

WIDEN CANAL

PANAMA LOCKS ARE TOO SMALL AS PLANNED.

OPINION OF NAVAL MEMBER OF CANAL COMMISSION LATE FROM THE ISTHMUS.

The locks of the projected Panama canal must be made wider than they were originally planned, in the opinion of the naval member of the canal commission, Lieutenant and Civil Engineer H. H. Rosseau, who arrived in Washington direct from the isthmus. It is presumed that he bore this message from the commission itself, although that fact could not be determined, owing to the departure of the officer from Washington for New York only a few hours from the time of his arrival in Washington, just sufficient time here, in fact, to enable him to lay his message before Secretary Metcalf.

Undoubtedly naval exigencies, supplemented by the building of the giant Cunarder Lusitania, were the basis for the projected change of plan, which will involve the expenditure of many millions of dollars, and perhaps the extension of the time estimated for the completion of the canal project. It is also probable that the mere suggestion of such a considerable change of plans as that proposed by Lieutenant Rosseau would precipitate a general debate in congress and reopen the whole issue of sea-level versus lock canal, which was believed to have been finally settled by President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft when they gave the order for the beginning of work on the lock canal plan.

The fact is that when congress was so warmly discussing the two projects, about two years ago, the sea-level canal advocates made the point that theirs was the only plan that would have sufficient elasticity to meet the needs of rapidly growing tonnage in marine construction.

Their plan involved the use of but one lock, merely to offset the tidal difference between the eastern and western seas, one comparatively low and insignificant lock which could be easily widened when required. But they made a strong point of the difficulty, expense and loss of time in the use of the canal that would follow the attempt to widen the complicated and massive locks required for the high level canal.

Possibly foreseeing the force of that argument the canal commission apparently feels that it would be wise to make the locks of the canal wide enough in the beginning to accommodate the giant ships, not only of the navy, but of the merchant marine, that are sure to be constructed in the near future.

Must Revise Many Plans.
The three commissions which have dealt with the detailed plans of the canal have each in turn been impressed with a necessity for enlarging the capacity of the projected waterway, and each commission has not hesitated to increase the width of the canal prisms and the size of the locks from those planned by its predecessors.

Now the last commission goes even beyond this by revising its own plans before they have gotten beyond that point in execution where it is feasible to do so without actual waste of money.

For up to this point substantially all of the work that has been done upon the isthmus has been upon the canal prisms in the great Culebra cut, on the 20-odd miles of lowlands and in the bottoms of the harbors. Only the ground has been cleared and the holes dug for the great flights of locks incident to the plan, so that it is merely a matter of widening these foundations that is involved in the last proposition.

Fortunately the canal prism itself, as projected in the plans now under execution, will probably be wide enough at the narrowest point—Culebra section from Las Cadas to near Paraiso, a distance of 4.7 miles, where the minimum width is 200 feet, through rock. But the locks themselves, originally planned by the last commission to be 200 feet long and 100 feet wide at Gatun, were subsequently increased by the engineers in their plan to a width of 600 feet and a length of 1000 feet. It is a simple engineering task to increase the width and depth of the canal prism at any time while the canal is in operation, but the locks cannot be broadened without seriously interfering with the operation of the canal and at great expense, owing to their duplicate character.

Too Narrow for Big Ships.

Already the dimensions of these locks are being closely approached by naval ships actually built or building, and it is regarded as certain that the Atlantic lines will in the near future build great turbine ships which could never pass through the locks as heretofore planned, and so would be well-nigh useless as naval auxiliaries in time of war. The famous British battleship Dreadnought, now afloat, measures 82 feet in beam, and our own Delaware class, two ships of which class are building, will measure 85.3 feet beam. The 25,000-ton ship which our naval designers are talking of suggesting to congress will measure 88 feet in the clear, which would leave only six feet clearance at the sides of the locks under the existing designs.

The facts have been laid before Secretary Metcalf, and it will be for him to make some recommendation to the president in the matter.

Details of the new plans cannot be obtained at present, but the change is said to be costly, though of its necessity few naval officers have any doubt.

ACTOR FOILS BLACKMAILERS

Arrest Two New York Men After Recovering \$1000.

In the arrest of two men at the instigation of Raymond Hitchcock, star in "A Yankee Tourist," at the Astor theater, the police believe they are on the trail of an extensive blackmailing scheme. The men gave the names of Hugo C. Voeks, aged 21, a Third avenue bartender, and Frank O. Thornberg, aged 19, second assistant paying teller in the Bank of the Metropolis.

For eight months Hitchcock and his wife, Flora Zabelle, have received letters threatening to involve Hitchcock in a scandal unless he gave up money. Simultaneously New York newspapers have been "tipped off" to stories relating to outrages practiced on young girls by "a prominent Broadway comedian."

While Hitchcock was in his dressing room Voeks called to see Hitchcock. Maurice Kirby, Hitchcock's former manager, was in the dressing room. When the caller became insistent he admitted him. Voeks called his attention to the stories in the papers and said that unless he was given \$1000 at once he would expose Hitchcock.

Hitchcock said he did not have the money with him, but gave him three rings worth \$800 as security and arranged to meet the man at 1 o'clock the following day, redeem the rings and give him \$1000.

Hitchcock consulted detectives and with Kirby met Voeks at the hour agreed on, tendering him a \$1000 bill, demanding the rings in return. Voeks did not have the rings with him and refused the \$1000 bill. He demanded \$1500 more, making \$2500 in all, and insisted the amount be paid in small bills.

