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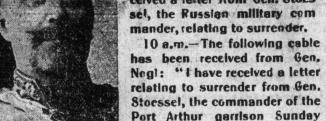
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TES CRUSADERS AT JERUSA-LEM.

A famous siege was that of Acre, in the twelfth century, when attacked by the crusaders under Richard the Lion-By far the greatest seige and sur-render of troops in the last half cen-tury was at Metz, where the French

food supply; that any power could cap-ture it today seems impossible, SURRENDER OF METZ.



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NEW YEAR IN EUROPE.

London, Jan. 1,-The New Year w as ushered in with a sudden falling temperature throughout Europe, accompanied by gales and blizzards and much damage to life and property. In Switz erland a 20-hour blizzard isolated many Alpine villages and interrupted all preparations for merry-making. Austria suffered from heavy gales and snowstorms. All the continental capitals are sending similar reports, the Baltic coast havi ng especially suffered.

In a special cable from London today the New York Herald has the

following : The members of the British royal family, before their Christmas remion, made a round of visits to country houses of hosts who are numbered in the circle close to personal acquaintances.

King Edward and Queen Alexand ra, says the European edition of the Herald, greatly enjoyed their visit to Cui ford Hall, the Suffolk home of the Earl and Countess Cadogan, near Bury St. Edmunds. Lord Cadogan entertained Their Majesties as he had done Queen Victoria on their visits to Ireland at the vice-regal court at Dublin.



night at 9 o'clock." The news that the Russian forces at Port Arthur have been LIEVI: GENERAL STOESSE reduced to such a strait that at last the heroic commander has

GENERAL NOGI.

been forced to propose surrender, follows upon a month of reverses. The slege begun almost with the firing of the first gun in the war, now nearly eleven months ago, and when perhaps the greatest strongho'd in the world was garrisoned by 40,000 Russian soldiers, supported with a formidable squadron of modern battleships, cruisers and torpedo boats.

The warships have been destroyed or dispersed, until but a few torpedo boats remain in the harbor. The garrison at the latest accounts has been reduced to about 15,000 men. On Dec. 4, high (208 metre) hill, the commanding position in the series of forts held by the Russians was captured by the Japanese after a severe fight, in which the loss on both sides was enormous. It was from this hill that the death blows were dealt the warships that were then remaining in the harbor, and afterwards the Japanese guns were trained upon the town and forts that were in range.

The report that non-combatants of Por: Arthur had been accorded an asylum behind Liaoti mountain may easily have been an indication that the Japanese commander foresaw that the surrender of the Russians within a very brief time was assured,

The Japanese stormed and captured Wantal yesterday (Sunday).

### SEEK REFUGE AT CHEFOO.

CHEF00 Jan. 2, 8 a.m.-When the fog which prevailed this morning had slightly lifted, It was seen that two Kussian torpedo boat destroyers were in this harbor. Later a clearing of the atmosphere showed a total of four Russian torpedo boat destroyers and one launch In the harbor. A bundle of despatches was sent ashore.

## THE LAST HOURS

London, Jan. 2 .- The Daily Mail's correspondent at the headquarters of General Nogi before Port Arthur, telegraphs, under date of December 31st, that the non-combatants have been given shelter under Liaotai mountain. The correspondent says that the Russians have promised not to fire from that direction and have requested the Japanese not to bombard the position. The Japanese, it is added, have consented to this proposal.

#### THEY DIED GAME

Chefoo, Jan. 1 .- Pathetic references to the last stand of the last ship of the Russian Asiatic squadron appear in the Port Arthur Novikrai in its issues of December 24th and 25th. Even General Stoessel, the military commander at Port Arthur, who had made little mention of the navy since August 10th, issued an order lauding the Sevas topol and Captain Essen, who for five nights withstood numerous attacks of the Japanese torpedo flotillas, till at last the death note was sounded through the gaping wounds in the sides of the battleship, and Russia's Asiatic fleet

was no more. "Nothing," says the Novikrai, "could exceed the unflinching devotion of the men who nightly calmly went to the roadstead in the face of certain ultimate destruction."

## "MOST HEROIC RESISTANCE"

For the first time since the siege began the Novakrai, whose sole aim, seemingly, has been to inspire the garrison of Port Arthur, betrays signs of the pathetic hopelessness of even the most heroic resistance.

Discussing High hill, the Novikrai speaks of "the hill receiving with its breast the hammering of 800-pound shells, which split even the rocks and went through eighteen inches of steel like paper. Who but Providence can save us from these thunderbolts. We do not expect the Baltic fleet; we do not expect relief; but we can fight till death. What Port Arthur goes through it 's impossible to describe; but Russia will know what her sons have suffered. It is past human genius to paint or describe Port Arthur's sufferings as they really are."

bank fire carriages of the Poutiloff pat for tress is given by the Russians as 400. I counted ten hill forts, four sea and estimated the number of guns on 60 of eighteen to six guns each and estimated the number of guns on 60 of eight batteries. The four batteries to the south of the harbor entrance strike the practiced eye. No guns are seen, but from the interior of the harbor, above the Tiger tail tor-pedo boat sheds, they can, and have sea it is impossible to count, or event to locate, the batteries on Golden hill the same color as the surrounding ground that they are invisible; but the guns do not fire through embrasures. Their car riages from a distance look like 10 or 12 in. Poutiloff pattern, which are welk known to artillerists all over the world. Like the works at Kertch and hu placed high above the sea. Thus all placed high above the sea. Thus they command a greater range, can true, be struck. The protection to gun-

# The Port Arthur Garrison

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12-20 Miles 20	strength of Port Arthur garrison. It: Three hundred, a company of navy was calculated by the Japanese head- engineers. Besides they have two com- quarters staff from a number of reports pames of mining engineers.
	obtained from the secret service, to Commanders of the forces are as- gether with the several despatches re- follows:
in the second second	cently received from the besieging army: LieutGen. Smilnoff, commander of Seven thousand, belonging to 4th, Port Arthur forts.
100	5th, 6th and 13th regiments of 4th MajGen. Fock, commander of sharpshooter division.
	Eight thousand belonging to 6th, 7th, MajGen. Condratenko, commander 8th, 25th regiments of 7th sharpshoot- of Seventh division. 
	One hundred and fifty, one company Making a total of over 27,850. Of of Za Baikal Cossacks, of Welpnevsky this number 1,700, it is estimated, were
	regiment. taken north in the armored train which Six hundred, four companies of Za escaped at the moment of the seizure of
	Baikal Cossack cavalry, of Barkuzin- the railroad, and about 3,000 men have been killed or disabled since the battles.
	Nine thousand six hundred, one bri- at Kinchau and Nanshanling. Thus, gade of artillery, with 256 field guns. there now remains about 23,150 in the Nine hundred, three companies of garrison and forts. Before the escape
	East Siberian artillery brigade. Three hundred, Za Baikal mounted sailors, under command of Admiral withoft. There are now 7,000.

SOME HONORS CONFERRED

London, Jan. 1 .- The royal family circles spent New Year's day quietly at Sandringham. The customary New Y ear honors were omitted, but Sir E. J. Monson, the retiring ambassador at Paris, was given a baronetcy, and the King placed a residence in Richmond park at his disposa lon his retirement from the diplomatic service. Sir Charles Harding e, the ambassador at St. Petersburg. vas decorated with the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George. A number of Indian officials were similarly honored. From the religious point of view the feature of the New Year is the extra ordinary activity of revivalists who held stirring services in London and elsewhere, enormous crowds displaying the greatest fervor.