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PORT ARTHUR GIVES IN.

Russian General Says That Further Resistance is Useless.

Lives Thrown Away Month on Month by Desperate Assault Under Modern Conditions of Civilized Warfare. Story of the Surrender.

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 Japanese.

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 the 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 our position south of Shushiyang and handed a letter to our officers. The same reached me at 9 o'clock at night. The letter if as follows:

"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 life, I propose to hold negotiations with reference to capitulation. Should you consent to the same you will please appoint commissioners for discussing the order and conditions regarding the capitulation and also appoint a place for such commissioner to meet the same appointed by me.

"I take this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my respect."

(Signed) "Stoessel."

General Nogi, the Japanese commander, sent the following reply to the Russian commander: "I have the honor to reply to your proposal to hold negotiations regarding conditions and order of capitulation. For this purpose I have appointed as commissioner Major-General Ijichi, chief of staff and civil officials. They will meet your commissioners January 2, noon, at Shushiyang. 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 today. In their moment of victory the Japanese are magnanimous to the vanquished. This is indicated by a telegram sent Nogi by Marshall Yamagata at the request of the mikado. The telegram said: "When I respectfully informed his majesty of General Stoessel's proposal for capitulation, his majesty was pleased to state that General Stoessel has rendered commendable service to his country in the midst of difficulties, and it is his majesty's wish that

military honors be shown to him." It will be a shattered city that will pass to the Japanese. The pounding it has received these many months, by land and sea, has laid the city in ruins. The Russians blew up their remaining ships yesterday, and it is expected that other military property will be destroyed. They blew up several of the forts previous to the dispatch of Stoessel's letter to the Japanese. It is stated that of the garrison 40,000 men General Stoessel had to defend Port Arthur, but 5,000 remain fit for duty. The others are dead, wounded or sick.

At a cost of nearly 100,000 lives Port Arthur has been lost and won.

The Japanese maintained their besieging force at 100,000 men practically throughout the campaign. Their losses are placed at 60,000 men and may exceed that figure by 10,000. Dispatches from Tokio today say that the besieging army has now 75,000 men.

General Stoessel, defender of the fortress, had at the beginning 42,000 men. These it is believed have been reduced to about 10,000 men.

The siege began February 8, 1904, with a naval attack. Today, January 2, 1905, after a siege of 330 days, representatives of Gen. Stoessel, the Russian, and General Nogi, the Japanese commander, are arranging terms of surrender.

Port Arthur was captured November 22, 1894, by the Japanese in the war with China, but was evacuated by the conquerors and returned to China by the treaty of May 8, 1895, at the instance of Russia.

Fortifications erected at Port Arthur by the Russians, who took possession of the place with China's tacit consent, cost \$15,000,000. They are the most complete and elaborate ever erected in any fortress, ancient or modern.

These vessels were lost at Port Arthur:

Battleships: Retvizan, Peresviet, Sevastopol, Pobieda, Petropavlovsk and Poltava.

Protected cruisers: Diana, Pallada, Novik, Bayan, Boyarin.

Armored cruiser, Rurik.

Armored cruisers: Rossia, Gromoboy and Bogatyr are at Vladivostok badly damaged.

Torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshiteleni was seized by Japanese at Chefoo.

In neutral ports are the battleship Czarevitch, protected cruisers Diana and Askold, and the torpedo boat destroyers Grozovoi, Bezposchadni, Bezchumani and Betzraschni.

After one of the most prolonged and fiercely contested sieges of history, Port Arthur is about to capitulate.

The phrase "Port Arthur" does not mean the town of that name which formerly existed. That town has been wiped out. The houses are leveled, the streets uprooted, the docks and wharves are formless, the harbor is filled with crippled or sunken ships, the banks are closed. Port Arthur now means the chain of hills surmounted with forts. Under the forts caves have been made for the soldiers to live in.

With Togo's attack, February, 1904, the Czarevitch and Poltava, battleships, the Pallada and Novik, cruisers, and the Boyarin, protected cruiser, were destroyed or damaged. The Czarevitch was repaired and escaped to the neutral port of Tsing Chou.

On the land side little advance was made until July by the Japanese. Keller's attempt to relieve the fortress was defeated.

Centennial Notes.

Nebraska will have a big display at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

A Cairo Street, and Astatic Village and exhibit showing the life and customs of the Japanese will be features of the "Trail" at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Two freight cars, bearing the cream of Wisconsin's educational exhibit at St. Louis, are on their way to Portland, where they exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

A most interesting feature of the Lewis and Clark Fair will be a miniature reproduction of a complete mine in operation, with its tunnel, shaft, hoist, cars and track, drills stamp mills, and camp.

