

TO LOCATE AT ANCON

Canal Commission Selects Site For Settlement.

FOR ADMINISTRATION BLDGS.

Ancon, the healthiest locality on the Isthmus, will be seat of Panaman Canal Government — Precautions Taken Against Any Disease.

Panama, Aug. 3.—The healthiest spot in Panama and Colon being Ancon, the Isthmian canal commission has decided to construct the administration buildings and the residence of the governor and the employes there. A 700-foot zone around Ancon will be cleared of all brush and mosquito breeding places and the non-immune residents of the projected American town should be safe from yellow fever.

It has been decided, practically, to suspend engineering operations at Culebra temporarily, and to employ the laborers now engaged there in building the new quarters and carrying on the sanitary measures. Word has been received from Washington that the proposals for furnishing a certain amount of contract labor from the different nationalities will be held up until proper sanitation has been carried out in Panama.

NO JAP LABORERS.

Tokio, Aug. 3.—The emigration companies object to sending laborers to Panama to work on the canal, on the ground that the conditions there are unsatisfactory. They assert that there are no arrangements to care for the sick, no provision for returning home the families of deceased laborers and no allowance for passage money.

They also assert that the drinking water and sanitary conditions are bad. The government placed the question of sending the laborers and the conditions before the emigration companies, who found as above stated.

The Astorian, 75 cents a month.

ZIONIST INTERVIEWS.

Leaders Speak on Happenings at Basle Conference.

New York, Aug. 3.—Interviews with leaders in the Zionist movement gathered by special correspondents attending the Zionist congress, which closed yesterday at Basle, Switzerland, are published today by the Jewish Morning Journal. Attorney Jassinowsky of Warsaw, leader of the seceding Zionists, declares that the majority of the original congress did not represent the interests of the Jewish nation, and adds:

"A great mistake was made in refusing the land offered by the English government as a site for a colony. It would have been the beginning of a movement that would have had world-wide significance, and would have made a haven where persecuted Jews could have taken refuge."

Dr. Cyrcin, a radical, said: "We intend to conduct the new Zionist party on democratic principles and the new organization will be completed along the lines originally planned for the old Zionist party. We will establish a central committee in Paris with branches throughout the whole world."

Israel Zangwill, the author, said: "The rejecting of the English offer, if it had been agreed to by the majority of our people, would have been the deathblow to practical Zionism and would have reduced the movement to a chase of phantoms. Zionism will be rescued by the territorialists, who have abandoned the original movement and have organized a new movement that is bound to be crowned with success."

WILL DELIBERATE.

Underwriters Arrive at no Conclusion on Arkansas Situation.

New York, Aug. 3.—The laws and legislation committee of the national board of the fire underwriters met here yesterday to consider the Arkansas situation. A motion was made to discontinue a test case brought in the name of a company which transacted business in Arkansas one day after the anti-trust law went into effect in order to make a foundation for the suit. Action on the proposal to drop the case was postponed, however, until later in the month.

There was some informal discussion of the idea of canceling out of Arkansas, but the sense of the meeting was that the matter was not in the scope of the committee's authority.

GOES TO DRYDOCK

Steamer Telegraph Will Be Overhauled at Portland.

CYNOSURE OF ALL EYES

Trim Steamer Attracts Much Attention While Here Yesterday—Captain Scott Interviewed—No Slashing of Rates at Least for Present.

The steamer Telegraph, whose coming to the Columbia from the Sound has been heralded through the newspapers for the past few weeks, arrived yesterday morning and remained at the Callender dock for several hours, where she was visited by hundreds of Astorians who looked over what is claimed to be the fastest stern wheeler on this coast with a great deal of interest. The Telegraph presents a trim appearance and is able to make 22 miles an hour. She has seating capacity for 350 and has a license to carry 400 passengers. Captain U. B. Scott, her veteran owner, who has been for years connected with steamers on this river and the Sound, when interviewed, stated that as soon as the Telegraph arrived in Portland she will be placed on the dry dock and cleaned and painted, after which she will be placed on some route on the Columbia river, but this route has not as yet been determined. Captain Scott will carefully look the field over and place her where it is thought the most business is offered. It is not expected that wherever she is placed there will be any rate cutting, as at present the transportation companies in the field have more business than they can conveniently handle. The Telegraph's first trip will probably be the Elks' excursion from here to Portland on the 15th.

