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iron, costing HK \$2,200; 28 tons of water pipe, costing HK \$32,000; 27 tons of water pipe, diameters 1, 2 and 3 inches, costing HK \$4,500 plus a 42 percent delivery charge; 36 tires (34 x 7) costing HK \$41,400 plus a 28 percent delivery charge; 7 boxes of copper pipe, each box weighing 288 pounds.

28 October: 6 boxes (29" x 23" x 19") of receiving and transmitting sets, each set costing HK \$5,000 plus a 31 percent delivery charge; 375 feet of water tank (sic) pipes, costing HK \$8,500 plus a 23 percent delivery charge; 5 tons of copper bars, costing HK \$9,000 plus a 21 percent delivery charge; 3 reels of electric cables at a total price of HK \$35,000 plus 13 percent delivery charge; a 10-ton lathe, measuring 50 x 40 x 40 inches, costing HK \$50,000 plus a delivery charge of HK \$16,000.

29 October: 7,500 feet of 4-inch black American water pipe, costing HK \$22 per foot; 14,500 feet of 4-inch black French water pipe, costing HK \$11 per foot; 200 tons of galvanized water pipe, costing HK \$4,000 per ton. These pipes had been purchased by the Shanghai Military Control Commission for the Shanghai Electric Power Company, 181 Nanking Road, Shanghai.

30 October: 14,000 feet of 4-inch water pipe at HK \$16 per foot, plus a delivery charge of 45 percent; 99 448-pound drums of preservative powder at a total price of HK \$43,000 plus a 48 percent delivery charge.

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1. Comment. The closing of the Nan Kuang Company was reported in [redacted]. The resulting drop in Macao prices was featured in the Hong Kong press in early November.

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2. Comment. This is obviously the price for one truck. The reader will notice other instances in this report where, though not stated, the prices given are for cargo units rather than for the entire shipment. Inspection of the figures given indicate the following prices: water pipe, HK \$11-\$16 per foot, or HK \$4,000-\$4,500 per ton; copper bars, HK \$1,150-\$1,800 per ton; tires, HK \$500-\$1.150 apiece. However, [redacted] reported the price of copper in Macao in mid-October as HK \$10,000 per ton, which makes the price given for the copper shipment on 26 October (HK \$1,150) appear to be in error. Possibly the figures for copper should be revised to HK \$7,000-\$11,500 per ton.

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