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Panama Canal, Dream of Centuries, Is Now Reality; the Last Barrier Is Dynamited Out

PRESIDENT GIVES SIGNAL FROM THE EXECUTIVE MANSE

ALL CANAL ZONE PEOPLE ATTEND THE CEREMONY

More Than a Thousand Dynamite Charges Are Used to Blow Away the Gamboa Dike, Separating the Waters of Gatun Lake from Culebra Cut—Is a Triumph for the American Engineering Corps.

United Press Service

PANAMA, Oct. 10.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon 1,227 charges of dynamite exploded, blowing out Gamboa dike, separating Gatun Lake and Culebra Cut, the last permanent barrier in the Panama canal.

President Wilson, at Washington, touched an electric button, signalling Colonel George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the great work, to start the blast. In the presence of practically everybody in the canal zone, Colonel Goethals re-signaled, and the dike was blown out, technically finishing the canal.

Four hundred charges exploded first, blowing off the top and loosening much earth, which was removed by dredgers. The other charges, 400 at a time, were exploded at intervals, reducing the dike until completely removed.

The steam dredges will complete the work of opening the channel by removing the debris, etc., and once this is done a clear passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific will result.

Actually, the removal of the Gamboa dike does not complete the canal or bring about the union of the Atlantic and Pacific. The great Culebra slide at Culebra still blocks, and it will require a fortnight to remove this.

For a fortnight, though, the two oceans have been joined together by fresh water. The waters from both sides have intermingled through the medium of a 24-inch pipe placed under the Gamboa dike.

It is expected that by December the waters of Gatun lake will have risen high enough to bring the waters in the entire canal up to the deep water level, when the large ships can be sent through.

PANAMA CITY, Oct. 10.—When

MANY SEESTONE MADE

Reception at Courthouse Site Highly Interesting

Quite a number of people took advantage of the opportunity afforded them by the invitation of L. M. Schofield to visit the artificial stone plant Thursday afternoon and witness the making of the beautiful stone blocks and columns that are to go in the new court house building.

Among them were several well-informed concrete contractors, or men who at one time were engaged in the work. R. E. Smith, who at one time was doing concrete work exclusively, declares the plant of Mr. Schofield to be the best equipped concern of the kind he has ever seen, and the quality of stone produced by Mr. Schofield

to be absolutely the best he ever examined.

Mr. Schofield admitted that the stone now being made was of a better quality than he had ever before produced.

"The sand used here," said Mr. Schofield, "is the best for this purpose I've ever had the pleasure of using. When I first felt this sand I was sure of turning out a perfect stone."

He also paid his respects to the architect designing the plans for the new court house, saying they were the most comprehensive set of plans he had ever handled.

University Open to All

It will cost the man who pays taxes on \$1,000 about 18 cents to uphold the two University of Oregon appropriations November 4; it will cost the man who pays taxes on \$100 less than 2 cents. It will give alike to the man who pays taxes on \$1,000 or \$100, however, facilities for education in a state institution that he has himself helped build, without the necessity of paying fees. There are no fees at the State University.

A woman missionary put on a diver's suit in Ceylon and brought up seven valuable pearls from the oyster beds.

ATHLETICS CAPTURE THIRD GAME

Demaree Is Routed in Fourth Inning

Extra Base Hits Clouted by Both Teams

the waters of the Atlantic and those of the Pacific were wedded today and the breaking in two of the backbone of two continents finally completed, the United States had achieved what for two centuries had been dreamed of, attempted and abandoned as too gigantic a feat for human effort.

America's greatest triumph in the building of the canal will be written down in history as one of the greatest achievements of mankind. It will stand up as a Sphinx and the Pyramids of the modern era.

Just as the Egyptians overcame what would seem to have been well nigh insurmountable obstacles in their task, the United States has undertaken and accomplished in less than seven years what four other nations of the world tried and despaired of from the early part of the sixteenth century.

It has thrown across the isthmus an army of men, and these men have clawed the dreamed of passageway through mountains of rock. It has opened its purse and poured into the undertaking a flood of nearly \$400,000,000.

It is hard for those not here on the scene to appreciate the vastness of this work, despite the volumes that have been written about it, but the figures are staggering. Imagine a wall of earth and rough rock three feet high and three feet across, wrapped five times around the earth at the equator, and you may get an idea of what is meant by 223,253,000 cubic yards of excavation which the canal work has called for. Or reduce to the picture of a solid block the 4,474,850 cubic yards of concrete that have gone into the construction of the locks and the dams and the spillways.

From deep water in the Caribbean Sea on the east to deep water in the Pacific ocean on the west, the canal measures a length of 50 miles. Vessels will reach its summit elevation by a flight of three locks located at Gatun, on the Atlantic side, and by one lock at Pedro Miguel and a flight of two at Miraflores on the Pacific

AN OPEN LETTER TO TAXPAYERS

By the County Court

Since the classification of highways made in our last letter seems to be eminently satisfactory and the natural one to make, we shall be pleased to say something relative to the merits and conditions of each one.

We enumerated as number one, the highway to Modoc county via Klamath Valley, Merrill and Mallin. This is a very important road and a large amount of work has already been done upon it. It passes south and easterly through the heart of the Klamath Basin and takes a considerable area of the most productive part of Klamath County. It serves a large population and percentage of traffic and will always be a much used highway for all sorts of conveyances.

