

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---

Tokio Rejoices---Baron Hayashi Says I 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 Shwsheying 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 helplessly 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 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."

Tokio Report.

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.

indication that the Port Arthur garrison has lost its power of serious resistance. The facts do not reveal it, but it is probable that the back of the Russian defence was broken, when 203 Metre Hill was captured.

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 the messengers who carried the news to the holiday crowds in the streets.

To Give Military Honors.

Tokio, Jan. 2.--2.30 p. m.--Marshal Yamagata, chief of general staff under orders from the emperor has despatched the following cablegram 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 the Associated Press 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.

Berlin Hears It.

Berlin, Jan. 2.--A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Tokio to-day says: "An official bulletin has been posted announcing that Port Arthur has capitulated on conditions honorable to the Russians."

More Russ Boats Disarm.

Chee Foo, Jan. 2.--4 p. m.--Three Japanese destroyers are just entering the harbor.

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.

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.

Minister Hayashi expressed relief at the fact that the sacrifice of life and property on the part of the garrison and besiegers was about to end.

Baron Hayashi was not in a position to say that the surrender would have any definite immediate influence in the direction of terminating the war.

"Judging by the general condition 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.

Baron Hayashi paid a tribute to the Russian general, saying: "The surrender will in no way affect the glory belonging to him and his men, nor our 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."

We captured 3 guns at H. fort and four guns at Waantai. Our trophies at Sungshu Mountain were three seven millimetre field guns, two fifty-seven millimetre guns, two machine guns.

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 into the first line of our position, south of Shuishiyang and handed a letter to our officers. The same reached me at 9 o'clock at night. The letter is as follows:

"I take this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my respect." (Signed) 'Nogi' " From Morning Papers.

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The news that the Russian forces at Port Arthur have been reduced to such a strait that at last the heroic commander has been forced to propose surrender follows upon a month of reverses.

On Dec. 4, High (203 metre) hill, one of the most commanding positions 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.

On Dec. 19 the East Kekwan fort was taken by the Japanese, affording them another advantageous position from which to assail other forts in the chain of defences.

On Dec. 21--Continuous bombardment by the Japanese. During last three days Japanese captured Fort Kuropatkin.

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 assume offensive and try to recapture lost positions and the water supply unsuccessful.

Oct. 9--A steamer with ammunition successfully reaches Port Arthur.

Oct. 13--Japanese bombardment unceasingly. Shelling becoming more violent.

Oct. 20--Fighting on slopes of Rihlung mountain. Severe cold weather causes suffering among the Japanese.

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chi, 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 Shuishiyang. 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.

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Nov. 2--Japanese increase blockading fleet.

Nov. 3 and 6--Japanese capture minor positions.

Nov. 8--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.

At time of going to press the continuation of the story of the siege has not been received, but our readers are familiar with the leading events prior to surrender.

in the capture of this position, as they were also in the fall of the Rihlung fort on Dec. 30. These achievements served to cut communications between the Liaotie forts, destined to be the "last ditch" of the defenders. They fall and tumble about from the hour of the fall of East Kekwan events have seemed to be hastening to their culmination, for on Dec. 31 Sungshu mountain fell into the hands of the besiegers and only a few hours later the "H" fort, another strong position, was captured.

The report that the non-combatants of Port Arthur had been accorded asylum behind Liaotie 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.

Headquarters Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 31--The fort on Sungshu mountain was captured at 11 o'clock in the morning. The works were mined and exploded at 10 o'clock a. m. Many Russians were killed and buried in the debris. Those who remained in the forts were captured.

There was little opportunity to talk. The northeast section of the fort was destroyed affording cover for the assaulters. The Japanese now hold forts guarding the entire western half of the eastern fort ridge.

Sungshu mountain, the official name of which is West Rihlung Mountain, is one of the inner defences of Port Arthur.

