

PAPER FOSTERS HEALTHY RIVALRY

"Canal Record" Subject of Discussion Before the Committee.

MONEY NEEDED THIS YEAR

Colonel Goethals Estimates Amount at \$32,403,863 - Thinks Total Cost Will Be \$300,000,000. Time Needed Six Years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The question of the propriety of the Isthmian Canal Commission issuing an official newspaper for the dissemination of information about the progress of work at Panama caused a lively discussion in the hearing before the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals today.

There was an echo of the debate in the Senate two years ago, when the literary bureau, conducted by James B. Bishop, the present editor of the Canal Record, was roundly scolded as a Government institution that had no right to exist and which eventually resulted in a promise to cease publication.

Colonel Goethals told why the paper had been established, and said it was now being run to show the men on all parts of the line what was being done at other points.

Record Stimulates Rivalry.

"It does not," said the Colonel, "because it keeps the men in the office of official orders and fosters a spirit of rivalry as to the amount of work that is daily accomplished at different points."

Senator Brandegee questioned Colonel Goethals closely as to the price of the canal and it developed that in the opinion of Colonel Goethals it may possibly be built at a figure a trifle less than \$300,000,000. He stated that he was in the habit of estimating the cost of projects at a high enough figure to insure their being accomplished within the price. He said that the Gatun dam and locks were being constructed two or three times better than necessary. This was due to public opinion, which demanded all proper precautions in the building of the canal.

Colonel Goethals intimated that there may eventually be need for the State Department to confer with the Panama government in regard to the trade between canal employees and merchants. The latter are steadily protesting against the maintenance of a commissary by the Government from which employees may obtain goods at cost, thus depriving them of certain trade. Colonel Goethals favors maintenance of the commissary.

Appropriation for Next Year.

Speaking of the deficiency in the appropriation that had been incurred by the Canal Commission in expenditures on the canal since last August, Colonel Goethals said, subtracting surplus money that had accrued from certain funds, this deficit amounted now to \$1,038,428. He, however, requested a deficiency appropriation of \$12,175,000 to cover all estimates. A change in the route of certain portions of the Panama Railroad, he said, was responsible for a part of the deficiency.

May Make Own Cement.

Through questions put to Colonel Goethals, the fact was brought out that the commission does not propose to receive donation from cement firms when the concrete work on the locks is taken up next January.

"If the firms which propose to furnish the cement put their prices too high, we will make it ourselves," said Colonel Goethals.

Needs of Rivers and Harbors.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Colonel D. W. Lockwood and Lieutenant Colonel S. S. Leach, members of the United States Board of Engineers in charge of rivers and harbors, arrived yesterday, after granting a hearing in San Pedro on the recommendations for improvements to that harbor. The board granted a hearing this morning to representatives from Eureka on the needs of the harbor there. They will then leave for Stockton and Eureka, arriving at Sacramento on Monday. On the following day the members will leave for Oregon.

More Money for Cutter Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Senate committee on commerce yesterday considered the revenue cut bill, and passed a bill which reorganizes the service and increases the pay and rate of some of the higher officers, and ordered a favorable report.

Pillsbury Takes Oath.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Captain John M. Pillsbury today took the oath of office as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation in succession to Rear-Admiral Brownson.

LEAPS FROM HIGH WINDOW

Boston Woman Dashes Out Life by Jumping 13 Stories.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Herbert M. Sears, member of a wealthy Boston family, committed suicide today by jumping from a thirteenth story window. The body fell on the roof of a four-story building adjoining, and was heard by the residents of that building. Mrs. Sears left

a note to her husband in her room at the hotel.

Mrs. Sears had been a frequent visitor at the St. Regis and her actions were erratic, and the maid always maintained a close watch over her.

Mrs. Sears was 37 years old, and prior to the beginning of the mental trouble which resulted in her suicide occupied a position of social prominence in Boston. For nine years she had been suffering from a nervous disease, and at intervals came to New York for treatment. Last Spring she went to Europe and came home apparently cured. She came to New York nine days ago for treatment intended to prevent a recurrence of the old malady, and when Dr. Collins left her last evening she seemed in a normal condition. Her nervous disease had previously taken the form of melancholy.

Mrs. Sears' maid occupied a room adjoining that of her mistress last night, and knew nothing of her action until told of it by the hotel employees after her death. The body of Mrs. Sears was dressed only in her night clothing, and the appearance of her room indicated that she had been lying in bed reading. The door leading to the maid's room was bolted.

The letter she left was addressed to her husband, who is on his way here.

