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Chapter 18 - Sidelights

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Canton, December, 1929. A young Chinese aviator, employed by the Nanking Government, is just back from a flight during which he has dropped bombs on nine villages on the suspicion that some of the "Ironsides" division might be hiding there during daylight hours, preparatory to resuming their advance against Canton at dusk.

The bombs which wrecked the villages, by the way, were dropped from an American-made war plane, exported to China under permission of the American Secretary of State.

The young aviator, drinking brandy neat from a large tumbler, airs his views:

"Very soon China will be governed from the air. No, the Air Force will not be bought over by first one and then by another faction, as the Army and Navy have repeatedly been bought. -- Oh, no, we are not going to uphold the present Nanking crowd, either. As soon as we are strong enough, we'll drive them out of the country.--Why should we fight for a faction at Nanking, or join any other faction, when the airplanes will be the deciding factor in the war situation? We are going to hold together, and run the whole country to suit ourselves."

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Two days later the Chinese Red Cross sent to Nanking a formal protest against the habit of bombing harmless villages from war planes. But all through January, February, and March of 1950 American-made bombing planes continued to arrive at Shanghai under export permits bearing the O.K. of the American Secretary of State.