

JAPANESE PLANES DROP BOMBS ON WATERFRONT AT NANKING, U.S. GUNBOAT IS STANDING BY

Hull Tells Committee State Department's Policy Contingent on F. D. R.'s Decision; Fear of British Entry Into War Reflected in House.

NANKING, Dec. 6 (U.P.)—Seventeen Japanese bombing planes dropped tons of explosives on the Nanking waterfront today not far from where the U. S. Gunboat Panay waited with steam up to remove Americans from the capital.

As the vanguard of the Japanese infantry approached the ancient walled city of the Ming, the raiding planes appeared from the south. In screaming power dives they swooped over the water front, releasing bombs which started fires.

The eighth air alarm of the day sent residents hurrying to dugouts. Chinese antiaircraft batteries blazed away at the invaders but scored no hits.

Since the bombing at Wuhu yesterday in which three British vessels were hit, refugees have abandoned the remaining launches, junks and a cluster of gunboats in the river. A majority of the Americans fled ashore to places of greater safety.

Panic in Safety Zone

According to unconfirmed reports received here, the advance guard of the Japanese Army captured the Purple Mountain in the suburbs of Nanking. A long, dark, twisted shape rests the ashes of Sun Yat-sen, "father of the republic," in a three million dollar mausoleum.

There was panic in the International safety zone where thousands of natives, terrified by reports that the Japanese vanguard was within sight of the capital, sought refuge. The Chinese were reported to have 300,000 troops ready to defend the city.

At least 42 persons were killed yesterday in a raid which Japanese spokesman said had been directed against Chinese soldiers fleeing across the river from Wuhu to the southwest, but which resulted in the bombing of three British vessels and a British-owned barge.

Advices from the general Japanese advance army nearing Wuhu asserted that Chinese forces were "in a state of disorganization which might be described as panic."

13 Americans Remain

Thirteen Americans—Missionaries, physicians and nurses—decided to remain in the U. S. Embassy compound until forced to leave.

Great confusion prevailed yesterday when Japanese planes swooped down on the British vessels—H. M. S. Ladybird, the steamer Tatung, operated by the China Steam Navigation Co., the steamer Tuckwo, operated by the Indochna Navigation Co., and a British-owned barge.

Twelve persons were killed on the Tuckwo when the raiders scored a direct hit. Fifteen were killed on the barge. Others died in hospitals. Thirty-three required operations, so severe were their wounds.

All the ships flew the British Union Jack and it painted conspicuously on decks and sides. One barge lagged squarely in the middle of a Union Jack pointed on the roof of a warehouse owned by British interests.

Dr. Oskar Trautmann, German ambassador to China, returned to Hankow today from Nanking, where he reportedly proposed to Chinese

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here's County Traffic Record

Deaths
(To Date)

1937	144
1936	148
Deaths in City	96
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1936	118

Accidents

(Dec. 4 and 5)

Accidents	24
Injured	22
Dead	5

Arrests

(Dec. 4 and 5)

Arrests	24
Speeding	14
Reckless Driving	1
Running Preferential Street	7
Running Red Light	3
Drunken Driving	4
Others	19

MEETINGS TODAY

Service Club, luncheon, Hotel Lincoln, noon; dinner, Hotel Washington, 8 p.m. Indianapolis Car Insurers' Association, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon, meeting 7 p.m.

Indiana Auto. Movie Club, meeting, Clarendon Hotel, 8 p.m.

Indianapolis Press Club, dinner, Press Club, 6 p.m.

Red Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Conservation Department, meeting, Indiana Athletic Club, 10 a.m. luncheon.

Salemen's Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

International Jewelry Workers' Union, meeting, Hotel Lincoln, 8 p.m.

Delta Theta Tau, meeting, Clarendon Hotel, 6 p.m.

Scientific Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Central Indiana Veterinary Association, meeting, Hotel Severin, 8 p.m.

Monday Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Lions Club, board of directors' meeting, Hotel Washington, noon.

Building Owners and Managers, luncheon, Young Democratic Women's Club, meeting, Clarendon Hotel, 8 p.m.

Indiana University Club, luncheon, Indianapolis Athletic Club, 6 p.m.

Womans' Club, dinner, Indianapolis Club, noon.

Conservation Department, meeting, Hotel Lincoln, 10 a.m. luncheon.

Indiana University Club, luncheon, Canary College, noon.

Hillcrest Country Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Board of Trade, dinner, Board of Trade, 6 p.m.

Indianapolis Milk Council, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

13-Year-Old Pupil Gives Alarm



Times Photo
Thirteen-year-old Billie Lower, a 7B pupil, was a hero today when he discovered a fire in the School 81 auditorium. The 450 pupils marched quickly and orderly from the building and the flames were put out in three minutes.

450 Pupils Flee Fire Here as Mercury Dips to Record Low

City Shivers in Coldest Dec. 6 Since 1885; Only Slight Relief Due.

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"A little behind schedule." The brake controls on one car froze at Illinois and Washington Ss., officials said.

Although Union Station officials reported the freezing condition to be "general" along railroad divisions intersecting here, they said trains ran on schedule throughout the night.

Buses also were reported operating on schedule.

Whole Midwest Feels Near-Zero Weather

CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (U.P.)—The Midwest shivered today amid zero temperatures as a cold wave, which moved suddenly out of the Arctic regions, spread southward to the Gulf of Mexico and as far east as the Appalachians.

The lowest temperature was six degrees below zero at Devils Lake, N. D. It was 10 above zero here.

POPP TO DISCUSS CODES

George D. Poppe, Jr., City Building Commissioner, is to discuss the building code before the Indianapolis Home Builders' Association tomorrow night in the Hoosier Athletic Club.

About 60 members of the Broad Ripple American Legion Post played the part of Good Samaritans yesterday and shocked more than 200 busbees of corn for a blind fellow Legionnaire. The comrade, Belm Caldwell, lives one mile northeast of here on Rond 31.

SHUCK FOR LEGIONNAIRE

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The fire first was noticed by Charles Gunther, occupying another apartment in the building, who aroused Mrs. Fuerr from sleep. With the stairway filled with smoke, their escape was cut off until firemen arrived.

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