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PORT ARTHUR SURRENDERS.

Gen. Stoessel will be Buried Elsewhere—Greatest Siege of Modern Times — For Seven Months the Fierce Fight Has Raged Day and Night.

At last General Stoessel has surrendered at Port Arthur. He and his soldiers, assisted by the crews of the warships, have made a brave fight in defense of the Gibraltar of the East.

The Russian garrison of 40,000 men had been reduced to about 20,000, only part of that number being able to fight. The ammunition and food was about exhausted.

Tokio, Jan. 2.—The text of General Nogi's telegram announcing the capitulation of the Russian forces at Port Arthur is as follows:

"The plenipotentiaries of both parties concluded their negotiations today at 4.30 o'clock. The Russian commissioners accepted on the whole the conditions stipulated by us, and consented to capitulate. The document has been prepared and signatures are now being affixed. Simultaneously with the conclusion of negotiations both armies suspended hostilities. It is expected that the Japanese army will enter the city of Port Arthur tomorrow."

A previous telegram from General Nogi was as follows:

"At 5 p. m., January 1, the enemy's bearer of a flag of truce came into the first line of our position south of Shuishiying and handed a letter to our officers. The same reached me at 9 o'clock at night. The letter is 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 lives 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 capitulation, and also appoint a place for such commissioners to meet others appointed by me.

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

"STOESSEL."

"Shortly after dawn today I dispatched our bearer of a flag of truce with the following reply addressed to Stoessel:

"I have the honor to reply to your proposal to hold negotiations regarding the conditions and order of capitulation. For this purpose I have appointed as commissioner Major-General Ijichi, chief of staff of our army. He will be accompanied by some staff officers and civil officials. They will meet your commissioners January 2, noon, at Shuishiying. The commissioners of both parties will be empowered to sign a convention for the capitulation and cause the same to take immediate effect. Authorization for such plenary powers shall be signed by the highest officer of both the negotiating parties and the same shall be exchanged by the respective commissioners.

"I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to your Excellency assurances of my respect.

"NOGI."

BALTIC SHIPS AT MADAGASCAR.

Main Division of Rojestvensky's Fleet Anchors There.

Tamatave, Madagascar, Jan. 2.—Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, consisting of five battleships, three cruisers, the transports Kamschatka and Anedyr and the hospital ship Orel, anchored in the roadstead of Saint Marie today.

The dispatch boat Libau afterward visited Tamatave to file dispatches. She will rejoin the division here. The Libau reports that the Russian warships are in excellent condition despite the severe storms they have encountered.

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WORSE FOR KUROPATKIN.

Most of Nogi's Army is Now Free to Help Oyama.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The prevailing French view of the result at Port Arthur is summed up by the Temps, which says the historic defense of Sevastopol has now been surpassed. Port Arthur adding a glorious page 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.

French military critics regard the surrender as making General Kuropatkin's position increasingly dangerous, for the besieging army of 80,000 men is now released and will reinforce the Japanese army in the North. It is expected that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron will proceed no farther in the direction of the seat of war.

The hope is expressed in some official quarters that the surrender of the fortress will hasten peace, but the prevailing view is that the fall will accentuate Russia's resistance.

Some Paris journals say that Japanese occupation of Port Arthur will constitute a menace to all Europe, which the chancelleries should prepare to meet.

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LETTER FROM BILKINS.

He Has Just Returned from a Fruitless Trip to Raleigh—Thought Kuropatkin's Army Had Arrived at the State Capitol—How He was Cheated Out of the Speakership.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.

I've jist rolled in at home after bein' at Raleigh fer a day an' nite an' I feel like a shillin'. Betsy tried ter git me not ter go. But I tole her I'd do like the balance ov the voters an' exersize my constertushunal perspectives an' try ter land an' offis or two. Betsy sed she hed red in the paper whar it wuz erginst the law ter hold two offises at the same time. But I konkluded I could run the blockade an' land on sumptin' soft an' git myself incorporated so the law wouldn't tech me.

Betsy she tried ivery way ter keep me frum goin'. She 'lowed I'd be er-way frum her awl ov sixty days, an' maybe git ter flirtin' with them gum chewin' gurls what hang around the capital out ov kuriosity. "I'm er-fraid you will git hurt," she sed. "When they git ter cawkasin' an' engrossin' bills they ain't no tellin' what will happen. I'm scared fer you ter go."

"Rest eazy, my deer," sez I, "I'll be in the house ov my friends an' they will look out fer me."

