

by seventy feet, with concrete mixers and hoists; an earth dredge for filling the concrete viaducts; eight pile drivers; a sand dredge; eight towing launches; more than fifty barges; six tugs; a stern-wheel steamer; a dispatch boat; four quarter boats, and about one hundred dinghys.

Some idea of the magnitude of the undertaking may be gathered from the estimated amount of material to be used in constructing the viaducts. It will require 206,100 cubic yards of sand, 260,800 barrels of hydraulic cement, 176,900 cubic yards of stone and 4,810 tons of steel. Bahia Honda Harbor will be the working base, and no doubt when the road is completed to this point a line of steamships will be operated between it and Havana, as it is but twenty miles farther to that point than the distance between Havana and Key West, and the distance between Bahia Honda and Key West is forty miles.

Ground was broken at Key West during the past summer for the extensive docks to be built at the terminal there; this includes a dry dock, ten wharves eight hundred by one hundred feet, with basins two hundred feet wide between. These piers will furnish berths for forty boats four hundred feet long, with water from twenty to thirty feet deep.

Ultimately, a car ferry with a capacity of thirty cars will be operated between Key West and Havana which will make the ninety nautical miles in less than five hours, and bring that city forty-eight hours nearer New York and Chicago, an immense advantage to the postal service alone; while the journey will be one of indescribable charm and delight. Think of traveling in a perfectly equipped railroad train at the rate of thirty or forty miles an hour over open seas whose limpid waters are as blue as the sky above and where may be discerned, on beds of coral, beautiful fish and other inhabitants of the sea; of crossing islands where coconut palms, citrus trees and the curious mangrove tree flourish; where pineapple fields are constantly in fruit. The islands the work of the tiny coral insect who has constructed both the islands and reefs that dot the Florida channel. To vary the journey, your train will make the trip across this Cuban channel on a ship of great power and speed; a journey that will lure thousands to the Gem of the Antilles.

Although the line will undoubtedly command a large patronage when trains are operated on it, will be given the mail service, carry the express between Cuba and this country, and possibly the fast freight, it is difficult to discern a profit on the millions invested in the great project. This is the work of one man, evidently an impressionist, seeing great results to be attained for the benefit of the public through mists that would be impenetrable clouds to others; his optimistic sense inspiring him to carry on great projects without the hope of profit for a score of years to come.

The idea has been the pet hobby of Henry M. Flagler for years, but only recently, has careful study of the great difficulties, made it seem possible.

J. R. Parrott, First Vice-President and General Manager of the road, who is in charge of the work, is a man of rare ex-

ecutive ability, eminently fitted for the position.

Palm Beach Enjoys Life.

PALM BEACH, FLA., Feb. 12—The motor boat races over, visitors have settled down to the enjoyment of the many pleasures here, golf, fishing, sailing and surf bathing leading in popularity. Many social pleasures are coming into prominence as the season advances, and a large company is rapidly assembling.

Among one of the pleasant affairs of the week was an "at home" given by Mrs. Frederick Robert at her charming cottage, "Fleur D'Eau." Among the distinguished guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flagler.

The champion motor boat Mercedes is an object of general interest to visitors.

Golfers are busy and numerous events are taking place and planned for the future. A feature of the coming week will be a visit from the famous English professionals who are at Pinehurst this week.

Encyclopedias at The Library.

By courtesy of Dodd, Mead and Company, the publishers, the library has been temporarily equipped with The New International Encyclopædia, in twenty volumes. The need of such reference books has been deeply felt and all who have examined the handsome volumes have expressed warm appreciation.

Annual Employees' Masque Ball.

Arrangements are well in hand for the fourth annual masquerade of the Village employees, which will be held early in March. This affair is always an interesting one for the guests, and is anticipated from year to year. The usual prizes will be offered for costumes.

Will Wonders Ever Cease?

There is a good story going the rounds about to the effect that Zanoni, the mind reader who did all sorts of things remarkable and weird, lost his gloves after the entertainment at The Carolina and was unable to locate them! Will wonders ever cease?



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