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FAMOUS SURRENDERS.

A Record of Disasters Which Have Befallen
Other Leaders.

(London 'Globe'.)
The tragic element underlying every great
surrender in history is not wanting at Port
Arthur. Since the beginning of the bombard-
ment last February the trend of affairs has
been almost unbrokenly to the advantage of
the Japanese, and it only remains to con-
jecture the spirit in which the gallant
defenders of the fortress conveyed to the
triumphant enemy their inability to continue
an uneven struggle. The final act of the
drama has been played out again and again
in the world's records of capitulation, the
curtain has been rung down repeatedly upon
a heart broken commander, a suffering and
dejected garrison, a generous but inflexible
conqueror; the story of one siege differs from
the story of another most essentially in the
matters of detail, and yet in the spirit of the
surrender lies a world of significance.

Take the two disasters in the Franco-
German War, of Sedan and Metz, and
compare the genuine cry of despair from
Napoleon III., who, 'betrayed by fortune,
had lost all, and had placed in the hands of
his conqueror the sole thing left him—his
liberty,' with Bazaine's pompous address to
his soldiers: 'Vanquished by famine, we are
compelled to submit to the law of war in con-
stituting ourselves prisoners. At different
epochs of our military history, brave troops,
commanded by Massena, Kleber and Gouvios
St. Cyr, have experienced the same lot,
which detracts not from military honor when,
like you, they have so gloriously performed
their duty to the extreme of human endur-
ance.' This, when surrendering a fortress and
garrison of the first order to a besieging army
only slightly superior in numbers, while guns
and ammunition were plentiful, and food
supplies were at least sufficient for another
week's consumption! Napoleon, on the
other hand, made no attempt to conceal the
finality of his disaster as he lingered in the
garden of the Belgian weaver's cottage,
where negotiations had been held, a broken,
despondent figure, dressed in a jaunty red
cap with a gold border, a black paretol lined
with red, red trousers and white kid gloves.

The note of inevitability was struck per-
haps as fully by General Lee in the American
Civil War, although he had been saved the
mortification of proposing a surrender by
General Grant's letter: 'The result of the
last week,' he wrote to Lee, on April 7, 1865,
'must convince you of the hopelessness of
further resistance on the part of the Army
of Northern Virginia in this struggle.' Two
days later a meeting was effected at Appom-
ttox, and this surrender, of which the victory
of Five Forks was the prelude, practically
ended the war, the remaining armies of the
Confederates laying down their arms one
after another. Lee knew when the end had
come. Not so Napoleon I., whose letter to
the Prince Regent consequent on Waterloo
can be regarded only as a diplomatic attempt
to gain time for a fresh rally of forces. 'Ex-
posed to the factions which distract my
country,' he wrote, 'and to the enmity of the
greatest powers of Europe, I have closed my
political career, and I come, like Themistocles,
to throw myself upon the hospitality of
the British people. I put myself under the
protection of their laws, which I claim from
your royal highness, as the most powerful,
the most constant and the most generous of
my enemies.'

A manly confession of defeat was that
made by the Duke of Gordon at the capitu-
lation of Edinburgh Castle in 1689 to the
Earl of Leven. 'Gentlemen and soldiers,'
he said, 'I know not wherein I have been
unkind to any of you, but if I have ever
wronged any man in your ranks let him speak
ere we part forever. Do not brawl with the
newcomers, for you are too few to conquer
and too many to sacrifice.' Gen. Gordon's
message of defiance was: 'When you, Mahdi,
order the Nile to dry up, and walk across
with your troops, and come into Khartoum
to me and take me, then I will surrender
the town to you, and not before.' Little as
we know of the details accompanying the
fall of Khartoum, it may be safely assumed
that when the relief expedition reached that
city to find it had fallen into the hands of
the Mahdi two days previously, Gordon had
surrendered nothing save his life.

An unsatisfactory capture was that of
Sebastopol, since the enemy had fled, leaving
behind a smoking mass of ruins, Zutphen
fell through a ruse, soldiers being introduced
into the town appalled as Flemish country-
women, their baskets filled with swords and
loaded pistols. One of the most bloodless
capitulations, considering the importance of
the fortress surrendered, was that of Gibrat-
ar, wrested from the Spaniards in 1704,
our total loss in gaining this important
acquisition to the Crown being 60 men killed
and 216 wounded. On the other hand,
Lucknow was the scene of dreadful
bloodshed when the siege was raised by Sir
Colin Campbell, no quarter being given. It
was said that after the massacre of Cawnpore
the soldiers divided among them the tresses
of a murdered girl and swore that for every

hair of her head one Sepoy should die. At
the surrender of the Bastille in the French
Revolution there was no fighting, the Gov-
ernor, de Launay, after making a hesitating
defence, capitulating on a promise of safety
for all the garrison. A picturesque surrender
was that of Cetewayo, who was captured on
Aug. 29, 1879, by Major Marter during the
Zulu War. Troops had been pursuing the
chief since Aug. 13, and he was finally
tracked to a deserted kraal in the Ngoma
Forest, Major Marter himself rode to the
hut and called upon Cetewayo to yield.
'Enter,' was the reply: 'I am your prisoner.'
From motives of prudence Marter refused,
again summoning the Zulu chief. Thereon
the unfortunate Cetewayo, weak, weary,
footsore and very sick at heart, came forth
from the kraal, and repulsing, with a rem-
nant of dignity, the dragoon guardsman who
ventured to lay a hand on him, said: 'White
soldier, touch me not—I surrender to your
chief.'

The capitulation of Cronje and his 4,000
men on the anniversary of Majuba Day,
1900, will be remembered as long as any
incident of the Boer war. An onslaught
made by the Canadians, who had entrenched
themselves eighty yards from the Boer
position in the river bed at Paardeberg, was
greeted, not by a storm of musketry, as had
been expected, but by the appearance of
three white flags hastily thrust above the
parapet of the Boer trenches. Then a horse-
man appeared, carrying another white flag
and intent on arranging a meeting between
the generals. Forth from the larger came
presently two men, one mounted on a white
pony, in his hand a sjambok, wearing a
brown felt hat and a huge overcoat, nothing
of his face visible but a tippet of hair and
two glowing sparks for eyes. This was
Cronje, who had kept the British army at
bay for ten days with no better shelter than
could be afforded him by a deep river bed.
'I am glad to meet so brave a man,' said
Lord Roberts; but he refused to accept any-
thing short of unconditional surrender.
Cronje's reply to the terms of the capitulation
was short but effective; 'Ja,' he blunted out.

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who was famous for his plain talking. On
one occasion he was preaching missionary
sermons at a village so noted for its small
collections that he determined to pass the
plate himself.

On his round he came to a farmer who
was, as Mr. Neale well knew, the richest
man in the place. This individual placed a
penny on the plate. Mr. Neale stopped
immediately and said in a loud voice:
'Take your penny out, man, take it out!
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er's sixpence?'
The rebuke was effectual, and a much
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