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PORT ARTHUR CAPITULATES

Brave to the Last, but Saw Further Resistance Was Useless.

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

At nine o'clock Sunday night General Nogi, commanding the Japanese army of invasion, received from 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 Monday to arrange the conditions of surrender. The nature of the terms agreed upon is not yet known, but dispatches from Tokio indicate that they will be of the most magnanimous character.

The emperor of Japan himself through the chief of the imperial staff has given to the public his 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 dispatch from Tokio quotes military opinion as believing the entire garrison will be allowed to march out under arms and may be sent to Rus-

sia on parole.

JAPANESE APPRECIATION

Late dispatches from Japan have shown that the gallant defense of Stoessel and his men has nowhere been given a finer appreciation than in the land of his foes. And it is more than likely that Japan will embrace the opportunity to show her magnanimity and admiration of the gallantry of the Port Arthur defenders by allowing them all the honors which war permits a victorious army to bestow upon the vanquished.

The siege and the defense of the Russian stronghold in the far east have been marked by bravery, gallantry and desperation unequalled in modern warfare and hardly exceeded in military history.

The story of the operations around Port Arthur is one of repeated fighting both by land and sea, of the most desperate and thrilling character. Isolated instances of heroism that would have set the world ringing under less overwhelming circumstances have dwarfed by the generally magnificent conduct of both forces.

By sea there have been torpedoblast dashes of superb recklessness and big ships have ploughed through mine fields with heroic disregard to give battle or in wild efforts to escape.

By land the Japanese have hurled themselves against positions declared to be impregnable. They have faced and scaled rocky heights crowned with batteries and crowned with defenders, suffering losses that military experts say would have appalled any European army.

IN THE DOOMED FORTRESS

In the doomed fortress its people have lived under a devastating rain of shell and shrapnel. On scanty rations, besieged on every side, knowing that hope of success or escape was vain, the garrison has fought with a stubbornness that has evoked the admiration of the world. They met the untiring assaults of the Japanese with grim valor that won even the praise of their foe, and the fighting has been waged with a relentlessness that often refused truces to bury the dead and collect the wounded. Over corpses filled trenches men have fought hand to hand with cold steel and clubbed guns and at short range have hurled at each other hand grenades filled with high explosives.

AT AWFUL COST

The whole story is one of undaunted courage and sublime bravery. What Port Arthur has cost in human life and in money, no estimate of even approximate correctness can be made. The losses have been appalling. It has been reported in some engagements leading up to the capture of 203-Meter hill the attacking force lost as high as 40 per cent of the force engaged, while the garrison's losses of which no word has come, must have been frightful.

DESTRUCTION OF FLEET

The defense of the position which fell to her as an heritage after the Chinese-Japanese war, has cost Russia practically her entire fleet in those waters. Her ships lie from Port Arthur's inner basin to Chomulpo, in Korea, and along the Shang Hung peninsula, battered hulks of once proud vessels, ignominiously dismantled and interred in neutral Chinese harbors. Save the three or four cruisers and some lesser craft that lie in ice bound refuge of Vladivostok not a warship now flies the Russian cross in the waters of the northern orient. And Japan, too, has had her losses in the long drawn out operations. Mines have struck from Admiral Togo's fleet list many fine ships and smaller vessels since the morning of February 8 when he hurled his fleet at the Russian ships in Port Arthur's roadstead.

BEGINNING OF SIEGE

The siege of Port Arthur properly dates from May 27 when after engaging the first army landed by the Japanese at Pitswo Stoessel was forced back from the neck of the Kwantung peninsula. The Japanese landing was begun on May 5 and the Russian commander elected to give battle at his northernmost line of defenses. The engagement was a severe one and the Russians were driven back to the first of the position. A few days later on May 20 the Japanese occupied

Dalny and on June 14-16, General Stakeberg, advancing to the relief of the Port Arthur army was defeated by General Oku at the battles of Wafangku and the Telissu.

With Togo's ships lying like watchdogs around Port Arthur's seaward side and Nogi advancing slowly but relentlessly by land, the famous stronghold was under siege and from then until General Stoessel, on New Year's day, sought terms of capitulation, the operations have been marked by almost ceaseless fighting, bombardments by the fleet alternating with desperate attacks by land or assaults by the combined naval and military forces.

When Stoessel and the remnant of his devoted garrison march out of Port Arthur the flag of the rising sun will once more float from the ramparts of the position Japan won when she first sent her new fleet to give battle and drove China from the seas.

Oil On Waters

The steamer Northwestern pounded to pieces on a reef off the Virginia coast, and 80,000 gallons of Texas petroleum went into the sea. It was a tank steamer and all the tanks were crushed in.

Russian Generals Killed

St Petersburg, Jan 3—Messages from Stoessel filed at Che Foo today confirm the reports of the death of Major Generals Kondratenko and Fock and General Smyrnoff, the latter commander of the Port Arthur fortress.

Rossland Mine

The mines of Rossland, B. C. during 1904 yielded 343,325 tons of ore, valued at \$4,400,012 50. The total tonnage of the camp since it was first opened, 11 years ago, has been 2,030,193, valued at \$30,216,354.

Against Trust

All the heavy business firms of Cincinnati have united in a complaint against the coal trust to the United States attorney general and demanding its investigation, alleging a combination to raise prices.

Inaugurated

Jan 2—Joseph Toole was yesterday inaugurated as governor of Montana for the third time.

