

WORK ON CANAL HAS GONE WELL

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Damage and Loss Greater Than Was Estimated—Cost of Moving Dirt Varies from 24 Cents to \$2.51 per Cubic Yard.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Summarized in a phrase, "satisfactory progress all along the Panama Canal zone," is the gist of the annual report of the isthmian canal commission, made to Secretary of War Dickinson by Col. George W. Goethals, chairman of the commission and chief engineer in charge of the work on the canal, and made public by the former.

With the work of excavation and of construction progressing favorably on all points along the line, with health conditions better than ever before, with a centralization and consequent economy in certain parts of the work and with a maximum of laborers since the United States began to dig the canal, Col. Goethals' report was decidedly pleasing to Secretary Dickinson.

Not All Smooth Sailing. The chief engineer reports, however, that it was not all smooth sailing during the past year, slides, breaks and floods hindering the work to a certain extent. He mentions four slides, covering respectively 47, 7.3, 4.6 and 1.7 acres and requiring during the year the removal of more than a million cubic yards of material.

Three big breaks, he reports, occurred during the year, one at the town of Culebra, covering an area of more than ten acres and requiring a removal of more than a million and a half of cubic yards of dirt and stone. The second largest break covered an area of more than eleven acres and required a removal of more than 300,000 cubic yards.

Floods Interfered. The floods seriously interfered with the progress of the work," says Col. Goethals, referring in particular to that of the central division and the Culebra cut, and the one of December 20 overflowed the dike separating the cut from the Chagres river, cutting a channel through it about 200 feet long and 21 feet deep.

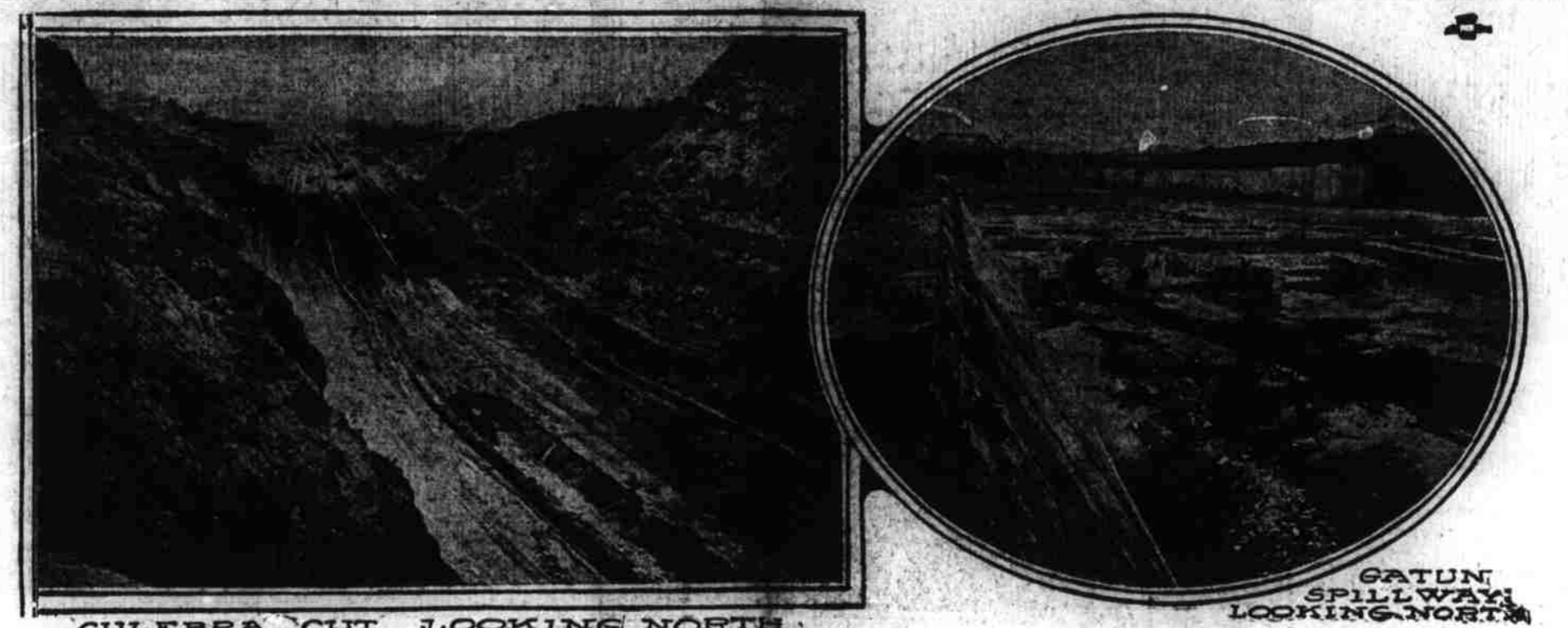
The total amount of material removed from slides and breaks in the central division of the canal during the year was more than two and a half million cubic yards, or about fifteen per cent of the amount removed during the year from the Culebra cut, the principal part of the central division.

