

HAIL AS A HERO

British Generals Give Stoessel Praise.

DEFENSE IS ADMIRABLE

Earl Roberts Says the World Must Acknowledge It.

OTHERS PAY HIM TRIBUTE

Entire London Press, Though Partial to the Japanese as Others, Have Good Words for the Brave Russian Leader.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—General Stoessel's defense of Port Arthur has excited the admiration of Earl Roberts, commander-in-chief of the British forces. "It has been a magnificent defense," said the veteran fighter enthusiastically. "What a splendid fellow he is to be sure. How all the world must admire him."

Field Marshal Viscount Walsley and Major-General Baden-Powell also pay high tributes to General Stoessel. General Baden-Powell saying: "It is an honorable surrender after a splendid defense."

The opinions of the public officials have been canvassed, but few of those questioned would venture beyond similar praises of the bravery and tenacity on both sides in the great struggle. Sir Alfred Laurier, however, thinks that in face of such a great blow to her prestige, Russia, to reinstate herself, will turn her attention to the northwestern portion of India.

The London papers this morning discuss the fall of Port Arthur in all its bearings on future events, beside publishing every available item of news. The sentiment of the British press naturally flows in the direction of Great Britain's ally, but nothing could exceed the intensity of the tribute paid to General Stoessel.

There is much difference of opinion as to the lessons to be learned from the siege, but the majority of the editorial writers take the view that the defense of Port Arthur was a tactical error and that the fortress exercised a fatal fascination for the Russian artillery and the Russian fleet, and that had Russia abandoned Port Arthur at the outset, she would probably have been enabled to crush the Japanese advance in Manchuria.

On the other hand, it is agreed that its enormous strength compelled the Japanese to waste their soldiers for many months and prevented them from employing their full forces against General Kurapatkin, and that the immediate effect would be to revolutionize European ideas of the value of the art of permanent fortification.

The question whether it will be possible to raise and repair the Russian warships is also discussed. It is believed that the Japanese may succeed in doing so.

Another point exciting keen interest in the status of Wei Hai Wei, which, according to treaty, was only to be held so long as Russia remained in possession of Port Arthur, is whether it will continue to hold Wei Hai Wei.

There is much talk in the press and elsewhere of the possibilities of peace mediation, but such discussion generally is regarded as valueless at the present stage of affairs.

SENSATION OF THE DAY.

London Praises Valor of Victims and Vanquished.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The capitulation of Port Arthur was the sensation of London today. It was the one topic of discussion. Everywhere the utmost admiration was expressed for the defenders and the attacking army and the probability that General Nogi had made conquests in the gallant General Stoessel is received with much satisfaction.

In diplomatic circles the main question was that of the effect of the surrender. The consensus of opinion was that it might tend in the direction of peace, but none dared venture to say that peace is in sight. It is believed it will do no more than to bring out suggestions from foreign governments.

At the Foreign Office it was stated that the British government's attitude is unchanged; that, while peace is most desirable, arrangements have not reached a stage where any concrete proposals can be offered to offer its good offices with the assurance that it would be considered a friendly act by either belligerent.

At the Russian Embassy the same spirit of determination to prosecute the war to the bitter end was expressed. In fact, it was confidently stated that Russia would only regard the surrender of Port Arthur in the light of a fresh incentive and would spare no efforts for its recapture. First Secretary Poklewsky-Kozel, in the absence of Ambassador Benckendorff from the Embassy, said he felt satisfied the surrender of the fortress would only serve to unite all Russia in the determination to put forth her whole strength in the Spring with a view to retrieving the situation.

The general tone at the Russian Embassy forms a striking contrast to the cheerfulness and activity prevailing at the Japanese Legation. Minister Hayaashi was the recipient during the day of hundreds of telegrams of congratulation from all parts of Great Britain and other countries and official dispatches confirming the Associated Press news from Tokyo were received at frequent intervals. Minister Hayaashi was interviewed but declined to discuss the probability of peace negotiations. He said, however: "The fall of Port Arthur will at any rate end the terrible slaughter in one part of the theater of war, and I sincerely hope that in some way it will bring final peace. This depends upon Russia and not upon us. It may strengthen the determination of Russia to continue the war at all costs. Its effect on Japan, however, cannot be doubted. Our fleet is free, and the release of the besieging army leaves us increased forces available for service elsewhere. Our base becomes more secure than ever."

