

ISTHMIAN CANAL WORK Problem to Be Worked Out by Major Black.

THE PANAMA ROUTE

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On Account of His Experience in Cuba the Major's Report is Awaited.

With Much Interest.

The continued presence of Maj. Wm. M. Black, Corps of Engineers, United States army, on the Isthmus of Panama is giving rise to great interest on the part of those who are watching events connected with the canal project and who feel that the selection of the Panama route is far from being a finality.

Maj. Black, with the Isthmus with Admiral Walker and others of the old Isthmian canal commission, whose mission was at the time announced to be to determine what work the new Panama Canal Company had done since it made its offer to the United States to sell its property for \$10,000,000.

Sanitary Conditions of the Isthmus. That work related to a determination of the sanitary condition of the Isthmus with a view of improving it to such a degree that American engineers and others could go there with the largest possible number of men before work is actively undertaken by the United States.

Problems to Be Determined. They regard Major Black as a man who has too great a pride in his professional standing to hold out to this country proposals of comparatively unhealthful conditions for the Isthmus unless he is thoroughly convinced that they can be secured.

What His Report May Be. It is considered entirely possible by some well-informed men that Major Black's report may be of such a nature as to effectually call a halt on the Panama canal project. It is believed that that report may suggest a very large sum of money for the sanitation of the Isthmus.

Work Done by the French Company. It is said that the idea that has prevailed among some people to the effect that the French company was indifferent to the sanitation of the Isthmus while there is no question of the money involved.

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Secretary Root today sent the following cable message to President Palma of Cuba in recognition of the anniversary of independence of Cuba:

"Thomas Estrada Palma, President of Cuba, Havana. 'May 20, 1903.' 'Accept my hearty congratulations upon the first anniversary of the establishment of the independent government of Cuba and upon the strength and wisdom with which you have conducted your great office.

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ROOSEVELT'S RUNNING MATE. Said That President Favors Pacific Coast Candidate.

Among the American statesmen who will visit Europe during the summer are Senators Perkins and Bard of California. Senator Bard will sail with his family on the Cedre early in June. Senator Perkins will follow soon, after a visit to Washington.

Both senators have written to friends here giving enthusiastic accounts of the reception tendered to President Roosevelt in California. Senator Bard was the President's host in the southern part of the state. Senator Perkins entertained the President at San Francisco and Oakland.

Former Senator Deboe of Kentucky was in the city today on his way from New York to his home. Since the adjournment of Congress Mr. Deboe has devoted his time to the several business enterprises in which he has large interests.

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NOVEL STREET PLAN DEVICE TO OVERCOME THE GRADE OF 23D STREET.

The Eastern Side of the French Embassy Site is on That Block—Approval of Congress. A novel method of treating a street where the grade is excessive and the ordinary method of cutting would not be in accord with the surroundings has met with the approval of property owners along the block on 22d street between Decatur and S streets.

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