

CANAL COMPLETED JANUARY 1, 1914

Official Opening, However,
Will Be Delayed Till Fol-
lowing Year.

UNCLE SAM IS CAUTIOUS

Builders of Waterway in Panama
Fear Premature Experiment of
Warship Fleet in Canal Might
End in Accident.

BY GEORGE F. AUSTIN.
ANCONA, CANAL ZONE, Panama, Dec.
12.—(Special.)—The Panama Canal
will be completed January 1, 1914. On
that date commercial vessels will be
passing through the American isthmian
waterway. The official opening will
not occur until 1914.

It may be that smaller ships will
pass through the canal before the first
of the year 1914, but expert official
opinion on the canal zone fixes the
1914 date as the outside limit for the
completion of the work.

This date is offered as a prophecy
for the time of completion after a con-
sultation with the men who are build-
ing the big ditch.

Colonel Goethals is bending every
effort towards the completion of the
work. But he will not be hurried. He
plans to throw the canal open for com-
mercial use as soon as it is ready for
that purpose, but the official opening
will not occur until after the canal has
been tried. The purpose is to see that
the lock machinery and every contrivance
connected with the manipulation of these
structures has been shown to be in
absolute working order.

The official opening might be ad-
vanced were it not for the fact that a
demand would be immediately ex-
pressed on the part of the American
people to send a fleet of warships
through the waterway to test its mili-
tary adequacy. The builders of the
canal fear that such a premature ex-
periment might result in an accident.
If anything should go wrong in the
transportation of American warships
through the canal for the first time a
National prejudice and suspicion of its
adequacy might be awakened which
would require years of successful op-
eration to overcome.

The appropriations for the ensuing
fiscal year will be larger than before
based upon the efforts which will be
made to hurry the completion of the
project. The Pittsburgh contractors who
are building the gates for the locks
have agreed to complete the work in
less than six months earlier than was
anticipated in their contract, and almost
two years' work will be included in
the operations of the ensuing year.

Locks Completed June 1, 1913.

The locks will be completed June 1,
1913. The big Gatun dam, 55 feet above
sea level, will be completed shortly
afterwards. The process of filling the
big lake with water has already been
commenced and will continue during
the building of the locks.

Colonel Goethals says that every-
thing in connection with the building
of the canal has passed the experi-
mental stage, with the exception of the
filling of Culebra cut. This is the
one doubtful point in the canal con-
struction. The doubt involved here is
not as to its final completion, but as to
the time that may be involved.

The difficulty here is caused by the
slides which are constantly precipitat-
ing immense quantities of earth into
the cut, necessitating extra exca-
vation. Were it not for these slides,
which are really land glaciers, the time
required for the excavation of Culebra
cut would be determined to a nicety,
but with the land slides in progress
there is no telling how much extra
work will have to be done before the
canal is completed. Although the exca-
vation of the cut is the most difficult
point in the canal construction, the
entire side of the hill is still in mo-
tion.

In order to appreciate the nearness
of the completion of the work it is
necessary to take the physical charac-
teristics of the canal into considera-
tion. Contrary to the general impres-
sion, the excavated portion of the canal
comprises only a small portion of the
waterway, although presenting the
greatest difficulty in its completion.
The fact that first strikes the visitor
as peculiar is that the sun rises on the
Pacific side of the canal and sets on
the Atlantic. Balboa, the Pacific en-
trance to the canal, is located geo-
graphically east of Colon, the Atlantic
entrance. This is due to the fact that
the isthmus takes a turn to the east
at Culebra point. The canal thus runs
practically north and south instead of
east and west. The length of the canal
is 49 1/2 miles from deep water to deep
water. The locks are 100 feet long and
110 feet wide, built in duplicate. From
the Atlantic side vessels will enter from
Limón Bay into a channel 500 feet wide
and will follow this for seven miles to
Gatun. Here ships will pass through
the three Gatun locks and will be lifted
35 feet above sea level to the surface
of Gatun Lake.

Artificial Lake Big.

This artificial lake, made by the
building of the Gatun dam, will cover
an area of 164 square miles. Over this
lake ships will steam at full speed for
a distance of 24 miles to Bas Obispo,
where the entrance to Culebra cut is
made. The distance from Bas Obispo
through the Culebra cut is nine miles.
At Pedro Miguel another lock will be
entered lowering vessels 30 to 45 feet.
A small lake is entered here through
which vessels will pass for one and
one-half miles to Miraflores. Here two
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lower class, and officers will suffer a
reduction in salary. This was made
plain today by the report of the Fed-
eral census for Whitman County, which
showed less than 15,000 inhabitants.
While the county is advanced from the
ninth to the eighth class, that makes
no raise in salary, and the officers can
draw no more salary than under the
ninth class. This means a saving of
about \$6000 a year to the taxpayers.
It requires 15,000 inhabitants to make
a county of the seventh class. Whit-
man County has 22,250, nearly 2000 less
than the required number. Four years
ago this month the commissioners
raised the classification of the county
from the ninth to the seventh class.
No act of the board since the time
the contractors were allowed \$25,000
above the contract price for using
hard oil finish in the courthouse in-
stead of in the original contract, created
as much opposition.

