

PLANS ITS WORK

Canal Executive Committee Acts.

WILL HIRE COOLIE LABOR

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SEA-LEVEL CANAL POSSIBLE

Engineer Wallace Gives Opinion—Panama Railroad Will Be Improved and Rates Much Reduced.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Chairman Shonts, Governor Mason and Chief Engineer Wallace met in Secretary Taft's office today. It was the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Isthmian Canal Commission and the details of the organization were considered.

On the whole, the committee had a long and satisfactory discussion with Mr. Taft and reached some conclusions as to the organization of the Panama Railroad directors at the meeting which is to take place next Monday in New York. Mr. Shonts will be the next President of the Panama Railroad Company and every member of the Commission will be made a Director of the company. That will leave four members of the directorate to be named, and they will be civilians.

Another important conclusion related to the assignment of duty of the four engineer officers of the Canal Commission who are not members of the Executive Committee, namely, Admiral Endicott, Col. Edsall, General Halls and Mr. Harrod. It was decided to make these four men a special engineering commission quite apart from the Board of Consulting Engineers provided for in the President's order. To this engineering commission will be assigned the various engineering problems arising in the course of the construction of the canal. To them are to be submitted all plans of an engineering character of capital importance, and on these they will ask the opinion of the Board of Consulting Engineers, which body is so far incomplete. The consulting board will report on the projects to the full Canal Commission, and this body in turn will make recommendations thereon to the President of the United States.

Hire Japanese and Chinese Labor. The labor problem was discussed at length, and it was resolved that contracts should be made for the employment of 2000 Japanese and 2000 Chinese coolies in canal construction. This is merely a preliminary and experimental move, but if it succeeds, the engineers will have an almost unlimited force of labor to draw on. No opinion has yet been had from the Attorney-General as to the right of the Commission to employ its labor more than eight hours daily, but it has satisfied itself that there is no legal obstacle to the employment of this coolie labor under contract.

An interesting feature of the discussion today was a statement by M. Wallace to the effect that it is entirely feasible to construct either a tide level or lock canal across the Isthmus, though he himself strongly favors the tide level project. It has also developed that Mr. Bunou-Varilla who recently visited Washington, and it was supposed, was to be a member of the Consulting Board of Engineers, did not desire any connection with the project, but came principally to submit to the President and Mr. Taft an original plan of his own, under which he thought the great canal could be constructed within the term of four years. This project, together with one submitted by Ludon W. Bates, a Chicago and New York engineer, will be referred to the newly created Engineering Commission for examination and report.

Will Reorganize Staff. The subject of the reorganization of the force of employees of the present Commission, also received some attention and it was declared that all of the administrative work, which heretofore has been done directly under the supervision of the Commission in its own offices, should be placed in charge of Colonel Clarence Edwards, the present head of the department of Insular Affairs and the officers themselves probably be removed to the annex of the Mills building. Colonel Edwards will not relinquish his duties as Chief of the Insular Bureau, but is charged with a double function. Mr. Leon Pepper, who has served as an assistant to Colonel Edwards for several years, will probably be assigned exclusively to the charge of Panama matters, and Captain Mitchell, just assigned to duty as an assistant to Colonel Edwards, will devote himself exclusively to the fiscal business of the Insular Bureau, while Colonel Edwards retains the general supervision of both branches.

During the conference, the ministers of the West Coast of South and Central American Republics who saw Mr. Taft Saturday in connection with the Panama Railroad rates, called at the department and were introduced to the members of the Executive Committee. They formally submitted these matters, defining their complaints at great length, and these were taken under consideration, with the promise of the Secretary that there would be greater liberality in treatment of competing transportation lines than now existed in their relations with the Panama Railroad. Mr. Wallace said that the entire road would be double-tracked and supplied with an entirely new and modern equipment of rolling stock; there would be a flat rate for all traffic, but transcontinental rates would not be much affected.

Ruling on American Registry. WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Attorney-General has rendered an opinion in which he holds that in the case of an application for an American register of a foreign vessel wrecked in the United States it is not material whether the repairs are made by a foreigner in this country before the sale to the American or made by the American after the purchase. The Attorney-General also holds that in the case of a foreign vessel wrecked twice in the United States the cost of repairs on the two occasions cannot be aggregated to secure American register.