After I got ter Raleigh I met up with my ole friend, Graham Haywood, Esq., Justis ov the Peace. He congratulated me on my cleckshun, an' I slapped him on the back an' congratulated him till he felt that it wuz gude ter be elected. Then I santered on down Fayetteville Street. Blamed if hit didn't look sorter like sirkus day. I begun ter think that Kuropatkin's army hed got erway frum the Japs an' cum over here. I axed who they were. "Candydates," sed a friend ov mine; "don't you see the hunted look they hev?" "I thought the cleckshun wuz awl over," sed I. "They air candydates fer engrossin' clerk, readin' clerk, door-keepers, sergent-at-arms an' everything," sed my friend. It wuz a gude thing he didn't suspek me ov bein' one ov the most blood-thirsty in the whole lot.

I got down ter the hotel an' went in ter see erbout lodgin'. The feller at the big book looked me over an' wanted ter know what priced room I wanted. "Make it a gude room," sed I. "mebbe the guvernor will call on me ter nite." He handed me a pen. "Whut iz this fer," sed I? "Sign your name, please," sed the feller. "Not on yer life," sed I. "The papurs hev bin full ov warnin' erbout signin' things fer strangers. You can't ketch me." Then he axed me my name an' writ hit himself. He give me a nice room with awl sorts ov scientiffiek furniture an' purty things. But hit cost me a bale ov cotton fer supper an' lodgin'.

The next mornin' I hunted up one ov the members frum my county an' tried ter git my bearings. "Whut do you want?" sed he. "Anything frum Speaker ov the House ter frin' the boiler," sed I. "Have you hed enuff experience ter be Speaker ov the House?" sed my member. "I've bin married twenty-nine years," sed I. "an' I hain't done much talkin' in that time, fer my wife hez dun purty nigh awl ov it. But I reckon I'm talker enuff ter be Speaker." My

member 'lowed that it didn't require an orator ter be Speaker, fer he put in most ov hiz time tryin' ter keep the members frum talkin' their heads off.

"That will suit me ter a 't,'" sed I. "I'd jist az soon sit thar with a gun an' keep the balance ov 'em frum talkin' things ter death az not."

My member tole me he didn't see enything ter pervent my cleckshun az Speaker ov the House, an' ter jist keep quiet until he'd reconiter a little an' round up the rest ov the members. I'm still keepin' quiet. Durin' the cawkus my name wern't even mentioned fer Speaker ov the House. I am tole sence that a feller hes ter be a member ov the legislater before he kin stand eny show fer Speaker ov the House. Blamed if they didn't flim-flam me ter a fine pint; hed me runnin' fer a job that I wuzen't elergible ter, an' the 'em went on chasin' jobs that I mite hev got.

Well, I got left an' I'm a sadder an' wiser man. These experiences cum purty high, but we must hev 'em. I'll be a lookwarm voter in next cleckshun, if I vote at awl, unless they git me stirred up ter run fer sumptin' ergin.

Yours truly,

ZEKE BILKINS.

They Think Coca-Cola Dangerous.

Prof. M. H. Holt, of Oak Ridge Institute, in this State, thinks coca-cola is a dangerous beverage and has written to a number of eminent physicians for their opinions on the subject. Extracts from some of the replies are reproduced below:

Dr. James McKee, of the State Hospital for the Insane [at Raleigh] writes: "I think the government owes it to its developing youth to place restraint upon the sale of coca-cola, because with the cheapening of this drug comes the increased use of it, and with the increased use of it comes the moral depravity of the young men, who eventually wind up in mania and dementia."

Dr. J. D. Spicer, of Goldsboro, says: "I consider coca-cola as injurious to the mental, moral, and physical energies of the addicted, and tends alike to sap the intellect, and sooner or later destroy the usefulness of the whole man."

Dr. P. L. Murphy, of the Western Hospital for the Insane at Morganton, says: "I do most unhesitatingly condemn the use of coca-cola."

Dr. H. F. Long, of Statesville, writes: "Those who drink coca-cola will soon have the habit fixed upon them, and will fall easy victims to whiskey, morphine or cocaine. Next to the last, it is the most harmful drink I know of."

Dr. H. T. Bahnson, the celebrated physician and surgeon of Winston-Salem, writes: "I am sure that coca-cola drinking is one of the worst habits that a young man can form, and doubt if the alcohol habit is any worse. The sale of the poison ought to be prohibited by law."

Dr. Steward McGuire, the well-known physician of St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Va., writes: "I regard the coca-cola habit as extremely prejudicial to health, and think you should use every legitimate means to arrest its development among your students."