The Grange passed a resolution call-
ing upon the county officers to refuse
to accept this increased salary. The
officers did not refuse to accept the
salary under the new classification,
which amounted to from \$300 to \$300
for each officer. The increase in salary
was \$300 each for the clerk, auditor,
treasurer, sheriff, prosecuting attorney
and assistant messenger. The school
superintendent's salary was increased
from \$1200 to \$2000 per year, an in-
crease of \$800 annually. The county's
pay was raised from fees, probably
amounting to \$1500 a year, to a straight
salary of \$800 a year.

FEAGLE IN SWEATBOX

TRAPPER SUSPECTED OF FOUR-
FOLD MURDER IN KANSAS.

Fingerprints Are Taken to Compare
With Those of Bloody Hand on
Wall of Farmhouse.

Wash. of Farmhouse.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—The po-
lice of Kansas City, Kan., say that
they have today taken the fingerprints
of John Feagle, held as a suspect for the
murder of Mrs. Emeline Bernhardt, her
son George, Thomas Morgan and James
Graves, whose bodies were found at the
Bernhardt farm in Kansas, 30 miles
south of here, last Saturday. Until then
nothing more will be done in the case.
Today Feagle talked freely, telling of
having trouble with Mrs. Bernhardt and
her son, but denying he was guilty of
the murder. He said they quarreled
because Morgan was hunting on the
Feagle farm, and then over a boundary
line. He admitted, however, that after
the second quarrel he left the Bern-
hardt farm and went straight home.
At 3:30 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon,
he says, he heard screams coming from
the direction of the Bernhardt home.
Late today Police Inspector Boyle
took an impression of the fingers of
Feagle, and compared them with the
fingerprints which he had taken from
the wall of the house in which the
bodies of Mrs. Bernhardt was found.
The fingerprints are considered one of
the strongest clues the officers have.

Though Feagle was allowed to talk
today, during which he told several
contradictory stories as to how he spent
his time last Wednesday, he was not
told that a pair of bloody overalls and
a bloodstained coat had been found in
his home. He will be confronted with
these when questioned tonight.

He is a hunter and trapper, whose home
is a half mile west of the Bernhardt
farm.

The authorities believe the murders
were committed on Wednesday night
or Thursday morning of last
week, as Wednesday night was the last
time lights were seen in the Bernhardt
home.

LIBERALS NET GAINS

BRITISH ELECTION RETURNS
SHOW THEM ONE TO GOOD.

While Lancashire Veers to Unionists,
London District Swings
Towards Liberalism.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The poll-
ing results show monotonous regularity.
Returns today leave the government op-
position in the good, the Unionists hav-
ing gained 31 seats from the government
and the government coalition 22 seats
from the Unionists. The election of
31 members out of 670.

The position of the parties tonight
follows:

Government coalition—Liberals 191,
Lancashire 25, Nationalists 55, Inde-
pendent Nationalists 7, total 259.

Opposition—Unionists 225.

Lancashire, by increased Unionists
has reversed Liberal majority in dis-
playing a tendency in favor of Union-
ism, while the country districts con-
tinuous to London are following the
lead of the capital in favor of the Lib-
erals. Thus, the Liberal Unionist
court retains his seat for Rosendale
with a greatly reduced majority, 175
less than he received in the last elec-
tion, while Tottenham and Waltham-
stow, in Middlesex and Essex, respec-
tively, give big Liberal votes.

Tomorrow's 41 pollings will include
several Scotch seats, the constituencies
and will indicate whether Scotland
and Wales remain loyal to the govern-
ment.

Chancellor Lloyd-George, speaking at
Newcastle tonight, said to home rule
Ireland would give the Catholics in Ire-
land any power over religion. A clause
will be provided to prevent any religion
being established, whether Catholic or
Protestant.

MANY TREES ARE PLANTED

Fruit-Growing Industry Increasing
Rapidly in Douglas County.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)
—Though fruit trees to plant an or-
chard ten miles long and one and
one-half miles wide have been planted
this year, the season, according to
local nurserymen.

