

STEPS BE TAKEN ACROSS ISTHMIUS

Correspondent Describes the Scenes on Route of the Panama Canal.

HOSPITALS ARE PERFECT

So Attractive They Are Called Rest-Houses—Hotel Site in Hog-Wallow Abandoned—Police

By Woodworth Clem. PANAMA, April 13.—(Special Correspondence).—To walk the railroad ties from the Atlantic to the Pacific would be considered something extraordinary up in the States. But here we have accomplished it in seven days and even at that have spent much time in restful observation.

SANITARIANS DWELL IN PARADISE.

From Culebra to Panama there are only three points of general interest—Paraiso, Miraflores and Corozal—the last-named town being famous for its hotel that is said to have been built in a hog-wallow. Paraiso, which in English would be Paradise, is well named. Her hills, of their own volition, yield a bountiful supply of the purest water, and it is here that the sanitary inspection department of the Canal Zone has made its headquarters.

At Miraflores we find the insane department—the buildings where persons of more or less unbalanced minds are confined pending treatment or transportation to their respective homes. The town consists of a score or more small houses or wards, and the unfortunate inmates are well taken care of by a corps of attendants and nurses. A physician informed me that the proportion of insanity was no greater in the Zone than in any other tropical or semi-tropical country.

Famous Hotel of Corozal. Then we come to the famous hotel at Corozal—a monument to governmental facility. One rather severe critic declared that the structure was built in a "hog wallow." Mr. Stevens, in answering this charge, says:

"This hotel, which was built largely for the use of the medical force of the commission at Panama, was located before the present chief engineer was connected with the work. It was located undoubtedly after change of site had been the result of the best judgment, and the statement that it is located down in a depression of land which became a lake, or rather a swamp, after a heavy rain, is entirely untrue. The hotel itself is built on a rise of ground which slopes from it in all directions, affording good drainage, and the site is not in any way marshy in the vicinity. Those who have been thoroughly drained, and there is not one particle of evidence that the health of the employes is in any way affected in dwelling-houses immediately adjacent to the site as good as anywhere else on the Isthmus.

Abandoned Because of Swamp. Mr. Stevens was correct in one thing at least—the hotel is there, the ground is there, and the topographical conditions have not changed. The hotel is not built on a "rise of ground." Neither is it built in a "hog-wallow." The site is between and between—a low, almost level stretch of land, that attracted our attention because of its being a "hog-wallow."

Just Pride in Hospitals. Continuing on into Panama, we encounter, just within the boundaries of the Canal Zone, the village of Ancon—more properly a suburb of Panama, but different in that it is owned and governed by the United States. The buildings and Culebra and Empire, the buildings cling tenaciously to the hillside, grouped in artistic irregularity. Here we find the headquarters of Colonel Gorman, chief of the medical department, and of Major Carter, also of the medical corps, who is at the head of the hospitals. A trip through the Ancon hospitals impresses the observer to agree with Mr. Shonts, who said: "The hospitals are a source of just pride to our people. If sickness could ever be regarded as a boon, it may be so thought of in Ancon and Colon. Everything is pleasingly clean. Precision, regularity and professional competency are evident everywhere. As far as I could ascertain, complaints are of miscellaneous origin, and consequently not worth serious consideration. For instance, one inmate of the Colon hospital, who was convalescing from a attack of malarial fever, declared in most positive terms that during his incarceration there had

been three deaths from what the doctor diagnosed as "malaria," but that he and one or two other patients knew the victims died of yellow fever.

Police Force of All Nations.

Captain Shanton, chief of the zone police, has just moved his headquarters to Ancon, and I understand that it is the ultimate purpose of the Canal Commission to permanently establish its administrative offices there. On our walk across the Isthmus we encountered at every station (and sometimes between the stations) bright, intelligent men, young in years, of fine physique and courteous temperament. They were all attired in khaki riding trousers, leather chaps or leggings, khaki blouse and army hat, and upon their left breasts they wore badges inscribed "Zone Police."

This force of "brown-coated guardians of the peace" is about as cosmopolitan and interesting an organization as there is in the world. The Chief of Police is a veteran of the Spanish-American war—a man about 40 years of age, with a big front and a big mane of accessible hair, and an easily induced smile. He likes his men, and they like him, and I must say that Captain Shanton is about the only official of the canal administration against whom I have not heard severe criticism.

As to the men—they are from everywhere. The officers are white, and the privates, with a few exceptions, are black. Some have served in the Spanish-American war (both in Cuba and in the Philippines), some served with the British army in South Africa, and they while away their idle hours with tales of the campaign against the Boers; others fought with the English in the Indian, India, in Tibet, and elsewhere, while the majority have been members of the Jamaican constabulary or soldiers in the British West Indian regiment.

Black Police Are Linguists.

