

CANAL IS HALF DONE

Report of Commission on Panama Interoceanic Waterway.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE IS DOUBLED

Wages and Material Have Increased Enormously—33,699 Men Now Employed on Wk.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—With the Panama canal virtually half finished, the members of the Isthmian Canal commission awakened today to the fact that the waterway will cost more than twice the amount of the original estimate. In other words, it is now estimated that the canal, when finished and opened to traffic, will represent a total expenditure of \$375,000,000. When the canal project was first started, it was estimated to cost only \$175,000,000. Chairman Tamm, of the house committee on appropriations, at his arrival at Panama with his committee, talked of paring down the estimates of the commission and reducing the cost of construction. It is not seriously thought, however, that anything of the kind could be accomplished in this direction. The committee's report reveals that when the last dollar has been spent, the cost of the canal will be found to exceed rather than run under the latest estimate of \$375,000,000. In its annual report, made public today, the Isthmian Canal commission discusses this question of cost, and says: "Wages have increased the cost of materials and manufactured articles has risen. Prosperous conditions in the United States, combined with the unsavory reputation that has been made regarding its healthfulness, made it necessary to secure a 30 per cent increase in the wages paid to the workmen over those paid in the United States for similar classes of work. Certain gratuities as additional inducements were also offered, which the main have since been continued. Moreover, the provisions of the 1917 law were made applicable to the isthmian canal. The unit prices were therefore materially increased. Thus changes have also been made in the adopted plan, increasing the quantity of work to be done. In addition, detailed surveys and plans than originally available have been made, and the work has progressed rapidly to give reliable data relative to the cost. "Nearly 50 per cent more work is necessary to complete the canal than was contemplated by original estimate and the unit price for labor conditions, cost of materials, and gratuities given the employes, have increased about 30 per cent. The estimate, as prepared, showed that the total cost of engineering and construction alone sums up to \$297,700, to which, if the purchase price and estimated cost of sanitation and government be added, there results the sum of \$375,202,000 as the cost of the canal."

STANDARD OIL HURT

Attorney Says Court May Order Distribution of Control

New York, Nov. 23.—Attorney F. Elliott, general counsel of the Standard Oil company, today, in commenting for the first time on the decision against the company handed down by the United States circuit court at St. Paul: "I have seen who reports to be the text of the decision handed down by the United States circuit court Saturday. The company take an appeal at once to the United States supreme court and will fully abide by the verdict of that court in the land, whatever may be. "Arguments in the case began last April, and we are glad to have reached an opinion. I do not think that we are pleased with the result, but we are glad to get it over its nature. "The decree orders a dissolution of the Standard Oil company, that is a misstatement. What the decree orders, as I understand it, is that the company distribute among its stockholders what there are approximately 5.5 holdings in stock of subsidiary companies. This distribution, I understand, is ordered to be effect on a pro-rata basis of apportionment. "Poison Pills. Vienna, Nov. 23.—A number of officers just promoted captains on the general staff received through the mails sample pills. These were accompanied circular relating to nervous debility. Captain Mados took some pills and died almost instantly. Topsy revealed the presence of a quantity of potassium. A further investigation showed that all the pills contained a quantity of potassium in large quantity and also that many first lieutenant attached to the staff, but not yet, had not received pills. "Despair at Cherry. Cherry, Ill., Nov. 23.—Twenty saved, 92 known dead and missing was the record at the mine tonight. Ten dead were in the surface today and 27 were located in the second level. Work was brought up on one of the black damp. What had happened at Cherry's ready day of thanksgiving in a night of hope deferred. Tonight no living man had been added to the list of the dead yesterday. All day the tolling bells were sounded. Eighty deaths were entered.

Lords and Crisis

London, Nov. 23.—United Kingdom is more at in politics now than for many and the week will witness termination of the fierce warfare budget. The house of lords expected to vote Thursday on a bill of the budget. Most likely the upper house will speak. Lasebery's efforts for the Conservative those of the Earl of Harehatche Liberals are awaited with an interest.

Lava Eruptions

Tenerife, Nov. 23.—There are now four craters that incessantly matter, which is accompanied by explosion of lava has covered the island and is still advancing. The eruption of the volcano prevents the up of the lava from the feet.

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DIE OF SUFFOCATION

Death in Most Agonizing Forms Indicated at Cherry, Ill.

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