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LEASE THE ROUTE TO AMERICA

Terms Offered by Colombia for Construction of the Canal—Cession of Territory Not Included—Sovereignty to Be Retained by Colombia.

NEW YORK, April 3.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Official denials greeted the published report that J. Pierpont Morgan, having discovered a gold mine on the Panama canal route, would head a syndicate to build the canal, and had secured President McKinley's co-operation and the aid of Colombia. Denials came from the White House, the state department, the Colombian legation and the French embassy. Most of those who denied the report declared that it was started to make difficult the negotiation of canal treaties by the United States.

The big news development in the canal situation is that Minister Silva, who is also Colombian minister of foreign affairs, in his memorandum to Secretary Hay, has formally agreed on behalf of his government to grant the United States a long lease of the territory through which the canal passes. He states emphatically, however, that his government will not cede sovereignty. The lease is to be granted on these terms: The United States shall pay to Colombia, in half-yearly installments, during the first 25 years after the opening of the canal to the public service, a share amounting to 5 per cent of its gross income; during the second period of 25 years 6 per cent; during a third, 7 per cent, and during a fourth, 8 per cent. This is on the basis of a 99-year lease. The United States shall guarantee that this share shall be in no case less than \$250,000 annually.

In case of the issuance of stock, Colombia is to receive a share based upon that given it by the Panama Canal Company, amounting to one-thirteenth of the number of shares issued.

Colombia is to receive \$250,000 annually for the use of the railroad, Colombia mails, troops and effects belonging to the republic, and emigrants to the country up to the number of 2000 must receive railroad transportation free of charge.

Colombian vessels are to be allowed free use of the canal.

Finally, Colombia binds herself to grant permission to the French Canal Company to negotiate with the United States for the sale of its concession. The concession absolutely forbids the company "to cede or mortgage its rights under any consideration whatever to another nation or foreign government, under penalty of forfeiture."

Mr. Ford, the engineer-secretary of the Colombia legation, made a statement regarding the Panama canal, laying particular stress upon the fact that the Panama Canal is only affected by the Clayton-Bulwer treaty in so far as its neutrality is concerned, the United States being thus free to complete it without violating the terms of the treaty.

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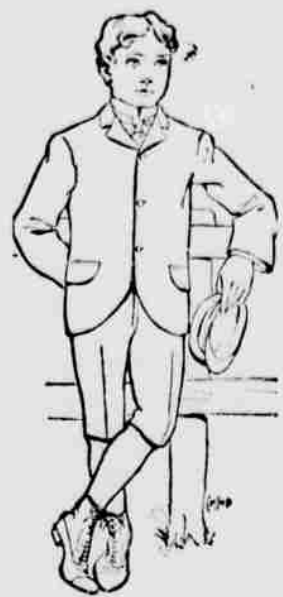
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WASHINGTON, April 3.—Representative Daizell, of Pennsylvania, who has just returned from a two weeks' trip to Cuba, saw the president today and talked with him about conditions there. Mr. Daizell said that he thought there was hardly a man in the island, except politicians, who did not favor the acceptance of the conditions of independence imposed by the Platt amendment. But the politicians are disposed to play a waiting game," he said. "I believe they stand out until congress meets, and then, finding that we will not modify our terms, they will accept the conditions. The better element in Cuba favors ultimate annexation to the United States, but I believe a large proportion agree that it would better come after a trial of independence has been made."

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tions leading up to and attending the ceremony, which was semi-private. Aguinaldo, still detained in an apartment of the Malacanang Palace, and awaiting orders from Washington, had expressed himself as anxious to learn more regarding the American system of government, and had asked Chief Justice Arellano to enlighten him. The chief justice carefully explained the various measures passed by the Philippine commission, and showed him what provisions were made for education and progress and for municipal and provincial self-government. Listening with deep interest, Aguinaldo finally exclaimed: "I never believed the Americans would be so far and liberal." Before the conversation had ended, he had agreed to take the oath of allegiance, and this was immediately administered. Senor Arellano says:

"Aguinaldo's action will induce all the insurgents to surrender, and I predict that the islands will be completely pacified by June. Aguinaldo is eager to visit the United States, but when I questioned him on the subject of holding office, he replied that he had no desires in that direction and intended to retire to private life after a trip to America."

It is reported here this evening that President McKinley has invited Aguinaldo to visit the United States, and that the ex-insurgent leader may sail from Manila, April 15th. General MacArthur, when question regarding the rumor, said he had absolutely nothing to communicate.

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On Cascade Reserve.

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