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STOESSEL COURT MARTIALLED FOR SURRENDERING PORT ARTHUR

Russians Angry at Government's Treatment of
Heroic General --- Fear of Revolution May
Force Czar to Make Peace.

COURT MARTIAL FOR STOESSEL.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5. — Few incidents of the war have aroused more bitter criticism than the announcement, officially issued by the general staff, that General Stoessel will have to come home and stand court martial for surrendering the fortress of Port Arthur. While this is an ancient regulation and quite according to law, it is bitterly resented on all sides that such an announcement should have been gratuitously made in the same bulletin containing General Stoessel's appeal to the emperor for "lenient judgment on a garrison reduced to a shadow, who have done all that was possible for human beings to uphold the honor of Russia in the face of her enemies."

The Novoe Vremya, despite the example made by the suspension of the Russ yesterday, says: "By all means let us have a court martial and make it, if possible, severe. The cruel judge will, perhaps, deal leniently with those who have given their blood and lives for their country. Perhaps, also, the court will determine why a fortress known to be threatened with blockade is not supplied with necessary food and munitions to enable it to hold out. Perhaps such a court will bring to light many dark, hidden things and expose the creeping, underground enemies of Russia who are infinitely more dangerous to the nation than the foe who fights in the open."

FEAR OF REVOLUTION MAY FORCE PEACE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5. — Emperor Nicholas returned this morning to Tsarskoe Selo, fifteen miles south of St. Petersburg, from Minsk. An extraordinary council is expected to be held at Tsarskoe Selo immediately and it is believed that the whole situation will be reviewed. General Kuropatkin has been called upon to telegraph his opinion of the situation at home and abroad. There is evidence that the revolutionary agitators have decided to take every advantage of the government's position and the moderate liberals who are trying to compel the summoning of a national assembly are beginning to double their efforts. Newspapers despite the edicts of the censor are publishing articles of criticism of the government. The general staff, in defiance of the emperor's warning continue to memorialize the throne.

Consequently, in spite of bold protestations of the official word that peace is impossible, the opinion is held by many that the government may be forced to conclude peace with Japan in order to have free hands to deal with the internal situation. With the increasing complications, M. Witte, the president of the ministerial council, seems up larger as the strong man to whom the emperor will turn in the present crisis. It is remarked that the dispatches from the front are absolutely silent on the subject of the army's reception of the news of the fall of Port Arthur, indicating that the announcement has been withheld.

CIVILIANS GO FREE.

TOKIO, Jan. 5. — A supplementary agreement bearing on the surrender of Port Arthur by the Russian military authorities, provides for the unparoled release of all civil officials at Port Arthur who have not served as volunteers in the Russian army or navy.

WATCHING FOR BALTIC FLEET.

MANILA, Jan. 5. — Steamers returning here from the south, report a Japanese cruiser patrolling San Bernardino Strait. At 2 p. m. today, Jan. 5, the Japanese cruiser Takasagi approached the entrance to Manila harbor, and when signalled, asking if she intended to enter, the answer was in the negative. She also refused to state where she was from or whence she was proceeding and put to sea under full steam.

TERMS OF SURRENDER.

TOKIO, Jan. 5. — A Port Arthur supplementary agreement published today provides for the appointment of commissioners to superintend the enforcement of the provisions in the capitulation compact and deals with the treatment of officers and men. The commissioners are to meet at the base of Pehuy Mountain at noon on Tuesday next, with the military and naval officers of Port Arthur for the purpose of indicating by the Japanese on the tabulated receipts of their organizations, who shall conduct themselves so as to arrive at the eastern extremity of Yalu at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. The officers and officials are allowed to wear their side arms, but the use of arms is prohibited in the case of non-commissioned officers and privates. On arrival they shall be placed in control of the commission, enforcing articles of the agreement; civil officers not connected with the army and navy shall follow the officers. Those who have not served as volunteers shall be released without parole. Persons who are necessary to effect the transfer of

the fortress buildings, warships, etc., must wear an emblem given by the Japanese authorities. Private property carried by officers and officials shall be subjected to inspection and must be limited in weight. The agreement further provides for the transfer of hospitals, the immunity of non-combat-



GENERAL KUROPATKIN.
Whose advice on the continuance of the war is being sought by the Czar.

ants, their freedom of action and the removal of private property. It promises to facilitate the movement of families of officers and officials, but reserves the right of removal of objectionable persons and the release of Japanese prisoners.

