

IMPROVEMENT ON THE Isthmus REPORTS THE SPECIAL PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION.

The Success Has Been Literally Astonishing. Comments the President and Congratulates Col. Goethals and Problem of Holding Skilled Labor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The special commission consisting of James Bronson Reynolds, Samuel B. Donnelly and Henry Bethel Needham, appointed last spring to investigate conditions on the Isthmus of Panama, in its report to President Roosevelt, made public to-day, warmly commends the administration of affairs both as regards the prosecution of work on the canal and the improvement in sanitary and social conditions.

The report of the commission has greatly pleased President Roosevelt, who has expressed his satisfaction in a letter to the commissioners in which he remarks that the success of the work "has literally been astounding." The President has also written a letter to Col. Goethals congratulating him and the whole Isthmian Canal Commission on their "really phenomenal success."

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and demand, the wage rates till now have only at times held the employees during the period of financial depression in the States.

Other recommendations relate to a more efficient supervision of quarters, the establishment of additional drying rooms, prevention of pneumonia, and providing better clothing, greater diligence and effort in the extermination of vermin, extension of the nine hour law to telegraphers and train dispatchers on the Isthmus, and the extension of the system of longevily pay, a new system of vacation privileges and provision for compensation for injuries.

SUBWAY TO BE COOLER, SURE PISTON VENTILATION SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED.

That is, Walls Are to Be Built Between Express Tracks—Air Will Be Changed Six Times an Hour, the Hot Air Going Out Ahead and Cool Coming In After.

The Public Service Commission will tackle this week the problem of cooling and ventilating the subway. It is realized by the commission that the fans, blowers and louvers (louvers are the flapping shutterlike arrangements near the station platforms which are supposed to open outward on the approach of a train and thus let out the warm air and to fall inward in the suction left by the passage of a train, drawing cool air into the subway) are a failure and that some more comprehensive plan must be adopted to make the subway more comfortable during the summer months.

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SHORT CUT TO HIGHEST COURT. Government's Plea Would Dispose of \$29,000,000 Fine Case Promptly.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—If the plans of the Government carry the Standard Oil case will be taken to the United States Supreme Court by a short cut. This is revealed by an obscure paragraph of the petition filed with the United States Court of Appeals for a rehearing of the reversal of the \$29,240,000 fine against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

The Government, however, seeks to facilitate matters through an immediate certification of the case to the Supreme Court. It is pointed out to the Judges of the Court of Appeals that their opinion leaves in doubt the question of the defendant's "guilty knowledge." They are told that the statute provides that the court may at any time certify to the Supreme Court any questions or propositions of law concerning which they desire construction.

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IF HAINS PLEADS INSANITY DELAY BEFORE SHOOTING WILL HELP, HIS LAWYERS SAY.

For It Proved His Mind Broke Under a Strain—Defense Has a Conference—The Captain May Wear His Uniform To-day—Army Proceedings Are Due Up.

In the week and a day that has elapsed since Capt. Peter C. Hains of the Coast Artillery, accompanied by his brother, T. Jenkins Hains, a writer of sensational tales, went down to the Bay Side Yacht Club and shot and killed William E. Annis, a good start has been made by the District Attorney of Queens county and by counsel for the two prisoners toward preparing for the trial, which it is believed will take place about the middle of November.

PREACHER GOES TO ASYLUM. Old Man Who Wanted to Marry Girl of 16 Decides to Accept Treatment.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 23.—The Rev. George Fitzhugh, the aged rector of St. Barnabas's Episcopal Church at Curtis Bay, who attempted to marry a ten-year-old Lulu Virginia Frazier his wife last week, was taken to the Spring Grove Asylum for the Insane.

ATLANTIC CITY STILL WET. Bettie Imp Absent—Otherwise You Could Get Drunk.

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 23.—Despite the decision of the Grand Jury, the ordering of indictments by Supreme Court Justice Trenchard and the declaration of Gov. Fort that the State law must be obeyed, every saloon and café in Atlantic City did a rushing business to-day. A crowd that topped every other in the city last Sunday kept extra waiters on their feet.

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FRANZ JOSEF HUNGARY'S PROMINENT WATER DIED.

RENNON.—On August 22, 1908, in Monroe, Conn. Funeral private. FORMAN.—On August 22, 1908, Mary H., wife of the late George H. Forman, aged 61 years. Funeral services from 101 Sherman av., Jersey City, N. J., Monday at 2 P. M.

BOYS WRECK LIMITED TRAIN. Wedge Bolt in Track and Cause Death of Engineer and Fireman.

BURFORD, Ga., Aug. 23.—The New Orleans and Southern Railway, was wrecked near here this afternoon as a result of a bolt being placed in the track by some boys.

RESCUER LOST HIS NERVE. Nine-Year-Old Drowns While His Big Cousin Stays on the Beach.

While playing on the stringpiece of a lumber laden dock at the foot of West Houston street last night James McDaniel, 9 years old, lost his footing and fell in.

CRIPPLE TAKES HIS LIFE. Used Tackle Which Helped Him Get to Bed and Out Again to Hang Himself.

William L. Steiger, 68 years old of 223 Barker avenue, The Bronx, killed himself at his home last night with a stick of tackle which had been intended to be used to assist him in getting in and out of bed.

WHEELING AND LAKE ERIE SHOPS BURNED. NORWALK, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Flames originating supposedly through spontaneous combustion in waste in the boiler shop this morning destroyed the general repair plant.

Steeled His Auto Into a Tree. PATERNON, N. J., Aug. 23.—Robert Spear, a silk manufacturer of this city, while driving a touring car along Market street near Freedland avenue last night failed to note a turn in the road in the darkness and ran the car into a tree.

FALLS OVERBOARD IN HIS SLEEP AND DROWNED. Theodore Tuttle, 65 years old, who lived at 48 Commercial street, Williamsburg, went to sleep while sitting on a stringpiece of the pier at the foot of Commercial street yesterday afternoon and fell into the East River.

He died a few minutes after being rescued by William Schumacher of the tugboat E. C. Tholin.