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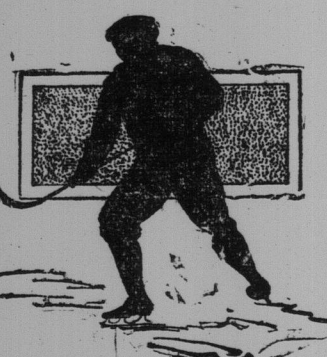
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STUBBORN PORT ARTHUR SURRENDERS AT LAST.

Stoessel's Peace Proposals Ac- cepted by Nogi. Formal Negotia- tions are Now Going On.



PORT ARTHUR'S SURRENDER. GENERAL NOGI, N. B.

Port Arthur has surrendered. 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 note was simple and direct, and the Japanese general immediately named commissioners to confer with representatives of the Russian commander. They met at noon today to arrange the conditions of surrender. The terms of the terms agreed upon is not yet known, but despatches from Tokyo 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 service to his country in the midst of difficulties, and that it is his wish, 'that military honors be shown him.' A despatch from Tokyo quotes military opinion as believing that the entire garrison will be allowed to march out under arms and may be sent to Russia on parole. Late despatches from Japan have shown that the Russian defense of Stoessel and his men has no where been given a finer appreciation than in the land of his foe, and it is more than likely that Japan will embrace this opportunity to show her admiration and magnanimity for the gallantry of Port Arthur's defenders by allowing them all the honor which victory permits a victorious army to bestow upon the vanquished.

LONDON, Jan. 2, 2.05 p. m. — A despatch to the Japanese legation from Tokyo says General Stoessel's proposals for the surrender of Port Arthur have been accepted by General Nogi. TOKIO, Jan. 2. — General Nogi reports as follows: "At 5 in the afternoon, Jan. 1, the enemy's bearer of a flag of truce came to the first line of our position, south of Shushihyung and handed a letter to our officers. The same reached me at nine o'clock at night. The letter is as follows: "Judging by the general conditions of the whole line of hostile positions held by you, I find further resistance at Port Arthur useless and for the purpose of preventing needless sacrifice of lives, I propose to hold negotiations with reference to capitulation. Should you consent to the same you will please appoint commissioners for discussing the whole line of hostile positions regarding capitulation and also appoint a place for such commissioners to meet the same appointed by me. "I take this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my respect. (Signed) "STOESSEL." "Shortly after dawn today, I will despatch our bearer of a flag of truce with the following reply addressed to Stoessel: "I have the honor to reply to your proposal to hold negotiations regarding the conditions and order of capitulation. For this purpose I will appoint as commissioner Major General Ichih, 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 Shushihyung. 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. Authorization for such plenary powers shall be signed by the highest officer of both the negotiating parties and the same shall be exchanged by the respective commissioners. "I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my respect. (Signed) "NOGI."

JAPAN WILD WITH JOY. TOKIO, Jan. 2, 10.30 a. m. — General Nogi's telegram announcing that General Stoessel was prepared to discuss terms of capitulation reached Tokyo early this morning, but was not made public until 10 o'clock. Its receipt sent a thrill of pleasure through the circle of officials, who have long awaited such a communication. The news is just reaching the general public, and it is expected that the day will bring ample evidences of popular joy.

RUSSIAN DESTROYERS CAPTURED. CHE FOO, Jan. 2, 6 p. m. — Russian torpedo boats Skory, Strati, Vlasti and Irditi, now in port, have been disarmed and the Japanese destroyers which followed them in, have left the harbor. It is reported that there are 15,000 sick and wounded at Port Arthur and that 5,000 good able bodied convalescents man the forts.

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 6 o'clock in the eve-

ning, says that the Russian destroyers Smirli and Boiki and a merchantman, with 800 soldiers on board, have just arrived there.

HISTORY OF THE SIEGE.