Member of Wealthy Family.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—Herbert M. Sears and his wife occupied a beautiful residence on Commonwealth street. The family includes two children, Mrs. Sears was Miss Caroline Bartlett, daughter of Francis Bartlett, a lawyer of this city, and she was about 37 years of age. The wife of Mrs. Sears states that she had been in delicate health for several years. She seldom traveled without an attendant.

Mr. Sears had been connected with a number of financial firms in Boston for 15 or 20 years, but since about a year ago has not been actively engaged in business. He is a member of several prominent clubs, and is particularly interested in small boat racing. He is the brother of Richard D. Sears, former National tennis champion, and twin brother of Philip S. Sears, also prominent in financial circles.

WALSH JURY MAY AGREE

GIVES SIGN OF UNISON AFTER 60 HOURS' DEBATE.

Fate of Chicago Banker to Be Announced When Court Opens This Morning.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—At 1:30 o'clock this morning the jury which has been deliberating as to the guilt or innocence of John R. Walsh since 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon apparently ended its deliberations. It signified that it was ready to give its verdict by summoning a bailiff and requesting pens and ink.

No word was given to the bailiffs, or at least they denied that they had received any which might indicate what the verdict is. Before leaving the courtroom yesterday afternoon Judge Anderson, who has presided at the trial of the ex-president of the Chicago National Bank, left word that he would not be prepared to receive a report from the jury before 10 o'clock this morning. Until that hour no authoritative information as to the verdict will be forthcoming.

TORPEDO-BOATS IN FLEET

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States and, having been widely circulated, occasioned considerable alarm. The torpedo-boat destroyer Hopkins will go into drydock in order to have a new propeller put in place. The collier Arethusa, which is due at Rio tomorrow, will leave for Buenos Ayres ahead of the torpedo fleet. It was said by Commander Cone today that the flotilla will remain at Buenos Ayres four days.

Two Deserters Arrested.

The police arrested two men who said they were attempting to desert from one of the American colliers now in the harbor because they could not stand the bad treatment they were being subjected to. No importance is attached to their talk of bad treatment, and they were sent back to their vessels.

The reception and garden party tendered officers of the American fleet by the Naval Club took place at the Botanical Gardens amid most picturesque surroundings, and proved a magnificent success. More than 1000 persons were in attendance, including members of the highest Brazilian society.

The above dispatch from Rio thoroughly establishes the falsity of a sinister rumor circulated in many American cities today as to a grave catastrophe to the American fleet. The rumor, originating in unscrupulous quarters, was systematically distributed from Boston to San Francisco, a number of newspapers being misled into printing it.

ATTACKS THE ARMY AND NAVY

Rear-Admiral McCulla Says Fighting Force Is Too Small.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 17.—Radical reorganization of the Navy should be undertaken at once, in the opinion of Rear-Admiral McCulla. "The preparation, or, rather, the lack of preparation of this country, for possible war, is a matter, he believes, that demands early and serious consideration. 'Other nations have made mistakes in building warships,' said the Admiral today, 'and with a Navy Department under a civilian secretary, a department with eight different bureaus and civilian sub-secretaries, ruthless mistakes are only what might be expected. Building and organizing a Navy is a business in which experience is essential. It would be no more foolish to put a lawyer or a doctor in charge of a great railroad than it is to put a civilian at the head of the Navy.'

"Besides an adequate Navy, for which our people have begun to show an appreciation, it is highly important to have at least the nucleus of an Army. We haven't officers enough to train or command a large force, or arms enough to equip them. In case of a disaster to the fleet we would be helpless in repelling an invasion. This was made painfully apparent in the Spanish War, but the lesson has not been learned. 'More guns are needed at important points along the Coast and the fortifications should be extended and strengthened. But first of all, in National defense, is a fleet and almost equally important, the skeleton of an Army that can be called upon at short notice.'

Wireless Outfit for the Relief.

VALLEJO, Cal., Jan. 17.—Orders have been received at Mare Island for the installation of a wireless telegraph outfit aboard the hospital ship Relief. The work will be rushed, as the vessel is to be commissioned on February 1. She will leave at the earliest practicable date to meet the battleship fleet. The gunboat Yorktown, detached here by mistake among the crew, is now scheduled to sail on Sunday unless further cables develop. The vessel will proceed south for target practice.

