

NO SPIRIT OF BOASTING.

Minister Takahira Modestly Comments on Victory—A Great Object Obtained.

(Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—If there was any modest celebration of the great Japanese victory in the fall of Port Arthur it was at the Japanese Legation in this city today.

Minister Takahira received the news early in the morning and then went about his usual New-Year's ceremonies. At night he said:

"The fall of Port Arthur was, of course, expected. It was a part of the general military plan of the Japanese Government. The result is, of course, a source of great gratification to all the Japanese representatives in America, especially on such a holiday. What effect it will have on the general military program cannot be predicted at this time, but I can say that it is not a surprise to the Japanese in this country."

"Do you think this is the beginning of the end of the war?" was asked.

"That question, of course, cannot be answered here. It remains with the Russians to say. I may say, however, that one of the main objects of the Japanese operations was to capture Port Arthur. It was a long siege, the fortress was nobly defended, and one of the great victories to the credit of both the Japanese army and naval forces was the capitulation of General Stoessel. No report of the Japanese Government can praise too highly the bravery, endurance and skill of the Russian soldiers at Port Arthur.

"Can you furnish any estimate of the losses to both sides during the siege of Port Arthur?"

"I cannot."

"What effect will this have on the general result of the war?"

"That, of course, cannot be predicted at this time. The Russian resources are, of course, without limit."

Minister Takahira entertained the members of his legation at dinner. During the day the flag of his country was displayed at the legation.

"Only in honor of the beginning of the new year," said he. "Not in any spirit of boasting."

Although he had no official news regarding the surrender of Port Arthur Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, had no hesitation in reiterating what he has repeatedly announced, that the loss of the city would not have the slightest effect on Russia's determination to fight to the end.

"Russia will pursue the war to the end," he said, "and the temporary loss of Port Arthur after such a valiant defense can only spur Russia on to an ultimate victory."

Lieut.-Gen. Adna R. Chaffee said: Recently there has been but little fighting in Manchuria, but I look for a resumption of fighting about next March, when the climate is more favorable.

"We know that the success of the siege gives the Japanese considerable additional strength—whatever the number of men is that has engaged in the attacks.

"There are two great armies still confronting each other. Mukden and the main line of the Siberian Railroad is the natural objective of the Japanese army; the Japanese army is the natural objective of the Russian army.

"Each army must organize a moving army; that is, in addition to the two armies which face each other in about equal strength, there must be another force organized to strike on the enemy's flank. The side which gets on the other's flank first will probably turn it out of its position. But it will be hard fighting throughout."

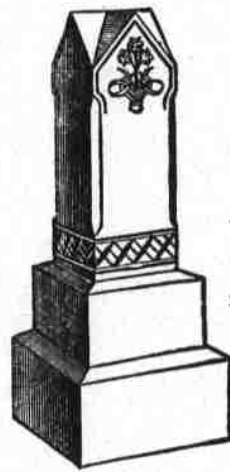
"Then there is another naval battle to be fought. If the Japanese

win this, their position will be further improved, for a time at least. If they lose their position will be desperate."

"I have been very greatly interested in the siege and capture of Port Arthur," said former Secretary of the Navy H. A. Herbert, "and consider it one of the greatest exploits in military annals.

"As to the lessons taught by the siege and its termination, I do not see that they have been of great value. I have observed a tendency to criticize the Japanese for having undertaken to capture the fortress by assault rather than by a protracted siege, but with this I do not agree. The Japanese were bound to capture Port Arthur at any cost in order to destroy or capture the Russian fleet harbored there. The results of attempts by the Japanese to carry fortifications by direct assault differ in no respect from similar attempts made during our battles at home, where they failed almost without exception and where sapping was ultimately necessary to accomplish the object."

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