The Amount is Regarded as Large-Now that the Downfall of Port Arthur is But a Question of Hours the Powers at the Celestial Kingdom Hasten Ne-Ministers Dun and Denby.

### China's Peace Offering.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.-A cable from Hiroschima, Japan, where the mikado has established headquarters, states that China has intimated her willingness to pay a war indemnity of 100,000,000 taels and, in addition, to pay all the war expenses incurred by Japan. As the war expenses reach 150,000,000 taels, the total offer organization of the railway ma of China would be 250,000,000 taels. The tael is a Chinese silver coin worth about seventy-five cents at the present exchange, so that the whole payment would be, approximately, the classified service, as recommende \$175,000,000, American money. The amount is regarded here as quite large, and it is believed arrangements between the two nations could be effected on terms providing for a smaller war indemnity.

Diplomatists here say that under ordinary circumstances it would take some time for China to formally present its offer to United States Minister | fiscal year are: Revenue, \$86.907,407 Denby, but, owing to the fact that the Japanese are now at the walls of Port Arthur about to make the last blow at China's greatest fortress, China may hurry the negotiations to a conclusion. It is expected that Minister Denby will transmit the offer by telegraph to Tien Tsin and Shanghai and thence by cable to Yokohama. The understanding is that China and Japan will pay the expenses of the American ministers incident to the negotiation

In accordance with the suggestion of Japan the state department has notified Ministers Dun at Tokio and Denby at l'ekin to transmit such direet word as China may wish to make of the contracts' life of \$14,431,325. to Japan. The cable directions were sent Tuesday.

The advance on Port Arthur is regarded as having an important bearing on the peace negotiations. Lieutenant Mioyaka, naval attache of the Japanese legation here, says that the advance movement has been most cautions, as the ground for forty miles around Port Arthur has been found fairly alive with powder mines connected with electric wires to Port Arthur. Three ond class matter. He has made days ago the Japanese were within a | thorough investigation during th day's march of the fortress, but it year, upon which he says: "Th was necessary to send ahead small effect of all this upon my mind is sconting parties to pick a route away from the mines and electric wires. The regular roads could not be used for the artillery, as it would have been blown up, and accordingly the big guns have been moved in circuitous routes through woods and morasses. It is regarded as likely applied." that this caution march will have been completed to-day, and the Japanese legation is hourly expecting word that the decisive blow has been struck, though a long siege may be necessary, as the fortress has one of the strongest defenses of modern times. It is believed that Japanese success would quickly close the peace negotiations, but that a repulse would impel China to hold off further.

Officials and diplomats are scanning the records of Messrs. Dun and Denby to ascertain their capacity to deal with the questions committed to them. Mr. Dun has had unusual experience in Japan. General Capron, who built the Japanese legation in Washington, wished to send a consignment of fine Merino sheep to Japan. The Duns had a stock farm in Ohio, and the minister's sheep were bought and he went to Japan with them. He remained there some time and finally married a Japanese lady of high family, by whom he had a daughter. This attached him to the Japanese and made him a fixture there. President Arthur first appointed him as second secretary of the United States legation at Tokio. When President Cleveland's administration began two years ago, California made an effort to seeure the appointment of minister to Japan for one of her favored sons. At an opportune time, however, Judge Thurman, who had been on the presidential ticket with Mr. Cleveland four years befroe, asked the president as the only favor he had to request, that Mr. Dun be promoted to minister. The request was complied with. Mr. Dun's Japanese wife is dead, but his relations , with the Japanese are very cordial, which, with his long experience, well fits him for the present negotiations. Minister Denby is a lawyer of ability, who has served through three administrations, being appointed during Mr. Cleveland's first term, retained by Mr. Harrison owing to their personal associations in Indiana and the objection of China to Senator Blair, and again retained by Mr. Cleveland. He has an outward austerity which has not, however, pre-

### MOUNT TACOMA ERUPTION. The Great Monarch of the Cascades

Strangely Transformed. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.-Great excitement has been caused throughout the Puget sound country by what is looked upon by many as an eruption of Mount Tacoma, or Ranier, 14,444 feet high, and one of the loftiest peaks in the United States.

