

## JAPAN QUICK IN OFFERING ITS APOLOGY

Offers Compensation for Attack  
On American Vessels Even  
Before Receiving President's  
Demands. Individual Regret  
Also Expressed.

Tokyo, Dec. 15.—Japan today offered apologies and compensation for her attack on the United States gunboat Panay and three steamers and safeguards for foreigners even before she formally received President Roosevelt's demands.

In addition to the round of official apologies, Japanese citizens halted Americans in the streets of Tokyo or called at American business offices to express their personal sorrow over Sunday's war plane bombing of the vessel near Nanking.

Foreign Minister Koki Hirota sent a note to the United States ambassador, Joseph C. Grew, in which Japan:

1. Presented her "sincere apologies" for the attack.

2. Promised to make "indemnification for all losses and deal appropriately with those responsible for the incident."

3. Announced "strict orders" had been issued "to the authorities on the spot with a view to preventing recurrence of a similar incident."

Foreign Minister Hirota presented a similar note to Sir Robert Craigie, British ambassador to Japan, concerning the Sunday bombing of the British gunboats Bee and Ladybird.

It promised Japan would pay Great Britain "any necessary" indemnity.

The Imperial Headquarters, highest Japanese military and naval organ, issued a lengthy statement on Sunday's incident in which it charged three gunboats among the vessels attacked on the Yangtze fired on the Japanese war planes when the Panay was sunk.

It declared the Japanese fliers said that the steamers "carried no flags," but that "many soldiers, apparently Chinese, were sighted aboard them."

The note met the major demands of President Roosevelt even as Ambassador Grew arranged to see Foreign Minister Hirota to present a note from the United States over the bombing incident.

Emperor Hirohito already had received the essence of the American executive's point of view as given in a memorandum in Washington Monday, a high government official said.

This official asserted he was unable to say whether any direct reply from the emperor could be expected.

The Japanese note declared Japanese war planes bombed the American vessels in the Yangtze river Sunday after it had been reported Chinese troops were fleeing up the river by steamers from Nanking.

It asserted the aviators "were unable to discern any mark showing any of them was an American ship or man-of-war."

"Consequently the United States gunboat Panay and the vessels of the Standard Oil company, being taken for Chinese carrying fleeing Chinese troops, were bombed and sunk."

The unofficial desire to make amends was reflected in the actions of Japanese citizens who stopped Americans in the streets, doffed their hats and expressed their personal sorrow over Sunday's events.

Waitresses and taxi drivers were among the civilians who expressed apologies.

Prince Fumimaro Kono, premier, issued a statement in connection with the fall of Nanking in which he declared "the birth of a new China will serve to safeguard foreign interests in the Far East."

He pledged Japan's cooperation "with whatever administration comes into existence in China" and declared the fall of the evacuated capital marked "the beginning of real, protracted hostilities against China."

The formal occupation of Nanking was celebrated by an estimated 1,000,000 persons—mostly school children—in a parade through Tokyo.

## UNEMPLOYMENT MONEY MOUNTS

Columbia, Dec. 11.—R. Brice Waters, administrator for the state unemployment compensation commission, said today contributions from South Carolina employers to the unemployment compensation fund amounted to \$274,966 in November, an increase of 13 per cent over the total for the previous month.

### MORGAN TODD ILL

Friends in the city of F. Morgan Todd of Simpsonville, and a former Clinton resident, will regret to know that he suffered a stroke last week and is now a patient in the Greenville city hospital. Reports from his bedside yesterday stated that his condition is improving. Mr. Todd, who is well known here, married Mrs. Mayme Little Copeland.

## Clinton Aglow For Christmas

Royal Welcome Given Santa  
Claus Upon His Annual Visit.  
City Transformed Into Fairy-  
land With Brilliant Lights.

Clinton's children, young and old, and grown-ups too, flocked the streets Friday at twilight to greet and welcome the city's most distinguished annual visitor—Santa Claus.

