

407

CHINA.

Once again Gaumont British News brings to the screen a grim story of war. Filming from a Japanese warship our camera records a ~~modern~~ battle with Chinese planes.

The war continues on land and in the sky. North of ~~Shanghai~~ Shanghai, tragic Chapel makes a last stand before surrender. Japanese bombers roaring overhead drop their devastating tons of ~~high~~ high explosive upon the city below. Mammoth buildings are sent rocketing into the air --- shops homes and hotels collapse in debris with the shocks of modern warfare.

When the air force has prepared the way the infantry advance. Cautiously, with fixed bayonets, they explore the wrecked houses ~~that hold scores of killed and wounded, yet may also~~ ^{that may} hold a stubborn Chinese defender. And then, suddenly, the clatter of a street battle of machine guns lets loose a cascade of death. The window frames are sprayed with the invaders' bullets. ~~while the machine guns are still firing.~~ The gunner falls back shot through the head. Then while the ~~straggling~~ infantry in the ~~street~~ street wait their chance --- another gunner steps into the breach to carry on. Japan has moved one stage ~~further~~ farther into China.