

FINAL PLANS MADE FOR CANAL OPENING

Crew of Steamer Ancon Gets It Ready for Voyage Through New Highway Today.

FULL CARGO TO BE TAKEN

United States Finds Itself in Position to Admit Commerce to Waterway Four Months Ahead of Scheduled Date.

CANAL ZONE HISTORY IN BRIEF.

First crossing of Isthmus, September 25, 1513.
First vessel to cross Isthmus, 1514, carried by Balboa and his men.
Settlement of Old Panama, 1517.
First thought of canal, credited to Savadora, Spanish engineer, in reign of Charles V.
First surveys for canal, 1581, by Spanish.
First British interests, latter part 17th century.
First decision to build, 1814, by Spain, blocked by colonies.
First French interest, 1823.
First action by United States, 1823, Charles Biddle sent by President Jackson to visit the Isthmus and report on routes.
First report by Biddle 1826, favoring Panama route.
First railroad built, from 1849 to 1855.
First canal building begun, 1878, by Universal Inter-oceanic Canal Company, incorporated in Paris by Ferdinand de Lesseps, who had built the Suez Canal.
First failure, 1887.
First digging by Americans, May 4, 1904.
First Union of Atlantic and Pacific waters, October 10, 1913.
First vessel to steam through canal, crane boat Alexander La Valley, January 7, 1914.

PANAMA, Aug. 14.—The Canal was the scene of activity tonight in preparation for its opening tomorrow. On board the steamer Ancon officers and men were busy setting everything shipshape for her start early in the morning on the first voyage of a big ocean-going steamship through the new highway. The Ancon, 10,000 tons register, owned by the United States War Department and leased to the Panama Railroad for the New York-Colon trade, has not discharged her cargo, as it is planned to have her make the journey fully loaded.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—More than four months ahead of the date set when the board of consulting engineers in 1896 estimated that it would take until January, 1915, to complete the Panama Canal along the lines then under way, the United States Government finds itself ready to begin business tomorrow in selling tickets of passage to ships of all nations through the new highway.

It is just 19 years since the Government advertised its purpose to connect the oceans. It is nearly 40 years since a Spanish engineer first suggested such a project. For a time the epoch which this triumph of engineering marks will pass unnoticed, so far as celebration is concerned. It is not until the day that the great demonstration will be made, but from next Saturday on the Panama Canal will be an accomplished fact, and the world's commerce will gradually accustom itself to this new groove.

Questions to Be Answered.
What it will mean to the world at large, and to particular nations, and especially to the United States, the question around which a great deal of controversy has waged, now to be answered by the Canal itself.

After the passage of a Government steamer tomorrow any ship up to 10,000 tons register applying for admission to the Pacific from the Atlantic, or vice versa, may be conducted through the Canal. The waterway will be paid for by \$1.25 for every ton (net) of cargo. Crew and passengers will not be taxed.

At this expense some two months' sailing time, 10,000-mile voyage around the South American continent may be saved, or the expense of transshipment by railroad done away with, if desired.

Canal Cost \$400,000,000.
The Canal has cost the United States nearly \$400,000,000. That is approximately what De Lesseps, the French engineer, figured it would cost when he undertook the job in 1889, but he spent that and more in making only a slight impression and ended in utter failure and financial disgrace.

A year from this time it is figured the Government will have to show receipts of some \$15,000,000 to pay the operating cost of the Canal, which will be about \$4,000,000 yearly, and the interest on its huge investment. Whether it will be able to do so this year, or for many years, is a moot question.

Traffic experts have estimated that 10,000,000 tons of freight will be carried through the Canal every year for the first few years, and that later it will be nearly doubled. This roughly has been the experience of the Suez Canal. Last year nearly 6000 ships passed through the Suez, with a net tonnage of more than 20,000,000. The growth in tonnage in 10 years had been more than 70 per cent.

