

ARE RUSHING THE WORK ON THE CANAL

NO DOUBT BUT THAT IT WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1915—UNCLE SAM HAS AN ARMY AT WORK AND PAYS IT 42 TONS OF SILVER A MONTH.

"Work on the Panama Canal in its magnitude would surprise any man who saw it for the first time," remarked W. M. Hood, of Virginia, representative of a Cincinnati house.

"I spent two months there this year, and my first view of the big ditch almost took my breath away. The efforts of the French to dig the canal were pygmylike compared to what our people are doing. This is illustrated in the difference in size of the cars and engines used to haul away the dirt. It would be possible almost in the cab to place one of the French engines in the cab of an American locomotive now in use.

"We have \$35,000 men at work, and the payroll is \$1,500,000 a month, or 42 tons of money. No paper money is used to pay the men, because of the fear that it might carry germs of disease. The dirt is flying so fast that it is marvelous. There are 380 engines and 3400 cars at work, and the time required to unload 40 cars is less than 15 minutes.

"The great work, of course, is in the Culobra cut, which will take longer to complete than any other part of the ditch. It requires digging down through 85 feet of solid rock, to a base of 400 feet. They are using a ton of dynamite every day on this work alone.

"I have not the slightest doubt that the canal will be completed by 1915. Colonel Goethals is the best man that could be found to superintend the work. He is on the job every minute, and can be seen any day at 6.30 in the morning at some part of the canal.

"One of the most surprising things to me was the perfect climate and sanitary conditions. I was there for nearly eight weeks, and in all that time did not see a mosquito. They have grasscutters who go around every day, and grass is not permitted to grow within 100 feet of a house. The entire Canal Zone is as clean as any army camp, made so by Colonel

Gorgas who cleaned up Cuba and Manila."

Doctor's Prescriptions.

It has been proved over and over again that the doctors of this country freely prescribe proprietary medicines in Latin for their patients until they are advertised to the public, after which time they consider it a duty to immediately condemn the very same medicine, not because the preparation is any less valuable, but because it is not "ethical" to prescribe an advertised medicine. There are, however, many physicians of recognized standing broad-minded and successful enough to continue to prescribe such standard remedies as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which they know to be good.

TRANS-CONTINENTAL RATES REDUCED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, June 29.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered reductions averaging 25 per cent in trans-continental railroad freight rates in an important series of decisions based upon complaints from Spokane, Portland, the Nevada railroad commission and the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce.

The largest reductions are made in rates in territory from the Pacific coast to the Missouri river. Following the decision of the commission the railroads interested filed a petition for re-hearing of the Missouri river rate cases in the United States supreme court. The petition acts as a stay on the action of the commission until October, when the petition for a re-hearing will be considered by the supreme court.

DELAWARE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Norfolk, Va., June 29.—A new wireless mast is being installed on the battleship Delaware today to replace the old one which was destroyed by lightning late yesterday. The Delaware was loading ammunition here when the lightning struck the mast. One man was injured and there was much excitement among the crew as an explosion was feared.

King Menelik, who died several weeks ago, is still dead, contrary to his usual custom.

CANADA IS IN GRASP OF THE OCTOPUS

CANADIAN PACIFIC WAS GIVEN MONEY TO BUILD ITS ROAD, PROTECTED FROM COMPETITION AND GIVEN LANDS TWICE VALUE OF ITS ROAD.

According to The Sun, of Toronto, America, the home of the trusts, has a keen competitor for that doubtful honor in Canada, and it cites the Canadian Pacific Railway as the Canadian money trust.

This railway had an original length of 2,550 miles, with an estimated first cost of \$91,500,000. To this building cost the public contributed as follows: (1) Completed railway, \$35,000,000; (2) cash, \$25,000,000; (3) land, 25,000,000 acres, selected in the Northwest; (4) rails and other supplies imported free of duty; (5) exemption from taxation on its land grant, not less than twenty years, and perpetual exemption as to roadbed and equipment; (6) monopoly of trade. The government binding itself not to allow the building of competing lines northward to the border.

Here is \$70,000,000 actual cash, and an unknown side value. Up to June 30, 1909, the land sales had aggregated \$63,730,788 net, and there were still remaining 8,437,594 acres in the prairie provinces, and 4,403,505 acres in British Columbia. At the price of last year's land sales these lands, exclusive of the British Columbia group, have a valuation of \$190,000,000, or twice the cost of the original road. The government, in order to cancel that last clause which restricted competition, went security for a \$30,000,000 loan to the company, and, furthermore, to use the exact statement by The Sun: "As a matter of fact, not only did Canada make these enormous donations, which seem to have been all swallowed up by some intermediate absorbing agency, but it had from time to time to furnish the ready cash or the credit necessary to carry on the construction of the railway."

It further appears from a statement of Hon. Edward Blake, made in 1885, that "They raised by the new finance on stock \$24,500,000, and have devoted to dividends \$21,000,000, making \$3,500,000 to go on with the work, and \$21,000,000 to go into their own pockets. If you include the September (1885) and February (1886) extra dividends there will have been paid and provided for dividends \$24,875,000, or a sum equal to the whole amount realized from the sale of the company's stock. The shareholders will have paid \$24,500,000 for their stock, and there will have been paid and provided for dividends to them \$24,500,000. The net result of the transaction has been to invest money with one hand for the purpose of taking it out with the other. In substance, the proceeds of the stock have been divided among the stockholders. We, (the government) are to raise the money to build the road, and the country is to pay tolls for all time in order to pay dividends upon stock so provided. All this is to be done because the stockholders in this enterprise, having realized from \$65,000,000 of stock \$24,500,000, have chosen to appropriate \$24,500,000 to pay dividends upon their stock."

