

The Fall of Port Arthur

On Monday morning the Associated Press bulletined an announcement that General Stoessel, commanding the Russian forces within the besieged precincts of Port Arthur, had raised a white flag in token of surrender. Later the news was confirmed, and it was announced that General Nogi of the Japanese forces had appointed commissioners to confer with General Stoessel on the terms of surrender. The nature of the terms of surrender are not yet known, but dispatches from Tokio indicate that they will be of the most generous character. It is probable that the entire garrison will be paroled and allowed to return to Russia.

The siege of Port Arthur practically began on February 8, 1904, when Admiral Togo's fleet of torpedo boats attacked the Russian squadron, damaging three of the principal Russian battleships. Since that date nearly every day has been marked by both land and sea fighting around the doomed city, and the attack and defense have been marvels of modern warfare. The last few weeks of the siege were marked by hand-to-hand fighting over the breastworks, and the slaughter has been something frightful. Stoessel's defense

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of his position marks him as among the great soldiers of the present day. Cut off from outside communications, without hope of reinforcements, and besieged closely by ever increasing numbers of Japanese, he held out for upwards of ten months.

Tuesday afternoon's dispatches intimated that the Japanese forces would enter Port Arthur immediately, probably by Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.

French military critics regard the surrender of Stoessel as rendering Kurapatkin's position increasingly dangerous. The surrender releases the besieging army of 80,000 Japanese and permits it to join forces with the armies in the north.

Frenzied Fun

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