The mountain has lately been strangely transformed. The crest of the great monarch of the Cascades has changed, the cone having fallen in, and steam can be seen rising from the crater. There is no eruption, it to judge, but great masses of of the mountain is evident from the streets of Seattle, ninety miles distant, and thousands of people have watched the great peak all the afternoon. But very few people have ever ascended-the mountain, and at this season of the year the ascension is an absolute impossibility. There is no way of making a thorough investigation of the phenomenon.

Gold From Various Sources. NEW YORK, Nov. 23 .- The New York agency of a large Canadian institution has received from its correspondent at San Francisco \$250,000 in gold within the last two days, and \$50,000 in gold has been shoped by the Bank of the purpose of subscribing to the government loan. A Wall street fornia

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

Postmaster General Bissell's Annual Re-

port to the President. WASHINGON, Nov. 27.-Postmaster-General W. S. Bissell has submitted to the president his annual report for the year ending June 30, 1894. He briefly outlines the policy of the de-

partment in the following:

"In general I would recommend that the first and most important gotiations With Japan-Records of thing to be done is to revise the law as to second-class matter so as t place the postoffice department in mediately upon a self-sustaining basi

"Second-Avoid expensive exper ments like postal telegraph, rura fee delivery, etc.

"Third-Develop the postal service on existing lines of administration viz: Extend free delivery in cities that now enjoy it; accord it to town already entitled to it under the law and quicken railroad transportation "Fourth-Revise and reclassify th service and reclassify clerks in post

"Fifth-Provide for district super vision of all postal affairs by appoint ment of expert postal officials from in my last annual report.'

"The revenue for the year was \$75 080,479; expenditures, 884,324 414.leav ing a deficit \$9,213,935. The estimate for the current year ending June 30 1895, are: Revenue, \$84,427,749; ex penditures, \$90,399,485; deficit \$5,971. 737. The estimates submitted to th secretary of the treasury for the nex expenditures, \$91,059,283; deficiency \$4.151,876."

This annual deficiency, the post master general says, could be over come by the increase of postal rates but he does not believe this advisable Economy has been practiced, but nevertheless, great care has bee taken that it should not affect th efficiency of the service.

The economies have consisted main ly in reletting contracts for mai transportation and in the cost and amount of supplies; also in the abro gation of seven of the eleven steam ship subsidy contracts which will mean a total saving in the ten year

Mr. Bissell recommends the exper mental free delivery projects shoul be discontinued, and thinks that fre delivery in rural districts is no needed or desired by the people. Bot these projects were originated by hi predecessor.

One of the most important and in teresting features of Mr. Bissell's re port is its discussion of class matter In his last report he referred to the great disproportion of growth of sec conviction that the statutes and the now rest are defective: that they em body the only great abuse at presen existing in the postal service; an that, as this business is growing a the time, some remedy should b

Of the obstruction of mails b strikes, the postmaster general says "In my last report I called attention to the necessity for legislation suc as then was and now is recommende by the superintendent of the railwa mail service for the punishment of train wrecking, and for legislative determination of the definition of mail train. Such legislation would be of great advantage to the posta service.

The postmaster general does not favor the postal telegraph, a system advocated by his predecessors. He points out that in a country where the territory is so large the cost of a postal telegraph would far exceed any possible receipts or benefits.

Mr. Bissell gives the following daily average business of the department, which shows the vastness of

the postal service: Number of miles of post route run .. 1,100,000 Number of stamps manufactured .... 8,300,000 Number of envelopes manufactured... 1.8.0,003 Number of postal cards manufactured 1.500,000 Number of pleces mailed... Number of letters mailed. Number of pieces of mail matter dis-

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The postmaster general believes in civil service in the postoffice department. He says, "If the system has produced such good results in the thing like it could not be applied with advantage to the lower grades of postmasters." Mr. Bissell closes his report with a request that a new building be provided for the postofthe cost of an adequate building would be less than the amount of rent paid.