Four carloads of trees have already
been received, while several others are
en route here and are expected daily.
Of the trees that have arrived, one and
one-half carloads were delivered at Suth-
erlin, while the remaining shipments
were consigned to Roseburg and vicin-
ity. It is estimated that approximately
200,000 trees will be planted in
Douglas County this season.

Apple trees predominate, and Spitz-
bergen trees appear to be the most popu-
lar. Although Douglas County has not
been known as a pear-growing coun-
try for any length of time, nearly
twice as many of these trees have been
planted this year than in past years.
Peaches and cherry trees have also
aided materially in making up the
grand total.

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Whitman County, Washington, Must
Return to Lower Class.

COLPAX, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)
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RECLAIMED LAND IS FIRST OBJECT

Attorney-General Wickersham
Maps Out Litigation for
Next Year.

POWER SITES ALSO FIGURE

Department of Justice Passes Vigor-
ous Twelvemonth in Prosecution
of Trusts—Immunity Law
Much Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Litigation by
the United States to seize water rights
for reclamation projects; ouster pro-
ceedings against power companies that
have invaded National forests and steps
to protect the water rights of Indians
is the principal work mapped out for
the Department of Justice for 1911 as
announced in the annual report of At-
torney-General Wickersham.

Particular reference to these subjects
in the report is as follows:

Water rights for reclamation projects are
certain to demand the most serious at-
tention of the department. In Oregon, the de-
partment, for special reasons, authorized
the appearance of the United States At-
torney in a proceeding before a state tribunal
for the general adjudication of water rights
in the Umatilla River.

As the water rights are the life of the
reclamation projects every protection in
litigation is a subject of the most first im-
portance. This department should be sup-
plied with a fund for the employment of
specialists in litigation law who may, first
advise as to the whole situation, and there-
upon take active charge of litigation as
assigned to them.

Litigation has been directed in the Ter-
ritory of Arizona for the protection of the
water rights of the Pima Indians. Similar
litigation may soon be necessary in Colo-
rado and Oregon. The Indians are en-
deavoring to avail themselves of the facilities
for irrigation afforded by streams flowing
through their reservations or adjacent lands
with other causes, resulted in such extensive
appropriations by whites as threaten to strip
the Indians of their water rights.

Power Companies Invade.

A number of complaints have reached
the department from the Secretary of Agricul-
ture against certain power companies which
are claiming and occupying rights of way
within National forests and the protection
of the Government. These matters are
receiving careful consideration and will be
dealt with in due season.

At the close of the last fiscal year there
were pending in the courts upwards of 1000
civil cases and 419 criminal cases arising
from the public lands, and upward of 1900
civil cases and 47 criminal cases involving
Indian lands. Of these cases, 28,787 were
brought by the United States and 480
civil cases whereby, among other things,
the Government asserted its right to recover
on its own account 205,102 acres of land
and \$2,000,000 in money. Some 870 such
cases were brought to a close during that
period, resulting in the restoration to the
public domain of 2,878,247 acres of land
(largely through abatement of un-
lawful enclosures), and the recovery of
money aggregating \$200,000 in damages
and \$10,007.86 in costs, of which sum \$47,
967.61 was actually collected. The criminal
business concerning public lands in-
cluded 219 cases begun and 281 terminated during
the year. The latter resulted in 100 con-
victions, 100 fines and costs totaling
\$7,741 and \$4,728.52, respectively, upon
which \$62,824.50 was collected.

Of civil cases related to the lands of In-
dians, upward of 232 were begun and up-
ward of 175 were ended within the fiscal
year.

Trust Cases Many.

Prosecution for violations of the anti-
trust law were foremost in the work of
the year. Actions, says the Attorney-
General, were now in progress pending
against the following so-called trusts:

Tobacco Trust.
Standard Oil Company.
Sugar Trust.
Harriman Lines.
Hard Coal Trust.
Powder Trust.
Terminal Railway Association of St. Louis.

Towing Trust, on the Great Lakes.
James A. Patten and others for an
alleged corner in cotton.

Beef Trust.
Wholesale Grocers' Trust.
Butter and Eggs Trust.
Brick Trust.

The following convictions were se-
cured and fines imposed within the year:

Paper Trust, fined \$57,000.
Night Riders, fined \$3500.
Window Glass Trust, fined \$10,000.
Turpentine Trust, fined \$17,500.

Prosecutions of the sugar trust for
frauds upon the Government, and the
weighing of raw sugar recovered for the
Government \$135,353.88.

Most extensive of all frauds against
the Government yet discovered are those
in the undervaluations of imports into
the United States.

The Attorney-General recommends that
a general immunity statute, such as ex-
ists under the interstate commerce laws
should be enacted to apply to criminal
prosecutions generally, but says such a
statute should only protect a witness
from the consequences of the testimony he
is about to give.

