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FRENCH WILL SELL CANAL

Shareholders in Panama Waterway Anxious to Trade—Would be Pleased to Barter Their Property to the United States at any Price.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Panama Canal company, Thursday, President Huntin, who recently returned here from the United States, and M. Choron, director of the works, resigned. The report presented at the meeting of the shareholders of the canal company here this afternoon reviews the negotiations for the sale of canal property to the United States, and says:

"The decision of the isthmian commission was evidently due to a misunderstanding, which must be dissipated. We shall ask you to give us full powers to negotiate with the government of the United States.

"Our negotiators will be instructed to notify the American government that we are prepared to set aside the valuations which have been considered as the price asked, and which have been judged unacceptable, and we offer to take as a basis of the discussion the figures and declarations contained in conclusions of the isthmian commission's report."

After an uproarious session the shareholders almost unanimously voted to adopt the proposition set forth in the report, empowering the board to conclude the sale and concession, to the United States, of all the Panama Canal Company's properties.

"Get the United States to buy the canal at any price, in order to save some of our money," seemed to be the prevalent feeling and the gist of the speeches of shareholders.

Mormonism is a Menace.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the members of the West End Presbyterian church, it was decided to endorse the work for the proposed amendment to the constitution so that polygamy may be made impossible in the United States.

Rev. N. E. Clemenson, of Logan, Utah, was the principal speaker. He told of polygamy as he had seen it on his own street, and how the Mormons were still living with many wives, contrary to their pledges when Utah was admitted into statehood. He thought the dangers in Idaho greater than in Utah, as less attention is paid Mormons there, and they live openly with their wives under the system they call "celestial marriage" and which they deny to be polygamy.

Mrs. W. P. White, who for years has been doing missionary and educational work among the Mormons, told how her schoolhouse had been attacked and wrecked by a mob. She declared that the Mormon church had political control of several western states. Mrs. White also said that under their marvelous system of colonizing doubtful states, the Mormons before long would control 15 states, and it would then be impossible to kill polygamy without civil war.

Great Unrest in Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—There is every indication that the government is determined to conduct a vigorous campaign against the United Irish league, and Mr. Redmond's speech at Cork is taken to mean that the league is prepared to defend itself.

The situation in Ireland at present is very critical, and seemingly the struggle between the law, representing the tenant, which rendered the thirty-eight year historic, is about to be renewed. Large numbers of mounted and unmounted police have been drafted into counties Clare, Mayo, and Roscommon.

Scheme of Chinese.

FOUR TOWNSHIP, Wash., Dec. 21.—The Chinese seem determined to evade the exclusion law, according to information received here by members of the local Chinese colony. The information is to the effect that a large number of their countrymen are being equipped in the southern provinces

with capital stocks of \$1,000,000 and upwards, and stock to the amount of \$500 will be issued to Chinese coming to America so they can show upon being examined by the customs officials at a port of entry that they belong to the exempt class, or merchants.

This action is said to be the result of the agitation for a more stringent exclusion law at the expiration of the present law next May. The Chinese immigration brokers in the southern provinces believe that the new law will exclude all except merchants or members of mercantile firms who have heretofore been admitted upon showing that they are interested in firms to the amount of \$500, and that large numbers will soon start from the Orient armed with stock in the new companies.

A Medical Discovery.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 22.—Keen interest has been aroused in the medical profession here by the reports of a discovery of unusual importance at the bacteriological laboratory of the University of Michigan. It is stated that experiments by Dr. Frederick G. Novy and Professor Paul C. Freer, a chemist, have produced what is believed to be an antiseptic for such intestinal diseases as cholera, typhoid fever and dysentery.

The preparation has been tried with success in experiments on small animals previously inoculated with intestinal diseases, and during the past week five medical students have been undergoing a course of experiments with the preparation. It is stated that they were restricted to a diet of sterilized milk, being treated in the meantime with the new preparation, and that repeated chemical analyses during the period showed the utter destruction of intestinal poisons. Dr. Novy and his assistant positively decline to discuss the reported discovery or their experiments for publication.

Scriptural Dog Names.

The other day, when Counsellor Ed Hassett, one of the sons of Stoupen county, met Jack Switzer, of Bath, father of the American champagne industry at the Fifth Avenue hotel, he told him that a friend of his had a new dog. "It's a fighting dog," added the counsellor, "and he wants an appropriate name for it."

"Tell him to call it Moreover," said Jack.

"Moreover!" exclaimed the counsellor, perplexed.

"Yes," replied Switzer, "Moreover, after the first fighting dog on record."

"Never heard of him," declared the counsellor.

"Go read your bible, then," said Switzer, "and see where it says that 'Moreover, the dog came and licked Lazarus.' I don't know what breed Moreover was, but he must have been a fighting dog or he wouldn't have licked Lazarus."—New York Tribune.

A Meeting is Called.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 21.—The proposed meeting of the governors and attorney generals of the northwestern states to discuss a plan of preventing the Northern Securities Company from bringing about a practical consolidation of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington, will be held in Helena, Monday, December 30th. This was agreed upon today by Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, and Governor Toole, after an exchange of telegrams.

Germany's Threat.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—It is stated on good authority that the German government is preparing for military action against Venezuela in order to compel a settlement of German claims against that country. It is said that Germany has sent an ultimatum to Venezuela, threatening forcible measures to compel the satisfaction of German creditors.

A Poor Millionaire.

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Just wet the affected part freely with Mysterious Pain Cure, a Scotch remedy, and the pain is gone. Sold by Charles J. Falk.

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No trouble to find what you want in this stock of dolls. While some of the styles are closed out—there are many equally as attractive yet to choose from.

75c doll, kid body, bisque head, closing eyes Special.....

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A complete line of highgrade wear for baby—kimonas, crochet sacques, silk embroidered white flannel skirts, baby shawls, silk embroidered fine Nainsook long and short dresses, beautifully finished, silk caps and bonnets, booties, bibs, &c.

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Linen sets—table cloth and one dozen napkins—Irish damask—\$6.95 to \$13.75 set.

Fine towels, fringed and hem stitched, 25c to \$1.75.

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VICI KID PUMPS.....1 50
HOUSE SLIPPERS (too many to describe).....\$1.25 to 3 00

Boys'

WARM FELT SLIPPERS.....\$1 00
KID SLIPPERS—"Fike Papa's".....1 35
GOOD SCHOOL SHOES.....2 00
BATH SLIPPERS.....75

Big Girls'

Fine Kid Shoes.....\$1 75
Good School Shoes.....1 50
Fur-trimmed Slippers.....1 25
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We ring the bells and raise the strain;
We hang up the garlands everywhere,
And bid the tapers twinkle fair,
And feast and frolic—then we go
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