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JAPS TAKE PORT ARTHUR

RUSSIANS SURRENDER TO PREVENT FURTHER SLAUGHTER.

Generosity Shown by Victors in Their Hour of Triumph by Granting Easy Terms To The Heroic Defenders.

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

At 7 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 Russia on parole.

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 torpedo boat 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 crowded with defenders, suffering losses that military experts say would have appalled any European army.

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 succor or escape was vain, the garrison was 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 corpse 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.

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.

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 Chemulpo, in Korea, and along the Shang Hung peninsula, battered hulks of once proud vessels, ignominiously dismantled, are interred in neutral Chinese harbors. Save the three or four cruisers and some lesser crafts that lie in the ice bound refuge of Vladivostock, 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.

The siege of Port Arthur properly dates from May 27, when after engaging the first army landed by the Japanese at Pitsewo 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 defense. The engagement was a severe one and the Russians were driven back the first of the main defenses of the position. A few days later, on May 30, the Japanese occupied Dalny, and on June 15-16, General Stakelberg, advancing to the relief of Port Arthur army, was defeated by General Oku at the battles of Wafangau 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 assults by the combined naval and military forces.

When Stoessel and the remnent of his devoted garrison marched 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.

Geer & Cummins have received an elegant line of chinaware, glassware water sets, wine sets, vases, etc. These goods are the finest ever displayed in this city and must be seen to be appreciated.

A WONDERFUL INVENTION.

It is interesting to note that fortunes are frequently made by the invention of articles of minor importance. Many of the more popular devices are those designed to benefit people and meet popular conditions, and one of the most interesting of these thathas ever been invented is thd Dr. White Electric Comb, patented Jan. 1, '99 These wonderful Combs positively cure dandruff, hair folling out, sick and nervous headaches, and when used with Dr. White's Electric Hair Brush are positively guaranteed to make straight hair curly in 25 days time. Thousands of these electric combs have been sold in the various cities of the Union, and the demand is constantly increasing. Our agents are rapidly becoming rich selling these combs. They positively sell on sight. Send for sample. Men's size 35c, ladies' 50c — (half price while we are introducing them,) The Dr. White The Dr. White Electric Comb Co., Decatur, Ill.

CATTLEMEN FAVOR LEASE

CROOK COUNTY ASSOCIATION GOES RECORD FOR LAW.

Believe Its Adoption Will End Range War --Send Delegate to Attend National Association at Denver.

The Crook County Cattlemen's association has put itself on record as having a lease law, believing that in the end a leasing system will adjust the range difficulties and eventually place a quietus on the originating, from a conflicting use by the stockmen of the public range, says the Prinevelle Journal.

A special meeting of the association was held at the court house last Saturday and the following resolutions bearing on that subject adopted:

Whereas, under the the present conditions where every one has free access to the public land for grazing purposes, the grass on said ranges has become depleted and destroyed to that extent whereby the number of stock has become so diminished that by the pas-ing of control of said ranges into hands of bona fide settlers it would be improved to that extent that one-third more stock could be pastured on the same, and

Whereas, that inasmuch as there is at the present time a feeling and difference between the owners of the different kinds of stock, such as cattle and sheep, we deem it advisable for the government to adopt a lease law, and that the government have full control of the public ranges and lease to each and every actual settler certain parts of tha grazing lands, Therefore, be it

Resolved: That it is the concensus opinion of this Association that it would be to the stockman of Crook County, Oregon, to have a lease law, and we herewith instruct our delegates to the National Livestock Association to use their best efforts to get that body to indorse a lease law for the benefit of the bona fide settlers and residents of the county in which the land is situated that they wish to lease under certain rules and regulations of the U. S. Government.