The mileage between Klamath Falls and the Modoc line below Mallin is practically forty and for that whole distance it has been graded, drained and culverts established with the exception of about three miles. On this portion we have been delayed on account of rights of way in dispute. There are two branches of this highway known as the hill and valley roads and both have been improved. The hill road has been the better during bad weather and will so continue until surfacing has been done along the valley line. It has, however, provided a good outlet for the Merrill country since the approaches to it have been prepared and will so continue until the valley line is complete.

This should be done at the earliest moment possible since this is the road which will serve the greatest number of people and has the lowest grades. It also follows section lines and traverses the heart of the agricultural district.

With the installation of the proper surface traffic may follow

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New York	3	2	0	5	8	2
Philadelphia	0	0	x	6	9	0

By HAL SHERIDAN
(Written for the United Press)

SHIBE PARK, Oct. 10.—The Athletics won their third victory from the New York Giants today, when they finished with a 3-to-2 score.

As a result, the McGraw aggregation will be forced to take two games in a row, in order to tie up with the series.

Al Demaree, the young Giant who finished at the head of the National League, went in the box for the Gotham team, but he proved an easy mark for Mack's giantkillers. A total of seven hits and four runs were gleamed from his delivery before he was driven back to make way for Marquard.

In his first inning, Marquard also gave the Athletics two runs, but after that he had the Athletics at his mercy, squaring himself in a measure for his disastrous work in the first game.

On the firing line for the Athletics was Chief Bender, and the big Indian pitched his usual consistent game all through. In the seventh and eighth, though, the Giants got at his delivery and made five runs, but Bender tightened up at this point, and shut off any hopes of a McGraw victory.

Luck broke against the Giants. Two of the Athletic hits would have been easy outs, had Snodgrass been in condition. As it was, his "charley-horse" forced him out of the game. McLean's injured foot put him out of the game, too.

The Athletics are all anxious for another crack at Matthewson. It is believed that McGraw will use him tomorrow.

Today's game ends the player's participation in the receipts. This morning there was in the treasury \$108,355.

First Inning
Giants—Snodgrass went down on a pop to Baker; Doyle's fly fell into Strunk's hands, and Fletcher was retired by a throw from Barry to McInnis. No runs.

Athletics—After Murphy went out on a fly to Snodgrass, Oldring drove out a triple. Collins, who followed, hit to Merkle, but the first baseman threw to McLean, putting Oldring out at the plate. Baker went down on a foul to Shafer. No runs; two hits.

Second Inning
Giants—Burns went out on a hit to Murphy and Shafer struck out. Murray reached first after being hit by Bender, and he was advanced to third by McLean's single. Merkle hit a foul to McInnis. No runs; one hit.

Athletics—McInnis banded out a single and went to second on a sacrifice by Strunk. A two-sacker by Barry scored McInnis. Schang went to first by the four-ball route, but Bender knocked a fly to Burns and Murphy popped an easy one to Snodgrass. One run; two hits.

Third Inning
Giants—Demaree went out on a fly

CITY OBSERVES CANAL OPENING BY BRIEF STOP

THE HERALD GIVES THE TIDINGS THROUGH FIRE ALARM

Following the Flash, Bells Ring and Whistles Blow; Business Houses Suspend Activities, and the Schools Take a Recess, in Honor of the Great Work Just Completed by the United States

At exactly 11:13 a. m. there was flashed over the telegraph wire to the Herald the tidings that at 3:04 p. m. by Eastern time, President Woodrow Wilson at the White House touched the electric button signaling the setting off of the blasts to blow out the Gamboa dike in the Panama canal.

Immediately afterwards, Fire Chief Ed Wakefield, L. L. Terwilliger, Oscar Ironeman, "Brownie," Merle Houston and John Hubbard seized the ropes of the fire bell, and for five minutes the tones of the big bell, announcing the completion of the canal, were heard in every part of the city.

The bells of the schools and the whistles at the Ackley and Savage lumber plants also chimed in, and even auto horns tooted lustily their salute to the great Yankee achievement.

At the sound of the bells, business was suspended in every part of the city. Even on the streets, men paused for five minutes, many baring their heads, and all proud to be citizens of the country that has not yet known a failure in anything undertaken, a nation which by sheer determination and stick-to-it-iveness, put through a work that was dreamed of centuries before the Americans made their first independent stand by dumping overboard certain boxes of tea, to any nothing of the intervening years before the United States became an independent country.

At the high school the students marched out of the building and remained in the open for ten minutes. At the grammar schools, the pupils set aside their books for five minutes and heard their instructors tell of the marvelous work just completed.

LOTS OF DEER IN HILLS

Sportsmen Are Returning Laden With Venison

The deer hunters are beginning to return from the mountains, and for the next week or so there will be many venison banquets among the people of Klamath Falls. Although some of the parties who made quick trips are returning empty handed, the deer are reported to be quite plentiful. This is the time of the year when the deer begin to leave the mountains and are going down into the lower ground, and as a result the shooting has been the best the past week of any time during the season.

Deputy Game Warden Ramsby, who has been in the mountains since the 10th of last month, returned this week. He brought back one buck, and had sent in another earlier in the month. He states that he could easily have secured as many as he wished if he had so desired, but his trip was in the performance of his official duties rather than for hunting. Bert Withrow, O. W. Robertson and Will Houston returned with Mr. Ramsby, but were unsuccessful in securing game.

Gus and Al Melness returned this afternoon with three fine bucks. They have been hunting on the headwaters of the Rogue. Fred Schofield and