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The coming legislature should get up another bill for a constitutional amendment this winter so as to have some more printing for their pets at full legal rates. We must have some way of spending the state money. The last bill cost something like \$10,000 for printing alone. We're running a newspaper and wouldn't refuse a legal notice from the state or any individual at full legal rates, but we'd not like to defend the action of the legislature in being so extravagant as to spend \$10,000 or more a year for advertising a constitutional amendment with no hope of passing it.

Roosevelt and the Railroads.

President Roosevelt's attitude upon the question of amending the interstate commerce law as as to compel the railroads to obey the rates fixed by the commission until its findings are reversed by the courts, is creating a great deal of speculation everywhere.

No student of the railroad problem, from the standpoint of individual ownership, will deny that with the law so amended, and an interstate commerce commission strong enough to stand for right, great relief could be realized from dressed to Stoessel: it for the people. But a large per cent of the people, and practically your proposal to hold negotiations all the most profound students of regarding the conditions and order tions. Mines have struck from of this great question, have long of capitulation. For this purpose Admiral Togo's fleet list many fine ago concluded that the railroad I have appointed as commissioner ships add smaller vessels since the question will never be settled this Major General Ijichi, chief of staff morning of February 8, when he side of government ownership. of our army. He will be accom- hurled his fleet at the Russian Government ownership of railroads will do more than to simply civil officials. They will meet settle the transportation question. your commissioners January 2. The railroads with their strong noon, at Shuishiying. The com- Che Foo, Jan. 3.—Noon.—The for power, today form the center of the greatest octopus of corporate empowered to sign a convention surrender of Port Arthur were

into and a part of it, are the steel trust, the oil trust, the meat trust, the harvester trust and many oth- powers shall be signed by the al Stoessel's proposal that the Rusers. These could not live without highest officer of both negotiating sian sick and wounded should rethe friendly support of the rail- parties and the same shall be exroads. The people are groaning changed by the respective comunder the burdens they impose. missioners. I avail myself of this The greans have reached the White | opportunity to convey to your ex-House. This week the traveling cellency assurances of my respect. men and Jobber's association presented the case in person to the president. They see the stealthy coils of the trust boa encircling and squeezing the life out of them, and at last they seek the powers of the government for relief.

and heart of the president there is little room to doubt, but there is room to doubt the power of the and there is little reason to doubt thrilling character. it, that three great trusts today ed our land and sold it for a right both forces. of way, can condemn the railroads, appraise them and take them for boat dashes of superb recklessness tal ships Kassan and Mongolia. question of 1861, compromise only mine fields with heroic disregard from Port Arthur as these are uncertainty and independent thinker means delay. A question is never to give battle or in wild efforts to able to leave on account of the should receive The Commoner settled until it is settled right. The people must arise, not as politicians, but as patriots, and strike the fatal blow at the trust domination, by owning the railroads. ern Rancher.

General Stoessell wrote a letter to General Nogi offering to capitulate Port Arthur, asking for terms and the appointment of commissioners to confer with the same appointed by him. General Nogi accepted the proposal to surrender after terms were arranged whereby the officers return to Russia on parole. retaining their of the garrison go to Japan as the dead and collect the wounded. prisoners according to the capitulation terms. The following from the World-Herald will give a better idea of the conditions existing:

LETTERS OF SURRENDER.

reports as follows:

"At 5 in the afternoon of Janflag of truce came into the first mated and even approximate cor line of our position south of rectness cannot be made. The Shuishiving and handed a letter to losses have been appalling. It has our officers. The same reached been reported that in some engage me at 9 o'clock at night. The let- ments leading up to the recen ter is as follows:

useless, and for the purpose of frightful. preventing needless sacrifice of The defense of the position lives. I propose to hold negotia- which fell to her as a heritage af tions with reference to capitula- ter the Chinese-Japanese war, ha tion. Should you consent to the cost Russia practically her entire missioners for discussing the order lie from Port Arthur's inner basis and conditions regarding capitula- to Chemulpo, in Korea, and alon tion, and also appoint a place for the Shantung peninsular, buttere such commisioners to meet the hulks of once proud vessels, o same appointed by me. I take ignominously dismantled are in this opportunity to convey to your terned in neutral Chinese harbors excellency assurances of my re-STOESSEL."

dispatch our bearer of a flag of truce with the following reply ad-

"'I have the honor to reply to panied by some staff officers and missioners of both parties will be where the negotiations for the power the world has ever known. for the capitulation without wait- held is called the Big Eagle's Nest Around the railroad trust, woven ing for ratification, and cause the and it is near Rihlung mountain. same to take immediate effect. Authorization for such plenary "Nogi."

A MEMORABLE SIEGE.

The siege and the defense of Russia's stronghold in the far east have been marked by bravery, gallantry and desperation unequalexcelled in military history.

are stronger than the government would have set the world ringing plete the wrecking of them. The the best means for carrying on itself, then there is little hope of under less overwhelming circum- Sevastopol caught fire and explod- this work, and The Commoner occontrol. Why quibble over trifles! stances have been dwarfed by the ed and turned turtle. The harbor cupies this field. The campaign The same authority that condemn generally magnificent conduct of entrance is blocked with sunken of education and organization

the people. Like the slavery and big ships have plowed through "You need expect no more ships and instructive, but every demoescape.

