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A PANAMA SENSATION.

Rumored that Great Britain Has Secured the Franchise to Construct the Canal

United States Authorities Do Not Believe that the Report Is True.

New York, Sept. 9.—A despatch to the World from Washington says: "The World's special cable advises from Colon to the effect that the franchise heretofore held by a French company for the construction of a ship canal across the isthmus of Panama has been granted to the government here. Officials and those chiefly interested in the Nicaraguan canal project frankly admit that if that transference has really been done it will effectively prevent the United States from controlling the proposed great inter-oceanic water way. At the same time it is not generally believed here that the concessions held by the French company have been transferred to the government of Great Britain. It is considered possible that an English company has purchased the rights of the French company and may continue the work now in progress, but that the British government has assumed control of the project is not credited. The concession was originally granted by the United States of Colombia for the construction of the isthmian canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to De Lesseps and his syndicate of French capitalists, and subsequently passed into the hands of a French company. Notwithstanding the difficulties connected with the work, much headway has recently been made. About 1,000 men have been steadily employed, but doubt of final success proved a perpetual source of discouragement to the French company.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Secretary Sherman stated that while he had no official information on the subject, he was convinced that there was no truth in the report that Great Britain had undertaken to complete the Panama canal. "England has no desire to embark in such an undertaking," he said, "and had no such intention."

Colombia, Sept. 9.—The authorities having decided to repatriate the African laborers recently imported to work along the line of the Panama canal, will send them back to Africa by the steamer Holyrood, which is momentarily expected. After the epidemic of beriberi broke out among them they gave such serious trouble by refusing to work, demanding wages without work, and committing other offenses, that the government was obliged to send troops to quell the disturbances. Order is now restored.

INTERNATIONAL PARK.
New York State Working in Harmony With Canada.

ALBANY, Sept. 8.—St. Mary island in the St. Lawrence, one of the first to be purchased by the state for the establishment of an international park in the St. Lawrence river. The last legislature authorized the state fisheries and game and forest commission to spend \$30,000 in purchasing land for the use of the park which is to be maintained by the state in connection with the Dominion of Canada and is to extend along the St. Lawrence river from Messine Springs to Clayton on this side and an equal distance on the Canadian side. Points along the river have been offered to the commission, but they were held at such prices that the commission despaired at ever being able to acquire lands to the advantage of the state. At a meeting of the commission to-day it was decided that the offer of the Westminster Park association to part with St. Mary's island for \$5,000 was a reasonable one and its acceptance was authorized. The island is one of the most picturesque in the river group, and is a mile and a half from Alexandria Bay and close to the Canadian shore. President Bailew said that other lands will be purchased as soon as owners of the islands along the river front realize that the state will not pay the exorbitant prices now asked.

LUETGER MURDER TRIAL.

Interesting Expert Evidence Given Yesterday.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—Prof. Gibson's testimony proved to be of little value to the state in the Luetger murder trial to-day. Although the witness freely admitted that the bits of substance and organic matter taken from the solution in the vat were similar to human flesh, he was equally candid in his admission upon cross-examination by Attorney Vinson, chief counsel for the defense that the flesh was as similar to the flesh of any other animal as it was to human flesh. Prof. Gibson testified that a body could be dissolved in caustic potash, heated to the boiling point, in the space of three or four hours, nothing but the bones and some ligaments and cartilage remaining.

German Wants a Port.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—News has been received from China that the port of Tung Yung Kow, near Foochow, is to be sold to Germany as a coal and naval station. Negotiations have been in progress for some time, and the Chinese government has favorably considered the proposal in recognition of Germany's services in the reconcession of the Liaotung peninsula.

JOHANNESBURG PROTEST.

Business Men Fear a Monopoly Will Be Made in Explosives.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—A despatch to the Times from Johannesburg says: "At a joint meeting of the Chamber and Association of Mines, to-morrow (Friday), the executive will propose to send a letter to the Volksraad with reference to representations now being made to the government that the agreement between the Nobel's Trust and the American Explosive Co., whereby the latter undertakes not to supply explosives to the Transvaal, places the mining industry at the mercy of Nobel." The letter declares that these representations are really made on behalf of monopolists. The mining companies have taken measures to procure a proper supply of explosives despite the Nobel combination, and are prepared to face any contingency.

AFRIDS IN A FIX.

Stoppage of Their Pay Will Bring Them to Time.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Times' Simla correspondent says that the excitement among the Afridis is increasing, owing to the stoppage of all government allowances for keeping the Khyber pass open. It is not unlikely that when the Afridis learn of the system of the punitive expedition sent against them they will elect to yield. The Amer's Governor Khosla, who recently withdrew his outlying garrisons, has now restored them so as to be able to interrupt any tribal force that may intend to raid the Kur-dan valley.