Forty-four stockholders are named, among whom the American reader will readily recognize those of W. C. Van Horne, Lord Mount Stephen, Lord Strathcona and J. J. Hill, whose shares in total aggregate a face value of \$19,907,700, for which was paid \$4,981,440, and on which the aggregate dividends within the five years ending in 1884, according to the records on file at Ottawa, were \$5,876,130. These shares, originally bought at \$25 per \$100 share, are now worth \$190, and on a face valuation of \$20,000,000 the Canadian farmers are paying dividends of between six and seven per cent per annum. In other words, within five years the investors got their money back, and now have a property worth \$38,000,000, paying annually 25 per cent on the original investment.

That beats farming!

Going to See the Fight. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, June 29.—Two special trains for the Jeffries-Johnson battle ground left here today. The specials carry Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and Pittsburgh fight fans, who will be quartered aboard the cars while in Reno.

Slaughtered the Natives. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Tangier, Morocco, June 29.—Couriers arriving here today report the slaughter of 1200 natives in a battle with French troops in the Tadia district on June 23. The French losses are said to have been slight. No details of the fighting are obtainable.

AN EDITOR PEDDLES "SARKASM"

THE MAIL-TRIBUNE OF MEDFORD GIVES ASHLAND THE FOLLOWING THOROUGHLY COOKED ROAST LAST SUNDAY.

The peaceful city of Ashland is excited—that is, as nearly excited as Sleepy Hollow can become. The community is rent in twain for a momentous question is to be decided and upon it depends the destiny of Ashland. The dove of peace has flown, or paid its fare on the vanishing trolley.

It is but a few short days since Ashland served notice to the world that outside capital was not wanted within its peaceful portals and that its restful quiet was not to be disturbed by electric roads. Following came the proposition to bar the swift-moving, noisy auto from the sacred solitudes of the park.

Now a new problem has arisen to disturb the tranquil slumber, or an old problem in a new form—the ancient question of "to drink or not to drink." Ashland long since decided that humanity, no matter how hot the day, had no right to drink. Now the baffling puzzle of the hour is, "Shall animals be allowed to assuage thirst?"

In brief the question now disturbing Ashland's beauty sleep, is whether or not an ornamental fountain shall be placed at the entrance of the park. Various civic organizations, aroused by this uncalled for intrusion and threatened breach of the peace, have sounded the alarm and uttered violent protest to the city council. They recommend instead, that the fountain be placed in the cemetery, an appropriate suggestion.

The council, divided against itself, is unable to decide a question of such great import, and the matter has been referred to the improvement clubs and business men for discussion and a full expression of opinion. In all probability a special election will be called to settle the vexatious problem. To an outsider, it would seem that the suggestion to place the fountain in the cemetery is an excellent one, an accommodation not only to animals, but to Ashland's human mossback population. By all means, place all Ashland's civic improvements in the cemetery—it is entirely fitting.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

CLEVER FORGER IS ARRESTED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Portland, Ore., June 29.—John Davies, wanted by the police of practically every coast city, is under arrest here today, accused of 21 forgeries, and a number of house-breaking jobs.

According to the police Davies confessed to several jobs, after \$3000 worth of jewelry and a trunk full of suits of clothes had been found in his apartments. In addition detectives found safe-cracking and house-breaking tools.

Proprietors of three stores burglarized recently, have identified the suits as those stolen from their places of business.

Davies, it is said, worked a clever check forging game. His alleged plan was to draw a worthless check for a sum not exceeding \$35, purporting to represent a week's wages. With one of these checks, it is alleged, he would appear in a store with his hands and face blackened and clothing begrimed.

In this manner, it is asserted, he generally passed for a workman, and experienced no trouble in cashing the check.

It is said that the man raised approximately \$1000 in this manner. It is said that Davies is wanted in San Francisco and Seattle.

Band Concert Tonight.

The Salem Military band will play the following program in Wilson's avenue tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock:

- W. E. McElroy Conductor
- Delbert Burton Soloist
- March, "Gloria" Losey
- Overture, "Poet and Peasant"
- Suppe
- Trombone solo, "The Sweetest Story Every Told" Stutta
- Delbert Burton.
- (a) "Cabanolo Glide" Von Tialer
- (b) "Cotton Babes" Wénrich
- Selection, "The Merry Widow" Lehar
- Characteristic piece R. Ellenberg
- German Patrol, Guard Mount
- Musical Comedy, "King Dodo"
- March, Finale. Luders

CLANTON IS NOW FISH WARDEN

Edward Clanton, of Grants Pass, and for the past two years deputy fish warden for district No. 2, which embraces all of that territory south of the Columbia river, was elected as a successor to Master Fish Warden McAllister yesterday afternoon by the State Fish Commission.

Clanton was endorsed by leading citizens of Josephine, Jackson, Coos and Douglas counties, and it is understood that his appointment meets with the approbation of Governor Benson. Henry O'Malley, who is identified with the United States fishery department, and who has headquarters in Oregon City, was also strongly recommended for the place.

A Cincinnati man has retired from business with \$1,000,000, which he says is as much money as any man has the right to possess. How he must dislike trouble.

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