By land the Japanese have hurl-

rain of shell and shrappel. On scanty rations, besieged on every side, knowing that hope or succor or escape was vain, the garrison has fought with a stubborness that has evoked the admiration of the world. They met the untiring assaults of the Japanese with a grim valor that won even the praise have been gladly received by the of their foe, and the fighting has been waged with a relentlessness to rest. When the men were not side arms while the rank and file that often refused truces to bury fighting they were tunneling on

Over corpse filled trenches men have fought hand-to-hand with cold steel and clubbed guns, and at high explosives.

The whole story is one of un-Tokio, Jan. 2.-General Nogi daunted courage and sublime bravery.

What Port Arthur has cost in uary 1, the enemy's bearer of a human life and money is not esti capture of 203-Metre Hill the at "Judging by the general con- tacking force lost as high as 40 dition of the whole line of hostile per cent of the force engaged while positions held by you, I find fur- the garrison's losses, of which ne ther resistance at Port Arthur word has come, must have been

Save the three or four cruisers and some lesser craft that lie i Shortly after dawn today I will the ice-bound refuge of Vladivos tok, not a warship now flies the Russian cross in the waters of the northern orient.

And Japan too, has had her losses in the long drawn out opera ships in Port Arthur's roadstead

AT THE BIG EAGLE'S NEST.

negotiations received here, Gener caused some controversy.

Arthur last night, said today:

That the people have the ear ed in modern warfare and hardly Chinese heard last night was the of postmasters by the people whom Russians blowing up forts, ships, The story of the operations magazines, warehouses, docks and around Port Arthur is one of re- everything valuable. When I left control of the party organization. government directed toward the peated fighting, both by land and Port Arthur the fortress and town To do this the friends of reform theory of control. If it is a fact, sea, and of the most desperate and were almost completely wrecked. throughout the entire country The warships died hard. Several must work together. A democrat-Isolated instances of heroism that explosions were necessary to com- ic paper of national scope offers ships. The only navigable craft which Mr. Bryan announces will By sea there have been torpedo now at Port Arthur are the hospi.

blocking of the harbor. ed themselves against positions de- eral Stoessel in the negotiations are making, and to fortify himself clared to be impregnable. They for surrender. A table was spread with facts and arguments to conhave faced and scaled rocky heights with wine and food at the Eagle's vince his republican neighbor that It would bring a crisis it is true, crowned with batteries and crowd- Nest and the envoys treated each the democratic party offers the but not so great a one as it would ed with defenders, suffering losses other with great courtesy, which surest relief from class legislation bring after ten years more of or- that military experts say would quickly melted into informal good and trust domination. ganization and spoilation.-West- have appalled an European army. fellowship. Each complimented Subscriptions received at this

"The statem at that there re- HENRY TAYLOR.

mained 5,000 fichting men at Port Arthur is misleading, because a majority of these are sick or slightple have lived under a levastating ly wounded. There have been for some time no proper bandages and wounds have been dressed with

forces.

"The news that General Stoessel was prepared to treat for surrunder was received by the soldiers with the feel g of utmost relief. For the past month severe wounds soldiers because they were allowed half rations.

"The bombardment of the last day or so was terrific. Everybody remarked that even General short range have hurled at each Stoessel must see the futility of other hand grenades filled with further resistance when our guns were unable to reply.

"We might have surrendered a nonth ago with the highest honor. That resistance has continued efectively since is scarcely less than miracle.

"It is a mere handful of broken nen who surrender and a debris rewn desert which the Japanese gain. No one of Port Arthur's nagnificent public works remain.

"The feeling created when Genral Stoessel took the unwelcome tep was generally one of relief.

"The soldiers for whom one nonth's service has counted for a vear are rejoicing that they will soon see their families."

After all is over and Port Ar- ELECTRIC LIGHTS. thur is in the hands of the Japansame you will please appoint com- fleet in those waters. Her ship- ese it mean but little if Russia decides to retake the country. The victory is similar to to that of Napolean at Moscow which had been burned prior to his occupancy. All public buildings and other improvements which made Port Arthur of value as a city and a port ave been destroyed by the Rusian army. Japan has paid dearly for the harbor but she succeedel in her purpose, according to instructions from England that she must take Port Arthur. What will be the next step?

Democratic Opportunity.

Mr. Bryan bas announced through the columns of his paper, The Commoner, that the principal cause of democratic defeat this year was that the men who secured control of the party organization at St. Louis sounded a retreat when a charge should have been According to the reports of the ordered all along the line. He insists that conditions demand radical action, and that the people want something definite upon which main under Russian medical sup- they can rely. The Commoner, ervision and that the Jepanese he announces, will carry on a camtransfer the non-combatants was paign of education, advocating acceptable to General Nogi, but tariff reform, the overthrow of the Russian proposal that the Rus- private monopolies, labor legislasians should march out under arms | tion, municipal ownership of public utilities, public ownership of Midshipman Klisorich, com- railroads and telegraph systems, manding a launch which left Port income tax, the election of federal judges by the people, the election "No shot has been fired at Port of U. S. senators by popular vote, Arthur for two days. That which | direct legislation, and the selection they are to serve.

It will be necessary to regain be carried on through The Commoner will not only be interesting regularly so as to keep in touch "Colonel Reiss represented Gen- with the progress the reform forces

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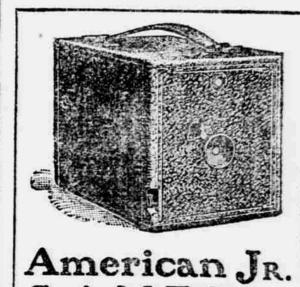
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