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PORT ARTHUR HAS SURRENDERED.

One of the Greatest Sieges in History Comes to an End and the Japs Score the Most Notable Victory of the War --- Brave Stoessel to Have Full Military Honors --- Toki Rejoices --- Baron Hayashi Says It Will Not Hasten End of the War.

TOKIO, Jan. 2.—It is understood that hostilities at Port Arthur were suspended today and that the Russian and Japanese Chiefs of staff met at noon at Shwshyeying to discuss terms of surrender.

STOESSEL SUBMITS. TOKIO, Jan. 2.—General Stoessel's letter to Gen. Nogi says that further resistance is useless. The Emperor has telegraphed to General Nogi concerning Gen. Stoessel and directing that full military honor be shown him.

Exhausted by months of almost constant fighting, decimated by disease and casualties and hopelessly sealed in its rocky fortress, the gallant garrison has yielded to its gallant besiegers and the end is now written of the most dramatic war incident of modern times.

At nine o'clock last night General Nogi, commanding the Japanese army of investment, received from the Russian general Stoessel a note saying that he found further resistance useless and asking for a meeting to arrange terms of capitulation.

The nature of the terms agreed upon is not yet known, but dispatches from Tokio indicate that they would be of the most magnanimous character.

The emperor of Japan himself, through the chief of the imperial staff, has given public expression that General Stoessel has rendered commendable services to his country in the midst of difficulties, and that it is his wish "that military honors be shown him."

The Russians on the torpedo boats now admit that General Stoessel hoisted the white flag yesterday (Sunday), and suggested that negotiations be opened for the surrender of the fortress. A despatch received here from Tsing Tau, dated 5 o'clock in the evening, says that the Russian destroyers Smirli and Bokki and a merchantman with 800 soldiers on board, have just arrived there.

Baron Hayashi's View. London, Jan. 2.—At the Japanese legation it was said that the negotiations over the terms of surrender might entail considerable communication with Tokio and possibly prolong the negotiations until Tuesday or even Wednesday but there was little disposition to doubt that an agreement would be reached.

Tokio Rejoices. Tokio is wildly joyous over General Nogi's telegram announcing that General Stoessel has sent a letter relating to the surrender of Port Arthur. Newsboys crying extras were seen in the city and the news of the holiday crowds in the streets repeated the news through the principal streets.

To Give Military Honors. Tokio, Jan. 2.—3.30 p. m.—Marshall Yamagata, chief of general staff under orders from the emperor, has issued the following telegram to General Nogi.

The News in London. London, Jan. 2.—At noon the Japanese legation received an official communication from Tokio repeating the information given out in the Associated Press despatches from Tokio as to Lieut. General Stoessel's overtures for capitulation.

Preparing to Get Out. Tokio, Jan. 2.—3 p. m.—The Russians at Port Arthur have evacuated several forts during the night, and this morning, have blown up a majority of the ships in the harbor.

General Stoessel, saying: "The surrender will in no way affect the glory belonging to him and his men, nor his admiration for their splendid defence."

Nogi's Report. Tokio, Jan. 2.—10.15 a. m.—General Nogi reporting last night says: "The center and left columns opened an attack against Wan-Hill at 3 o'clock to-day. Availing skillfully of the result of our bombardment, our troops stormed into and entirely occupied the position at 3.35 p. m."

Baron Hayashi naturally was elated at the expected surrender and remarked: "It will at any rate end the terrible slaughter there, and I sincerely hope it may in some way facilitate final peace. This depends upon Russia and not upon us. It may strengthen the determination to continue the war at all costs. Its effect on Japan however cannot be doubted. Our distress is free from the besieging army gives us increased force available for service elsewhere. Our base becomes more secure than ever."

The following are in brief, the principal incidents of the siege of Port Arthur: Feb. 8.—Admiral Togo's torpedo flotilla attacked the Russian fleet and damaged the Czarevitch, Retivizan and Pallada.

Feb. 9.—Bombardment by the Japanese, during which the Poltava, Askold, Diana and Novik were hit.

Feb. 11.—Russian mining ship Yenzai sunk by accident, ninety-six officers and men lost.

Baron Hayashi said a tribute to the gallant defense of the fortress, being forced back from the Kwang Tung peninsula.

May 30.—Japanese capture Port Arthur.

June 14.—General Stakelberg advancing to the relief of Port Arthur, driven back by General Oku at the battles of Wangankau and Teliisu.

July 23.—Sortie of Russian squadron fails.

July 10.—Japanese torpedo boat attack repulsed. Japanese occupy Kinsan Heights.

Aug. 14.—Defeat of Vladivostok Russian squadron by Japanese fleet under Admiral Togo.

Chief of staff of our army. He will be accompanied by some staff officers and civil officials. They will meet your commissioners, Jan. 2, at noon, at Shushiyang. The commissioners of both parties will be empowered to sign a convention for the capitulation without waiting for ratification and I wish the same to take immediate effect.

From Morning Papers. Tokio, Jan. 2, 10 a. m.—The following cablegram has been received from General Nogi.

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HELPLESS AS BABIES. Five Children of One Family Afflicted With Ataxia.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 30.—Attention has recently been called to the sad condition of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, who live in Bedford county, about seven miles from Bedford city. They have five children all afflicted with a congenital disease known as Friedreich's ataxia.

WEEK OF PRAYER. The Evangelical Alliance is holding its annual week of prayer this week. The meetings and speakers are as follows:

THE FACTORY COMMISSION. Frederickton, Jan. 2.—(Special)—The factory commission is meeting in the city council chamber this afternoon.

SMALL FIRE IN FREDERICTON. Frederickton, Jan. 2.—(Special)—The firemen called out this morning by a slight fire at the residence of William Stone, Westmorland street.

THE VALLEY OF DECISION. "Sally, are you reading the war report?" "Sally—don't know whether to encourage the fellow with an axe or the fellow with a slafh."

DAILY STORY OF THE SIEGE.

Aug. 28.—Japanese captured parade grounds and Etseshan, one of the important fortifications of Port Arthur. Aug. 29.—Japanese issued an ukase about reducing terms of service of the brave defenders of Port Arthur.

Affected Stock Market. Berlin, Dec. 2.—On the Boerse today the Port Arthur news tended to lower prices.

Washington Notified. Washington, Jan. 2.—The state department today received a cablegram from Mr. Grison, the American minister to Japan stating that the minister for foreign affairs of Japan notified him that General Stoessel surrendered Port Arthur at nine o'clock Sunday evening.

The Day in Fredericton. Fredericton, Jan. 2.—(Special)—In the curling match at the rink this morning between the presidents and vice-presidents, Rutter defeated Loggie 18 to 9 and Fowler defeated Allen 17 to 15.

At 6 o'clock Saturday morning our sapping party in front of the east fort on Panlung mountain blew up a part of the old Chinese wall and are now constructing defense works there.

Tokio, Jan. 1.—It is reported that the Japanese are following up their successes as an aftermath of the capture of Rublung and Sungshu mountains. They have captured the observation ridge behind Sungshu mountain, slight resistance being shown by the Russians.

Only one drunk figure on the street, but at police headquarters. He was arrested Saturday night and deposited \$8.