Steam Homer arrived in yesterday from San Francisco with a full passenger list and after discharging them here left for Grays harbor, where she will take a cargo of timber. Most of the passengers left up on last night's train for Portland, where they will take in the fair. Some of them complained that the accommodations on the Homer were not as represented by her agent at San Francisco.

Lighthouse tender Columbine left out today for Willapa harbor, where she will do some work. At South Bend Major Langitt will join her and she will go to Grays harbor, where he will inspect the government work.

Schooner Alvina sailed yesterday for San Pedro with a cargo of lumber.

Steamer South Bay sailed for California yesterday with a cargo of lumber.

The Standard Oil company's tank steamer Whittier with the barge Santa Paula in tow arrived from Port Harford yesterday with cargoes of oil. After dropping the barge here she sailed for Seattle, where she will discharge her cargo. On her return trip she will stop here and pick up the barge and tow her back.

Steamer City of Topeka arrived in yesterday from the Sound and left up the river to Portland, where she will load for San Francisco and endeavor to assist the Columbia and St. Paul in carrying for the large passenger traffic now on this route. The Topeka will probably sail today.

Steamer Czarina is due from San Francisco. She will take on a cargo of wheat at Portland.

Steamer F. A. Kilburn is scheduled to sail for San Francisco this morning at 11 a. m.

STEAMER NIPPON ASHORE.

Was Badly Damaged by Shells of Russian Fleet.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Advices have been received here by the mail steamer Siberia, just arrived from the Orient, that the former Toyo Kisen Kaisha's liner Nippon was so badly damaged by the shells of the Russian warships during the battle of the Sea of Japan that it was found necessary to run the vessel ashore to save her from being a total loss.

She was one of Admiral Togo's scouting vessels and was the first to discover Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet on the morning of the great naval battle. It was while bearing the news to the Japanese fleet that the well known steamer met disaster.

Ever since the beginning of the war

in the Far East the Nippon and her sister ships, America and Hong Kong, formerly engaged in the trade between this city and the Orient, have been doing duty for Japan as converted cruisers and scoutships. From all accounts the Nippon can be raised when she will again resume service on her old run.

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Remarkable Reward Offered For The Solution of a Puzzle.

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To each and every person who brings this "ad" to our store, Nos. 422 and 424 Commercial street, opposite Sherman's Transfer, we will present the famous Katzenjammer puzzle without imposing any conditions or limitations, except that only one puzzle will be given to each family.

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The puzzle consists of four small cubes, in colors, with diamond, heart, club and spade spots on the several faces, and the proper arrangement of its blocks for the solution is simple—when you know how. It has been done. Can you do it? There is twenty dollars (\$20) in it.

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E. N. SMITH, Special Agent.
Store open evenings.



We have planned to avail ourselves of all space now used for broken lots and remnants of this season's ready-to-wear garments and piece goods, in time to admit of the proper care for our **FALL STOCK**, soon to arrive.

In order to accomplish this, we have for several weeks been cutting prices to cost and below cost, and this **Great Reduction Sale** continues until all Remnants and Broken Lots are disposed of.

REMNANTS
Of wash goods and other materials at prices so low, that you can afford to put the goods away until you are ready to have them made up.

SHIRT WAISTS
of White Lawn and White India Silk reduced to a price at which they will be quickly sold.

LONG LAWN KIMONAS & WRAPPERS, marked down to 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1 each. They will go quickly to the wise shopper.

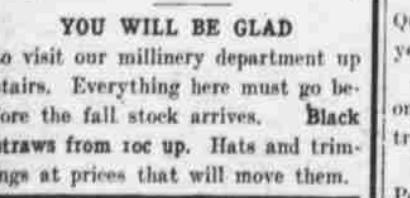
SHORT WHITE AND COLORED LAWN KIMONAS, at 50 cents.

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Will be a nice, new flannel or pique jacket. You will be overjoyed to get them at the prices we have marked on these.

WASH SKIRTS
At less than the material can be bought for.

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to visit our millinery department up stairs. Everything here must go before the fall stock arrives. **Black straws from 10c up.** Hats and trimmings at prices that will move them.

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Just Arrived
10c and 15c the Yard.



