

Ted Talks of Panama Canal

Says No Nation Can Be Truly Great Without Playing a Great Part—Points Out Advantages of Canal.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 2.—Colonel Roosevelt, speaking here today, said:

In traveling in Europe last spring one thing which especially struck me was the fact that the two feats which made the deepest impression abroad were the cruise of the battle fleet around the world, and the digging of the Panama canal. These were the two feats to be created to the American people during the past decade which had most profoundly and favorably affected foreign judgment of America during that time. Such judgment depends not in the least upon what people say they can do, but upon what they actually do; upon their willingness to meet responsibilities, and the success of their efforts to meet them.

Now, there is no use of a nation claiming to be a great nation unless it is prepared to play a great part. A nation such as ours cannot possibly play a great part in international affairs, cannot expect to be treated as a weight in either the Atlantic or the Pacific, or to have its voice as to the Monroe doctrine, or the management of the Panama canal, heeded, unless it has a strong and thoroughly efficient navy. Within the last decade the American navy has been about trebled in strength, and much more than trebled in efficiency, due to its extraordinary progress in marksmanship and maneuvering. So far from this increase in naval strength representing on our part either a menace of aggression to weaker nations or a menace of war to stronger nations, it has told most powerfully for peace. Everywhere in Europe the cruise of the battle fleet around the world was accepted, not only as an extraordinary feat, reflecting the highest honor upon our navy, but as one of the movements which tended markedly to promote peaceful stability in international relations. No nation regarded the cruise as fraught with any menace to itself; and yet every nation accepted it as a proof that we were not only desirous ourselves to keep the peace, but able to prevent the peace being broken at our expense. No cruise in any way approaching it has ever been made by any fleet of any other power; and the best naval opinion abroad had been that no such feat was possible, that is, that no such cruise as that we actually made could be undertaken by a fleet of such size without innumerable breakdowns and accidents. The success of the cruise, performed, as it was, without a single accident, immeasurably raised the prestige, not only of our fleet, but of our nation; and was a distinct help to the cause of international peace.

As regards the Panama canal, I really think that outside nations have a juster idea than our own people of the magnitude and success of the work. I wish our people realized what is being done on the Isthmus. If a man of intelligence who had never left this country asked me whether I would advise him to make a short trip to Europe, or a trip to the Panama canal, I would without hesitation, advise him to go to the Panama canal. He would there see in operation and completing of one of the great feats of modern times. Colonel Goethals and the men working under him are rendering a service to this country which can only be paralleled in our past history by some of the services rendered in certain wars.

Six years ago last spring the American government took possession of the Isthmus. The first two years were devoted to sanitation of the Isthmus, to assembling the plant and working force, and providing quarters, food, and water supplies. In all these points the success was extraordinary. From one of the plague-spots of the globe, one of the most unhealthy regions in the entire world, the Isthmus has been turned into a singularly healthy place of abode, where the death rate is small, where hundreds of children are now being raised under as favorable conditions as in most parts of the United States. The quarters, food and water supply are excellent, and the plant the best ever gathered for such a purpose. Active excavation on a large scale did not begin until January, 1907. Three years and a half have gone by since then, and three-fifths of the total excavation has already been accomplished. The amount taken out has passed anything which previous experience warranted us in believing to be possible. In 1908 and 1909 the monthly average of rock and earth removed was three million cubic yards, notwithstanding the fact that nine months of each year constituted a season of very heavy rainfall. There remains to be excavated only about sixty million cubic yards. If we could keep up the past average of excavation, this should be done in 20 months; but it is impossible to maintain such a ratio as the depth increases; for the output necessarily diminishes as the field of operation narrows. Still, it is certain that such a rate can be maintained as will enable the workers to finish the excavation considerably in advance of the date fixed for opening the canal, January 1, 1915. Indeed, I shall be surprised if the canal cannot be opened six months or even a year in advance of the time set.

The work has two great features: The Culebra cut, which I have been considering, and the great dam at Gatun. The latter is to imprison the waters of the Chagres and other streams into a lake with an area of 164 square miles. This work is advancing steadily, and just as successfully as the work on the Culebra cut. The water which is ultimately to fill the lock is now flowing through the concrete spillway in the center of the dam, the Chagres having been diverted from its bed and placed under complete control. The construction of the dam has advanced sufficiently to convince the engineers in charge of the work of its absolute stability and imperviousness. The concrete work on the lock is advancing so rapidly that the first double-set at Gatun will be completed this coming November, and the engineer in charge has announced that all the concrete in all the locks will be in place two years hence. The date of final completion and formal opening of the canal to the commerce of the world will be determined by the time consumed in placing the great steel gates, emergency dams, and all appliances for operating the docks. But those in charge of the work announce without hesitation that everything will be finished well in advance of January 1, 1915.

This is a stupendous record of achievement. As a people we are rather fond of criticizing ourselves, and sometimes with very great justice, but even the most pessimistic critic should sometimes think of what is to our credit. Among our assets for the past ten years will be placed the extraordinary ability, integrity, and success with which we have handled all the problems inherited in the result of the Spanish war; the way we have handled ourselves in the Philippines, in Cuba, in Porto Rico, in San Domingo, and in Panama. The cruise of the battle fleet around the world was a striking proof that we have made good with the navy, and what we have done at Panama represents the accomplishment of one of the great feats of the ages. It is a feat which reflects the highest honor upon our country, and our gratitude is due to every man who has taken an honorable part in any capacity in bringing about its performance.