WOMAN ARTIST IS MISSING

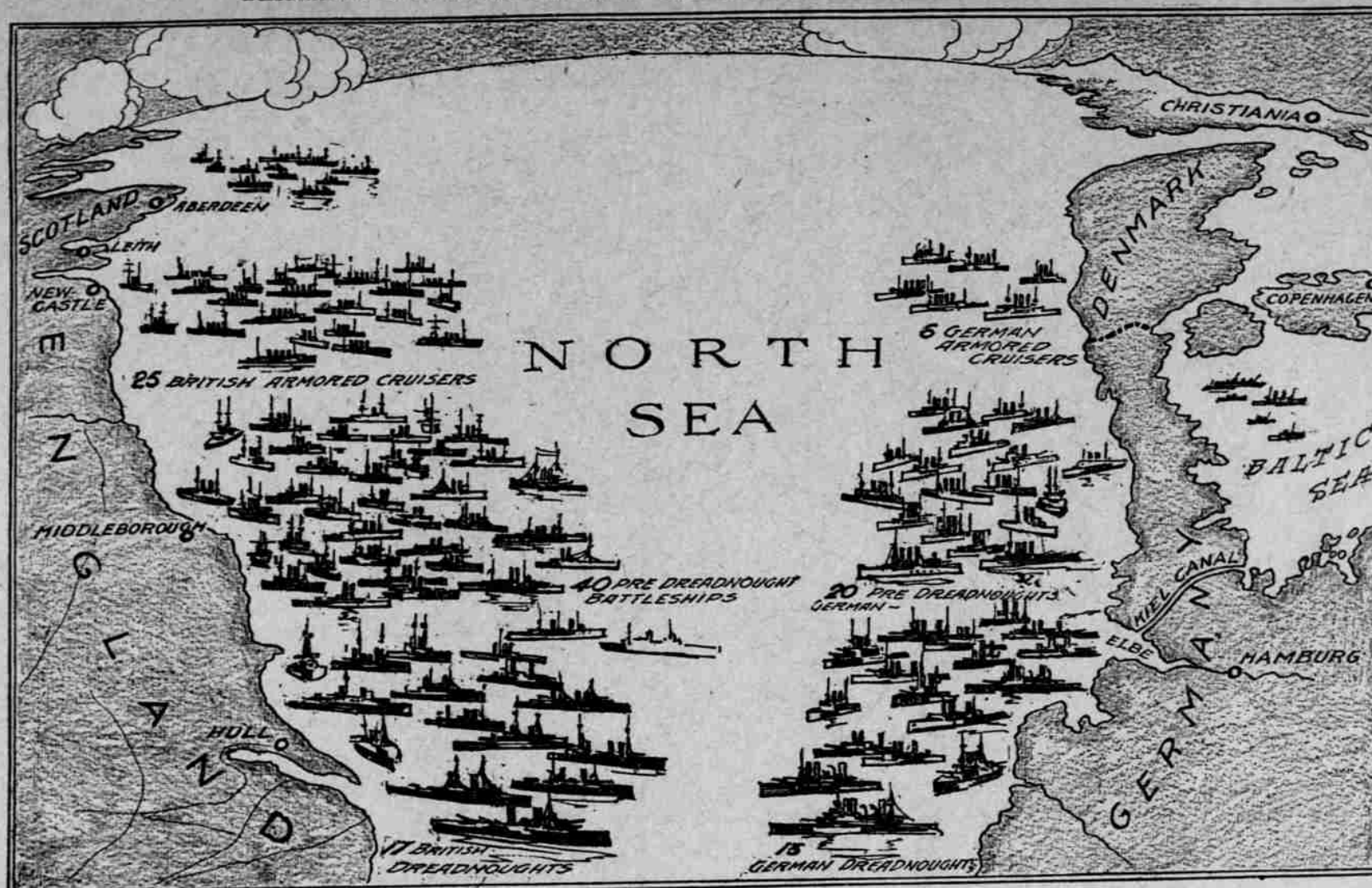
California Officers Seek Japanese Pupil on Suspicion.

