

SHANGHAI BOMBED.

British --- American --- European non-combatants --- men, ~~and~~
 women and children, were evacuated from Shanghai ^{before} the storm of ~~war~~
 war finally broke above their heads. ^ Many were taken aboard the
 American steamship President Hoover which itself was bombed by
 accident. / Shanghai --- the great business and social centre
 of the Far ~~East~~ East was then transformed into a battlefield.
 Civilians took shelter if they could --- soldiers stood to.
 Japanese re-inforcements were landed and Chinese planes flew
 overhead. Anti-aircraft guns and machine guns joined their
 staccato chorus of death with the drone of ~~the~~ aeroplanes.

Warships in the Whampoo River --- British --- American ---
 Japanese. One sailor was killed aboard the American Augusta,
 and on land, terror reigned supreme. Bombs intended for the
 Japanese ships fell on department stores and hotels. Hundreds
 were killed /

^{killed and wounded}
 Men lay ~~dead and dying~~ in the streets --- the Nanking road,
 called the Bond Street of Shanghai --- suddenly became a road
^{death} ~~where only death could walk.~~ Hundreds were taken prisoner as
 the battle ebbed. / Chinese snipers caught behind the Japanese
 lines expected no mercy and received none ~~to~~

~~The~~ The work of taking away the wounded began --- ~~and was~~
~~conducted from the air by the Japanese just as it is at women and children~~
~~as it does at army and navy.~~ From all parts of the
 International Settlement which suffered most in this raid ---
 improvised ~~and~~ ambulances came to begin their work --- rickshaws
 and chairs pressed hurriedly into gruesome service.

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~~The battle is over~~ when the planes and guns were silent, their memory remained ~~like~~ a hideous scar, across the face of Shanghai.