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GENERAL STOESEL, THE VANQUISHED



THE STURDY DEFENDER OF PORT ARTHUR.

If the present war in the east has made any Russian famous the man is General Stoessel, whose gallant and determined defense of Port Arthur will form one of the most brilliant pages of Russia's military history.

form. But now comes Pater, already convicted and awaiting sentence under one indictment and trial on others, and no doubt promised leniency, if not immunity; willing, certainly, in order to secure the one or the other, to smirch the character of any one, and says he paid Mitchell for his services \$2000.

Acquittal Will Not Heal Wounds  
Certainly no trial jury will convict on such evidence, but even acquittal will not heal the wound inflicted by the foul charge—a charge, in my judgment, in this instance, as false as foul.

It was stated by high officials in Washington that both Mitchell and Hermann were earnest supporters of Hall for re-appointment. Hall having been suspended, this statement is made as being significant. I happen to know that statement is entirely a mistake. Neither of them has at any time supported Hall for re-appointment. On the contrary, Mitchell has at times favored Brownell until the latter withdrew. Thereafter he also supported Moreland.

The Only Man for Hall

"I am the only member of the delegation who ever favored the re-appointment of Hall. The fact is, however, that Hall was re-appointed by the President on his own motion. Not one of us made a recommendation for the position, as we were unable to agree, and we have always endeavored to act as a unit."

Members Constantly Impartuned  
"All this, I understand, Mitchell admits. Nothing unusual about the transaction, either. It does not materially differ from the work every member of the delegation is almost constantly being impartuned by constituents to per-

SENATOR C. W. FULTON IS AMAZED AT THE INDICTMENTS

He Declares the Evidence Against Both Mitchell and Hermann is of the Flimsiest Character

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Senator Fulton, after reading the Associated Press story of the indictment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann, made the following statement:

"The account purports to be, and I assume is, a fairly complete summary of the Government's evidence. I confess I am astonished that the grand jury should have returned an indictment on such evidence. Apparently all the evidence against Senator Mitchell are his own admissions and the uncorroborated testimony of the convicted Pater. Mitchell admits that Pater came to Washington with a letter of introduction from May; that he accompanied him to the Land Office and urged that

PORT ARTHUR HAS CAPITULATED

The Vanquished Officers Will Return to Their Homes in Russia On Parole

THE RANK AND FILE PRISONERS OF WAR

The Fall of the Stronghold Causes Revolutionary Demonstrations in Russia—Japan Offers Very Easy Peace Terms to the Czar—Summary of Siege

HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, Jan. 2, (via Fusan, Jan. 3).—At the conference held between the commissioners of General Stoessel and General Nogi, at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, the terms of surrender were agreed upon, under which the Russian officers, both civil and military, will be allowed to march out, the military with arms.

The officers will be granted full liberty, after giving promise not to take any further part in the war. The soldiers of the garrison and the non-combatants, to the number of 20,000, will be taken prisoners of war. The surrendered fortress was formally handed over to the



PORT ARTHUR AS IT IS TODAY.

So effective has been the Japanese shell fire, both from Togo's ships and from the land batteries of the besieging army, that the new position of Port Arthur is now a mass of ruins. The much vaunted " Gibraltar of the East" has demonstrated anew that there is practically no form of fortification that can withstand the terrific power of modern ordnance. One short year ago Port Arthur was the pride of Russia as Sebastopol had been before.

Japanese Tuesday. The prisoners marched out the next day. The opposing troops are fraternizing.

TAKE POSSESSION OF PORTS

TOKIO, Jan. 3.—The Japanese took possession of the Port Arthur forts today. The Russian officers and officials will be permitted to return to Russia on parole, the officers retaining their side arms.

STOESEL CABLES CZAR

TOKIO, Jan. 3, 8 p. m.—By permission of the Japanese, General Stoessel today sent a cable message to the Emperor of Russia. The message recites the fact that the Port Arthur commander was forced to surrender, announces the terms granting the officers' parole and asks the Emperor to send his commands.

TOKIO, Jan. 2.—Port Arthur has fallen after 11 months of sanguinary fighting marked by stubborn and desperate resistance on the part of the Russian garrison under General Stoessel and heroic, persistent attacks by the Japanese under Nogi. The Gibraltar of the far east has capitulated and is about to pass into the hands of Japan.

The cost has been terrible to the Japanese and the suffering appalling to the Russians. Japan sent the cream of her army to wrest the place from the grasp of Russians. The task has been accomplished, but thousands of the little brown fighters have met death in the persistent hammering at the fortress.

Slowly but surely they narrowed their embracing circle until today its clutch is so tenacious that the Russians, seeing further resistance would be murder pure and simple, yielded to the inevitable and offered to lay down their arms. Stoessel's offer to capitulate came late yesterday afternoon.

The historical event in Nogi's own words, was as follows: "At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, January 1, the enemy's bearer of a flag of truce came into the first line of

meet your commissioners January 2, noon, at Shushiyung. Commissioners of both parties will be empowered to sign a convention for capitulation without waiting for ratification and cause same to take immediate effect. "Authorization for such plenary power shall be signed by the highest officer of both negotiation parties and the same shall be exchanged by their respective commissioners. I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my respect."

