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Thanking you in advance for your assistance in securing clubs and spreading the truth I am

Yours for populist principles,

*J. H. Tibbles*

Editor The Independent.

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### Nogi and Stoessel Meet

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army in Front of Port Arthur, Jan. 5 (via Tien Tsin).—The meeting of Gen. Nogi and Gen. Stoessel today was as undramatic as the whole conclusion of the siege. It had previously been arranged to take place at noon in the single undamaged house of the village of Shuishi. The house was a miserable hovel called Plum Tree Cottage. Through a misunderstanding Gen. Stoessel rode out of Port Arthur at 10 o'clock, accompanied by Col. Reiss and two staff officers, to the Japanese lines, and missed the Japanese officer delegated to escort him to the meeting place. The general rode there without an escort and was received by a junior officer who happened to be on the spot. The latter telephoned to Nogi, who hurried his departure from headquarters and arrived at 11 o'clock, accompanied by Maj. Ijichi, his chief of staff, and Cois. Yasuhara, Matsudaira and Watanabe, staff officers, and M. Kawakiri, secretary of the foreign office at Tokio.

Gen. Stoessel is a large man of heavy appearance, and looks like a good fighter.

When Nogi, looking careworn, en-

tered the compound of the cottage, the generals cordially shook hands and Nogi, through an interpreter, expressed his pleasure at meeting a general who had fought so bravely and gallantly for his emperor and country. Gen. Stoessel thanked Gen. Nogi for the pleasure of meeting there the hero of the victorious army.

Gen. Nogi explained that he had received a message from his emperor that the greatest consideration be shown to Gen. Stoessel and his officers in appreciation of their splendid loyalty to their emperor and country. Because of that wish, he added, the Russian officers would be allowed to wear their swords.

Gen. Stoessel expressed his gratitude to the Japanese emperor for this saving the honor of his (Stoessel's) family, and said his descendants would appreciate the thoughtful kindness of the emperor of Japan. The general also expressed the gratitude of his officers and thanked Gen. Nogi for sending the message from Gen. Stoessel to Emperor Nicholas and transmitting his majesty's reply, which read:

"I allow each officer to profit by the reserved privilege to return to Russia under the obligation not to take further part in the present war or share in the destinies of their men. I thank you and the brave men of the garrison for the gallant defense."

The generals praised each other and their officers for their bravery.

The conversation afterward turned on the explosion of the mine at Shangshu mountain fort. General Stoessel said the entire garrison of the fort was killed or made prisoners.

The Russian commander greatly praised the Japanese artillery practice, especially the concentrated fire which was instantaneous with the explosion of the Shangshu mine. The gallant deeds of the Japanese infantry, General Stoessel added, spoke for themselves. It was impossible to exaggerate their good qualities. The skillful work of the engineers had also won admiration.

Continuing, General Stoessel said he had heard that General Nogi had lost both of his sons and praised his loyalty in thus sacrificing his sons who had died fighting for their emperor and country.

General Nogi smilingly replied: "One of my sons gave his life at Nanshan and the other at 203 Metre Hill. Both of these positions were of the greatest importance to the Japanese army. I am glad that the sacrifice of my sons' lives had been made in the capture of such important positions, as I feel the sacrifices were not made in vain. Their lives were nothing compared to the objects sought."

General Stoessel then asked permission to present his charger to General Nogi as a token of his appreciation and admiration.

General Nogi expressed thanks for the Russian general's kindness, but said he could not accept the horse, but, he continued, he would accept it for the army, since he considered that the Russian horses were the property of Japan and felt he could not make General Stoessel's charger his private property. General Nogi also promised that when the horse was handed over to him to see that it was treated with the greatest kindness out of respect for the brave Russian foe.

Thereupon General Stoessel assured General Nogi that he admired his rigorous principles and appreciated his point of view.

The Japanese commander requested General Stoessel to continue to occupy his residence at Port Arthur until arrangements were completed for the return of himself and family to Russia.

Referring to the burial of the dead, General Nogi said the Japanese since the beginning of the military operations had always buried the Russian dead. Those found later on would be interred at a special spot and a suitable memorial would be erected as a tribute to the bravery of the former foes of the Japanese.

After luncheon, at which both generals sat together, a group photograph was taken at the cottage and General Stoessel remounted his charger to show the horse's good points and said good-bye to General Nogi and rode back to Port Arthur.

The quiet and even solemn meeting of the generals ended at about 1 o'clock. The regular Russian soldiers in Port Arthur marched out today. The only troops now in the city are the volunteers.

Two fires were started in Port Arthur today, for which General Stoessel apologized. He said the volunteers were unable to control the populace and he desired the Japanese enter Port Arthur immediately to keep order.

The formal entry of the Japanese army into Port Arthur has been fixed for Sunday, January 8.