To Charities

Bishop Phelan, recently deceased at Pittsburg, left an estate of \$500,000 all willed to Bishop Canevin, trust, to be expended at his discretion for charitable purposes.

Cold In Russia

St Petersburg Jan 3—The intensely cold weather which prevails in the center of Russia has caused a temporary suspension of the mobilization and movement of troops. Today the temperature is 40 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit.

Northwest News

Seven of Roseburg's 13 saloons closed at midnight Dec 31. They were in Deer creek precinct which went dry, while the remainder of the city went wet.

Additional teachers and apparatus and an increased curriculum for the Sumpter schools caused a levy of 20 mills to be voted there at a recent special meeting for school purposes.

From the village of Oakland, Douglas county was last week shipped to San Francisco 8600 pounds of dressed chickens, turkeys and geese. The poultry industry of that vicinity is great.

During 1904 there were in Seattle bank clearances to the amount of \$222,217,309.24, building permits aggregating \$7,778,923; real estate transfers to the amount of \$19,485,895 and there was spent on street improvements \$1,513,335.

Gov Chamberlain has pardoned Frank James a young Englishman sentenced to five years imprisonment last October for assault with a deadly weapon in Portland. James is dying of consumption and can hardly survive a return to England a journey which he will undertake at once.

MURDERS WIFE AND SUICIDES

Kansas City, Jan 3—After attempting the life of his wife, Mrs Lizale Gleason and in the belief that he had succeeded in his efforts to kill her, George Gleason, a liveryman of St. Joseph, Mo. leaned far out of the second story window of his mother-in-law's home here today and cut his throat with a razor from ear to ear in sight of several hundred persons who had been attracted by Mrs Gleason's screams. There was no witness to first part of the tragedy except the young woman who is now dying in the city hospital.

Conductor's Installation

La Grande Division of the Order of Railway Conductors has just installed the following officers for the coming year, D A Stewart, master, Al Andrews, secretary treasurer, and H C Grady, delegate to the grand lodge which meets in Portland during the Lewis and Clark fair. The division is one of the most active in the West and now has a membership of about 50. Joe Ruckman is chairman of the committee for the ensuing year.

Installation of Officers

The Knights of Pythias had their installation last evening and the following officers were installed, C C, W B Sargent; V C George B Harmon; Prelate, N Aocles; M W H Herron; K of R S, R Pattison; M of F John Frawley; M of E, R L Linola; M A, J C Smith; I G, W Harrison; O G, Henry Henson; Trustee, E E Romig District Deputy F S Ivanhoe, installing officer.

Conspiracy

The agents of the Cudahy, Swift, Hammond have been arrested by orders of the attorney general of that state charged with conspiracy in fixing the prices of prepared meat products.

PATRICK DUNN KILLED

Grant's Pass, Ore., Jan. 3.—Patrick Dunn, an aged storekeeper on Grant's Pass, Crescent City stage road, has been found brutally murdered in the place of business, where he had apparently lain for two days. His head was crushed to a pulp. From the appearances of the place two men evidently committed the crime which was doubtless for the purpose of robbery. It is known Dunn had accumulated a considerable sum from the profits of his business and had little faith in banks.

Industrial School

Idaho's new industrial school at St Anthony was formally opened yesterday for the reception of those committed to its care. So far as is known there have been no commitments, but it is expected there will be about 15 as soon as the courts understand that the school is open.

Cornucopia Mine

Baker City, Ore., Jan. 3.—Superintendent Smith of the Queen of the West mine, at Cornucopia, announces that between \$50,000 and \$75,000 will be expended by his company during the coming season in the way of development and equipment. A milling plant for amalgamation and concentration has already been ordered for early spring delivery. This, in addition to the 10 stamp mill now in operation will suffice for some time.

Kuropatkin is Ill

St Petersburg Jan 3—General Kuropatkin is ill at Shabko river headquarters.

NEW FURNITURE EXCHANGED FOR OLD GOODS

If you want anything in our line you need not pay any cash as we will take your old furniture or anything you may have of value and let you have anything we have. We also have a fine lot of good, dry wood, for which we will take all furniture or anything you may have. Just Phone us 1581

The La Grande Pawnbrokers Corner Adams

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BOYS' SHIRTS CAPS AND UNDERWEAR

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TO THE PUBLIC:

The rush of Holiday trade is over and business in general has got back to its normal condition. I wish to inform all my patrons, and those not my patrons but who are liable to be, that I am now in a position to take care of all watch, clock and jewelry repairing with dispatch. I have secured all the necessary help in all the latest tools and materials known to the trade, as well as the best workmen that money can procure.

All repair work is under my personal supervision and I guarantee each and every piece of work done to be finished in first class workmanlike manner, and to give (with proper attention) perfect satisfaction. All work sent by mail or express will receive the same careful attention as if delivered in person, and to be promptly returned in first class condition.

Thanking my patrons for their past liberal patronage and assuring them of my utmost ability to give them perfect satisfaction in the future. I remain as ever. J. H. PEARE, Next to Newlin's Drug Store. La Grande's Leading Jeweler.

COUGHS

Coughs are warnings of something amiss in throat or lungs. Don't mind the cough, mind the cause. Use a remedy that will go to the source of trouble and cure that. Such a remedy is our

White Pine Cough Balsam

It cures promptly and thoroughly because it cures in the right manner. Relieves irritation, heals inflamed surfaces, loosens the cough, and soothes and strengthens while it cures. A splendid remedy for children because it is so good to cure and so good to take. Price 25 and 50 cents.

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