The coming of Saint Nick, the bearer of gifts, good cheer and happiness, had been awaited for twelve months by hundreds of eager-eyed children. Long before the hour 5:30 at which time the parade was to start, people began gathering along the line of march to greet the North Pole guest. As the parade proceeded up Broad street, the lovely varicolored Christmas lights sparkled forth to give the city an added brilliance coincident with the coming of the Yuletide saint.

The parade, headed by the Presbyterian college R. O. T. C. band and local National Guard unit, circled the business square and later disbanded. In the line of march were several attractive floats by business firms, the city schools and orphanage. Center of attraction in the parade, of course, was Santa Claus mounted high on his gorgeous float, waving cheerily at the boys and girls. Dressed in his time-honored red costume, Saint Nick looked hale and hearty and as happy as in past years when he has visited the city to officially inaugurate the Christmas season. He had a benevolent smile on his face and happy words of welcome for the children who gathered close in order that they might not only see, but hear what he had to say, and to yell with enthusiasm as the procession advanced, "Hello, Santa."

The city now presents the picture of a beautiful varicolored Fairyland, the decorations being similar to those of last year. Streamers heavily laden with red, yellow, blue and green bulbs shine in the entire business district in festoons of lights. Several trees brilliantly illuminated, add to the Christmas setting. The adorned trees, and the thousands of lights of many colors, complete the Christmas picture, and provide a fitting climax to a scene of beauty and splendor. Few towns anywhere this year will be more Christmas-like, more lovely, than Clinton.

## Safest Driving Age Is 32-37

Ames, Iowa.—Dr. A. R. Lauer, Iowa State college psychologist and traffic safety research worker, describes the "safe" driver as:

A man without domestic troubles, between 32 and 37; above five feet ten inches in height and weighing between 170 and 180 pounds.

Dr. Lauer, who has tested 15,000 drivers in several states, says the person "who is above the average in mentality, physique and personality, or at least is neither brute nor shrimp, Ph.D. nor ignoramus, routine bookkeeper or scientific genius," has a pretty good chance of being a good driver.

## CHRISTMAS OPERETTA AT HURRICANE SCHOOL

The primary and grammar grade pupils of Hurricane school will present an operetta, "One Christmas Eve," on next Wednesday night, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

## Float, Window Winners

A number of attractive floats were entered in Clinton's big Santa Claus parade celebration last Friday night, prizes aggregating \$25 being offered for the four exhibits selected by the judges as the most outstanding. The winners were:

First place—Clinton Flower Shop.

Second place—Thornwell Orphanage.

Third place—Clinton Schools.

Fourth place—G. A. Copeland & Son.

### Window Winners

Three prizes for \$9.00 were offered for the best decorated store windows in the city. The judges made their awards to the following:

First place—Blakely Bros. Seed Store.

Second place—Clinton Flower Shop.

Third place—G. A. Copeland & Son.

The celebration was staged and the prizes awarded by the Chamber of Commerce.



Santa Claus Says:  
**SHOP EARLY**  
And Get Better Selections...  
And Shop In  
**CLINTON**  
"The Christmas City".

## Clinton Kiwanis Club To Serve As Santa Claus For Orphanage Family

Local Organization, With "Merry Christmas Greetings," Will Provide 350 Bags of Fruit and Gifts for Children and Officers of Thornwell Family.

The Clinton Kiwanis club will again this year act as Santa Claus for the 310 boy and girls at Thornwell orphanage.

The club last year accepted the responsibility of bringing Christmas cheer and happiness to the children of the home. Funds have been provided, and all plans completed for furnishing the Santa bags which will contain oranges, apples, candy, nuts and raisins. In addition each child

## College Unveils Seven Portraits

Founder, Former Presidents and  
Friends of Presbyterian Honored  
At Interesting Exercises  
Monday.

Presbyterian college in a special chapel ceremony at noon Monday, unveiled seven large portraits which came to the institution recently as a gift from a friend who requested that he remain unknown, even to the college. The paintings were done by M. Rae, noted portrait painter of New York city.

