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PANAMA CANAL.

Work on the Panama canal in its magnitude would surprise any man who saw it for the first time," remarked W. M. Hood of Virginia, representative of a Cincinnati house, at the Raleigh, says the Washington Post.

"I spent two months there this year, and my first view of the big ditch almost took my breath away. The efforts of the French to dig the canal were pigmylike compared to what our people are doing. This is illustrated in the difference in size of the cars and engines used to haul away the dirt. It would be possible almost to place one of the French engines in the cab of an American locomotive now in use. "We have 35,000 men at work, and the payroll is \$1,500,000 a month, or 42 tons of money. The dirt is flying so fast that it is marvelous. There are 380 engines and 3400 cars at work, and the time required to unload 40 cars is less than 15 minutes.

"The great work, of course, is in the Culebra cut, which will take longer to complete than any other part of the ditch. It requires digging down through 85 feet of solid rock, to a base of 400 feet. They are using a ton of dynamite every day on this work alone.

"I have not the slightest doubt that

the canal will be completed by 1915. Colonel Goethals is the best man that could be found to superintend the work. He is on the job every minute, and can be seen any day at 6:30 in the morning at some part of the canal."

KING'S INCOME.

It should prove of interest to our students generally to learn the various items which go to make up the salary of the King of England. The following sums were allowed the late king, but we understand King George, who recently succeeded to the throne, has asked for an increase:

Under the arrangements made by parliament in 1901, when Edward VII succeeded to the throne he and his family received \$2,715,000 a year as civil list, or \$210,000 more than Queen Victoria, says the Indianapolis Star. The sum was allotted thus: Civil list, to the King and Queen, \$2,350,000; annuity to the Prince of Wales, \$100,000; annuity to the Princess of Wales \$50,000; provision for the King's daughter \$90,000; allowance to Queen Victoria's servants, \$125,000; total, \$2,715,000. It was provided that Queen Alexandra in the event of her serving King Edward should receive \$350,000 a year. The \$2,350,000 of the civil list was allotted: Their majesties' privy purse, \$550,000; salaries of the household, \$629,000; expense of the household, \$965,000; works \$100,000; royal bounty, alms, etc., \$66,000; unappropriated, \$40,000; total, \$2,350,000.

In addition the king's privy purse receives the income of the Duchy of Lancaster, which last year was \$320,000. The Prince of Wales in the same way receives the revenue of the Duchy of Cornwall, which was \$435,000 last year.