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CONQUERING JAPS WILL TREAD THE RED STREETS OF PORT ARTHUR TODAY

Terms of Surrender Signed; Hungered and Worn Defenders Honored in Defeat --Stoessel Almost Forced By His Staff to Send Out White Flag--Russians Blew Up Ships Before Giving In--The War Will Go On.



GENERAL VIEW OF THE CITY AND HARBOR OF PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Official in London Declares Port Arthur Will Never Be Given Up Again --Russian Minister Talks of Recapture-- Surrender Will Make Kuropatkin's Work The Harder--The Views in Chief Centres.

EFFECT OF SURRENDER ON THE GENERAL WAR SITUATION DISCUSSED BY EXPERTS

Port Arthur has fallen, the gallant Stoessel has accepted Nogis terms of capitulation and the victorious Japs will today unhindered into the town for possession of which they have fought even months.

Surrender are not yet known, but in all quarters it is anticipated that they are such as an honorable soldier may expect from a brave and victorious enemy.

on is that the squadron under Vice-Admiral Rojdestvensky, which started from Libau for the Far East three months ago, will have to retrace the way home, as adherence to the original plans would invite disaster without probability of effecting a junction with the warships at present in the harbor of Vladivostok.

is one of repeated fighting, both by land and sea, of the most desperate and thrilling character. Isolated instances of heroism that would have set the world ringing under less overwhelming circumstances have been dwarfed by the generally magnificent conduct of both forces.

or escape was vain, the garrison has fought with a stubbornness that has evoked the admiration of the world. They met the untiring assaults of the Japanese with a grim valor that even won the praise of their foes, and the war has been waged with a relentlessness which often refused a truce to bury the dead and collect the wounded.

ing force lost as high as 40 per cent of the force engaged while the garrison losses, of which no word has come, must have been frightful.

circles in St. Petersburg that some one of the powers may make a tender of friendly offices, and the intimation is conveyed that the United States may take the initiative. Should that be the case it would be only upon assurance from both the warring powers that the leader would be received in good part.

STOESSEL HAD TO BE FORCED BY HIS GENERALS TO SURRENDER

Officer from Within Port Arthur Tells of the Fearful Conditions--Believes Stoessel Offers Himself a Prisoner, Army to Go Free--Garrison Commander Was Almost Fanatical in Refusing Surrender.

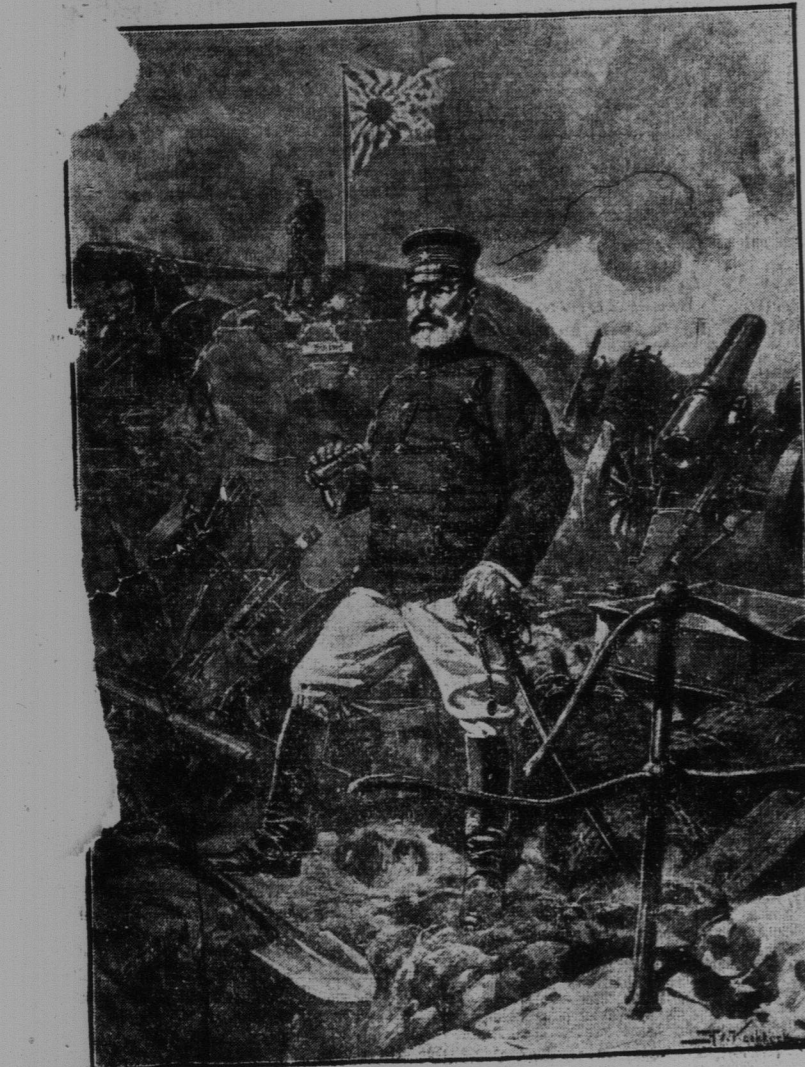
Chefoo, Jan. 2. (Midnight)--Commander Major-General Kondratenko was killed. Officers and men alike regarded him as the brightest star in Port Arthur's armament. When his death became known, while the artillery was shelling the Russians out with a shower of metal and then occupied the Russian positions.

alone cost us 5,000 men. The capture of that hill was the beginning of the end. The Japanese artillery was excellently served. They had 400 guns bearing on 203 Metre Hill. They advanced their trenches while the artillery was shelling the Russians out with a shower of metal and then occupied the Russian positions.

Not a Potato for Two Months. "Once when a Japanese prince was killed the Japanese sent to negotiate a truce in order that they might secure the body from heaps of others which had long remained unburied; the Russians received the envoys courteously, and in an easy manner, as if they had untold breweries working, gave them the last beer at Port Arthur with the idea of creating an impression of plenty. As a matter of fact the only real ration for three months has consisted of rice, which ultimately caused hundreds to fall sick of scurvy, a disease much like beri-beri. Last month the rations were reduced forty per cent.

THIS IS STOESSEL, The Gallant Defender of Port Arthur, Who Finally Surrendered.

At the Russian embassy the same spirit of determination to prosecute the war to the bitter end was expressed. In fact, it was confidently stated that Russia would regard the surrender of Port Arthur only in the light of a fresh incentive and would spare no efforts for its recapture. First Secretary Poklewsky-Kozel, in the absence of Ambassador Benckendorff from the embassy, gave voice to this sentiment when he said to the Associated Press that he felt satisfied the surrender of the fort would serve only to unite all in the determination to put forth whole strength in the spring to retrieving the situation.



GENERAL NOGI IN ACTION

A Blow Which Hurried Capitulation. "The greatest loss suffered by Port Arthur occurred a fortnight ago, when

Obey Hearts at Japan. The general tone at the Russian embassy formed a striking contrast to the cheerfulness and active interest which were manifested in the city. (Continued on page 7, second column.)