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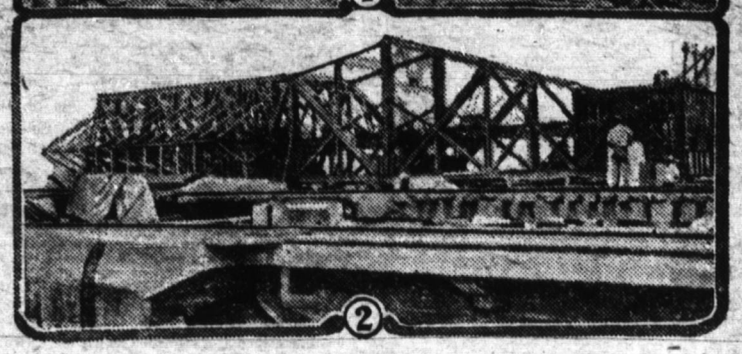

1—Steam Shovel and Crew in Culebra Cut. 2—One of the Great Emergency Dams Devised to Protect the Locks.

Colon, C. Z.—What of the men who have done the actual digging of the Panama canal? Who are they, whence have they come, how do they live?

We all have read a lot about Colonel Goethals, Colonel Sibert, Colonel Gaillard, Colonel Hodges, Colonel Gorgas and a few others of the men who hold the "big jobs." We know that their immediate subordinates are skillful, energetic young engineers and doctors from the states. But what do we know about the men who handle the pick and shovel, who run the steam drills, who load the borings with dynamite, who help to fill up and empty the interminable dirt trains?

With the very beginning of the French attempt to dig the canal the labor problem bobbed up as serious, especially in view of the horribly insanitary conditions on the isthmus. White laborers succumbed rapidly to yellow fever and malaria and it was found that only negroes could withstand even fairly well the diseases and the climate.

When Uncle Sam took hold of the big job he had the benefit of the experience of the French in this as in other respects, and though he tried a few experiments in the labor field on his own account, it was soon determined that the actual digging could be done best by negroes. Now there are two islands in the West Indies, both British possessions, which are overflowing with workmen—Jamaica and Barbados. To these islands agents were sent, and soon the colored men began to arrive on the isthmus, shipload after shipload. Many of them brought their wives and children and have become a part of the permanent population of Panama.

One other source of labor was drawn upon largely, the north of Spain. There the agents of the commission found a race of men hardy, eager for work and more intelligent than the negroes. A large number of them were brought over, and though for a time they were troublesome by reason of their disposition to engage in bloody quarrels among themselves, after several had been locked up by the Zone police they learned to behave more like civilized beings. These Spaniards do not mix with the negroes, either in work or socially. They have their own camps and messes. The stewards and cooks at these messes are Europeans and the Spaniards get better meals than the negroes. The food is adapted to their national taste and they receive wine several times a week. For this they pay 40 cents a day—10 cents more than the colored men pay. The Spaniards are considered the best common workmen in the zone.

The day laborer on the canal, as a general thing, uses the pick and shovel and does work that calls for no especial skill. But this is not true of all of them. There is a higher grade in which the men do such work as the riveting on the great lock gates and the operating of the busy batteries of steam and compressed air drills that bore the holes for the dynamite blasting. Many negroes who have been on the job for years have graduated up to these better positions.

Above them are the bosses of gangs, the conductors of dirt trains, the foremen of dynamite crews, men who hold similar jobs, and they are almost invariably white men because such positions require more independence, reliability and intelligence. Up another grade and you come to the superintending, drafting and designing engineers. These are men from the states with technical education, initiative and often great inventive genius. To the latter are due a number of most ingenious machines designed to cope with new conditions and to expedite the work.

The negro laborer from Jamaica or Barbados is a joy forever. He is inordinately proud of his British citizenship, and with some reason, for the British government looks carefully after his welfare in such a case as this, the terms of his contract being supervised, his health guarded and his return, if he desires to return, provided for. The Jamaicans are the more intelligent of the two classes, and often have considerable education. The best of them have found positions as clerks, stewards and the like. The Barbadians are in the main densely ignorant, but they are a happy lot and as they stream away from the canal to their quarters in the evening they sing, frolic and play practical jokes as though they had not just completed a day of backbreaking labor. They receive an average of $30 a month, their meals cost them 30 cents a day and their living quarters almost nothing unless they prefer to rent rooms from outsiders. Then they get the worst of it, for rentals for ordinary rooms, without furniture and conveniences, are exorbitant. The barracks for laborers provided by the commission are fitted with several tiers of bunks made of canvas slung on iron frames. At regular intervals these are taken down and boiled, and such other sanitary measures as are necessary are carried out with regularity and precision.