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Child's Aprons 47c

Saturday, in the Children's Shops, on the second floor. Made of a fine quality gingham; saeque style, with pockets and straps. Finished with turnover collar and bound with braid. Blue, pink or red and white checks. Ages 2 to 8 years, regularly 75c, Saturday, ea. 47c

Store Closes Saturday Evening at Six o'Clock

MAIL ORDERS VERY CAREFULLY FILLED OLDS WORTHMAN & KING FIFTH WASHINGTON - SIXTH STREETS

Ladies' Home Journal Quarterlies 20c and a Pattern Free

\$2.25 Gloves \$1.48

A woman's Glove of sterling merit. The well-known Monarch or Perlin's make, in all colors and all sizes, suede finish. Regularly \$2.00 and \$2.25 the pair; Saturday, \$1.48. NECKWEAR. Stock Collars, plain or tailored effects, worth 12 1/2c to 75c ea.; Saturday, 12 1/2c

Saturday Is Children's Day Attend the Clearance Sale

Wool Blankets, Worth \$3.50 Pair, Special \$2.45



Clearance prices that mean much to those who seek the best in bedding and the least in price. Wool Blankets that sell regularly at \$3.50 the pair—

- Clearance Sale Special \$2.45
\$4.50 grades, special \$3.15
\$6.00 grades, special \$4.45
\$7.00 grades, special \$5.15
\$8.00 grades, special \$5.65
\$10.00 grades, special \$7.45
\$11.00 grades, special \$8.00

- COUCH COVERS, \$5.25—Made of very heavy tapestry in Oriental designs; size 60x108 inches; fringed all around. Regularly worth \$8 each. Special \$5.25
COUCH COVERS, \$2.65—Tapestry Couch Covers, 60 in. wide, Oriental designs; \$3.75 values. \$2.65

House Helps On Sale in Notion Aisle

- "STAR" ENAMEL for bathtubs, etc.; makes a porcelain finish in white; ready for use. Half-pint cans, regularly 40c each. 29c
TAR SOAP, in large-size cakes; the well-known "Uncle Sam" make; 10c values, special, the cake, 6c
RAINIER MINERAL SOAP; has antiseptic qualities and leaves the skin soft and velvety. Regularly 10c the cake, special, the dozen, 49c
SHELL SIDE COMBS, in assorted shapes; a big Saturday special at, the pair, 10c
HAT PINS with smoked or white pearl ball tops; regularly 10c each, special, 6c
TABOURETTES of basswood for burning; \$1.50 vals., special for Saturday, each, 98c

Children's Hose Worth to 40c the Pair at 17c

Black Hose in cotton or cashmere. Sizes 4 to 9 1/2, and values to 40c the pair. These are odd lines, and not a large number of any one style or line is to be found, but in all the assortment is an unusually good one. Purchase today and you will have two pairs for less than one. They are the proper weight for the present season. The savings average about half. Choice, pair, 17c



WOMEN'S HOSE—With smooth, seamless feet and shaped ankles. Made of a prime-grade cotton yarn and they are a standard 25c grade. A stocking that gives excellent wear. The special price is only 19c
MISSIS' HOSE—Of lisle finished cotton yarn. Fine ribbed with smooth, seamless feet. Sizes 5 to 8 1/2 and regularly 25c the pair. A rare opportunity for mothers to save. The pair, 12c

Morning Shoe Spec's

Children's Day in the Shoe Department is marked by specials of unusual interest to those with shoes to buy. Reductions even greater than the regular Clearance prices prevail all day, but two numbers are featured for morning only that will particularly attract mothers:

- BOYS' SHOES, in the well-known "Steel Shod" and "Good for Bad Boys" makes. Durable, well-wearing shoes for the rainy season. Sizes 9 to 13 1/2, regularly \$2.00 the pair; Saturday, 8 to 12 A. M. pair, \$1.49
Sizes 1 to 5 1/2, regularly \$2.50 the pair; Saturday, 8 to 12 A. M., pr. \$1.79
"FRIEND MAKER" Shoes for children specialized. From 8 to 12 A. M. A wide range of choice in styles. Sizes 5 to 8, reg. \$1.49, special, pr. \$1.29
8 1/2 to 11, reg. \$1.79, special, the pair, \$1.39
11 1/2 to 2, reg. \$2.19, special, the pair, \$1.79
Sizes 2 1/2 to 7, reg. \$2.69, sp'l, pair, \$2.39



Lingerie Waists Worth to \$35.00 One-Half

Sheer materials modeled on charming lines, tastefully trimmed and deftly fashioned. Beauty bodices that one wears on all occasions; that no woman can have too many of. The styles are new and exclusive, and the regular values run from \$2.25 to \$35.00. In all, there are over 200 to choose from. Select any one in the lot today and you save Half

A sensational Saturday sale on an article indispensable to any well-dressed woman. Made of shimmering, shining silk, skirts that rustle and swish; that wear and give permanent satisfaction. These are in black and all colors; full size, made with deep flounces and silk dust ruffle. Regularly worth to \$15.00 each. Choice \$8.98