The matter of favoring the passage of a lease law was given a thorough discussion. Some of the prominent sheepmen of this county were there and their opinions asked for and given a hearing while the ideas regarding the adoption of such a measure were not altogether harmonious the association itself stood strongly in favor of urging a passage of some act which would work out to a satisfactory conclusion the difficulty which it is endeavoring to overcome. The association has taken a firm and decided stand on the range question and its adoption of the resolutions quoted above is, in the main, an act committed for the sole purpose of quieting the disturbing clashes on the public ranges.

Mayor Wurzweiler addressed the meeting to some length and his words met hearty commendation. He said he spoke for no special interest, neither in favor of the sheepmen nor the cattlemen, nor did he place one interest above another. He spoke solely for the good of the community and Crook County and, be it said, he spoke long and earnestly in support of any measure in general which would stop the notorious advertising Crook county has received lately through the columns of the outside press and which, he said, could be nothing but a detriment to the interests of this district.

"The range troubles must stop" he said, "and the advertising which this county receives in the future must be the kind that will draw settlers, more stockmen and not drive these people and their interests to other fields. Crook county needs more men engaged in raising stock, it needs more capital to develop its industries and resources and these can be secured only through peaceable methods and these methods must and will be enforced."

After the adoption of lease law resolutions nominations were made for delegates to attend the National Livestock Convention which meets in Denver next month. Secretary A. L. Wigle was chosen to represent the association and use his best efforts in furthering the interests of Crook county's stockmen.

The resignation of J. H. Gray as treasurer of the association was accepted and E. T. Slayton was elected to fill the vacancy.

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W. W. Brown of Fife, is at work on an irrigation project which, when completed, will bring a couple of thousand acres lying east of Buck mountain under water. He is making arrangements to begin work on a large scale early in the spring when a dam will be constructed to hold the waters of one of the neighboring lakes and drain it into another which will be used for a storage reservoir. The scope of the work is such as will require many months to complete, but when finished will be the means of reclaiming some of the best land in southeastern Crook county. He expects to spend in the neighborhood of $10,000 on the project.— Prineville Review.

Rev. G. W. Black of the Baptist church at Fallon, arrived in Reno yesterday and will spend several days here visiting. He says that the people of Fallon are building a new church and that when finished it will be the largest and most artistic place of worship in that portion of the State. It will be of brick and will be fitted up in a very pretty manner.—Reno Journal.

Eastern Oregon is white, Western Oregon is wet; all the same good for next summer.

All over Oregon the people are confident of good times in 1905, and so will give the new year a glad greeting.

The harder the winter east, the greater will be the number of people there who will want to hit the Oregon trail next summer.

People of Silver Lake have raised a bonus of nearly $400 to induce a North Dakota, doctor to locate there. Isn't a bonus to a doctor for coming to a town a new thing under the sun?

Eastern Oregon welcomes lots of snow. It is good for miners as well of farmers. The Baker City Democrat says that part of the state without snow in winter is like a cow without a tail in fly time.

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LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Sylvia R. D. No 43, I. O. O. F., of this city installed officers last Wednesday evening at their hall. The ceremonies were witnessed by a large crowd of members. P. G. Flora Hagey acted as installing officer. The new officers are N. G., Louise Byrd, V. G. Anna Brown, Treasurer, Lizzie Dalton; Secy, Alice King; Chaplin, Frank Jackson; Winoha Smith and Lizzie Dalton, right and left supporters to Noble Grand; Flora Hagey and Grace Lampshire, right and left supports to Vice Grand; Clare Swain, conductor, S. L. Bowen, warden, I. G. C. A. Byrd, O. G. Chip Smith.

A banquet followed the installation that was enjoyed by those present. This organization is one of the most popular social orders in our city and has enjoyed a material increase in the membership during the past year. The annual reports of the officers shows the lodge to be in a good healthy condition.

Paul De Laney, whose real name is W. S. McCurley, was united in marriage last week to Miss Della Connel, of Reno, Nevada. The marriage took place at Klamath Falls, Judge Benson performing the ceremony.—Prineville Journal.

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