## Bonanza Gold Mine.

has returned from his mines in the forth, intertwining the horns and Okanagon district. He reports the trailing gracefully about the skull. find of a veritable bonanza gold mine vented his being most acceptable to range of mountains near Slate which we could transport the odd boys, after a week's work with the crudest of instruments, have cleaned up \$12,000, with plenty of the same rich dirt in sight. Nearly all the miners in this section of the country have flocked to the new Eldorado and

not the legal power to remove Owsley. which the owner is kind enough to is believed by those most competent He declined to talk further on the call mine. Last autumn I found that topic, but stated that he would de- the tree had been slightly injured

## A Fatal Jump.

Sr. Louis, Mo., Nov. 27. - While the family of Colonel H. Phelps, who is connected with the legal department of the Missouri Pacific railway, were out driving vesterday afternoon, the horse took fright and ran away. Mrs. Phelps became panic stricken and marked one of his companions, "but jumped from the carriage, receiving it don't come up to what took place injuries from which she died soon

## Four Rivals for Senator Do ph.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 27. - Senator Dolph will not have clear sailing for re-election to the United States sen-Montreal to its agent in this city for ate. Already the names of four asp rants have been put forward, and in all probability will be pre-ented tobanking firm, with Paris and San the legislature. They are Governor porch and watched her work. Francisco connections, is also receiv- elect W. P. Lord, Congressman Binger ing small parcels of gold from Cali- Hermann, C. W. Fulton of Astoria Jim, as we used to call him, jumped and T. H. Tongue of Hillsboro.

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ODD FREAKS OF NATURE. A Dog Who Went About With Two Or

ange Trees of Considerable Size. A party of pedestrians while tramping along the Wissahicken had their attention drawn to a singularly shaped tree growing along the creek side of the drive. The tree when a some medler with nature, who, after penetrating one stem with a knife, inserted the end of a branch into the hole and left it there to grow

The peculiar formation led the party into talking of other peculiarities which they had observed, says the Philadelphia Times. One of the with several other boys into the woods that stood back from the vilclerical force of the department, it is so thick that we had to crawl in reasonable to inquire whether some places on our hands and knees. One of the boys, a venturesome little fel- open." low, who was as full of fun as an egg is of meat, was on the lead, and, all at once cried out: Say, fellers, fice department. He says interest on come here and see what I've found. We hurried forward and saw him bending over the skull of an ox which ray on the ground face upward. From each of the eve-sockets there was growing a small chestnut SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 27.-Michael tree, while from where the ears were Shuman, a well-known mining man, once attached a beautiful vine shot

"We looked about for a piece of at the very summit of the Cascade bark or some other object upon creek. Two young men from Anacor- flower-pot to one of our homes. We tes named Baron and Gerrish, are the succeeded in getting it out of the lucky finders. Shuman says that the thicket, after carefully placing it upon a piece of bark. When we got to a clearance we drew lots to see who should own the find. The lot fell to me and the other boys helped me to carry it home, where my father planted it in the garden. The vine died, but the chestnut trees grew to Recorder Owsley May Be Removed. be large trees. The skull long ago St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 27 .- To a re- crumbled to dust and formed a ferporter to-day Governor Stone said tilizer for the trees, which to-day that he was not ready to announce look like one. Growing so close towhat he would do in relation to Re- gether they grew into each other. I he is of the opinion now that he had and gather chestnuts under the tree which I shall have made up into take to a carver and have him carve from it an ox's skull, from which I shall have miniature artificial trees and vines to grow, and shall give it the best place in my library."

> "inat's really a curiosity." rewhen I was a boy in Haddington. A neighbor of ours had a pet crow that was up to all sorts of mischief. My mother got me to gather her a lot of acorns one fall to make fancy work for an approaching fair. One day while she was sticking the acorns on the outside of a box, the crow hopped over into the yard and up on the "As soon as she turned her back.

and made off like a thief. Mother threw a small stick at him, and it struck him on the head. The poor bird tumbled over and we thought it was dead, but it came too in a little while and hopped away. It was never seen again till the next summer, when the neighbor tore down sapling had evidently been fixed by an old frame building, under which the decomposed carcass of the crow was found. Upon examining it a small oak tree was found growing from between its upper and lower bills. I carried the carcass home on a shovel and planted it carefully in

the garden, where it grew rapidly. "I saw the tree last month and it trio said: "When I was a boy I went | is as pretty an oak as can be seen anywhere. Up where the branches shoot out there is a peculiar lump, lage of Plymouth to gather wild which when viewed from a certain flowers. We tramped through the direction is an exact resemblance of woods until the underbrush became a crow's head. The limbs look for all the world as though the gigantic bird was holding its mouth wide

··Did I ever tell you about our orange tree?" asked another of the

"Well, I think it is the greatest vegetable wonder I ever heard of. Father, while eating an orange one Christmas, took several of the seeds and placed them in a sore that was on our old dog's back. A horse doctor told him the seeds would cause an irritation which would make the sore heal up. Well, sir, two of the seeds took root and grew and that dog moved about for more than two years with the twin trees growing out of his back.