The exercises were held in the chapel and attended by the student body, faculty and a number of assembled friends from here and other parts of the state, with President W. P. Jacobs, presiding.

The paintings are of Dr. William Plumer Jacobs, founder of the college, C. M. Bailey, for many years a member of the college board of trustees and until his death president of Lydia Cotton Mills of this city, Capt. Ellison Smyth of Hendersonville, N. C., who has contributed much to the school in money and support and who made the initial gift toward building Smyth dormitory; Dr. A. E. Spencer, four times president of the college, dean of the faculty, and now vice-president and treasurer; Dr. W. G. Neville, under whose presidency the administration building was erected; Dr. D. M. Douglas, who as president saw the college enter upon its greatest period of growth; and James Ferdinand Jacobs, son of the founder, once a professor of the school, and officially connected with it for many years.

At the unveiling, sketches of the seven honored men, prepared by Dr. Dudley Jones, were read.

The handsome portraits are hung in the chapel, with the exception of that of J. F. Jacobs, which hangs in the forum room furnished in his honor by his son, W. P. Jacobs, now president of the institution.

## Cotton Ginnings Still Climb Up

Cotton ginnings in Laurens county prior to December 1st, amounted to 28,408 bales as compared with 17,713 to the same date last year, according to the report of the county cotton statistician. This is an increase for the year of 10,695 bales.

## George H. Little Is Laid To Rest

Well Known Young Man Passes  
Twenty-seven Days After  
Death of His Father. Interment  
Here Monday.

George H. Little, 44, died Sunday at his home here after a critical illness of several weeks. He had recently returned from the Veterans hospital in Columbia where he had been a patient, with little improvement however noted in his condition.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with interment following in the Presbyterian church cemetery. The services were in charge of Dr. D. J. Woods, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. D. E. Boozer, Presbyterian minister of Goldville. Both at the home and graveside a large number of friends assembled to pay a final tribute and the many floral tributes banked upon the grave gave added evidence of the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him.

Pallbearers were: Augustus Mason of Laurens, John W. Finney, P. S. Bailey, R. F. Sumerel, Alex and William J. Henry, R. J. Pitts and Henry M. Young.

Mr. Little was a son of the late Thomas Holland Little and Ella Henry Little. It was a sad coincidence that his father, with whom he had always lived, preceded him to the grave just twenty-seven days ago. Mr. Little was a World War veteran and served overseas with the Eighty-first division. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and Masonic order. A young man square and upright with his fellowmen, he possessed many friends who are saddened by his passing and who join with the family in regretting his death.

The deceased is survived by two brothers, John W. Little and E. P. Little, and two sisters, Mrs. L. D. McCrary and Mrs. Mac B. Hipp, all of this place.

## Mrs. J. W. Earhardt Passes In Newberry

Funeral services for Mrs. J. W. Earhardt, Sr., 72, of Newberry, were held last Wednesday from the residence with her pastor, Rev. E. B. Keisler, officiating. Interment was in Rosemont cemetery.

Mrs. Earhardt died suddenly at her home following a brief illness. Before marriage she was Miss Jessie Lee Copeland, daughter of the late Elbert T. Copeland and Charlotte Ferguson Copeland of Clinton.

Mrs. Earhardt is survived by her husband, J. W. Earhardt, publisher of The Newberry Observer, and mayor of Newberry; by four daughters, Mrs. Glenn K. Klutts, Mrs. H. L. Huffman, Mrs. I. M. Satterwhite and Miss Eloise Earhardt, all of Newberry; by two sons, George B. Earhardt and J. W. Earhardt, Jr., both of Newberry; one sister, Mrs. Emma McCrary of this city, and by several grandchildren.

## City Schools Close Tuesday

The Christmas holiday season for pupils of the city schools will begin next Tuesday and continue until January 3rd, the vacation period being shorter than in recent years.

The Thornwell orphanage schools will close for the Christmas season on next Thursday.

Class work will terminate tomorrow at Presbyterian college for the holidays. Classes will be resumed on the morning of January 4th.