Baron Suetematsu, son-in-law of Marquis Ito, and formerly Japanese Minister of the Interior, says: "Now that we have again got Port Arthur we will not allow any other power to hold it after we have beaten Russia, and I am now more than ever confident that Japan will be victorious. I do not expect the fall of Port Arthur will make much difference with the progress of the war, though Japan will undoubtedly be in a better position."

PRIDE EVEN IN DEFEAT.

No Criticism is Made of General Stoessel's Surrender.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2 (G. P. M.). The best-informed circles at the War Office, which are in possession of unpublished portions of dispatches taken by the torpedo-boat destroyers to Cheloo, describing the state of affairs in the beleaguered garrison, accept the news as true, and it is not too much to say that it was received almost with a sense of relief, and also the fact that the remnants of the heroic defenders is not reserved for sacrifice at a final storming, and perhaps to be subjected to horrors and excesses, incident on the entry of the victors in the possession of the fortress.

General Stoessel's surrender does not meet with a word of criticism in Russia. Even in defeat General Stoessel's wonderful defense of Port Arthur has earned for him an imperishable name in Russian military annals. Ever since confirmation was received of the destruction of the fortress, culminating in the capture of Wantal (Signal) Hill, which broke the chain of inner eastern forts made it certain that the end was at hand. It was considered almost certain, however, that Stoessel would not surrender without the Emperor's authorization, and that he probably asked to be allowed to communicate with His Majesty through Tokyo. As the Emperor is in the south of Russia, the nature of any dispatches sent to him is not known at the War Office.

All portions of the dispatches forwarded from Cheloo describing the terrible straits to which the garrison was reduced are not published here. The report that General Stoessel, in addition to confirming the death of General Kurapatkin, had announced the death of General Fock and Smynoff, had a bad effect. The news was reflected on the Bourse by a fall in Imperial 4 per cents to 88, the lowest point since the war began.

At the Admiralty a good deal of confusion exists, but it is not admitted that the fall of Port Arthur will alter the plans of Admiral Rojestvensky, such an event being fully anticipated when the Russian second Pacific squadron left Russian waters. The squadron is not bound for Port Arthur, but for Vladivostok. Nevertheless, the feeling is one of gloom, and a decision to order Rojestvensky to await further reinforcements before proceeding would not greatly surprise shrewd observers.

The political effect in Russia of the fall of Port Arthur is awaited with the greatest interest. The hour of grief of the loyal Russians is almost sure to be taken advantage of by the discontented elements to make demonstrations against the government. The revolutionary party has already decided to use the occasion for a general demonstration.

PARISIAN PAPERS ARE SAD.

Menace to Europe Seen in Victory of the Japanese.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The news of the surrender of Port Arthur created a profound impression here and was the universal theme of conversation in official and diplomatic quarters and the public generally. The newspapers go on at much length and in a note of sadness. The Russian officials here learned the situation from Associated Press dis-

patches from Tokio, and the Japanese Legation received a brief official summary of the progress of negotiations. The prevailing French view is summed up by the Temps, which says the historic defense of Sevastopol has now been surpassed, Port Arthur adding a glorious share to military annals, which will long remain unequalled. Continuing the Temps points out that the surrender will exert a tremendous moral effect favorable to Japan. The Japanese, the paper says, are now revenged for the loss of Port Arthur after the China-Japanese war.

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Only a Spur to Victory. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Although he had no official notice regarding the surrender of Port Arthur, Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, has no hesitation in reiterating what he has repeatedly announced, that the loss of Port Arthur would not have the slightest effect on Russia's determination to fight to the end. He said: "Russia will pursue the war to the end and the temporary loss of Port Arthur after such a valiant defense can only spur Russia on to an ultimate victory."

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