



SOLDIERS REFUSED TO OBEY ORDERS WHEN INFORMED OF SURRENDER OF FORTRESS

Gen. Kouropatkin Tells of Recent Raids by Russian Cavalry—Reports Defeat of Japanese.

Headquarters of the third Japanese Army at Port Arthur, Jan. 14. The Japanese army yesterday formally entered Port Arthur. The army was represented by one regiment from each brigade. The procession, which was five miles long, was three hours passing the saluting base, after which the troops passed out of the city through the new town.

Proposals for the surrender of Port Arthur were first made December 29th at a council of war. Gen. Stoessel was in favor of surrendering, but some of his general officers were bitterly opposed to it. The regimental officers and the troops were not consulted.

The first notice they had of the surrender was January 1st, after Gen. Stoessel and communicated with the Japanese. The scenes following the surrender were disgraceful. Drunken soldiers filled the streets and refused to obey their officers. Many then destroyed the guns upon the fortifications they had defended and came into the city without permission.

It was evident that the surrender was not necessary, as there were 31,000 effective men in the fortress. The supply of ammunition was short, but it was not exhausted. Food was scarce, but private stores were not requisitioned by the military.

Gen. Stoessel was much blamed for what was characterized as a disgraceful conclusion of a splendid defence, which ended with the death of Major-General Kondratenko, who was loved by the soldiers, and was the life of the defence.

THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT SATISFIED. London, Jan. 16.—Letters from St. Petersburg show there is already more than a strong tendency to deny that Stoessel is the hero who was acclaimed before the surrender of Port Arthur.

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defeated several small detachments and captured one officer, fourteen soldiers and 600 carts, with stores. Our casualties were three officers killed and ten wounded, and fifteen soldiers killed and 40 wounded.

EXCHANGE OF JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN OFFICERS. St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—The Japanese consent to an exchange of prisoners, according to class and rank, has just been received here.

DUTCH STEAMER CAPTURED BY JAPS. Tokyo, Jan. 17.—A Japanese torpedo boat destroyer captured the Dutch steamer Wilhelmina, which was carrying Cardiff coal to Vladivostok in the Tushima Straits on Monday, and brought her to Suva.

OFFICER ON CONDITIONS AT PORT ARTHUR. Toko, Jan. 15.—A naval officer who has returned from Port Arthur, discussing conditions there, today said: "The condition of the Russian war vessels and the town is much better than hoped for."

CHINESE REGULARS FOUGHT WITH RUSSIANS. Tokyo, Jan. 18.—A Japanese staff officer made the statement that Chinese regulars accompanied the Russian raiders in the recent expeditions planned to cut the line of Japanese communication.

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the naval officers also chose captivity, many probably influenced by the fear of impending court-martial.

They say the torpedo boat destroyers that escaped before the surrender carried all the regimental and naval colors to Chefoo.

SEVERAL WARSHIPS MAY BE FLOATED. London, Jan. 18.—The Times correspondent at Port Arthur, regarding the damage to the Russian fleet, says the battleships Peresviet and Potiava can easily be floated.

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FAMILY PERISHED. Lawyer, His Wife and Two Children and Servant Lost Their Lives.

New York, Jan. 15.—William T. Mason, a lawyer, and his family, consisting of wife and two children, Ellen, four years old and Marion, six months with a servant, Annie Wells, lost their lives in a fire that partially destroyed the dwelling occupied by them at 133 West One Hundred and Thirtieth street early today.

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AN ACITATION IN FAVOR OF PEACE

PETITION BEING LARGELY SIGNED BY RUSSIANS

All Classes in Capital and the Principal Towns Urge the Czar to Terminate the War.

New York, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Times from London quotes the London Times Russian correspondent as saying that an agitation in favor of peace is being started by a number of eminent citizens of St. Petersburg who have drawn up an address to the Czar representing the uselessness of war and urging that as the government has not proved itself competent to carry on the war successfully, it should not be allowed to continue to prove its incapacity at the cost of blood and tears of the nation.

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MURDERED BY BRIGANDS. Chicago, Jan. 17.—Ira A. Sanger, 35 years old, a relative of Mrs. Geo. M. Pullman, of Chicago, has been slain by Mexican half-breed bandits in the mountain wilds of Sonora, Mexico. Robbery was the purpose of the murder. Mexican marauders were sent out after the murderers. Mr. Sanger was well to do.

WILL APPEAL. English Mechanic—Objects to Decision of New York Immigration Officials. New York, Jan. 17.—William Bleshop, a young English mechanic, has been ordered deported by the immigration authorities if this port because of his radical views. Bleshop is possessed of the required amount of money to land and he purposes appealing against the decision.