

CHINA.

Preceding the fall of Nanking ~~the~~ to the Japanese armies, Nippon's fleet on the Yangtse battered the Chinese shore defences with heavy naval gunfire. The army marches on ---aided by all the trappings of modern warfare ~~Up to the~~ ^{Up to the} very walls of the capital --- ~~then land artillery goes into action~~. Over the heap of debris that was Nanking's ancient defence the Mikado's men surge on with the battle-scarred flags of the Rising sun --- no defence that China can devise --- be it men or material --- can withstand this relentless advance. Triumph is to the invader ---

In the Japanese cession in Shanghai --- known as Little Tokyo --- Japan celebrates again. ↗

In the International Settlement, there is pity for the homeless --- a million mouths must be fed by foreign charity --- who could wish starvation for these little ones? The Governments of the civilized world condemn war --- but there can never be any stronger condemnation than this. Japan's Emperor has called the Imperial Conference, to decide whether this war shall be made official by a formal declaration. Agreement in the Government could not be reached, and a declaration is thought to be unlikely. ~~Only~~ ^{Only} the facts remain --- ~~but~~ Official war would give Japan the right to search neutral shipping --- and this would undoubtedly ~~be~~ lead to incidents, with consequences which none could foresee. Britain's patience is not inexhaustible ~~M~~ America in Shanghai has paraded her strength. The point of view of the United States was ~~stated~~ ^{given} by President Roosevelt in a speech of clarity and power --- and the English speaking peoples stand together.