Prosecutions against the Oregon & Cal-
ifornia Railroad Company and 45 other
companies to recover 2,000,000 acres of
lands valued at \$50,000,000, which the
Government claims are illegally held, are
now pending.

Marshfield Grants Extension.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)
—J. M. Blake, who holds a franchise for
building and maintaining a street rail-
way in Marshfield, has been given, by
the City Council, an extension of the
time in which he must complete the road.
The franchise specified that the road
must be started and a mile of it built
by the first of January. No work has
been done yet and Mr. Blake asked for
an extension of time and the Council
allowed him until July 1st. It was an-
nounced that the electric line in the city
will be used by the Coos Bay-Bates
road to make connections with Marsh-
field and North Bend. While the Blake-
street railway and the Coos Bay-Bates
road have been separate movements, it
has now been stated that they are both
a part of the same railroad movement.

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\$14.00 Colmont Op. Glasses \$11.00
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\$10.00 Verna Opera Glasses \$8.00
\$25 La Vogue Op. Glasses \$20.00
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\$12.50 Lemaire Op. Glasses \$10.65
\$13.75 Lemaire Op. Glasses \$11.75
\$14.50 Lemaire Op. Glasses \$12.50
\$11.50 Lemaire Opera Glasses \$9.75
\$7.00 Lefels Opera Glasses at \$6.40
\$7.50 Iris Opera Glasses \$6.75
\$7.50 Marchand Op. Glasses \$6.75
\$5.25 Marchand Op. Glasses \$4.30
\$9.25 Colmont Opera Glasses \$7.40
\$8.00 Lefels Opera Glasses at \$6.40
\$7.00 Lefels Opera Glasses at \$5.60
\$7.50 Lefels Opera Glasses at \$5.80
Black Japanned Leather-Covered
Opera Glasses
\$20 Lemaire Field Glasses \$17.00
\$18 Lemaire Field Glasses \$15.00
\$12 Lemaire Field Glasses \$10.00
\$15 Lemaire Field Glasses \$13.60
\$5.75 Lefels Field Glasses for \$4.60
\$5.00 Jumelle Field Glasses at \$4.00

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TAT WILL DISCUSS WITH HIM
APPOINTMENT OF PARTNER.

Washington Delegation Falls to
Agree on Federal Judge, Mar-
shall and Other Offices.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, Dec. 12.—Representative Miles
Poindexter, Senatorial nominee of
Washington, has an appointment to
discuss with the President tomorrow
the appointment of a Federal judge for
the Eastern District of Washington.
He will present recommendations of his
law partner, C. C. Moore, of Spokane.
Following this conference the Presi-
dent will make a selection from among
the various candidates.

It is well understood that Senators
Jones and Piles are not favorable to
the appointment of Moore and his se-
lection is not expected.

Washington Senators have not yet
filed recommendations for either Fed-
eral offices that are about to become
vacant and are still deadlocked over
the question of recommending an in-
cumbent, George H. Baker, who is
opposed by Jones.

Klamath Veterans to Unite.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 12.—
(Special.)—Fifteen Spanish-American
War veterans of this city met in the
office of G. E. Cornell, who served in
the Philippines with the Sixty-ninth
Regiment of New York, today and dis-
cussed plans to organize here. C. L.
Latham, who served with the Sixth In-
fantry, U. S. A., was chosen temporary
secretary and was instructed to com-
municate with the state commander at
Portland relative to obtaining a char-
ter. It is estimated that a camp of
not less than 35 or 40 may be orga-
nized when arrangements are completed.
Those who attended the meeting were:
J. C. Rutenc, who served on the Ma-
jor's staff with the Oregon volunteers;
C. L. Latham, Sixth Infantry, U. S. A.;
Colonel Levin C. Allen, U. S. A., retired;
G. E. Cornell, Sixty-ninth New York;
Fay Eastery, Fourth United States In-
fantry; J. W. Barnes, Thirty-eighth
United States volunteers; Fred Bur-
bank, quartermaster's department; Al-
bert E. Elder, Fifty-first Iowa; J. B.
Volmer, Twenty-third regulars; Grant Lin-
coln, Twentieth Kansas; Fred Oliver,
B. E. Lee, W. E. Davenport and Robert
S. Murray.

HOOD RIVER COLLEGE MEN ELECT.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)
—At the annual election of officers of
the University Club held here yesterday
Dr. J. F. Watt was elected president and
Judge A. J. Derby, vice-president. Tru-
man Butler was elected secretary-trans-
porter. Members of the board of govern-
ors elected are as follows: R. H. Wal-
lace, Albert Sutton, E. H. Shepard, Dave

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