

CHILE PREPARING FOR BIG BUSINESS

Shipping Interests of West Coast of South America Expect Canal Trade.

EUROPEAN LINES PLANNED

New Vessels of Large Tonnage Being Built—Valparaiso Begins Port Improvements Which Will Cost \$13,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Shipping interests of the west coast of South America are studying how they may best handle the increased traffic when the Panama Canal is opened, according to reports today to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

The manager of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company has sent a communication to the President of Chile outlining what his company proposes to do on the opening of the canal, which covers four different lines between Valparaiso and Liverpool, Liverpool to Valparaiso via the Straits of Magellan, returning via Panama; Liverpool to Valparaiso via New York, Liverpool to Valparaiso via New York and Panama; and then by the Straits of Magellan to Valparaiso and other Chilean ports to return by the same route.

Chilean Flag Embroiled.

This company proposes to put its best steamers under the Chilean flag for the Panama-New York service if the Chilean government so desires. The Compania Sud Americana de Vapores (Chilean) is reported to have made Chile a proposition that it will put on a line of 6000-ton steamers between Valparaiso and European ports via Panama and New York on a guarantee of 6 per cent on the investment. This is now under discussion by the Chilean Congress, with seemingly fair prospects of passing.

The Compania Peruana de Vapores y Dique del Callao has inaugurated a Valparaiso to Panama service. The first steamer was scheduled to sail from Valparaiso today direct to Panama in 12 days. This company has a fleet of seven new 15-knot passenger and freight steamers of 4000 tons each.

Valparaiso to Improve Port. The Merchants' Line, which plys between New York and the West Coast, via the Straits of Magellan, is constructing several large new steamers for its freight and passenger line between Valparaiso and New York via Panama, that is to be inaugurated shortly after the canal opens.

The Kosmos line is adding new steamers of 10,000 tons to its service between Hamburg and the Pacific ports of South America and the United States via the Straits of Magellan.

Valparaiso is destined to become an important shipping center, say the reports, and this the Chilean government seems to appreciate fully, for work is soon to be begun on port improvements there, to cost about \$13,000,000.

PENSIONERS PAY PENSION

Swedes Plan to Compel Preparation for Old Age.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Sweden is to have a contributory system of old-age pensions, the future pensioners paying two-fifths, the state two-fifths and the local authorities one-fifth of the total cost. The pension is to become due at the age of 67 in any case, or earlier in the event of disablement by illness or otherwise; the rate of payment is to vary according to earnings, and additional voluntary payments may be made to secure an eventual increase of benefit. The state contribution and that of the locality are to profit only the poorer pensioners, the payments out of them being reduced by 20 per cent of any private income possessed by the pensioner, so that their value soon becomes a negative quantity.

Contribution to be compulsory on all persons whose annual income is under 600 kronen, or about \$150, and it is estimated that even when the system is in full working some 600,000 inhabitants out of more than 5,500,000 will be receiving pensions paid for by their own insurance money, while 340,000 will get the additional allowance paid by the state.

"BUG" KILLS BLOOD POISON

Dr. Fortineau Seems to Have Discovered Specific Cure.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Dr. Fortineau, of Nantes, seems to have discovered a specific cure for blood poisoning by inoculating with a microbe of another sort which destroys the "charbon" bacillus. The microbe, called "typhocidal bacillus," is itself normally extremely virulent. But by a series of cultures only the necessary quantities are retained in the serum which Dr. Fortineau calls "typhocidal," which quickly kills the blood poison bacilli.

The first experiments were made on animals, and every one treated in time recovered, while those untreated died. Trials were then made in human cases recognized by other doctors as blood poisoning, and generally in the course of two days the initial pustule and oedema disappeared. Dr. Fortineau himself considers that further experiments are necessary, but details published by him appear sufficiently conclusive to allow of the belief that a specific has been discovered by a notable discovery toward fighting a disease so fatal to those engaged in leather industries.

MILK ORDINANCE DRAFTED

Proposed Measure to Hold Dealers and Not Dairymen Responsible.

A proposed milk ordinance shouldering all the responsibility for impure milk on dealers and discontinuing attempts to hold dairymen outside the city responsible has been drafted by Deputy City Attorney Sullivan. The measure, which will go before the City Council next week, is expected to solve all the milk difficulties now confronting the city milk inspection department.

ARBITRATE CANAL QUESTION IS PLEA

Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes Would Avoid War.