More than 36,000,000 cubic yards of material were removed from all parts of the canal during the year, of which almost 15,000,000 were from the Culebra cut and almost 10,000,000 from the Chagres section. About 35,000,000 cubic yards remain to be removed from the Culebra cut before this section of the canal is completed.

Reports from various points along the line show that the cost of excavation varied from 24 cents per cubic yard at one place to as high as \$2.51 at another. There is no such divergence of price in the cost per cubic yard of concrete work, the lowest average being \$6.49 and the highest \$8.60. More than 700,000 cubic yards of concrete were laid during the year.

Methods for Economy. Economy has been sought by the commission in various directions. To reduce to a minimum delays on account of breakdowns of machinery, plant and equipment, which reflect largely in the cost of work," says Col. Goethals, "and to provide proper facilities for overhauling plant and equipment, as well as manufacturing necessary repair parts, large shops have been provided at certain points in the isthmus in which are employed a total of 4,391 men.

"In general," he adds, "the repair shops and equipment on the isthmus are adequate to meet all requirements during the construction period. Nothing as yet has been done toward permanent shop facilities which will be needed after completion of the canal.



CULEBRA CUT LOOKING NORTH

A DECISIVE BATTLE IS EXPECTED TODAY; HEAVY FIGHTING BEGAN IN EARLY HOURS

Madero Proclaims Himself President of the Provisional Government of Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 23.—There is no foundation for a rumor current that President Diaz has suffered harm through revolutionary activity. Foreign Minister Creel announces that the nation's executive is in good health.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN CHIHUAHUA. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 23.—Heavy fighting began early this morning at Santa Isabel, Chihuahua. At Torreon a large force of cavalry has been sent in pursuit of the revolutionists, who withdrew towards San Pedro, where a decisive battle is expected today.

TROOPS ENROUTE TO MEET MADERO. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 23.—Reports from Monterey declare that a large number of federal troops are enroute to Maderero, Coahuila, to meet Madero, who is reported to be marching on that place with about 1000 well equipped cavalry and several hundred infantry. This force, it is said, is being augmented by recruits along the line of march.

NINETEEN SHOT FOR TREASON. Laredo, Tex., Nov. 23.—It is reported that an army of 200 revolutionists is encamped 30 miles from the city on the American side of the river, awaiting an opportunity to cross the border into Mexico.

MADERO'S PROCLAMATION. Ciudad, Porfirio Diaz, Nov. 23.—Francisco I. Madero has proclaimed himself president of the provisional government of Mexico, and admonishes his followers not to commit overt acts against Americans nor do damage to property of foreigners. Madero's proclamation is being generally circulated throughout northern Mexico.

To Prevent Violations of Neutrality. Washington, Nov. 23.—Responding to a request from the department of justice, charged with the responsibility of seeing that the United States is not used as a base of war in connection with the Mexican revolution, the war department has instructed General Hoyt, commanding the department of Texas, to respond to requests from United States marshals for assistance of troops in preventing violations of neutrality.

Many Were Marked for Death. Mexico City, Nov. 23.—Four hundred revolutionists who took part in the assault on Parral were repulsed with a loss of 13 dead, the inhabitants withholding the attack for many hours until troops were able to reach the scene from Chihuahua and Monterey.

Three thousand troops of all arms, who left here were expected to reach Torreon, Gomez Palacio, Loredo and Parral today. It is believed that they will be amply strong to cope with the situation.

Papers here have been found which show that the conspirators behind the revolution have marked for death many prominent government officials, among them Miguel S. Macedo, secretary of the government. President Diaz was to be taken but his life was to be spared because of his past services to the country.

The bodies of those killed were to be suspended from electric light wires in the streets. The building of El Imparcial was to have been destroyed with dynamite. The papers exposing the conspiracy were discovered by a policeman on Sunday. Three employees of the government had been furnished with the explosive and were instructed to use it at the first report of uprising, which was planned for last Sunday.

SUFFRAGETTES GROW FRANTIC FOR CROWN OF MARTYRDOM

Rioting Continued During the Night in London—Asquith Residence Stoned, Window Glass Broken—Other Officials' Homes Get Same Treatment—Secretary for Ireland Viciously Assaulted—156 Women and Two Men Arrested; Most of Them Released.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Rioting of suffragettes which began yesterday, with an assault upon Premier Asquith, continued throughout the night. Excited women rushed from one district to another, renewing battles.

Advancing under cover of the fog at 2:30 this morning, a militant band circumscribed the police and stormed the Asquith residence in Downing street. They hurled stones and metal weights at the Asquith house, breaking the glass in all the lower windows.

Earlier in the night, the women smashed windows in the homes of Foreign Secretary Gray, Secretary of State for Colonies Harcourt, and Winston Churchill, home secretary.

Vicious Attack on Birrell. Augustine Birrell, the veteran secretary for Ireland, was the victim of a most vicious attack. He was rescued, badly injured, by the police.

Another Attempt to Invade the House. This evening the suffragettes made another attempt to force their way into the house of commons, but were repulsed. Many were arrested.

