the north China troops were evacuating Nanking and that the nationalists were taking over the area at their convenience. It appears, the United Press was informed, that the Cantonese were in control of all China south of the Yangtze river.

Watchful Waiting of U. S. Marines Ended

Washington, March 21.—(UP)—The United States has intervened in the Chinese civil war situation to protect 5,000 American citizens endangered at Shanghai.

The intervention is non-political, and it does not in any way extend to the Chinese internal situation. The American marines will protect American lives and property only.

After weeks of watchful waiting, 1,500 United States marines were landed in the international settlement of that city today with orders to protect their compatriots and American property at any cost.

Officials here, commenting on the report of the landing sent by Admiral C. S. Williams, explained that this emergency action was taken upon appeal of the American consul general at Shanghai following declaration of a "state of emergency" by the Shanghai municipal council.

An American is chairman of the council.

The American force will be supplemented from the reserve force now in the harbor, if necessary. It will co-operate fully with British and other foreign troops, officials said.

Operation of the American troops, however, will be limited strictly to the international settlement. The marines will not join the British lines now extending into the native city, according to officials here.

These measures have been taken more as a precaution rather than to prevent existing disorder, it was stated.

With the example of Hankow before them, foreign officials at Shanghai feared that the retreating northern forces might loot the native city and overflow into the foreign settlement.

The American and other foreign officials are determined to prevent this at any cost.

The general strike situation within the international settlement also occasions apprehension, because natives inside outnumber the foreigners.

CENSORSHIP IMPOSED

Hankow, March 21.—(UP)—The Herald, American-owned newspaper, and the British-owned Post were closed today on orders of the general labor union here, and censorship of all incoming and outgoing foreign mail was imposed.

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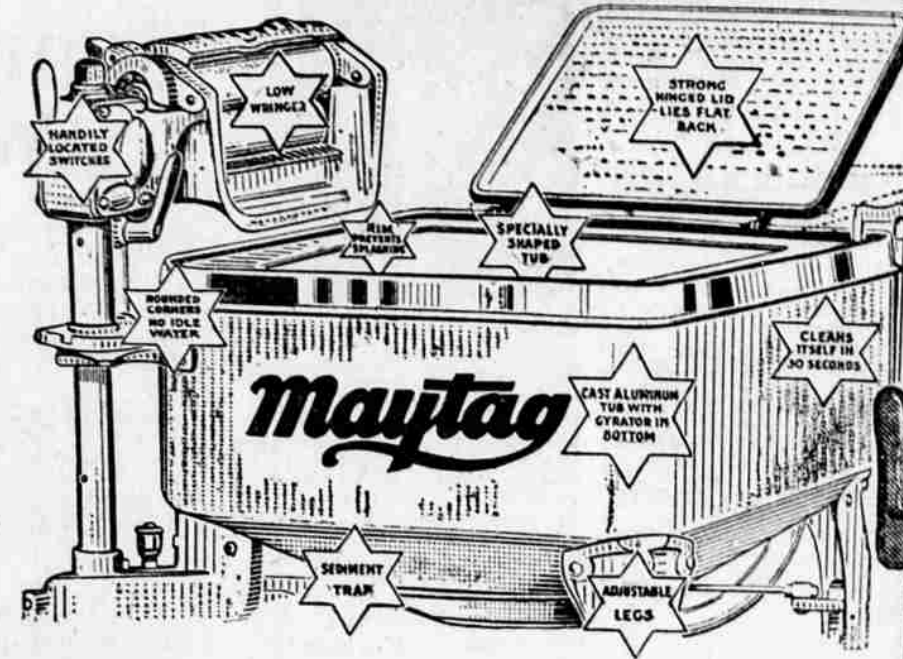


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