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WHISKEY AN ASSET

Col. Henry Watterson's Estimate of American Aristocracy.

MAY MEAN STANDARD OIL

Returns from Europe With Enlightened Views on Standard of European Aristocracy—College Man, He Says, Is a Failure in Politics.

New York, Aug. 3.—Comparing the American and European types of aristocracy, Colonel Henry Watterson of Louisville, Ky., who returned on the steamer Oceanic from a trip to Europe, says:

"I observed aristocracy pretty closely while I was over there, and I have reached the conclusion that foreign aristocracy is of a much better grade than the American article. Aristocracy means lineage and brains. Here—well, it means chiefly from bad whiskey and to Standard oil."

Mr. Watterson said he had read the accounts of the scandal in the department of agriculture, and said:

"I have often wondered how so many scientific men connected with the government at comparatively small salaries could live so well. It only goes to show that the college man is not a success in politics."

RICE BILL SIDETRACKED.

Cuban Congress Will Hold Only One More Session.

Havana, Aug. 3.—It appears to be tacitly understood among the senators that the proposition to continue the sessions of congress until November, to which both houses originally agreed, shall be practically a dead letter, and that no more sessions shall be held except to pass the soldiers' pay bill, and possibly a few others. The situation is disappointing to Americans interested in the rice bill.

The house of representatives on June 28, by a vote of 24 to 10, passed the rice bill, which it was expected would open the Cuban market to American rice and encourage the culture of rice in Cuba.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Lee Straus, mayor of Skamokawa, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Weiss and daughter of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

George King of San Francisco was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Nie Webber, postmaster at Eagle Cliff, was in the city yesterday.

George M. McBride has returned from a trip to Yaquina Bay.

L. M. Stevens of Denver was registered at the Occident yesterday.

W. J. Wier of Hillsboro is visiting friends in the city.

Eugene Clark of Tacoma is registered at the Parker.

Miss Markham of Portland was a guest at the Occident yesterday.

H. C. Prudhomme of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

A. G. Barker of Portland was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

A. M. Dow of Boston is registered at the Central.

J. H. McDermott of Hammond was in the city yesterday.

B. T. Sweeney of Seattle was in the city yesterday on business.

William Harden of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

S. G. Williams, editor of the Skamokawa Eagle, was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Gus Johnson of Portland, formerly with Carlson Bros., of this city, is visiting friends in Astoria and will remain until Saturday morning.

Mrs. George Strowbridge of Oakland is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Van Dusen.

Rudolph Barth has returned from Portland, where he has been attending a business college.

Thomas Basse, a merchant from Quincy, Ore., visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

J. S. Quinn of New York arrived down on yesterday noon's train on a business trip.

Norris Staples and family left for Portland yesterday morning on a week's visit to the fair.

Mrs. W. S. Offner and son of Walla Walla were registered at the Occident yesterday.

Mrs. I. Jordan and Miss Babe Clutter are in the city visiting Mrs. C. J. Trenehard.

Mrs. Thomas Brents, Miss Helen Brents and Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Starling of Walla Walla were in the city yesterday.



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P. A. STOKES

The Dressy Shop for Dressy Men.

R. Klint, a prominent dairyman from Grays river, was in the city yesterday.

P. S. Brunby of Portland was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

F. S. Hatch, representing Armour & Co., of Portland, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

Max Meyer of the E. G. Lyon Co., of San Francisco, was in the city yesterday interviewing his many friends.

Captain Gammal of the Astoria police force has gone to Portland on his annual vacation.

Mrs. R. M. Moran of Hyannis, Neb., wife of the sheriff of Grant county, of that state, arrived on the Homer from San Francisco and left for home on last night's train. She has been on the coast for the past month visiting points of interest, including the Portland fair.

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The Foard & Stokes Co.

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To anyone making a purchase of ONE DOLLAR in any department of our store we give a Coupon. This Coupon and any GOOD PHOTOGRAPH, presented to our artist entitles you to a

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The Portrait Is Well Worth \$3.00

Prof. Gunn is an artist of rare ability in his line of work. He is equalled by but few, and excelled by none.

While here, his studio will be in one of our large dry goods windows, where all who desire may watch him work.

We Commenced Giving Coupons Monday and Continue Today

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