"The sore healed up, but poor old Ponto got horned by a steer one day and was so badly injured that he died. Father cut a chunk out of his back and transplanted the trees in a box. They grew splendidly, and while they never bore any fruit they had plenty of bark."

White Rhinoceroses. From a letter addressed by that renowned sportsman, Mr. Selous, to the Field, it appears that that curious and rare animal, the white rhinocecorder of Voters Owsley, but he said go out to the old place every autumn | ros, has not yet gone the way of the dodo and the great bustard, though some have ventured to give Mr. Selous' authority for saying that he is extinct. It is to the occupation of rock seem to have fallen, termine within a very short time during the summer by being struck Northern Mashonaland, which kept The snow-capped cone has dis- what his legal powers in this con- by lightning, and I ma'e arrange- the native hunters to the west of the a few specimens still survive the confurniture. Part of the trunk I shall stant persecution which in the last twenty years has utterly exterminated them in every portion of South Central Africa. "There may yet," Mr. Selous adds, "be ten, or even twenty of these animals left, but certainly not more, I think than the latter number."

> Worth It. . Briggs-Fine suit of yours. Griggs-Yes; business suit. "How much?" "Nothing."

Don't mean to say you got it for nothing?" "Yes: I did; my employer gave it to me."

"What for?" "For minding my own business."-Texas Siftings.

up on the table, picked up an acorn | TEMPTS THE THUNDERBOLTS. | from its place, so that the trough, Danger of the Washington Monumen and Its Good Luck. It is for electrical engineers to say

whether there is not danger of a catastrophe in the great monument of granite and marble which the people of America have erected to the honored memory of George Washington. The monster obelisk, capped by its aluminum tip, is supported on the inside by eight immense iron columns running from top to bottom. That represents tons of metal piled heavenward to the height of 555 feet, as if to tempt the thunderbolts. To be sure, there are lightning rods on the outside, but they are pigmy bits of wire compared to the mass of iron within. One of the attendants told me the other day that there never passes a severe thunderstorm without some electrical disturbance in the monument. Usually it has no more serious effect than to make the wires and electric signals in the shaft act better for some days following. Several times, however, he says, he has seen the iron columns wreathed with fiery snakes with such a crackling and hissing of blue-focked flame as might well frighten a man with simple tastes. On one occasion the attendant assured me that he saw the electric bolt leap from an electric column and disappear down the wellhole at the base of the shaft. Two steps farther and he would have been directly in its path.

Now, the question is, and it would seem worthy of serious consideration. whether according to the laws of probabilities, such an accident will et take place one day or another that one can touch them easily with proverbial good luck which has athimself from its height

are usually given drink from large wooden troughs filled with wellwater by means of a pump, and it is commonly an elephant that fills this trough. Every morning he goes regularly to his task. While visiting a friend at his fine residence in India a correspondent of a paper saw a large elephant engaged in pumping such a trough full of water. He con-

How a Whale Fights. Approaching a whale at all times when the elevator, with its human | men. Have no fear that the right load, is on the way up or down, says | whale will swaltow you. He could the Illustrated American. The car | not do so even if he were so disposed, holds thirty people and makes a com- as his gullet is only large enough to plete trip every thirty minutes dur- admit a good-sized herring. The ing six or seven hours of each day sperm whale could swallow a man if of the week except Sundays. The he desired to do so, but he is no more car passes so near the iron columns | inclined to swallow a man-particuthe hand. Imagine an electric storm | would be to swallow a small bird and a bolt shooting into the elevator | with its feathers. But he will crush car. The probable results are not you in his ponderous jaws, if he is a pleasant to contemplate, and the lighting bull, and eject you in detail. only thing which reassures one is the He will also chew up and spit out tended the monument ever since its | up the wooden utensils floating upon corner-stone was laid forty-five years | the water, and every piece of wood. ago. Not a single human life was until more than seven baskets of lost in its construction. There were fragments may be taken up, and havno accidents, and have been none ing tired him elf out in this way, he appeared and a sharp-pointed peak has risen in its place to the east of the position to say what action he probeen committed within its precincts, some other boats, or, perhaps, in no crazy jumper has tried to throw rare cases, attack the vessel. - Waverly Magazine.