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As the black cap of the hangman was placed over his head, the condemned man is believed to have muttered something, but whether it was a confession or not will never be known, for his words were lost in the muffling folds which shut out the world from his vision.

HENRY W. MILLER GOES TO ATLANTA ON DEC. 1

Promoted to Be Assistant to President Finley of the Southern—Raleigh Is Sorry to Lose Him.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Raleigh, Nov. 23. Keenest regret is expressed here at the loss of Henry W. Miller, for many years assistant to First Vice President A. B. Andrews of the Southern Railway.

Mr. Miller is a native of Raleigh. He was newsboy and telegraph messenger as a small boy here. He became loading clerk and relief telegraph operator at the Raleigh freight office in 1885. Industry and close application to duty brought him steady promotion.

Mr. Miller is personally pushing, as chairman of the building committee, erection of a \$50,000 granite church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal).

MRS. WHITLOCK

Mother of Mrs. S. Lipsky Expires in Philadelphia, at the ripe Age of 94 Years.

Mrs. Whitlock, the mother of Mrs. S. Lipsky, died in Philadelphia about 9 o'clock last night at the mature age of 94 years. The interment will be made in Richmond tomorrow.

Now that Crippen's lips are forever sealed postmortem rumors of confession are afoot. This morning, following the execution, the prison authorities issued an official statement declaring that no confession was made.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S DAY IN RICHMOND

A Busy Program for National's Chief Executive in the Capital of the Confederacy.

Richmond, Nov. 23.—President Taft's hosts had the chief executive up this morning early and started on a program which promised no spare moments until the hour for his scheduled departure for Washington, 6 o'clock this evening.

The president spent the night at the Jefferson hotel, and breakfasted with Governor Mann at 8:30; at the executive mansion. A twenty-one gun salute was fired as the president entered capital square.

Landing from the armored cruiser Tennessee at Fort Monroe yesterday afternoon, after a flying visit to the isthmus of Panama, President Taft came to Richmond last night to be the guest of 250 citizens at a luncheon at the Jefferson hotel.

Mr. Taft dined at the Westmoreland club, and later held an informal reception at the Commonwealth club.

On his way to Richmond yesterday afternoon, Mr. Taft stopped for a half hour at Williamsburg to visit the old William and Mary college and the Burton parish church, which dates back to 1637.

The cruiser Tennessee, conveyed by the Montana, passed in the Virginia capes shortly before nine o'clock this morning and came to anchor off the government dock at Fort Monroe a little more than two hours later.

Mr. Taft, the president's brother, who accompanied him to Panama, left the party here and went to his home in Cincinnati.

BODY THAT OF COLLIER; HE HAD \$10,000 TO \$12,000

It is Also Said Trunk Victim and William Lewis, Missing, Were Attentive to Same Woman.

New York, Nov. 23.—At time of the disappearance of Albert C. Collier, the artist, whose body it is now declared, was that found packed in a trunk in the basement of a house, it is said he had between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

The police are informed that Collier and William Lewis, his friend, in whose trunk the body was found, were attentive to the same woman.

THE EDUCATIONAL TEST ADOPTED FOR ARIZONA

Electors to Be Required to Be Able to Read Constitution of the State in English.

Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 23.—After a long debate the constitutional convention last night adopted the educational qualification in the election law provision, by a vote of 23 to 21.

The measure requires that electors must be able to read the constitution in English.

WHITE BOY RUN OVER AND KILLED BY TRAIN

Body, Completely Severed, Found on Tracks—The Boy Was Bela Parks.

News has been received here of the tragic death near Morganton Sunday morning of Bela Parks, a white boy 18 years of age. The remains of the boy were found on the railroad tracks by a brother Sunday and the coroner of Burke county notified.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that the boy was run over by a train and killed. There were no witnesses to the tragic accident but it is supposed that young Parks attempted to board a train and was thrown beneath the wheels and crushed to death.

The body, completely severed, was found on the tracks about one-half mile east of Morganton.

Typhoid at Naval Academy.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The typhoid fever outbreak at the naval academy probably will lead to the academy being supplied with milk from its own herd of cattle. This was the opinion expressed by department of agriculture officials.

Evidently Committed Suicide.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23.—Dropping from the twelfth story of a skyscraper at Broad and Chestnut streets, Henry C. Brewer, a credit adjuster, 30 years old, today fell to the bottom of the structure, and met death almost instantly. The police say Brewer committed suicide.

CRIPPEN PAYS DEATH PENALTY

Went to His Doom, a Pitiable Spectacle of Nervous Collapse, Losing All His Former Stoicism.

LE NEVE GIRL LAST TO VISIT THE CONDEMNED MAN IN JAIL

Crippen Made no Confession so Far as Miss LeNeve Knows—Execution Carefully Guarded by the Authorities.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Dr. Hawley H. Crippen today paid the penalty for murdering his wife, Belle Elmore, the actress, within a few minutes before the stroke of nine, the hour fixed officially for the execution. The hanging was in Pentonville prison.

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