The following are, in brief, the principal incidents of the siege of Port Arthur:
February 8—Admiral Togo's torpedo flotilla attacked the Russian ships off Port Arthur and damaged the Czajkoff, vitch, Reitivian and Pallada.
February 9—Bombardment by the Japanese, during which the Poltava, Askold, Diana and Novik were hit.
February 11—Russian mining ship Yenisei sunk by accident, ninety-six officers and men lost.
February 14—Torpedo boats attacked Port Arthur at 2 a. m. in a snow storm and succeeded in sinking the Boyarin.
February 24—Attempt to block harbor entrance, by sinking steamers, on a partially successful.
March 10—Fourth bombardment. Russian destroyer sunk.
March 22—Fifth bombardment. The destroyer Silni engaged, six Japanese boats.
March 28—Another attempt to block the harbor entrance fails, the loaded merchantmen sinking, but not in the desired positions.
April 18—Battle off Port Arthur. Battleship Petropavlovsk sinks with Admiral Makarov, the artist Vershchagin, the chief of staff, and 750 officers and men. The Pobleda disabled and one Russian destroyer sunk.
May 1—Japanese transports conveyed by torpedo boats disembark troops at Pitsevo for siege of Port Arthur.
May 7—Another attempt to block the harbor entrance, which, it was reported, met with success.
May 15—Japanese battleship Hatause and cruiser Yoshino of Admiral Togo's fleet sunk, the Yoshino owing to a collision with the Kashani and the Hatause through striking a mine.
May 26—Battle of Kinshau and Nanshan Hill. Gen. Stoessel returns to the fortress, being forced back from the neck of the Kwang Tung peninsula.
June 30—Japanese capture Port Dalny.
June 14—Gen. Stokelberg advancing to the relief of Port Arthur, driven back by Gen. Oku at the battles of Wafangshau and Tieliau.
June 23—Sortie of Russian squadron fails.
July 10—Japanese torpedo boat attack repulsed, Japanese occupy Kinsen Heights.
July 22—Fourth Japanese army landed at Port Dalny.
July 28—Gen. Stoessel reports the repulse of all Japanese attacks.
July 29—Japanese secure hills six miles north of Port Arthur.
Aug. 5—Japanese capture the outer defenses of Wolf Green and Christ hills, north and east of the city.
Aug. 7—Japanese land troops in Louisa Bay, west of Port Arthur.
Aug. 10—Sortie and dispersal of the Russian squadron by the Japanese fleet under Admiral Togo.
Aug. 14—Defeat of the Vladivostok squadron, attempting to form a junction with vessels of the Port Arthur squadron.
Aug. 14—Terrorific bombardment by the Japanese. Capture of the Pigeon Bay positions.
Aug. 15—The Japanese emperor's offer for the removal of non-combatants, with the demand for surrender delivered to Gen. Stoessel.
Aug. 17—Refusal of Gen. Stoessel to the mikado's offer. Terrific fighting resumed.
Aug. 18—The Japanese captured several Pigeon Bay positions.
Aug. 19—Russian gunboat sunk off Port Arthur.
Aug. 20—The Japanese in full control

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of Pigeon Bay positions; capture of one of the inner defenses.
Aug. 23—Japanese capture parade grounds and Elsiehan, one of the important fortifications of Port Arthur.
Aug. 30—Emperor issued an ukase about reducing terms of service of the brave defenders of Port Arthur.
Sept. 1 to 19, 20, and 21—Continuous bombardment by the Japanese. During last three days Japanese captured Fort Kurapatkin.
Sept. 27—Russian water supply cut off by the Japanese. Russians made a sortie, but were driven back with heavy loss.
Oct. 2—Russians partly assumed offensive and try to recapture lost positions and the water supply. Unsuccessful.
Oct. 3—A steamer with ammunition successfully reaches Port Arthur.
Oct. 18—Japanese bombardment unceasingly. Shelling becoming more violent.
Oct. 20—Fighting on slopes of Rihling mountain. Severe cold weather causes suffering among the Japanese.
Oct. 23—Water supply cut off. The new town practically destroyed.
Oct. 26—A general assault and bombardment by the Japanese. Slow advancement by the latter.
Nov. 2—Japanese increase blockading fleet.
Nov. 8—Japanese capture minor positions.
Nov. 9—Japanese offer terms of surrender to Russian soldiers.
Nov. 10—Report current that Stoessel asked for an armistice. General Nogi empowered to negotiate for surrender. (Continued on page 5.)

REV. B. N. NOBLES RESIGNS.

Rev. B. N. Nobles announced from the pulpit of the Carlton Baptist church last night his resignation to take effect the last of April.
Mr. Nobles has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Sackville, where he will receive a salary of \$200 a year and a free parsonage. Mr. Nobles is one of the most popular of the city clergymen and he will be greatly missed by his Carlton congregation.

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THE WEATHER.
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Synopsis—Much colder weather has set in today in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, and from present indications the cold is likely to shortly spread into Ontario and Quebec.

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