## A SENSIBLE ELEPHANT.

It Soon Detected That the Pump Trough Was Not Level. In India domesticated elephants

tinues: "In passing I noticed that one of the two tree-trunks which supported the trough at either end had rolled

still elevated at one extremity, would begin to empty itself as soon as the water reached the level of the top at the other end, which lay on the ground. I stopped to see if the elephant would discover anything wrong. Soon the water began to run

off at the end which had lost its support. The animal showed signs of perplexity when he saw this, but as the end nearest him lacked much of being full, he continued to pump. Finally, seeing that the water contot hominus tot usus. tinued to pass off, he left the pump handle and began to consider the phenomenon. He seemed to find it difficult to explain. Three times he

returned to his pumping and three times he examined the trough. "I was an absorbed looker-on, impatient to see what would be done. Soon the lively flapping of the ears indicated the dawning of light. He went and smelled of the tree-trunk, which had roiled from under the trough. I thought for a moment that he was going to put it in its place again. But it was not as I soon understood, the end which ran over that disturbed his mind, but the end which he found impossible to fill. Raising the trough, which he then allowed to rest for an instant on one of his huge feet, he rolled away the second supporting log with his trunk. and then set the trough down, so that it rested at both ends on the ground. He then returned to the pump and completed his task.'

is like going into battle, notwithstanding the abandon of the fisherlarly with his clothes on-than you pieces of the demolished boat, break

rungeries on the Pacine Coast. The oldest industry of the Atlantic coast, the fisheries, is the newest of the Pacific. Until a few years ago the fishermen on the northern coasts of California paid no attention to the vast quantities of sturgeon and halibut there, regarding them as worthless, and it is only within two or three years that the majority of places further north and down the southern coast now making money. in fish have paid any attention to the industry. Last year 6,000,000 pounds of sturgeon were taken from the Columbia river, and shipped Fast. and altogether 100 or so car loads of this one kind of fish went East from that region.

# THE AFTERNOON NAP.

Consensus of Opinion Is That Its Utility Depends on the Person.

The editor of Wisdom publishes the opinions of a number of eminent correspondents concerning the value of "the afternoon nap." The correspondents are described as "brain workers," which term seems to mean literary and professional men. The replies are as such replies are usually. Our medical readers well know in this, as in other matters,

One man can work long and well on hours of sleep which would fail to restore another, as one man can use the tobacco or tea which poisons his neighbor. Some who cannot, or will not, work by day work by night. Now, other things being equal, the value of morning sleep is less than of sleep by night; it is lighter and more open to disturbances. He who reads and writes at night finds, at three score or sooner, that he' has undoubtedly taxed his strength; for such a person "the afternoon nap" is clear gain-it adds to the sum of

Elderly people and bad sleepers often wake very early, and remain awake in spite of the friendly sandwich; for these the later nap is useful. There are, too, hard-worked men of naturally feeble powers who benefit greatly by an addition to their hours of sleep; but for the ordinary man who sleeps of an afternoon, the judicious physician will prescribe less luncheon. Finally, the value of casual slumbering to persons suffering from "insomnia" is not sufficiently well known. It is too often supposed that sleep is a fund which must be hoarded up for use in due seasons. On the contrary, sleep breeds siecp, and the warm feet, the incurious mind, and the raised position of the chair may offer what the softest pillow refuses, and thu the sweet custom of sleep is lished.

## He Was Innocent.

Mr. Justice Maul once addressed a phenomenon of innocence as follows: Prisoner at the bar, your counsel thinks you innocent; the counsel for the prosecution thinks you innocent; I think you innocent. But a jury of your own countrymen, in the exercise of such common sense as they possess. which does not seem to be much, have found you 'guilty,' and it remains that I should pass upon you the sentence of law. That sentence is, that you be kept in imprisonment for one day; and as that day was yesterday, you may now go about your business. - Argonaut.

## A Suggestion.

"How do you pay these rammers?" asked a wayfarer of a paving con tractor.

"By the day," said the contractor. "You ought to pay them by the pound," said the wayfarer, "ther they'd pound oftener."

## Why She Hadn't Accepted Him.

"Have you accepted him?" "Then you are foolish. He is well

band. "Yes, but you see he hasn't pro posed yet."

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