Most of the black policemen speak three languages. A few of the white men are also talented in this regard, in English and Spanish. It is not a bit extraordinary to see a Jamaican policeman go to a crowd of French-speaking Martinique negroes, chat with them in French, ascertain the trouble, and arrest the law-breaker. He will then carry his prisoner before a Spanish-speaking magistrate after having made his report to his sergeant in English. Receiving his instructions in English, he will relate the circumstances to the Spanish magistrate, translating the entire proceedings into French for the benefit of the prisoner. How many of our Washington or New York policemen could do this?

Small Percentage of Crime.

Taking in the entire zone, with its 20,000 or more population, the percentage of law-breakers is surprisingly small. The number of arrests is gradually diminishing. One policeman is stationed on each of the passenger trains, to act as a guide and protector of the zone and to take care of the moral sanction that offitimes prevent the violation of the law. They go with the conductor when he collects fares, and they pay the fares hardy to a disturbance. Before these policemen were put on the trains Captain Shanton told me there had been considerable trouble with casual untidy passengers. I have seen this authority abused by the zone police, but no more so than I have observed in our leading American cities. As an officer of law, I am sure that the zone police are to those imperfect and short-comings that are common to human kind.

SIR HUON WINS THE DERBY

FAVORITE THE MOST HEAVILY BACKED IN HISTORY.

Great Event in Kentucky Brings Out Close Start, but Winner's Staying Power Tells.

LOUISVILLE, May 2.—Sliding along with a machine-like precision, which seemed more the result of the momentum of a steam engine than of a horse, Sir Huon, a Falsetto colt, sire of Ignita, and starting for the first time as a three-year-old, won the Kentucky Derby today. Always the favorite in the betting, Sir Huon, owned by George J. Long, of Louisville, won with apparent ease, the Ellipse entries, Lady Navarre and James Reddick, finishing second and third. It was the opening day of the Spring meeting of the new Louisville Jockey Club, and between 25,000 and 30,000 people packed the enclosure at the time the Derby was run. The time of the big race, 2:08 3/5, was considered good for the track, which was a trifle slow. The betting on the Derby was the heaviest ever known at the starters except Velours finding good support.

Reddick Leads at Start. The field was away almost immediately to a fair start, with James Reddick in the lead, but that animal drew back before the start, and the favorite, Lady Navarre, slipped along in front and in front and going as though he had seen a ghost. Sir Huon was slipping along easily two and a half lengths behind the leader, with Lady Navarre and Reddick hanging on his flank. These positions were maintained until half a mile had been accomplished. Hyperion II finding it at a rate calculated to stand an ordinary field of horses on their heads. After going this far, Hyperion seemed to tire for a instant and dropped back on even terms with Sir Huon. He came again, however, and led to the half mile pole.

Sir Huon Pulls in Front. Between the half mile pole and the head of the stretch Sir Huon, half a length in front, was successfully challenged by Lady Navarre and James Reddick, but the favorite, beautifully trained, strode along in his chosen position and they could not pass him. The favorite continued to draw slowly away and passed under the wire a winner by a length and a half, and apparently holding some of the reserve. James Reddick was two lengths behind his stable mate. The Derby had a guaranteed value of \$2000 to the winner.

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FOUR FURLOMS—Wing Ting won. Little Turner second, Lady Agon third, time, 0:50. SIX FURLOMS, selling—J. B. Farnham, Col. Jim Douglas second, Braden third, time, 1:16. FOUR FURLOMS—Sea won. Warner Graywood second, Bosworth third, time, 0:49 3/5. Two mile, selling—Bell Indian won. Chambliss second, Careless third, time, 1:44.

HOCH AGAIN FOR GOVERNOR

Kansas Republicans Indorse Roosevelt—Steel Trust Denounced.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 2.—The ticket nominated by the State Republican Convention today followed: Governor, E. W. Hoch, Marlon, Lieutenant-Governor, W. J. Fitzgerald, Dodge City.

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Horsetheives Plead Guilty. PENNSYLVANIA, Pa., May 2.—(Special).—Darrin, Diamond and Gig Craft, two horsetheives who had pleaded guilty, were sentenced to three years each in the Penitentiary by Judge Ellis.

Bought His Guard With Gold. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.—With a large sum of money he had received, Private Swanson, held for shipment to Alcatraz Island for desertion, induced his guard, Private Yasgur, to desert his post and both are now missing from the barracks.

Gus Robards is Supposed to Have Met With Foul Play. SPOKANE, Wash., May 2.—(Special).—Gus Robards, a prominent stock-buyer of Garfield, Wash., has been missing for two weeks and a description received today at the Sheriff's office shows the deep concern of the family and the efforts that are being put forth to locate him. Mr. Robards was last seen in Spokane, Ore., at the time he is said to have been drinking.

Garfield Man is Missing. Gus Robards is supposed to have met with foul play.

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