(Signed) "NOGI"

Nogi agreed to Stoessel's proposal and both sides appointed commissioners to negotiate terms of capitulation. These officers met at noon as appointed.

Japan Will Offer Peace Terms.

TOKIO, Jan. 3 (5 p. m.)—Some of the foreign diplomats here believe that there will be an early renewal of efforts looking to the securing of peace. Outwardly the Japanese Government gives no indications of its desires in that direction, but it is known that it is prepared to discuss the question and to make terms which are characterized as reasonable.

Those who predict a movement for peace declare that the Japanese Emperor's commendation of General Stoessel and the determination of the Japanese to give honorable terms to the surrendered garrison will soften the blow to Russia and create an opening for the discussion of the question of peace. The United States Great Britain and France are named as possible direct or indirect intermediaries, though it is not improbable that Japan will broach the subject directly.

The fall of Port Arthur immensely strengthens the hands of Japan. In the actual conduct of the war Port Arthur has been a stumbling block to Japan, which for six months has had engaged there over 100,000 troops and practically her entire navy. This fact compelled Field Marshal Oyama to fight the battle of Liao Yang short-handed. Now the entire navy is free to prepare to meet the Russian second Pacific squadron and to attend to the Vladivostok squadron. A heavy force of troops will be immediately available for service in Manchuria, and this possibly will allow the undertaking of other independent enterprises.

Russia Menaced By A Revolution

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—The censor today permitted the newspapers to publish the news of the fall of Port Arthur, no mention of which was made in yesterday's papers. Full recognition is given to the heroism of the defenders, while the bravery of the Japanese is spoken of in high terms. The difficulty of the task before General Kuropatkin is also mentioned.

Admiral Biriloff, who will command the third Russian squadron, has ordered the work on the squadron to proceed day and night in order that it may soon be ready for sea.

A naval attaché says that since the mission of the Russian second Pacific squadron was to save the Port Arthur squadron, it will now probably wait until reinforced by the third and probably the fourth squadrons. Semi-official advices from Port Arthur indicate that Russian officers, but not the rank and file, will be permitted to return to Russia.

Deep gloom overhangs Russia on account of the surrender. People are stunned by the calamity which evidently few expected. Great fear is expressed as to the effect of the fort's fall upon the populace. The revolutionary parties, whose activity has been more noticeable lately, look upon it as an opportunity for the precipitation of a widespread outbreak. Many greet the calamity as a well deserved punishment for autocracy.

It is the general consensus of opinion that the fall of Port Arthur will not affect the future conduct of the war, as the czar is determined to continue his attempt to ultimately defeat the Japanese.

TOKIO, Jan.—General Stoessel is being sharply criticised for destroying the Russian warships, attempting to choke the entrance to Port Arthur and dispatching the torpedo destroyers to Chefoo subsequent to his offer to surrender the fortress. Newspapers declare that Stoessel's action in blowing up his ship after he had offered to surrender is a lasting stain on military reputation.

Terms of the Surrender

TOKIO, Jan. 3.—A telegram from Gen. Nogi giving the text of the capitulation convention was received this afternoon. An abstract of it is as follows: Article 1 declares that all Russian

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GENERAL NOGI, THE VICTOR



GENERAL NOGI, COMMANDING JAPAN'S FOURTH ARMY. Very few newspaper readers know of the existence of General Nogi, and yet he is the man who for weeks past has been conducting the operations against Port Arthur. That he has handled his campaign well is attested by the fact that foreign military observers have declared that Nogi will go down in history as a great strategist. Nogi has already seen service in two wars.

DREADFUL DEED OF A JEALOUS PORTLAND MAN

Husband Commits Double Murder and Then Suicides—His Wife Was Infatuated With a Clerk

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—Enraged by jealousy of Frank Fritz whom he believed had alienated his wife's affections, Henry H. Loomis today killed Fritz and Mrs. Loomis and committed suicide.

Loomis, who conducted an oyster house in East Portland, was taken ill some weeks ago and was forced to go to the hospital. During his illness Loomis placed Fritz in charge of his place. When Loomis recovered he became jealous of Fritz and collected evidence of what he believed was the infatuation of Mrs. Loomis for Fritz.

He shot twice at the woman, hitting her once in the right breast and the other in the left breast, either wound being fatal. The woman ran into the living room, where she fell dead. The murderer then placed the muzzle of his revolver in his nose and fired the remaining charge, but the bullet merely grazed his skin. He rushed into a bedroom and seized a razor and after cutting his throat from ear to ear, went back to the room where his wife lay, and placing himself on the floor beside her, took her dead body in his arms and expired.

Through a messenger boy playing detective Loomis learned the movements of his wife and Fritz, whom she admitted she loved. Yesterday morning he learned that his wife had gone with Fritz into the suburbs. He oiled his revolver and lay in wait for them to return. He did not find them together, as he had expected, but met Fritz after he had left Mrs. Loomis. Loomis was 37 years of age, his wife 23, and Fritz 19. Fritz was a son of Frank Fritz, a second hand dealer on Grand avenue.

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