Tokio, Jan. 1--A telegram from the besieging army at Port Arthur received today says:

"Through an opening at the entrance into the boomproof in the gorge at Sungshu mountain all the entombed Russians were gradually brought out. The rescued numbered two officers and more than 120 men. According to the prisoners, about 150 corpses are buried under the debris caused by the explosion of our mines. The trophies taken include field and machine guns not yet enumerated."

"At 6 o'clock Saturday morning our sapping body 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 Rihlung and Sungshu mountains. They have captured the observation ridge behind Sungshu mountain, slight resistance being shown by the Russians. It is reported that the losses of the assaulting party in the attack on Sungshu mountain were small. Every indication points to a material weakening of the defensive power of the garrison at 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 to-day received a cablegram from Mr. Griscom, 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. The holiday is being quietly observed in the city and there is a suspension of business. The weather is unusually mild for this time of year. A number of horsemen are out on the river this afternoon with their flyers.

The door of the Bank of Montreal was found open by the police last night. They notified one of the clerks who secured it. The door of Samuel Cook's store on Wall street was found open by the police last night. They notified the owner who secured it.

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

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 Friedreichs ataxia. The oldest is now 19 and the others range down to eight or ten.

All are absolutely helpless and cannot walk or speak intelligently. They have no use of their hands, and have to be fed like dumb animals. They fall and tumble about and sprawl on the floor and every moment of their lives a ceaseless care to the mother. When the mother is ill not one of the children can render her the slightest assistance. There is always danger of their falling into the fire, for they can neither sit up nor stand steadily for more than a moment at a time.

Some years ago a woman of Bedford City sent the mother and one of the children to the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, and after careful examination there the surgeon said that absolutely nothing could be done for them.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

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

Tonight, St. Lukes, Rev. D. Long, West End Presbyterian, Rev. B. N. Nobles.

Tuesday, Calvin church; Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson; Leinster street, Rev. Christopher Burnett; Victoria street, Rev. R. P. McKim; West End Baptist, Rev. H. D. Marr.

Wednesday, St. Andrews, Rev. David Lang; Exmouth street, Rev. C. W. Hamilton; Portland street, Rev. A. H. Foster; West End Free Baptist Bible Society meeting.

Thursday Brussels St. Rev. A. B. Cohoe; Coburg, St. Rev. J. F. Floyd, St. Matthews, Rev. J. Appel, west end, Methodist Rev. R. W. Ferguson.

Friday, Queen Square, Rev. H. S. Sprague, Carleton St., Rev. F. Traflet, Main St. Rev. S. Howard, west end Free Baptist, Rev. H. R. Read.

Saturday, Centenary, Rev. G. M. Campbell, Douglas Avenue Christian church, Rev. D. Long.

A united meeting, Women's Missionary Societies, will be held on Thursday afternoon in Leinster St. church.

THE FACTORY COMMISSION.

Fredericton, Jan. 2.--(Special)--The factory commission is meeting in the city council chamber this afternoon. Those present are Chairman Palmer of this city, Mrs. Fiske and James Kelly of St. John, and secretary James G. Stevens of St. Stephen.

Kilgour Shines of Campbellton will arrive this evening. The commission meets at Marysville tomorrow morning.

The St. John skaters who were to have skated at the Arctic Rink this evening have cancelled their engagement.

MOUNT TEMPLE ARRIVES.

The I. C. P. R. steamship Mount Temple, Captain Foster, arrived in port this morning from London and Antwerp with a general cargo and 550 passengers. She is now berthed at No. 3 West End, where her passengers are being landed this afternoon.

SMALL FIRE IN FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, Jan. 2.--(Special)--The firemen called out this morning by a slight fire at the residence of William Stone, Westmorland street. Children playing with matches set fire to some bed clothing. A fur coat thrown on the flames to smother them was ruined. There was no other damage.

THE VALLEY OF DECISION.

Stella--Why are you reading the weather report? Bella--I don't know whether to encourage the fellow with an auto or the fellow with a sleigh.

IN TELEGRAPHIC AND GENERAL NEWS THE TIMES LEADS.