FIGHTING IN MANCHURIA.

HUANSHAN, Manchuria, via Mukden, Jan. 5. — Japanese reinforcements are now concentrating around Benisapu (30 miles east of Liao Yang). This fact taken in conjunction with the reports of the completing of the railroads in Manchuria, and bridge across the Yalu river, indicates the Japanese have again transferred their attention to the right flank. In the meanwhile they are continuing erecting fortifications north and west. A light railroad was laid starting the last few days south of the village of Houssutu. The Japanese continue to bombard Poutioge (Lone Tree Hill) and the villages west of it.

JAPS REFUSE HELP.

WEI HAI WEI, Jan. 5. — The first class British cruiser Andromeda, which sailed from here yesterday morning for Port Arthur, with hospital stores and surgeons to assist the sick and wounded, returned here today, not having been allowed to make a landing at Port Arthur. The cruiser proceeded to a small bay ten miles north of Port Arthur, where she met with some Japanese. The latter refused all offers of assistance or stores of any kind and declined to allow the ship's officers to approach closer, the reason given being the presence of unlocated mines.

RUSSIAN LIES DENIED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5. — Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador has taken the unusual course of replying to the statement of the Novoe Vremya, Jan. 3, to the effect that it had authoritative news that British warships were following Vice-Admiral Rozhdestvensky's squadron and reporting its disposition and movements to Tokyo from each cable port reached, which the ambassador declared to be false. Sir Charles particularly denied the imputation that British warships were committing breaches of neutrality by communicating Admiral Rozhdestvensky's movements to Japanese agents.

RUSSIAN PAPER SUSPENDED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5. — Street sales of the Russ have been suspended by official orders, owing to the tone of its editorial articles since the fall of Port Arthur. The Narodnaya has also received first warning.

LONDON, Jan. 5. — The Daily Telegraph's Port Arthur correspondent telegraphs a picturesque account of the scene at the time of the negotiations for the capitulation of Port Arthur. He says:

"It was a magnificently sunny day, with a wonderful stillness reigning on the belligerent lines. A strange concourse was gathered in the vicinity of the cottage where two white flags showed that the parliamentaries were deliberating, and comprised wondering Chinese peasant, children, and smiling Japanese 'Tommys,' all grouped around nine dismantled Cossack carts, who carried on a gesticulatory conversation with the Japanese escort. Thrice the parliamentaries separated and went to their respective tents before the first document was completed and at four o'clock despatched to General Stoessel at Port Arthur. An hour later the second document was completed and handed to another Cossack, who accompanied

by a Japanese cavalryman, dashed towards Port Arthur. Later, when dusk set in, General Stoessel signed the documents and the telephone informed the investing troops of the glad tidings. Immediately 'Banzais' were shouted and Bengal lights and flares flashed from ridge to ridge until midnight, when all again became strangely quiet."



GENERAL KUROPATKIN.
Who is renewing his attack on the Russians in Manchuria.

FIRE THREATENED WHOLE CITY; SEVERAL INJURED—LOSS \$250,000

BERLIN, N. H., Jan. 4. — In the bitterest of winter weather this city tonight fought a fire which threatened the entire business section and which, before it was under control, had destroyed Clement's Opera House block, the two Gagnon blocks, a hotel, drug store and several smaller buildings. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Several persons who occupied lodgings on the fourth floor of the opera house block were seriously injured by jumping from their windows and one woman is believed to have been fatally injured in this way. The heaviest losers are: James E. Tolman, of Gloucester, Mass., owner of the opera house block, \$40,000; Berlin Dry Goods Co., \$40,000; E. A. Beechbank & Co., hardware and furniture dealers, \$35,000; Brooks drug store, \$15,000; A. H. Gagnon, \$7,500.

TUCKER'S TRIAL.

(Continued from page 4). CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 5. — The anticipation that Edward Page, father of Habel Page, who was murdered at her home in Boston, on March 21st last would take the stand today in the trial of Charles L. Tucker, charged with the murder of Miss Page, produced great public interest in the trial. Tucker's calm manner is still unshaken and he has thus far manifested no more interest in the proceedings than the most casual spectator.