ANY CHILD'S COAT IN THE STOCK—For Girls From 6 to 14 Years of Age—Plain or Fancy Materials for Half Price

Shoe Spec's On Sale All Day

HIGH-CUT BOOTS for men, absolutely waterproof; 10 and 12-inch tops; in black and tan leathers, viscolized, welt soles, regularly \$8 pair, \$4.50 Saturday, \$10.00 grades, sp'l, \$7.50
WOMEN'S SLIPPERS, for house wear; sizes 2, 3, 3 1/2, 7, 8 and 9 only. Regularly \$1.50 the pair; a special for \$98c Saturday all day at...

Umbrellas \$2.48 Each

Women's Umbrellas, worth to \$5 each. One lot has lavender silk covers, steel rods and natural wood sticks. These are regular \$5 values. Another lot is black piece-dyed taffeta, with assorted handles; your choice of either lot, \$2.48

Men's Hose

Men who wear low shoes and men who prefer fancy hosiery in the most desirable patterns will take advantage of this hosiery sale. The prevailing shades are gray, brown, tan and navy blue. There are all sizes in the lot, and they are regularly 25c the pair. Special today 18c

MEN'S SUSPENDERS

—Strong lisle web, with leather or cord ends, regularly worth 35c the pair; special today only 19c

WASH DAY NEEDS

- WASH BOILERS—With copper bottoms; No. 8 size; made of good, heavy, wear-resisting tin. The right size for the average family. Regularly worth \$1.25 each; very special for Saturday 95c
WASH TUBS—Of galvanized iron; \$1.00 values. Saturday only 75c
WASH BOARDS—Regularly 35c each. Saturday price 25c
CLOTHES BASKETS—Regularly 75c. Special at 50c
WIRE SOAP HOLDERS—10c values. Special at 7c
WATER BUCKETS—Of galvanized iron; 30c values, special at 20c
CLOTHES WRINGERS—A special make, with good quality hard rubber rollers; easily adjusted. A grade that sells regularly at \$2.00 each. Saturday only \$1.65
WIRE CLOTHES LINE—20c values; special 15c
INDOOR CLOTHES LINES—Regularly 10c, special at 5c
ASBESTOS IRON HOLDERS—Special 4c at each
WASH BOILERS—Extra large. An anti-rust boiler that sells regularly for \$3.25; Saturday only \$2.75
SLEEVE BOARDS—Covered with felt. 25c values; special, 15c

Men's Shirts

Men's Shirts, several of the best makes on the market, negligee or stiff bosom styles, dark or light coloring; come with separate or attached cuffs, plain or plaited effects. Regularly worth \$1.50 95c each, sp'l today. MEN'S PAJAMAS—Of striped outing flannel, good weight, made with military collar; regularly \$1.25 and \$1.50 the suit, 98c today

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door leading to an adjoining room to the gem room, he was struck on the head with a hammer. He grappled with his assailant, who shot him through the hand and knocked him down and escaped. He summoned the police when he recovered consciousness, but no trace of the burglar was found.

The Kunz-Morgan collection of gems, which consists largely of gifts to the museum from J. Pierpont Morgan, is one of the largest, most complete and most valuable of the kind in the world. Its cost was more than \$500,000, and it would probably be impossible to duplicate it.

CANAL BOND SUIT REPLY

Charged That George W. Austin Is Without Financial Responsibility.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The reply of counsel for the Government in the suit of George W. Austin to restrain the Secretary of the Treasury from issuing Panama Canal bonds was filed today in the Supreme Court of the district. On Monday the court will announce its decision. The reply alleges that the complainant is absolutely unable to fulfill his obligations to purchase \$1,000,000 of the bonds and that he is wholly without financial responsibility adequate to such an obligation. It is acknowledged that the complainant made a proposal to purchase the bonds at \$103.75 and accrued interest, but that proposal is characterized as a speculation and not as a bona fide bid. The Secretary denies that he allotted the balance of \$1,450,000 of Panama Canal bonds of the National banks at a price less than the bid of the complainant. Concerning George A. Romer, of New York, who it is averred, bid for \$500,000 of the bonds, the defendant declares

that he knows nothing "except that one George Romer, now said to be sojourning in the City of New York, who has a criminal career, is wholly irresponsible financially and otherwise disqualified to make a bona fide bid for Panama Canal bonds of the face value of \$5,000,000."

House Passes Pension Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Private bills were considered by the House today, nearly all relating to pensions and a large number were wiped off the calendar by their passage. The House adjourned until Monday.