### ROAD WORK BEGINS

The state highway department began work Thursday morning on the lower end of Route 56, beginning at Tom Davenport's store, in the direction of Chappells. The road when completed will shorten the distance from Clinton to Chappells five and a half miles.

## We Say, 'Thanks'

One of our valued and consistent Clinton advertisers writes THE CHRONICLE:

"I just want to say after looking over your paper of last week, and judging from so many advertisements appearing together, and the huge space given to Santa's arrival and the clear type used, that I think it's the best paper you have produced during the past five years."

"As a mercantile establishment of the city, we wish to thank you for your cooperation and efforts to get customers to trade in Clinton."

## AMERICA ASKS FULL REDRESS BE MADE SOON

Roosevelt's Note To Japanese  
Emperor Voices "Grace Con-  
cern." Guarantees Against  
Repetition of Such Attacks  
Sought.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The United States presented Japan three stern demands today because of the "indiscriminate bombing" and sinking of the United States gunboat Panay and other American ships above Nanking. At the same time President Roosevelt sent expressions of shocked concern to the Emperor of Japan.

While Capitol Hill reverberated to the sinking and a heated discussion rose on the floor of the senate, this government demanded:

Full compensation to the government and victims. (Dispatches to the navy department place them at one sailor killed, six missing and fifteen persons wounded).

Apologies for the incident. Guarantees against a repetition of such an attack.

The president's personal expression, handed to Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Saito by Secretary of State Hull for transmission to the emperor, was a message from one head of state to another and therefore regarded as of greater importance than the series of protests that have been made by the state department to the Japanese government and Chinese government as well, since the Sino-Japanese undeclared war began.

It informed the emperor that the president "was deeply shocked and concerned by the news of the indiscriminate bombing of American and other non-Chinese vessels on the Yangtze."

Even before the president could act, the Japanese government pressed every effort to allay the indignation that seemed rising in the capital. Ambassador Saito called early on Secretary Hull to inform him that his government accepted full responsibility for the incident which he characterized as "a great mistake, a great blunder." He expressed his "deep regret."

About the same time the United States ambassador to Tokio, Joseph C. Grew, was receiving the formal apologies of the Japanese government.

A dispatch from Admiral Yarnell, commanding American ships in China, that that the Japanese commander-in-chief had ordered the Japanese gunboat Hozu to proceed from Nanking to help care for American survivors of the Panay and two Standard Oil vessels.

It was believed "regrets" may come directly from the Japanese emperor, in view of the president's message to him.

Diplomatic circles coupled the visit of British Ambassador Sir Ronald Lindsay to Secretary Hull and the President's mention of "other non-Chinese vessels" in his message to the emperor.

They took this to mean that a state of consultation, if not of cooperation, existed between the United States and Great Britain with respect to the incident. Japanese planes, besides sinking the American boats, also hit a British gunboat.

A majority of members of the two houses of congress who expressed their opinion of the incident either on or off the floor said the sinking was proof that the United States should have withdrawn its men from the scene of conflict, and that, at any rate, the incident should not germinate into a struggle between the two powers.

There was some strong condemnation of Japanese actions. Senator Key Pitman, who, as chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate, is the most authoritative member of both houses on foreign matters, declared in a statement that "these cries of accidents to neutrals and neutral vessels are becoming intolerable."

He said it was "little satisfaction" to receive Japanese "regrets," demanded that "some high Japanese officers" be punished, and hinted the incidents might have been deliberate for the purpose of frightening neutral countries into withdrawing completely from China.

Senator Smathers (Democrat), of New Jersey, sent Secretary Hull an open letter urging withdrawal of all American ships from the danger zone and asking that American citizens be advised to leave.

Senator Borah (Republican), of Idaho, threw a new note into the discussion on the floor by intimating that the gunboat Panay was on the Yangtze to protect the Standard Oil tankers.

Secretary of State Hull, who spent one of the busiest days of his life as a result of the Panay sinking, clearly expressed his grave view in one of his dispatches to Ambassador Grew in Tokyo.