If the laborer is injured or falls ill, there is a dispensary and a doctor close at hand, and if the case is at all serious the patient is sent to the hospital at Ancon or Colon. There he receives free as skilful treatment as money could buy, and there he is kept until he recovers or dies.

There is intense rivalry between the Jamaican and the "Bajian," for each believes firmly that his island is bigger and better than the other's, and, incidentally, both believe that both Jamaica and Barbados are larger than Cuba. Their looks of dismay when shown a map of the West Indies are comical to behold.

Two things these negroes are extremely fond of—religion and rum. And both are rather disastrous to many of them. The insane asylum whose buildings straggle up one slope of Ancon hill is full of them, and acording to the doctors most of them have been brought there by either rum or religion. Every evening in the streets of Panama may be encountered large groups of negroes, listening to the exhortations of some leader, often a woman, and singing with fervor the hymns she intones for them. On other corners are detachments of the Salvation Army, working with equal enthusiasm. And in the living quarters and the hospitals groups will surround some amateur pastor who preaches to them and prays for them. In these ways, when they are not drinking, the negroes spend much of their leisure time, and as they are impressionable and excitable and ignorant, the results are not always good.

Pay day in the zone furnishes some interesting scenes. The pay car traverses the railway and at each labor camp or town a long line of negroes files through it. Each man must present his pay check and identification tag with one hand and in the other hold his hat or cap. Into the latter the cashier shoves the silver coins that make up the workman's monthly stipend. The process is extraordinarily rapid, as it must be for there are many thousands of laborers to be paid.

Up near the summit of Ancon hill is a large patch of ground where no vegetation ever grows. According to the legend, an Indian maiden sat there centuries ago and wept bitterly for the fate of her countrymen whom she could see far below toiling under the lashes of the cruel Spaniards. Her salt tears flowed down the hillside and so impregnated the soil that henceforth no vegetation could exist there. If any maiden from Jamaica or Barbados ever sits up there, she need not weep over the lot of her fellow-islanders. Indeed, her smiles at their happy condition might well restore that bit of land to its pristine fertility. Her husband, father or brother is earning more than he ever did before, is living better, and when he returns to his island home may have saved up enough to loaf for a long time under the shade of the sheltering palm.

So the real diggers of the canal, though unhonored and unsung, are well paid, well fed and well housed. In their degree they are as fortunate as any others who have found employment in the zone.

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Special exhibits will be made at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, August 23 to September 8, the attendance of which touches the million mark, the famous dairy show at Waterloo, Iowa, in November, and the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago during November and December. Exhibits at district and county fairs in New York, Cannecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota, have been arranged in four circuits, running from August 5 to late in October.

The work of preparing these exhibits has been under way since the close of the fair season in 1912. Since the beginning of the new crop season, agents have been at work with the result that from every state on the lines of the Southern System, there have come most representative collections of agricultural products, including grains, grasses, vegetables, and fruit. Large photographs showing farm and other views in the South will also be used. The exhibits will be in charge of agents who are thoroughly familiar with conditions in the South and who will be on hand constantly to give information desired about any locality. Special leaflets and booklets have been prepared and several hundred thousand will be placed in the hands of prospective settlers.

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Nicaraguan Plan is Shelved.

Washington. — Secretary Bryan's plan for an American protectorate over Nicaragua, providing for American supervision of Nicaragua's finances, indpendence and foreign relations, was shelved for the time being. Apparently with the knowledge of the administration the Senate Foreign Relations committee, before which the project has rested for two weeks, passed a resoluton asking the Secretary of State to submit a new Nicaraguan treaty.

Confirms the Bible.

Philadelphia.—The Bible story of Noah and the flood is confirmed in many details by Bapylonian hieroglyphics, written 4,000 years ago or more, according to announcement made by the University of Pennsylvania. The writing on a tablet an epic of great length purporting to reach back to the creation has been deciphered at the University by Dr. Arno Poehl, the announcement says. The tablet, said to be the oldest ever obtained, was dug up in Nippur several years ago by a museaum expedition.

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