MONTEREY, Cal., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Miss Helen Smith, a well-known artist who has been living in Carmel for the last four years, has been missing since Wednesday noon and George Kodani, a Japanese, is sought by the county officers, who have been working on the theory that she has met with foul play. The Japanese has been interested in art photography and has been in the habit of bringing his compositions to Miss Smith for criticism, previous to submitting them to magazines. Immediately after her disappearance the Japanese came to Monterey.

Medford Pears Are Stored.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The Bartlett pear crop is being harvested, but a large proportion is being put in cold storage pending a settlement of the war situation and the expected rise in prices. Heretofore a large proportion of the Rogue River Valley fruit has been sent to Germany, England, Denmark, France and Belgium and commerce with those countries is permanently impaired local fruitraisers fear they will suffer a material loss.

DIAGRAM SHOWING COMPOSITION OF TWO GREAT OPPOSING FLEETS IN NORTH SEA.



GREAT BRITAIN HAS IN BATTLE ARRAY 17 DREADNOUGHTS, 40 PRE-DREADNOUGHT BATTLESHIPS AND 25 ARMORED CRUISERS. GERMANY HAS 15 DREADNOUGHTS, 20 PRE-DREADNOUGHT BATTLESHIPS AND SIX ARMORED CRUISERS. THEIR EXACT PRESENT POSITIONS ARE UNKNOWN, AND SOME REPORTS SAY THEY ALREADY HAVE MET IN DEADLY ENCOUNTER.

NEWS TO BE SENT

French Government Proposes Newspaper for Soldiers.

LINK WITH HOME DESIRED

Minister of War Proposes Measure as One of Comfort for Men at Front and as Means of Arousing Emulation.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—An official communication issued today says the French government has decided to issue a daily news bulletin for distribution among the French troops. This would be composed of reports of field operations and of important events in France, the object being to create a strong link between the French soldiers in the field and their relatives.

Adolphe Messimy, French Minister of War, writes: "Our armies cover a front of more than 250 miles from the North Sea to Switzerland. Each soldier is given over to the impressions of the moment, and of the place where he is, and is without news of the war."

"I believe it to be necessary to send to all those fighting under these conditions the comfort of a daily newspaper. I would have the soldiers constantly measure the importance of their individual effort in the national task and by this thought create among them a generous emulation."

"I wish the soldiers to learn with what care the nation surrounds the parents, the wives and the children, they have left behind them while they consecrate themselves to their great task—a task glorious because their sacrifices are the price of the independence of our country and of the peace of France in the triumph of right and liberty."

Premier Viviani approved of the suggestion.

VICTORY REPORT SENT

GERMAN AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON ADVISES CONSULS.

Russians Have Evacuated Poland and North German Army Is Planning for Battle, Is Word Sent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—The German Consul here has received the following telegram from the German Ambassador at Washington:

"Poland has been evacuated by the Russian troops, which are now massing their forces farther back. The German north army, after having taken possession of the greater part of Liege, advanced its outposts as far as Tirlemont and Namur, where a decisive battle is expected. It is only a question of short time before the forts will fall. The outer forts of Longwy are silenced. The French army corps at Belfort, which pressed our advanced guards, was thrown back to the Vosges Mountains with heavy losses by the Fourteenth Baden Corps, whose left wing, assisted by the Fourteenth Austrian Tyrol Corps, has taken up the offensive."

DEL NORTE TOWN BURNS

Requa, at Mouth of Klamath River, Is Wiped Out.

CRESCENT CITY, Cal., Aug. 14.—The entire town of Requa, Del Norte County, at the mouth of the Klamath River, was destroyed today by fire.

The village general store, the Requa Hotel, two saloons and the town public hall, were among the buildings destroyed.

Requa is a small wooden town, and the loss will not be great, though the discomfort and suffering will be severe for several days.