MIKADO GIVES A DINNER.

TOKIO, Jan. 5, noon. — The emperor today gave a New Year's luncheon to the members of the diplomatic corps, the elder statesmen, ministers and officials. The emperor welcomed them with the usual compliments of the season and toasted the respective sovereigns represented at his court. Baron d'Anethan, the Belgian minister and dean of the diplomatic corps, replied in behalf of the corps. Premier Katsura, on behalf of the Japanese nation, offered the customary hopes for the imperial and national prosperity. There was no official mention of the war.

MOUSE PUTS TOWN IN DARK-NESS.

WESTFIELD, Mass., Jan. 4. — A little mouse put the electric lighting system of Westfield out of business yesterday, and the town was in darkness for several hours. The mouse crawled into the terminal board and made a short circuit, incidentally receiving a shock of about 2,400 volts. When the cause of the trouble was discovered after a long search, the mouse was burned almost to a crisp.

NEW RUSSIAN WAR LOAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5. — Official announcement of issue of a new loan is published here this morning for the first time. The amount of the loan will be \$115,750,000 bearing interest at 4-1/2 per cent, from January 1. The first call of bonds will not be made earlier than 1907. The whole loan will be extinguished in 1985.

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RUSSIA IS IN A STATE OF ANARCHY.

Prince Troubetsky Writes a
Courageous Letter.

Informing Prince Mirsky That Only Immediate Action by Czar Can Prevent
Bloody Revolution.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. — A St. Petersburg despatch to the Sun says: Prince Troubetsky, president of the Moscow Zemstvo, has written a letter to Prince Mirsky, minister of the interior, defending the discussion of reforms by the Moscow Zemstvo, which called forth the condemnation of the czar. Prince Troubetsky says: "Russia is now in a state of anarchy. The revolutionary movement now proceeding is not a simple disturbance by the youth of the country. It is a movement which reflects the attitude of public opinion and it is very dangerous, even terrible, not only for the people, but for the emperor. It is, therefore, the duty of every true Russian subject to do what he can to prevent the impending calamity. I recently had the happiness to see the emperor and I reported to him, truly and in all sincerity, the present state of public opinion. I tried to explain to his majesty that what is now proceeding is not a simple emeute, but a revolution. The Russian nation is being dragged into a revolution which it does not want and which may be prevented by the emperor if he shows confidence in his people. It is my strong belief that if the emperor will himself unite the national forces around him, he will relieve Russia from the terrors of an impending bloody revolution. If he will do so, the nation will support his autocratic power. Under existing conditions, it is impossible to forbid the people from expressing their sufferings. It is impossible to keep silence when the country is in a dangerous position."

BRITISH STEAMER 'NIGRETIA' CONDEMNED AS A PRIZE.

NAGSACKI, Jan. 5. — The British str. Nigretia has been condemned as a prize.

The Nigretia was seized by the Japanese cruiser Teshima on Dec. 30, off the coast of Korea, while bound from Che Foo to Vladivostok and was taken to Sasebo for a decision by the naval prize court as to her cargo. The Nigretia when seized had on board Commander Pelem and lieutenant of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropy, who had escaped from internment at Shanghai and were attempting to regain the Russian lines.

NEW RUSSIAN STAMPS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5. — The government has decided to issue a new set of stamps for foreign and domestic postage in denominations of from one to ten kopeks bearing pictures of the Kremlin, Flevna, Peter the Great's statue in St. Petersburg, etc. These stamps will be sold for three kopeks above their face value, the surplus going to aid the widows and orphans of the war.

JEWIS FOR AFRICA.

VIENNA, Jan. 5. — The conference of the Zionist committee on the proposed Jewish settlement in British East Africa is proceeding here. No decision has yet been arrived at. It is probable that the International Zionist Congress to be held later in the year will decide the settlement of the question after the committee of investigation, now in Uganda, reports on the subject.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Fresh northwest to north winds, fair and very cold today and on Friday. Synopsis.—The storm has given place to very cold weather, which is likely to continue. To American ports, moderate to fresh northwest to north, and to Banks fresh to strong northwest to north. Highest temperature during past 24 hours, 6; lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 7 below; temperature at noon, 4 below.

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