

LEAVES FROM A COURIER REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTE BOOK.

Seeing the "Big Ditch"—Directions in the Canal Zone—Description of the Canal—Gaton Lake and Dam—The Gatun Locks—The Famous Culebra Cut

Heretofore very little has been said concerning the courtesies extended the members of the National Editorial Association while they were in Panama. The first afternoon after our arrival, Mr. Parrott, our Corresponding Secretary, announced that all persons representing papers were invited to go to Col. Goethals' office at Culebra on a special train. The party was made up of the editors, and about five women who were really interested in the construction work of the canal. I considered myself very fortunate to be permitted to join the party, for in Col. Goethals' office we saw a miniature model of the Panama Canal, which gave a most comprehensive idea of the whole thing. It was a perfect reproduction of what the completed canal will be. A small boat passed from the Atlantic to the Pacific through this miniature canal, was raised and lowered at the locks just as the vessels which will begin passing about 1915. Seeing this model and having everything explained by Col. Goethals, we were pretty well prepared to see the canal during the next few days. Arrangements had been made for a special train for the editorial party and each morning we left Panama City about six in the morning in order to see the work in the coolest part of the day. During the time we were in the Canal Zone we traveled 262 miles on a special train seeing the canal, and as I have said before the distance across is only 47 miles.



THE FAMOUS CULEBRA CUT. An Old French Excavation.

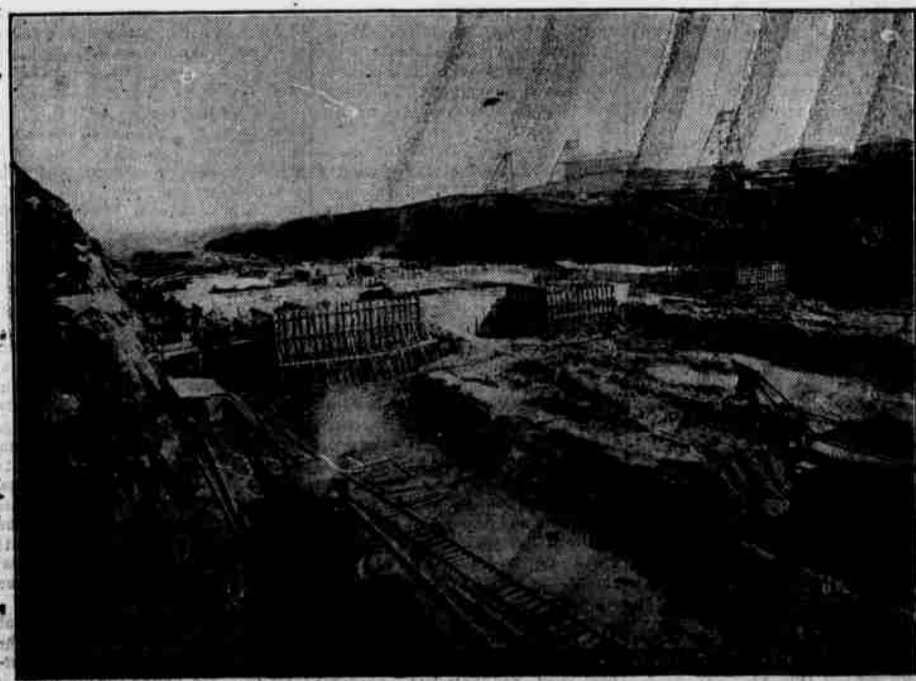
Directions in the Canal Zone.

The course of the canal is from northwest to southeast. I did not believe this before seeing it and studying geography over again, but it is true. The Isthmus of Panama curves almost in the shape of a goose's neck, and brings the canal almost directly south of Pittsburgh, Pa. Panama City on the Pacific ocean is east of Colon on the Caribbean Sea. An accurate map will show that this is a true statement, and after consulting it The Courier readers will be prepared to hear that I really saw the sun rise in the Pacific and set in the Atlantic the same day. This reminds me that while in Panama our attention was called to our being on the south side of a little to the south of you. Down there it was north of us.

The "Southern Cross," which is only visible in Southern skies, was visible every night while we were in Panama and great interest was taken in studying the heavenly bodies, hardly as much as was later shown in Halley's comet, though.

Description of the Canal.

The canal is to be fifty miles in length from deep water in the Atlantic to deep water in the Pacific. The minimum width of the canal prism is 300 feet. This point is in the Culebra cut, through



Culebra mountain. The average width of the channel will be 650 feet. It will have a summit elevation of 68 feet above the sea, to be reached by a flight of three locks at Gatun on the Atlantic side and three on the Pacific, one located at Pedro Miguel, the other two at Miraflores. All of these locks will be in duplicate. That is, have two chambers side by side; each will have a usable length of 1,000 feet and a width of 110 feet. In entering the canal from the Atlantic side, a ship will proceed from deep water in Limon Bay to Gatun Locks, a distance of about seven miles through a sea level channel five hundred feet wide. On the Pacific side there is a corresponding sea level channel to Miraflores nearly eight miles long. Fifteen of the fifty miles of the canal will be at sea level. At the Gatun locks ships will be carried up to an elevation of 85 feet above sea level in three lifts to the level of the water in Gatun lake. Each lift will raise the vessels 28 1-3 feet. At Pedro Miguel on the

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An Old Coin.

Mr. George Womble showed The Express this week a Peruvian coin which was given him by his grand father, the late Tyson Womble, 35 years ago. This piece of money is of silver and was made in 1838. It is nearly as large as an American silver dollar, but of a different design. On the face of this coin in plain letters and figures is the following: "10 C. and 20 G." It is said that there are only three other coins in existence like this one, and that a premium has been offered for them. Mr. Womble wrote parties in New York that he had the coin. They replied and asked him to forward the piece of money to them; that they would pay him \$50 for it. He decided to keep the coin.—Sanford Express.

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