

CHINESE THROW BACK ENEMY IN CHAPEI BATTLE

Mob Violence Adds Terror; Tens of Thousands in Bitter Struggle.

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been evacuated to the Philippines and elsewhere.

350 Americans Evacuated

Three hundred and fifty additional American refugees ran through a hall of fire this morning down the Whangpoo and were embarked safely on the Dollar steamer President Jefferson, which sailed for Manila at 1:30 p.m.

British destroyers acted as transports and ferried British refugees down the Whangpoo to Woosung where they were loaded on the P. & O. liner *Rajputana*, which was anchored near the Jefferson.

Loading of both ships from tenders and the destroyers was hampered by stormy weather and high seas.

Chinese bombing planes, threatening to attack Japanese warships which the refugees had to pass in the river, made the 12 miles trip from the Bund of Shanghai's International Settlement to Woosung a nightmare. All the refugees came through safely, however, although they were endangered by flying shrapnel and shell splinters.

Reinforcements Are Rushed

The great powers continued to rush reinforcements and warships here to hasten evacuation of their nationals and give what protection they could to their property.

The Dollar liner President Hoover, flagship of the American company's Pacific fleet, was pressed into service and sailed from Manila at 2:40 p.m. for Shanghai with a contingent of Marines. She will pick up hundreds of refugees here and hurry them to Manila.

Thus the Chinese-Japanese war which started outside Peiping the night of July 7 had spread into a major conflagration which already has cost both sides thousands of lives and tens of millions of dollars.

A tense situation prevailed at Tsingtao, big Shantung province port between Shanghai and Tientsin, where more than 1000 American refugees—summer vacationists and U.S. citizens who had fled from the interior—were endangered.

Massacre Is Feared

It arose from the shooting of two Japanese blue jackets, allegedly by a Chinese Nationalist. Chinese expected that Japan shortly would occupy the port. She was evacuating her own Nationals as rapidly as possible and attempting to restrain the Chinese until a railway train, carrying Japanese refugees from Nanking, via Tsinan-fu, the Shantung capital, could reach the port safely.

Gen. Han Fu-chu, provincial governor, was reported to have more than 50,000 troops around the port and a major massacre of Japanese there appeared possible as Chinese hatred mounted.

On the northern front the military stalemate which has prevailed for several days continued. Japan's attack on strong Chinese positions from the vital Nankow Pass on the Peiping-Suwan Railway was resumed but made no headway.

South of Peiping, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, sporadic fighting continued as did on the Tientsin-Pukow-Nanking line south of Tientsin.

Key Battle at Shanghai

All developments were overshadowed by the bitter Shanghai struggle which probably will be the key battle of the war.

Both Chinese and Japanese continued to bring up reinforcements and some estimates of the total number of men engaged, or in reserve depots, reached as high as 200,000.

Fighting raged all day today—on land, the water, and in the air.

The Japanese appeared to have won the major engagement they started last night in the Pootung sector, opposite Shanghai's International Bund. Fire from the Chinese trenches in this area virtually had ceased at 11:30 p.m. after 13 hours of continuous pounding by Japanese naval guns and aerial bombs.

On the Hongkew-Chapel sector, within sight of Shanghai's big British-owned Cathay Hotel, all Japanese attacks were repelled, as they were in the central and southern parts of the Shanghai-Woosung Railway sector. At the north end of this line, from Woosung toward Lake, the Japanese claimed to have made advances, clearing an area in which their land regiments were being brought ashore from transports lying off the mouth of the Yangtze.

Mob Violence Stares

Mob forces continued to hammer the Chinese lines with artillery and machine guns in a frontal action.

Airplanes kept up a continuous

2 'Strong Men' Steering Current Outbreak Have Intimate Ties in U. S.

Japan's Fuminaro Konoye Inherited the Duty of Leadership.

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won him many friends in the United States during that visit.

Protege of Prince Saionji

Ever since the military revolt of 1932 there has been pronounced political unrest in Japan, and it has been generally believed that the aging Prince Saionji had been watching a parade of premiers go in succession, waiting for the proper time to produce his "ace" and protege, Konoye.

Aside from the critical situation in China, into which the Japanese plunged more deeply immediately after his becoming premier early in June of this year, Konoye faces the difficult internal problem of reconciling the civil and military parties of Japan, and of achieving such economic reforms as will allay widespread discontent.

Taller than most Japanese, distinctly handsome, youthful-looking and well informed on modern trends in today's world, Konoye weighs less than 150 pounds, and suffers from insomnia.

Wife 'Rules Me,' He Says

His wife "rules me with a hand of iron," he once said, referring to her vigilant supervision over his diet.

Konoye has already followed the Rooseveltian technique of direct and simple appeals to his people by radio, asking national unity.

Konoye is the first Japanese premier to take that office with a clear mandate from the cabinet, and thus in a sense he "starts at the top." His wide travels and interests are reflected in his presidency of the International Cultural Relations Society.

bombing and machine gun strafing from the skies.

In Shanghai, mob violence added new terror to the battle.

A Japanese was beaten and kicked to death in the heart of the International Settlement. Two Chinese, one an American citizen, were beaten and narrowly escaped death at the hands of Chinese who suspected they were pro-Japanese.

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350 AMERICANS PUT ON LINER

Take 'Any Ship, Any Where,' U. S. Consular Officials Tell Nationals.

BY JOHN R. MORRIS

United Press Staff Correspondent

SHANGHAI, Aug. 17.—American

consular authorities advised all

Americans today to take "any ship,

any where" at once and get out of

war-torn Shanghai.

Three hundred and fifty Americans, most of them women and children—one born last Wednesday, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kent, of Mississippi—left today for the Dollar liner, President Jefferson, who had discriminated against employees who were members of the United Automobile Workers of America, C. I. O. affiliate.

The company has until Aug. 21

to answer the charges. Trial of the

charges by a NLRB examiner is set

for Aug. 30 in Alexandria City

Court.

Mr. Cowdrill charged the com-

pany failed to bargain in good

faith with the union and had

influenced employers elsewhere to

deny jobs to union members who

left Ayres employment.

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tion of work March 29 after a walk-

out that was a part of the coun-

try-wide auto strike, the employer

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ployees who were union members.

By United Press

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Lloyd's and

other insurance underwriters today

announced drastic insurance pre-

miums on cargoes to and from Chi-

na.

Consular authorities estimated

that when the Dollar liner President

Hoover leaves Friday a total of

1110 to 1300 Americans will have

been evacuated and that about 2600

will remain here.

The fact that no ships are sched-

uled to sail direct for the United

States within the next few days

caused the "any ship, any where"

advice from the consulate—that

and the increasing fury of the

Chinese-Japanese battle.

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