We now have a greater duty to perform in connection with it, and that is to fortify it. We are in honor bound to fortify it ourselves, and only by so doing can we effectively guarantee its neutrality, and, more-over effectively guarantee that it shall not be used against us. The chief material advantage—certainly one of the chief material advantages—which we shall gain by its construction is the way in which it will for defensive purposes, double the power of the United States navy. To refuse to fortify it, and, above all, to consider for a moment such an act of utter weakness and folly as to invite other nations to step in and guarantee the neutrality of this purely American work (and thereby really to make it certain that in the event of war we should find the canal used against it, as our fleet would be forbidden to pass through it, or else our opponent's fleet permitted to), would be to incur, and quite rightfully, the contempt of the world. It would be the complete abandonment of the Monroe doctrine, it would be a wicked blow to our prestige on the Pacific coast, and moreover, it would be in its essence treason to the destiny of the Republic.

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BEAR STEALS PIG AT FORT KLAMATH

Fort Klamath Citizens Organize Bear Hunting Parties, But They Seek in Vain While Bruin Steals Another March.

FORT KLAMATH, Sept. 2.—The bears in this vicinity are becoming mighty pesky these days, and the entire population has been planning one big bear hunt which will be pulled off at once if these animals do not take a tumble and hike back to the hills. Last Friday a cub was caught less than half a mile from town and is now a captive at the Hyland livery stable. Saturday night another, thought to be a mate to this one, visited the slaughter pen of T. C. Norris, the butcher, and walked off with a pig which he anticipated serving up to his customers when it became large enough to butcher. Saturday and Sunday a number were out looking for bear in the hope of capturing the mother of the cub found the day before, but she was not located, although she is thought to be now in this vicinity. Not finding any signs of her Saturday, it was thought by the old bear hunters that the captured cub had probably been driven out of the hills by the fires and was alone. But since one came so close into the city and made a meal from Mr. Norris' future pork supply, which will make him one short when he comes to butcher, interest has again picked up and another effort will be made to get this animal. Another cub has been seen in the neighborhood and he will likely be captured within a few days if he continues to hang around these diggings.

Fort Klamath is almost deserted nowadays because of the forest fires which have been razing on the mountains west of Seven Mile creek. Every man who could be spared from his work or home and is able to fight the flames has been pressed into service and while little damage to the farmers and stockmen of this vicinity is expected to result, every precaution is being taken to check the ravages of the blaze.

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Most of the Masonry in San Francisco Will Attend Nuptials—Carries Grand Cross of Honor, a Great Distinction.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—William Moses, 83, the oldest living Mason in California, will become a beneficiary this evening, when, in the presence of most of the Masonry of the city, he will marry Miss Marguerite Robertson. The wedding will be a Masonic affair, held under the auspices of the Eastern Star and with the assistance of Golden Gate lodge of Masons, of which the groom is a charter member.

Besides being the oldest Mason in California, "Uncle Billy" Moses is the only Mason in the state who has the grand cross of honor. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Charles O. Robertson, an old friend of Moses, who died many years ago. She is a ward of Golden Gate lodge and a member of Golden Gate chapter of the Eastern Star.

GERMANS HOLD SWAY IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—More than 10,000 visiting Germans, together with the local German population, are today celebrating the second day of the Pacific saengerfest for 1910. This afternoon's feature will be an "artists" matinee, given by the San Francisco symphony orchestra and visiting guests. The concert of the saengerbund, in which 1000 voices will join, will be held tonight.

Magnificent cups have been donated as prizes by Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria and Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, and the contests for the possession of the trophies will be begun tomorrow.

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GENERAL STRIKE IS SPAIN WORSE

Shops, Factories and Mills Closed—No Street Cars in Operation and No Newspapers Are Being Published.

SARAGOSSA, Spain, Sept. 2.—The general strike spreading throughout Spain reached Saragozza today. Shops, factories and mills are closed; no street cars are in operation and no newspapers are being published.

Reports from the countryside indicate that farm laborers are leaving their places and heading toward the cities. Garrisons are being strengthened in this district in anticipation of riots.

DICKENS CELEBRATION IS PLANNED FOR 1912

LONDON, Sept. 2.—America and England are joining in a scheme for a great Dickens celebration in 1912, the centenary of the novelist's birth. Representative men of both countries will form a committee to settle the details of the scheme.

One suggestion put forward is based on the estimate that there are 24,000,000 copies of Dickens' works in existence. It is proposed that a Dickens testimonial stamp should be printed and sold through booksellers in England and America for 1 penny or 2 cents. If even a fraction of the owners of Dickens' works bought and affixed one of these stamps to each volume the total sum would be very large. It is suggested that the sum thus raised should be handed over to the Dickens family. There are three children and 17 grandchildren of Dickens now living, and some of them are in very poor circumstances.

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92 PASSENGERS TAKEN OFF WRECK

Steamer Watson Goes Ashore—Ship Is Supposed to Be in Such Shape That It Will Break Up and Be a Total Loss.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 2.—The 92 passengers taken off the grounded steamer Watson, of the Alaska-Pacific company, which went on a reef in a fog last night will be brought back to Seattle on the sister ship Buckman due here from San Francisco this afternoon. None were injured when the steamer struck on the rocks at midnight, and they will resume their journey to California on the Buckman, according to the official line here today.

Latest wireless from the wireless reports from the Watson tend to increase the fear that the steamer is seriously damaged and experienced seamen declare their conviction will break up and go to pieces.

The passengers were taken off in the slips lifeboats and little or no excitement prevailed, according to the wireless message received in Seattle today from Captain J. Griffith. The revenue cutter Snohomish and several tugs were sent to the relief of the Watson this morning and it is hoped that the steamer may be pulled off the reef in high tide.

The steamer Buckman, northbound from San Francisco, was reached by wireless today and ordered to pick up the passengers from the Waddah island and bring them to Seattle.

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