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五カに外の大庭に会った。やまが英使大使が個人的に  
訪問して来て、自分は『一任所業の事は仲介すべ  
ば一書以際好いか』と云ふことを強うに申してゐるから  
自分は『矢張貴下の事が好い』と言つた。やまが  
『日本の様子を見ると英使は非常に嫌ひである  
やうだから、どうかと思ふ』と云ふ話であつたが、自分は  
『英使が最も宜い』とあるから、此方から話を貴下に  
強うしてゐるし、やまは『』と云ふことを言つた。  
自分は英使大使に『』と云ふや、伊の折が古に大なるも、  
口々も強目である』と云ふ事と言つた。  
で自分はハイギリス大使に

『日伊協定なんかも、ふは平に言ふやうに決し  
て外交の全般ではなから、即ち外交人の一致で  
あつて決して先口は対抗する意味のものでも  
何でも無いんだから、此是はよく諒解してくれと云ふ  
ことも言つて置いた』と云ふことであつた。

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fearing a counter-attack, pursued them along the line of Soochow and Kashing, and then along the line of Wusih and Huchow. Before the fall of Nanking peace terms were proposed through the German ambassador.

The chief points were---acknowledgment of Manchoukuo, amelioration of conditions in North China and Inner Mongolia, cooperation in preventing the spread of Communism, cooperation in economic development and indemnities. China delayed its reply, the time limit of January 15th, 1938 expired and with it the chance of making peace. The Panay and Ladybird incidents, it will be shown, were settled by apology and compensation, and the incidents were considered closed in accordance with then existing international law and diplomatic practice.

With reference to counts 45 to 50 relative to attacks on various cities of China, we will present evidence pertaining to the Japanese Army chain of command, the orders given by commanders to troops before the entry into a city, punishments meted out by courts-martial for offenses against civilians, the exaggeration of stories of atrocities in some places, the non-existence of atrocities in others, atrocities by Chinese which were charged to the Japanese, and absolute denials of atrocities in Hankow, Changsha, Hengyang, Kweilin, and Liuchow. Further, international law will be introduced on the treatment of bandits, irregulars, guerillas, and others who cannot claim the status of soldiers and whom international law pronounces outlaws and beyond the protection accorded combatants. In any event, we shall conclusively prove the non-culpability of the accused as to such matters.

(This subdivision will be presented by Messrs. Ito, S. Okomoto, Somiya and Hayashi, and Messrs. Mattice, Cole and Blowett.)