NATION'S DUTY IS CITED

Idea That It Would Be Impossible to Have Unbiased Decision Is Scouted—Public Opinion Would Support Finding, Is Belief.

ROCHESTER WOMAN, AGED 85, TRAVELS ACROSS CONTINENT TO ALBANY.



ALBANY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Traveling across the continent at the age of 85 years, caring for herself all of the way and traveling entirely alone on part of the trip, is the unusual feat accomplished by Mrs. Hannah Miller, of Rochester, N. Y., who arrived here this week for a visit with her son, A. C. Miller, of Albany.

Despite her age Mrs. Miller stood the trip as well as anyone and was able to take long walks as soon as she arrived. A woman from Rochester traveled with Mrs. Miller from their home city to Sacramento and Mrs. Miller made the journey northward from the California capital to Albany alone. Mrs. Miller is remarkably hale and hearty for a woman who has lived four score years and five. This is her first visit to the Pacific Coast and she is delighted with the country.

LINEN FRAUD CHARGED

PUBLIC MULCTED OF \$10,000, 000, IS ACCUSATION. Sterling Debenture Company Officials Declared to Have Made Million a Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—On a Federal indictment charging fraudulent use of the mails in promoting stock for a mill where linen was supposed to be made in a day, six men were arrested today in a raid conducted by postoffice inspectors at the offices of the Sterling Debenture Company here.

The authorities estimate that the yearly income of the promoters in this and other ventures has been more than \$10,000,000 and that nearly \$10,000,000 of the public's money has been paid over to them since they began doing business.

Investors in many parts of the country are named in the indictment as complaining witnesses and the alleged conspiracy specified extended over a period of 19 months, ending December 31, 1909. Government authorities here have been investigating complaints against the defendants for six years, they say.

The men arrested are: Frank W. Shumaker, ex-president of the Sterling Debenture Company; Harry H. Platt, Samuel E. Findlay, Edwin A. Barron, Wilbur M. Stone and Sidney Rosenbaum. They were held in jail aggregating \$22,500. Three other men are named in the indictment. One of them has been arrested in Chicago. The others are believed to be in Brookfield, Mass.

APPEAL IS MADE TO WOMEN

Anti-Alcoholism League in France Seeks to Secure Their Aid.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—An earnest appeal has been addressed by the French "League Against Alcoholism" to the women of France to petition the Chambers to limit the number of places licensed for the sale of intoxicants, and so to impose some check on the liquor traffic.

WOMEN HAVE MUCH TO DO WITH NOMINATION OF ARLINGTON MAYOR.

Public opinion in Arlington is being won over to the nomination of C. C. Clark here this week for Mayor and it is probable they will be able to put their candidate into office on January 7.

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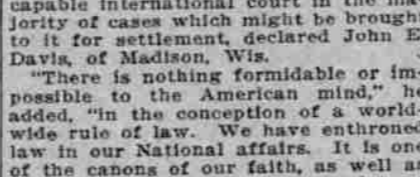
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—With the announcement that it had been decided to establish publicity headquarters at Washington, and with the appointment of various committees to forward the work of organization, the executive committee of the Progressive party adjourned a two days' session late today to meet again January 10.

Gaby Writes of Love.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Mlle. Gaby Deslys has written an article entitled "Thoughts and Some Letters," which gives an exposition of her particular views on love. It will appear in a monthly magazine soon.

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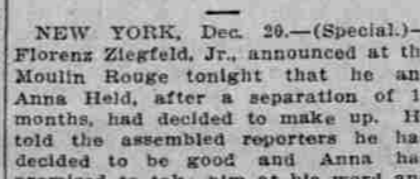
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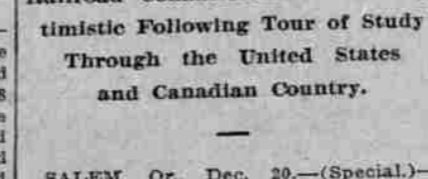
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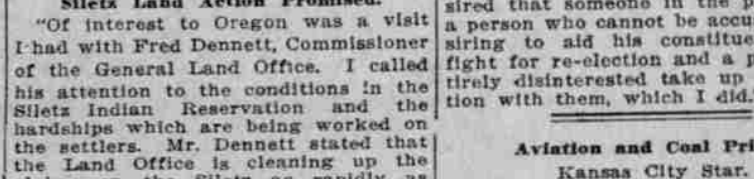
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