TWO SLAIN FOR \$15,000

Robbers Attack Virginia Mine Guards Carrying Payroll Cash.

ROANOKE, Va., Aug. 14.—Two guards bearing \$15,000 to pay miners at Glenalum, W. Va., were shot to death and robbed near there today by a band of highwaymen.

The guards, Joseph Spiller and D. C. Amick, according to reports reaching

ONLY CREDIT ASKED

Morgans Explain French Loan Would Not Take Out Gold.

PRODUCTS TO BE BOUGHT

Proceeds Intended, Bankers Declare, for Use in Making Purchases in America—Administration Will Be Obeyed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—J. P. Morgan & Co. announced today that they had not been requested by the French government to negotiate a loan here, but had been approached on the subject by private interests, and that they would not care to entertain the matter should there be the slightest doubt on the part of the State Department of the propriety of negotiating such a loan.

"We have not been asked by the French government to make a loan," reads the announcement, "but we have been approached by private interests negotiating a loan for the French government in case the government should desire such a loan. It was stated to us that if the loan should be made it would be for the purpose of creating a credit in the United States, the proceeds of which would be used to buy American products for the French people, and that no part of the credit would be used for gold exports."

"Immediately on receipt of this inquiry we communicated the fact to the State Department."

"We advised the State Department that irrespective of any legal right to lend to belligerents we would not care to consider the subject if the Administration should have the slightest doubt in the matter. We have not as yet been advised of the attitude of the department."

THRILLING ESCAPE TOLD

CANADIAN STATESMAN HAS HARD TIME LEAVING AUSTRIA.

Hugh Sutherland, Who Has Friends in Portland, Seen Servants Shot for Refusing to Carry Arms.

Hugh Sutherland, member of the Dominion Parliament from the province of Manitoba, had a thrilling escape from Austria on the eve of the declaration of war by Great Britain against Germany.

Mr. Sutherland is a close friend of Rev. and Mrs. Oswald W. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Clark, of Portland.

He walked two miles to the German frontier and another two before he could board a train for Belgium. It was impossible to use paper money, so a party of Englishmen climbed together to get breakfast, the last meal served.

"When boarding the train near the frontier a German officer attempted to board Mr. Sutherland's car. He hit him in the face and felled him."

"Every seat was taken in the train from Vienna. Hundreds struggled for standing room, and the usual palatial cars of the Oriental express were taken off at the first stop."

"Cattle trucks were used to do the three days' trip. Near the border, while the train was standing at the station, he saw four Servians shot by Austrian officers for refusing to join the Austrian ranks. Every few hours all the passengers were commanded to leave the cars, which were taken for troops. He changed cars ten times in one night."

"At Cologne the station was deserted and Mr. Sutherland carried his own baggage. He arrived at Brussels at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning. Fourteen hundred British refugees were on the boat from Ostend to Dover. Mr. Sutherland is in good health."

"He declares he found Austria apathetic, but Germany terribly terrible."

Mercury 99 at La Grande.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—For the second time this summer the thermometer registered 99 here this afternoon, a heat record seldom experienced in this valley.

The total number of teachers in Illinois public schools in 1913 was 32,355.

BASE LINE CASE IN COURT

Judge McGinn Scores County Commission on Paving Action.

GUNS TO ANNOUNCE CANAL OPENING.

Twenty-one guns from the cruiser Boston firing a salute will announce the exact moment of the opening of the Panama Canal to commerce, and immediately thereafter there will be a pandemonium of bells and whistles in the city in celebration of the event. The celebration will begin at about 11 o'clock.

Police and fire bands will play at Fifth and Oak streets and at noon a luncheon will be held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce at the Commercial Club. A. H. Averill, president of the Chamber, will preside and representatives of every commercial organization in the city will be present. Speakers will be J. N. Teal and H. B. Miller. The entire celebration is under the auspices of the Chamber.