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CRIMINAL EXPERIMENTS.

One Lunatic Dies Under the Dosing With Toxine.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Daily Chronicle publishes a letter this morning calling attention to the July bulletin of the John Hopkins hospital of Baltimore, regarding criminal experiments upon eight lunatics from Baltimore city asylum, who were dosed with thyroid extract until one of them died. The Chronicle remarks: "Such experiments here would bring the experimenters before a grand jury."

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TRADE IN THE DOMINION

Sentiment in Canadian Business Circles Much Healthier Than for Years Past.

Farmers Getting Good Prices, and the Outlook for the Future Encouraging.

TORONTO, Sept. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade in Canada states that the general reports of business in the Montreal district are of a more favorable character on the whole, the demand in several lines showing some improvement, and country merchants being evidently more cheerful in their views as to collections this fall and their own ability to meet their obligations. The fall millinery openings this week have attracted a good many visitors from eastern Ontario, the Ottawa valley and Quebec provinces generally, and the large purchases are exceptional. Business is reported to be gratifying.

Dry goods warehouses give evidence of a fair degree of business, and wholesale grocers report some improvement. Metals and hardware do not show any great activity, but oils and paints are in rather better request, and some very fair recent transactions are reported in leather, which shows a tendency to advance in common with a good many other lines. The weather has been most favorable to the completion of harvesting operations, and exports of cheese and butter continue active at what may be considered fairly satisfactory prices.

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BEHRING SEA CLAIMS.

Sir C. H. Tupper Makes a Vigorous Address on the Right of Search.

Shows that the United States Did What She Had Resented in Spain.

HALIFAX, Sept. 9.—(Special)—When the Behring Sea Claims commission met this morning Sir C. H. Tupper resumed his address. He challenged the statement in the United States argument of the famous Virginia case that Spain had adduced proof that she had a right to search under the United States flag. The facts stood out boldly from the papers, that where vessels had put to sea carrying the United States flag indignantly, and even though on a mission belligerent to Spain, that the right to touch that vessel in the time of peace was vested in the United States alone. Fraud or no fraud, the right to touch that ship in time of peace rested solely in the United States. Spain had paid \$80,000 indemnity for her interference with the ship. The speaker vigorously criticized the conduct of the United States government in connection with the sealing claims. It was not necessary to press on the commission any offensive language, but the wrong done to claimants was an intended wrong, and done with a most injurious purpose. He submitted that he was not only entitled, but was his right to present to the commission that the United States did not deal with these claims with promptness and speediness. There was unmistakable, indisputable evidence that Mr. Bayard, secretary of state, had not been properly advised. Not only had there been delay, but the United States had given notice of seizures as they had promised to do.

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THE DULUTH RAILWAY.

La Patrie Makes a Strong Protest Against Help Being Granted the Project.

Will Take Trade from Eastern Canada and Hand It to the United States.

MONTREAL, Sept. 9.—(Special)—La Patrie, Minister Tarte's organ, says: "The people of Canada have made the greatest possible sacrifice in building a railway in Canadian territory uniting Manitoba with the Eastern Provinces. This done we see the government of Manitoba apparently desirous of engaging its credit for the construction of a railway the object of which will be to take from us the trade of the West and hand it over to the neighboring republic. One might say, in fact, that the Dominion has no existence, and the general interests of the country count for nothing. Mr. Greenway's project cannot meet with the sternest opposition from those interested in the future of Canada, and we sincerely hope it will fail completely. We do not see, in fact, how the government and parliament of Canada can justifiably permit the execution of such a project. We speak for ourselves and ourselves alone on the matter, but we cannot allow the occasion to pass without speaking our mind for Greenway's Winnipeg and Duluth railway scheme is decidedly anti-national."

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ENCOURAGE HOME TALENT.

McGill Graduates Not Pleased at the Appointment of an Outsider.

MONTREAL, Sept. 8.—There is great ill-feeling among graduates of McGill over the appointment of a Scotchman, F. B. Walton, a graduate of Cambridge, to the position of dean of the faculty of law. A meeting was held to consider the matter. The call circular spoke of the question of legal education and the desirability of immediately establishing a new law school in Montreal. About forty were present and a motion that the appointment of Walton was a slight upon law graduates of McGill was hotly discussed and definitely withdrawn, as it would prejudice the case without any evidence as to Walton's fitness.

FREE STATE REVOLT.

Congo Troops Mutiny Kill Their Officers and Raze the Forts.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 8.—Mail advices have been received from Uganda stating that a mutiny has occurred among the troops in the Congo Free State, Toro district. The mutineers are said to have killed 69 Belgian officers and men and destroyed all the forts, committing depredations right and left. This report is regarded at Brussels as merely another version of the revolt of the soldiers of Baron D'Hamel's expedition to the headwaters of the Nile.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

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