

PREPARED TO DOG CANALS RAPIDLY

Commission Announces Completion of Preliminary Work.

YELLOW FEVER IS EXTINCT

Death Rate of Negroes Higher Than of Whites—Railroad Is Double-tracked, Harbors Deepened and Machinery Installed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The annual report of the Isthmian Canal Commission, sent to Congress today, records the completion of the preparatory work on the canal and the beginning of construction.

Senate Said "Well Done."

Yellow Fever Extirpated.

The work of sanitation throughout the canal zone has been continued with great energy during the year. The most serious problem that confronted the health department when it was organized two years ago was the elimination of yellow fever.

Houses, Food, Amusement.

Great progress has been made in providing for the welfare and comfort of the employees. The commission now has sufficient buildings to provide quarters for all its bachelor employees.

The commission, working in conjunction with the Young Men's Christian Association, will manage these and other similar buildings in the chief labor centers.

Employees About 17,000.

The force employed on the isthmus on November 1, 1906, was as follows: In November, 1905, the commission's employees numbered approximately 17,000.

The report reiterates the former unfavorable opinion of West Indian negroes as laborers. It says they lack both vitality and the disposition to work, and do so only until their actual necessities are supplied.

The most serious question in regard to this class of laborers is that of feeding them. Ordinary methods having failed, the commission has taken sufficient measures to give them the physical strength necessary to enable them to work efficiently.

ment that "any white man, so-called, under the same conditions, will stand the climate on the isthmus very much better than the blacks, who are supposed to be immune from practically everything, but who, as a matter of fact, are subject to almost everything."

The capacity of the Commission's steamers has been taxed by the stream of new appointees coming and old ones going home on leave.

Excavation in Culobra Cut.

The engineering work of the year has been almost entirely preparatory. Owing to the delay in the decision as to the type of canal it was impracticable to locate permanent and well-arranged dumping grounds for the disposal of waste material.

Notwithstanding the rainy season, which extends from the end of April to the end of August, 1906, a total excavation in the Culobra cut of 24,844 cubic yards, which was the largest amount taken out up to that date, was accomplished in one month since the canal was opened one month since the canal was opened.

The main receiving and forwarding yards, one on each side of the cut, which are to act as clearing-houses for the dirt trains moving down from the various levels of the cut to the yards, are being switched and forwarded over the main line of the Panama Railroad for final disposition.

Improvement of Terminals.

In improving and enlarging its terminal facilities the commission has pursued the policy of expending upon such facilities situated within the Republic of Panama only such sums as are sufficient to keep them in a proper state of repair, and of locating all necessary additions within the Canal Zone.

Panama Made Over Again.

The water system of Panama is complete, with the exception of the house connections, of which the larger part have been made and the remainder are being made rapidly.

Panama Railroad Improved.

Great progress has been made during the year in enlarging and improving the facilities of the Panama Railroad so as to enable it to perform adequately its double functions of handling general commercial business and at the same time serving as the essential instrument in the construction of the canal.

Purchase of Supplies.

The practice established in the Spring of 1905 of calling for bids on material and supplies on the basis of the price covering delivery at the isthmus has been continued, which gives each section of the country equal opportunity for bidding on the materials needed.

Dams and Locks Located.

Since the decision by Congress, in June last, decreasing the construction of a lock canal at an elevation of 82 feet, the Commission has fixed definitely the location, on the Atlantic side, of three sets of locks and a great dam at Gatun, and, on the Pacific side, of one set of locks at Pedro Miguel and two sets at La Boca, a large one between Sosa High and Corozal, and a smaller one between Sosa High and San Juan Hill.

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The report recapitulates the plans for the employment of Chinese labor and the construction of the canal, which have been published from time to time.

Surveying in the Jungle.

In considering the extent of the territory covered it should be borne in mind that every foot of every line run has been cut out through a dense tropical jungle, and during the rainy season, which continues during the greater part of the year, these surveyors are working in water from ankle to waist deep and are subsisted and quartered in the most primitive manner.

He explains the increased cost to the government of the Panama Railroad as a result of the output was taken out in the dry season, when there was only 7.8 inches of rain, while in the 1905 dry season there was 14 inches of rain and only 1.5 inches of the output was taken out; also in 1906, 49 per cent of the material was drilled and blasted, while in 1905 the proportion was only 10 per cent.

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Water Supply of Colon.

Regarding the water supply of Colon, which has been the subject of some criticism, Mr. Stevens says: At no time during the past year has Colon or Cristobal suffered from a lack of water supply, at the height of what was called the water famine there was daily more water in the pipes than there was ever known there at any previous time.

Beats Oregon in Rainfall.

Panama can beat Oregon in rainfall. Mr. Stevens gives the figures for the year at different stations ranging from 98.4 at La Boca to 141.7 at Cristobal. The maximum temperature at Naos Island was 97 degrees, the minimum 67 degrees, and the mean 84 degrees, and the mean humidity 87.3 degrees.

MINERS WANT INSPECTOR

Will Ask Legislature to Create New State Office.

A state mining inspector in Oregon is proposed by the Bourne Miners' Union, of Bourne, Baker County, which has sent a circular letter to members of the Oregon Legislature, urging creation of such an office.

WILL FIGHT FOR HIS PARDON

Patrick Not Content With Commutation of Sentence.

OSBURNING, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Albert T. Patrick announced tonight that he is not satisfied with commutation and at once will begin a fight for freedom. A writ of habeas corpus will be applied for, it was said, in the United States Court, making Warden Johnson the defendant.

ACH QUESTIONS BURNS

Detective Says He Has Received No Money From Heney.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—William J. Burns, the detective who has been gathering the evidence upon which the recent indictments found by the grand jury have been based, was a witness today in the case of Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz and Abraham Ruef, charged with extortion.

The court also sustained the objections of the prosecution to questions concerning when Burns arrived in San Francisco, whether he had seen in the street, whether he had seen in the street, whether he had seen in the street.

SELLWOOD BOARD OF TRADE

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PATRICK MUST LIVE

Granted Commutation Against His Protest.

WILL CONTINUE THE FIGHT

Governor's Action Prompted by Division in Appeal Court—Believes Lawyer's Mind Unhinged by Long Confinement.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Albert T. Patrick was saved by Governor Higgins today from the death chair, in the shadow of which he has stood for nearly five years.

In a brief memorandum laying stress upon the dissenting opinions of the Judges of the Court of Appeals, which affirmed Patrick's conviction by a vote of 4 to 3, the Governor announced that he had commuted the death sentence to imprisonment for life.

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Governor States Reasons.

In announcing the commutation, Governor Higgins issued the following memorandum: "Albert T. Patrick has been convicted of the murder of William M. Rice, and the judgment of conviction has been affirmed by a divided court. It is not claimed that Patrick committed the murder in person, but that he procured the act to be done. He has been convicted principally upon the testimony of Charles E. Jones, who confessed to the murder, and who, while he lay asleep, instigated thereto by Patrick, and Jones by his testimony has purchased his own immunity from trial or punishment.

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PRAIRIE LAND SINKING.

Lake Forms at Base of Sierra Madre Mountains.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Mining men who arrived here today from the Sierra Madre Mountains report that a large tract of prairie land at the foot of one of the spurs of the ranges is gradually sinking, and that a large lake of pure water has formed.

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