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TSINGTAO



Tsingtao is a tough Chinese city. At one time, Tsingtao was occupied and controlled by the Germans. They built many of the buildings and still run some of the important business establishments. The city was a popular summer resort for North China and was a good liberty town for the Navy. Today it has the jitters.

The Communists have encircled it and are camped only thirty miles away. Crowds of homeless refugees have come to the town to escape the Communists. The city can't feed or house them. Charity organizations can't take care of them. Everybody is hungry. Everybody is looking for a hand-out. The American Sailor is like Santa Claus. The little children will say to you in a whining voice: 'No mame, no papa, no flight pay.' If you give to one of them you will be mobbed.

On the brighter side are The fine YMCA, the Enlisted Men's Club, the La Conga Club, the Gizmo Club, the many churches and the riding academy.

Bargains are to be had in linens, silk, jewels, shoes, rugs, furniture, vases, woodcarving and many other Asiatic novelties.