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Surpassing Showings of Unusual Suits for Dressy Women's Wear

Grand Salons of Dress—3d Floor. May seem strange to some that the Suit Salons are thronged day after day with pleased, satisfied buyers, while other stores are complaining of dull business—but, there's a reason for it—these things don't "just happen." They're planned for, and the plans are carefully executed. If there is one special reason that explains this rapidly growing suit business of ours it is that we have the most desirable, fashionable and provided an abundance of exclusive styles to sell at extremely reasonable prices, but we have also excelled in our judgment in the selection of choice fabrics from which they are made. Our buyers have passed up the commonplace weaves, as shown on every corner around us and selected the most desirable, fashionable and delicate weaves and shades—fabrics that are derived only from the world's most famous looms. No pains or expense have been spared to place before our patrons an exposition unequalled in all the west, and unsurpassed in America. Women's smartly tailored Suits \$12.50 to \$35.00. A wide range isn't it? And the suits at \$12.50 are not equalled at less than \$15 by any other house in the city. Our latest styles up to the rare exotics in the great style garden at \$35.00 are proportionately lower than offered by any other suit house in the West. Silk Suitwaist and Jacket Suits, \$12.50 to \$125. Wool Suitwaist and Jacket Suits, \$10 to \$35. Easter buying is at its best today.

Easter Millinery Readiness Is Strikingly Apparent at This Store.

The "Bijou" Salons—Second Floor, Annex. If the world needed something refreshing in Millinery, it certainly got it this year—for you never saw such shapes—so queer as "Dick's hat-band," but fascinating, and beautiful and charming with it all. One woman said: "Well, I might as well get as queer a shape as I can, for the queerer it is, the more stylish."—and she wasn't far from the truth. We don't mean that there aren't any conservative, dignified hats, for there are, but they're for dignified people, who don't like to unbend, even when it makes them prettier. "Special" charming shapes at \$2.49. \$2.98—beauties at \$4.98 and along up to really aristocratic creations at \$10. Sailors as Popular as Ever.

A SPECIAL SALE TODAY OF NEW AND JAUNTY \$2.50 SAILORS FOR \$1.49

Only a hundred in the lot, fetching styles, shapes of a fine natural Jap straw in very newest blocks, trimmed with ribbons and flowers. Splendid values at the regular price of \$2.50, special today only at \$1.49

We're Ambitious to Serve You Best in Easter Outfittings

Here's proof of the desire in these special prices today on the needed accessories to smart Easter gowning. Find these bargains in the First-Floor Ladies' furnishing shops. 40c RIBBONS 25c YARD. A lot of beautiful, all-silk satin taffeta Ribbons, 2 1/2 and 4 1/2 inches wide; white, black and color; regular value \$2.50; special, each yard, \$1.25. 50c SILK CHIFFON MEDALLIONS 18c. Silk chiffon Medallions, 5 inches square, heavily embroidered in black and white Persian effects; regular value 50c; special, each, \$1.00. Regular 25c value; 4 inches in diameter; special \$1.00, each. WOMEN'S PRETTY EMBROIDERED COLLARS. A big invoice of dainty embroidered collars in turnover styles; we've divided the values into three lots, and marked them at absurdly low prices for break selling; lot 1—special, each 5c; lot 2—special, each, 10c; lot 3—special, each, 10c. WOMEN'S 50c HANDKERCHIEFS 25c. A line of hemstitched, embroidered and scalloped embroidered edge handkerchiefs; a great variety; regular value 50c; special, each, \$1.00. \$1.00 CHIFFON VEILS 48c. A beautiful lot of new Chiffon Veils in white, pink, green, navy, amber, pink, beige and ambery effects; regular \$1.00; special, yard, 48c. CORSET COVER EMBROIDERED—SPECIAL VALUES. 1000 yards of corset cover embroideries, in nainsook, fine Swiss and cambric; beautiful designs; special at, yard, \$1.75 and 68c.

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Under the Auspices of Portland's Y. W. C. A. MENU FOR TODAY. Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Milk in Bottles. Cream of Tomato, Pink Beans and Palate Grill Salad with Cheese Straws. Scotch Woodcock. Plain Omelette Creamed Eggs. Tongue Sandwich. Hot Rolls. Bread and Butter. German Coffee Cake.

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RESULT OF I. C. SCHOOL VOTE AT 5 P. M. YESTERDAY. Arthur Taylor, M. & A. Shogren, 167,544; Reginald Carter, Bell Boy, The Norton, 165,120; Max Hughes, Knight's Shoe Co., 118,061; Guy De Pus, Portland Delivery, 30,105; Arthur Lindborg, Lindborg Grocery, 6,238; P. H. Battin, Wadhams & Kerr Bros., 4,220. Scattering, 54,404. Total, 561,574.