McGinn, "but as a Circuit Judge I have no right to settle this dispute, as it is of a political nature and not of a judicial nature. I will let this case be finished before I will decide, but I am telling you now that I believe the County Commission should settle this matter."

LEBANON MAYOR STRICKEN

Executive Dies Few Hours After Attack of Heart Disease.

LEBANON, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—A. E. Zeising, Mayor of Lebanon, died last night of heart disease. He was struck while at his place of business in the early afternoon and was taken to his home and at 5 o'clock had a second attack, from which he did not rally. He died at 11 o'clock. He was 54 years old.

STREET RAILWAY INCREASES WAGES.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 14.—Upward of 3000 employees of the Baltimore street railway system today received an advance in wages. The new schedule increases the company's payroll \$200,000 a year and gives an average increase of 25 cents a day to the conductors and motormen.

IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT SUCH AN AUSPICIOUS EVENT AS THE OPENING OF THE PANAMA CANAL SHOULD OCCUR WHEN OUR BROTHERS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC ARE ENGAGED IN SETTLING NATIONAL DISPUTES.

The opening of the canal and the European difficulty are of immense historical importance—post yourself now through the medium of our geographical and historical volumes—books that in time to come will possess an unusual value.

SPECIAL WAR MAPS FROM 15c UP

GILL'S

The J. K. Gill Co. Third at Alder St.

THE TAXICAB COMPANY

Announces That During the Months of August, September and October They Will Offer the

Lowest Taxicab Rates in Portland

Combining Reliable Service, Comfort, Safety, Courteous Treatment

50 Cents First Mile—10 Cents Each Additional One-Third Mile

Hourly Rates, Two Dollars

Touring Cars, Limousines, Landaullets, \$3.50 per Hr.

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Attractive patterns in thoroughly good wool tweeds, chevrons and fancies at decided reductions from normal prices.

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Boys' \$ 6.50 Norfolk Suits Only \$5.10
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Boys' \$ 8.50 Norfolk Suits Only \$6.75
Boys' \$10.00 Norfolk Suits Only \$7.85

Every Child's Wash Suit Half-Price
Bathing Suits for Boys Reduced—Boys' Straw Hats Half Price and Less

BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER
Morrison Street at Fourth

SHIPPING BILL ON SNAG

VIGOROUS OPPOSITION IN SENATE IGNORES PARTY LINES.

Gallagher Declares Admission to Coastal Trade Means More to Britain Than War Victory.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Serious opposition to the provision of the conference report on the emergency shipping bill which would open the coastwise trade to foreign-built ships admitted to American register, was voiced in the Senate today by both Democratic and Republican Senators.

Senator Gallagher declared foreign interests had spent large sums of money, "directly and by way of advertising," to break down the coastwise laws. He declared the provision would be a greater aid to Great Britain than a great victory on a battlefield.

After several hours of debate, devoted chiefly to arraignment of this proposal, the opposition Senators agreed to a vote Monday.

Paraguayan Treaty Signed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—A peace commission treaty between the United States and Paraguay was signed today, making 22 such conventions negotiated by Secretary Bryan. Eighteen have been ratified by the Senate.

LIMIT IS GIVEN KIDNAPER

Leader of Band Sent to Prison for From 25 to 50 Years.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The maximum sentence of from 25 to 50 years in Sing Sing was imposed today on Pasquale Milone, leader of the band that kidnapped 8-year-old Frank Longo from his home on the East Side and held him captive for 49 days.

Francisco Malacuso, another member of the band, was sentenced to from 12 to 25 years in Sing Sing, while a third member, Vincenzo Acona, was sentenced to from 20 to 30 years. Six more alleged members of the band are in the Tombs awaiting trial.

THREE KILLED AT FIRE.

ANNA, Ill., Aug. 14.—Three men were killed at Dongola, Ill., today, when the wall of a burning building fell. The fire destroyed half the business section of the town. Among the buildings burned were the postoffice, the First National Bank, the Oddfellows' Hall, five stores and a restaurant. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.