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INTERESTING CANAL FIGURES

Latin Americans Not to be Caught Napping for Uncle Sam Will Dig the Big Ditch and Link the Pacific With the Atlantic Ocean.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Some interesting figures have been compiled here based on the work being undertaken by Southern American countries in preparing their harbors and waterways against the completion of the Panama Canal. Preparations is half the victory in peace as well as in war, and the Latin-Americans are not to be caught napping when the last shovel of dirt is tossed out of the big ditch by Uncle Sam, and the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans are linked to advance the commerce of the world.

A notable instance of foresight is found in the action of the Argentine Republic in improving the harbor of Buenos Ayres. Thirty years ago no large ships could come within 20 or 30 miles of that city and there were no channels, wharves or docks. At an outlay of a cool \$50,000,000 the harbor now is magnificently equipped and on its tide tide the ships of every commerce-seeking nation of the world.

The Argentine Republic thus spent on one undertaking the amount the National Rivers & Harbors Congress is urging the rich United States to devote annually and scatter over a number of waterway improvement schemes. The request will be brought prominently before the next Congress, and the organization is working to increase its membership to include every solid shipping and business interest in the country, so that its appeal may be representative of every section and of all classes. Captain J. F. Ellison, its secretary and treasurer, reports from Cincinnati that the membership is growing rapidly.

Another big city to the south of the United States is Rio Janeiro, on the harbor of which the government of Brazil is spending \$30,000,000. A further expenditure of \$25,000,000 is to be made for the improvement of the Amazon River, and its tributaries. This will open up the interior of a rich country and will mean more to Brazil than anything that the government ever has undertaken.

Then there is Chile. Despite the recent earthquake and the country's urgent need for funds for the rehabilitation of its cities, the government believes the work of such vital importance to its prosperity that it has set aside \$15,000,000 for improvements to the harbor of Valparaiso. Colombia, too, is preparing. A foreign loan is being negotiated to improve the Magdalena river, which flows northward from Ecuador. It is proposed to make this river navigable for 700 miles into the interior.

There are a number of other gigantic improvement schemes, all relating to waterways or harbors, under way or contemplated by other South American republics. The figures on these last are not yet wholly available, but they aggregate many millions. For the next eight or ten years the South American program of waterway development will be crowded.

This country also is awakening to the necessity for being ready to take advantage of the big trade that the opening of the Panama Canal will engender. The work of the National Rivers & Harbors Congress in arousing the American people to this need is beginning to bear fruit. It is highly probable that the Sixtieth Congress will pass a rivers and harbors appropriation bill at the long session that will eclipse the record one voted by the Fifty-ninth Congress in its final days.

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HEROIC GIRL.

Places Life Preservers on Shipmates and Saves Women's Life.

PORTLAND, July 24.—Miss Mabelle Watson of Berkeley, Cal., 16 year old heroine, who supported a drowning woman for two hours after the wreck and succeeded in saving the woman's life is one of the passengers arriving here on the Elder.

Miss Watson was awakened by the steamer's whistles. She says that there was not very much of a jar when the vessels came together and a moment later an officer came along and said go back to bed. The young lady did exactly the reverse and fastened life preservers on her three roommates and herself, the other women in the stateroom being hysterical. She sent two of her companions on deck and carried the third a cripple, she found the life boat and entered it, but the boat had hardly been lowered when the Columbia sank and the life boat was drawn down in the vortex. The occupants were thrown into the water.

BREACH WIDENING.

Governor Johnson Is Personally Upon Scheme to Force Chinese Out.

DULUTH, Minn., July 24.—The growing breach between the 4000 iron ore miners on strike and the mineowners is becoming serious. Governor Johnson is personally on the scene, saying that within eight hours he can have troops in the district. Deportations, parades and disruption of business on the ranges are features of the strike. Two agitators have been arrested at Bovey and armed citizens are looking for more. Eight mines at Virginia have been closed by a parade of 3000 strikers and 2000 men are thrown out of employment there. There are 12,000 miners in the district.

JAMES B. DUKE IS MARRIED.

Multi-Millionaire Weds Mrs. Nanaline Holt Inman.

NEW YORK, July 24.—James B. Duke, the multi-millionaire head of the American Tobacco Company, was married yesterday to Mrs. Nanaline Holt Inman at the home of Mrs. William Schuyler Stackpole in Brooklyn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. David J. Burrell, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church.

Duke recently secured a divorce from his first wife after a sensational trial. Mrs. Inman's first husband, William Inman, was a rich cotton grower in Georgia, where she was born. He died three years ago. She has a son 12 years old. She was a beautiful burnette, and about 40 years of age.

FINED AGAIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Emile J. Zimmer was again called to the witness stand today and again refused to testify. He was fined \$500 and sent back to jail.

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Have Been Placed Under Investigation by Unions.

DUMMY BONDS PREVALENT

Many of the Bands Posing As Royal Ones Are Made Up Of What Is Called "Dummy" And "Noisy" Members Are Imposters.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Foreign musicians are to be placed under investigation by the American Federation of Musicians, because it is said they are engaged to labor in violation of the contract labor laws.

All locals affiliated with the American Federation have been instructed to collect data and submit them to the National officers. All the knowledge concerning these musicians will be tabulated and placed before the commissioner of immigration and that official will be asked to take action that will exclude them from following the business here.

"Many of these importations are men from the laboring world, and have little if any knowledge of music," declared Joseph F. Winkler, president of the Chicago local.

"Many of the bands posing as being royal ones are made up of what is called 'Dummy' and 'Noisy' members. The dummy members carry the instruments and go through the action of playing while in reality the mouthpieces are plugged and they make no sound at all. The noisy members are the 'time markers' and play some very small parts in the arrangement of the music.

"In many imported bands a few really good musicians do the work, while elevator starters, waiters, teamsters and men from other non-musical walks of life go to complete the band," continued Mr. Winkler. "It is, however, necessary that they have the appearance of being the real thing."

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