For the Men

Here's news that will interest the "lords of creation" and the women who know how and where to buy men's goods better than the men themselves. Every man wears hosiery. Any man can buy a good pair of socks for 25c any time. Any man or any woman may buy the same here, today at 12 1/2c the pair. Other bargains, too. West Annex—First Floor. MEN'S \$1.00 GOLF SHIRTS 60c. A good line of men's Golf Shirts in plain and plaided fronts, with 1 pair of cuffs, every one of the newest coloring for Spring and Summer; one of our best \$1.00 bargains; special, each, 60c. MEN'S \$1.25 UNDERWEAR 98c. Men's extra fine, double thread, woaded Shirts and Drawers in fawn color; an excellent lightweight Spring garment; splendid value at \$1.25. Special, the garment, 98c. MEN'S 20c SOCKS—2 PAIRS FOR 25c. Men's new Spring Sox in fancy colors; all seamless; our 25c value; special at 2 pair for, 25c. MEN'S 75c NIGHTSHIRTS 47c. Men's plain white twilled muslin Nightshirts, good weight; long and well made; our 75c value; special at, each, 47c.

The Napkin Sale First Floor. A STRONG DRAWING CARD.

For a Thursday store-flier. Hotel and restaurant men are sharing the great values, in this really sensational sale of splendid Napkins, with housekeepers. 'Tis a season of profit in buying. Better provide now for a long time ahead. Value like these bloom seldom. This napkin news is not periodical—'tis a happening very unusual. It marks an epoch in the Linen Store. Richardson's famous Irish Linen Napkins, full bleached and warranted best wearing qualities. While they last, you may select—\$1.50 values, special, the dozen, \$1.08. \$1.75 values, special, the dozen, \$1.20. \$2.00 values, special, the dozen, \$1.42. \$2.25 values, special, the dozen, \$1.62. \$2.50 values, special, the dozen, \$1.83.

Do You Need an Extra Rug or Two, Mrs. Housekeeper?

Here are some rare bargains in handsome Smyrna Rugs. Better buy today while prices are down. SMYRNA RUGS. A big lot of Smyrna Rugs about 300 in all—double-faced, all wool, with fringed ends, size 3x5; our regular \$2.50 value; special sale price, each, \$1.50. Size 2x4; our \$1.50 value; special sale price, each, \$1.00. Size 1x2; our \$1.00 value; special sale price, each, 50c. Smyrna Rugs, all-wool, double faced, size 3x5; our \$1.25 value; special sale price, \$1.00. Size 2x4; our \$1.00 value; special sale price, each, 50c. Size 1x2; our \$1.00 value; special sale price, each, 50c.

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Many Portland women will remember a similar opportunity offered by this house nearly a year ago—a large quantity of like values. Buyers gathered around the bargains like bees 'round a honeysuckle, and the history was sold out to a pair before 2 P. M. We recall the incident to impress upon our readers, who are interested in the importance of coming to the store early. This offering results from a fortunate purchase by our New York buyer of a small lot of samples from an importer of a famous foreign manufacturer's product. Only about 200 pairs in the lot.

\$2.75, \$3.00 and \$1.49 \$7.50 Silk Hosiery at pair

In blacks, blues, pinks and white, all have lace boots excepting the blacks, they being elaborately embroidered. Remember, today only, or while they last, at the pair, \$1.49. None under \$2.75 in value—mostly the \$3 and \$3.50 numbers.

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Women's white Swiss-ribbed, low neck, sleeveless Vests, neat crochet trimming; a splendid 20c quality, special, each, \$1.25. Women's fine, pure white, high-neck, long-sleeve, Swiss-ribbed Imported Cotton Vests; the regular price is 75c, special, each, 59c.

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Great Economies in Buying of Dinner Sets

We have arranged to extend the time for the selling of Decorated Dinner Sets until the close of the week. The Olds, Wortman & King China Store is authority in selection of fine tableware—consulted as well by the head of cottage and mansion, hotel and exclusive club. There are hundreds of homes in Portland that are not getting the best for their money in dining-room and kitchen furnishings today, because they don't come to us for them. There are thousands that are getting the best for the opposite reason. It would sound like cheap "knocking" at other stores to tell the full story of the sort of goods they sell in competition with this "Quality Shop"—so we'll desist. We ask you to compare values for yourself—do it today. Here's a bit of detail: SPECIAL SALE OF DECORATED DINNER SETS—HAVILAND CHINA.

Open Stock in dainty pink floral designs, gold handles and knobs— \$25.10 set of 60 pieces, special at \$19.85 \$35.45 set of 100 pieces, special at \$28.45 Haviland China—Open-Stock patterns. Decorations of pink roses, full heavy gold— \$53.65 sets, 60 pieces, special at \$32.90 \$45.35 sets, 100 pieces, special at \$36.00 Haviland China, 100-piece Dinner Sets, special at \$20.85

Matron, Miss, Midget

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