The Alaskan exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial will show a complete display of fishers, mines, oils, together with various curios from the time of the Russian occupation.

On account of the large acreage of water at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, special attention will be given to water sports. Mimic naval battles, on a scale impossible at previous expositions, will be held during the Fair.

The Oregon Territory, which Lewis and Clark opened up to settlers a hundred years ago, when they made their expedition, which will be commemorated at the Lewis and Clark Fair, had a population in 1900 of 1,093,441. In 1890 the population was only 747,524.

The exhibit which Missouri will send to the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be one that could not be duplicated for \$300,000. It will consist of the cream of Missouri's display at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, supplemented by an elaborate display collected for the Western World's Fair.

The Oregon Agricultural College cadet corps is planning to march in a body to Portland, and camp near the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds during the exposition. The cadet corps numbers 400 members, and has beside a band of thirty pieces. The Washington Agricultural College also plans to send a cadet corps, numbering 300, with a band of 30 pieces, to the fair.

Aquarium for the Fair.

Portland, Jan. 3.—An aquarium which will contain several hundred varieties of fish will be a feature of the United States Government exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial. The Exposition authorities have received a communication from the Government Commission, asking that a supply of fresh, cold water of 200 gallons a minute be provided for the fisheries wing of the Government Building.

Huge glass tanks from six to 12 feet long will be erected in the fisheries section, containing all known members of the fanny tribe that the Government can collect. The tanks will be above the level of the floor, and the light will come from above, so that the visitors to the exhibit can see the fish swimming about in their natural element. Several hundred feet of glass walls will be necessary to display the fish true to life. The department will be in charge of experts from the government department, who will attend to the proper care and feeding of the fish.

It is said that special arrangements will have to be made for the accommodation of the chinook salmon, as he will butt his head against the wall if confined in a limited tank, causing his own death. Impatient of restraint, the salmon would, if allowed, commit suicide by charging against the walls of his prison. It is believed that to overcome this suicidal propensity of the salmon that smaller circular tanks will need to be provided for the accommodation of the chinooks. In such quarters the fish could not get sufficient headway, and the covered wall would not offer enough resistance for him to kill himself by impact with the walls.

Any school district in need of an experienced teacher can be put in communication with one by enquiring at this office.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The hair apparent to the throat of Serbia is no longer apparent, having eloped with an actress.

Why should we send experts to Panama to build the canal when the country is full and running over with editors who know just how it should be done.

The Isle of Pines still sticks to our fingers. All the talk of it in the last Congress did not serve to make us let go.

The United States pays more money every year for transportation of mail than all the other countries of the world combined, but foreign post offices handle vastly more mail than ours, send it further over a greater number of post routes and pay less for the service. The reform of this state of affairs will serve to keep Mr. Cortleyou busy when he becomes Postmaster-General.

Madame Waddington, wife of the distinguished French diplomat, having "dined with dukes" every day that she was not dining with royalty is appalled by the number of "kings" she has met in America. She says "cotton kings, oil kings, steel kings and coal kings" pass in an imposing procession before her in every city she visits.

It would seem that every horror of war has already been experienced by the Japanese and Russians in their conflict, but let them wait until they begin with the pensioners.

"The United States," says the Chicago Tribune, "will soon be the centre of commerce." Every provincial American believes it is already the centre of the universe.

The active Christmas shopper has a little of that "frenzied fancee" feeling himself these days.

Nan Patterson wept with disappointment when she learned that she could not be in Washington for Christmas. Washington though learned the fact without any demonstration of grief.

One need no longer walk up the stairs to avoid the over-assiduous courtesies of the elevator boy. The Christmas token has been condescendingly accepted.

Mrs. Chadwick says it will take months to tell his side of the story. The other side can be told in a word, "Sold."

By an appropriation of Congress the Jefferson Bible called "The Morals of Jesus" and consisting of the life and sayings of Jesus Christ separated from their original context, has been published. It is an interesting work, worthy of preservation and an act of Congress requiring members and senators to read it would not be amiss.

Can't the Forestry Commission recommend something to stop the reckless slaughter of the forests at Christmas for Christmas trees? It is estimated that a million thirty young evergreens were destroyed last year.


A New York business man refers to college students as "charity boys" and from the well known fact that in no college do the tuition fees cover the cost of education, he deduces the theory that as a particularly offensive specimen of the unlicked cub the college boy is to be pitied, but as a charity boy he ought to be meeker.

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says W. H. Howard of Husband, Pennsylvania. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by R. S. Knowlton.

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