Hitchcock made another appointment with Voeks. Two detectives were hidden in his dressing room. When Voeks appeared, Hitchcock handed him \$1000 in small bills and his personal note for \$1500 more. Voeks still claimed he did not have the rings. The detectives then stepped out and arrested Voeks. He confessed and declared that he was trying to get the money to educate his young sister. Voeks also confessed that Thornberg had the actor's ring and the officers arrested Thornberg.

ASK FOR FOUR MORE MONSTERS

Navy Department Yearns for More Big Battleships.

The navy department has practically decided to ask congress for four battleships, two of which shall be sister ships to the 20,000-ton Delaware and North Dakota, authorized by the last congress and already contracted for, and the other two still larger. It is doubtless true, however, that the department will be measurably satisfied if congress consents to allow two more 20,000-ton battleships to complete, with the two already under construction, one division, it being considered that such an arrangement is most effective. If such ships are authorized there is little probability that they will differ in any respect from the Delaware and North Dakota, which represent at present the last word in naval construction.

Something of a flurry occurred in the state, war and navy departments when it was discovered that the Manila Times on August 26 printed an alleged dispatch stating that the fleet had reached the strait of Magellan. The effect of such misinformation, it is thought, might easily have precipitated trouble with Japan.

When Admiral Evans retires, next August, Admiral Sperry will probably succeed in command of the Pacific fleet.

SMALL IS "DOWN AND OUT"

President of the Telegraph Operators Admits Defeat.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—"So far as my leadership of the telegraphers is concerned, I am 'down and out.' The convention at Milwaukee Wednesday will be packed against me. The remoteness of Milwaukee from locals that favored my action in the strike insures my disgrace and defeat. I will not attempt to win against the packed meeting."

The foregoing is the summary of the situation in the telegraphers' strike by S. J. Small, the suspended president.

FIGHT SUNDAY THEATERS.

Kansas City Police to Arrest All the Show Folks.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21.—All the theaters of this city were open Sunday in violation of the Sunday closing order of Judge Wallace of the criminal court and all the actors and actresses who participated in the various performances will be indicted by the grand jury.

Says Cassie Had No Account.

Pittsburg, Oct. 23.—Thomas W. Welch, Jr., second vice president of the Second National bank of Pittsburg, today said that Mrs. Cassie Chadwick never had an account at the bank. At the time Mrs. Chadwick is said to have deposited \$300,000 Mr. Welch was cashier of the institution.

Some people are so stubborn and so contrary that you can only convince them they are wrong by agreeing with them.

NORHTWEST NEWS ITEMS

PRESS CULLINGS FOR OUR BUSY READERS

ABOUT PEOPLE IN MONTANA, IDAHO, WASHINGTON AND OREGON.

IDAHO NEWS.

Finding no signs of disturbance, finding the doors of his saloon locked the same as when he had gone to bed, finding that \$800 of his own cash, all in \$20 bills, had been stolen, and that silver, gold and notes to the extent of about \$1200 belonging to other people had been left absolutely untouched, was the experience of Joe Garitano, a saloon proprietor of Mullan.

After being out 22 hours a jury in the district court at Lewiston returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of W. H. Curry, the Mohler saloon keeper who was charged with the murder of E. A. Peterson at hippen on July 5 last.

Charles H. Moyer of Denver, president of the Western Federation of Miners, recently called at the Kootenai county jail to see Steve Adams.

Clarence DeFord was accidentally shot in the hand near Grangeville, a few days ago while out hunting with some companions. The hand was badly mangled.

While 12 men are on the eighth day of an 18-day vigil before the door of the United States land office in Coeur d'Alene, incidentally guarding the section of nearly 40 others, squatters and settling upon the coveted lands and there promises to develop later on one of the most hotly contested series of fights the Coeur d'Alene land office has known.

Dr. S. W. McClure, head of the federal sheep quarantine in the northwest, announces that the quarantine was raised in Idaho. As a result of this action Idaho sheep may now be shipped without inspection excepting at feeding points, while passing through other states.

With 28 applicants for divorce out of every hundred marriage certificates filed, Shoshone county stands head and shoulders above other counties so far examined in this state.

The celebrated case of Steve Adams, who is mentioned by Harry Orchard in his testimony as his accomplice in several murders, and formerly a prominent member of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with the murder of Fred Tyler, a homesteader in the Marble creek district on the St. Joe river, about August 10, 1904, will come up for a second trial at Rathdrum this week. The first trial, held in Wallace last February, resulted in a disagreement of the jury and a change of venue was secured for the second hearing.

All kinds of wild reports are reaching Wallace of the condition of affairs at Taft, where the Montenegro-Italian vendetta still seems to be in full swing.

Much of the Indian land on the Nez Perce Indian reservation will remain uncultivated next year, unless the Indians make material reductions in rental charges.

Two hundred of the leading farmers of the Nez Perce prairie have perfected a cooperative association for the purpose of handling their grain crop independent of the grain companies operating in that section, who, they allege, have asked too much from them each year.

MONTANA NOTES.

The state board of railroad commissioners, created by the recent legislature, has made its first order in connection with train service directing the Great Northern to establish a daylight service between Havre and Great Falls.

The estimated production of the Butte mines in September was 11,329,500 pounds of copper. This compares with an estimated production of 23,127,240 pounds in August and 27,157,395 pounds in July. The decrease from the August production is 11,799,440 pounds, or 51 per cent.

George Stinger, one of the best known of the older residents of Missoula county, is dead. Mr. Stinger was 78 years old, and was a native of Ontario, where he lived up to 23 years ago, when he came to Montana and settled in the Frenchtown valley. He cultivated a farm and was successful.

Three negroes, Tom Stewart, a well known jockey; Ed Donovan and Fred Brown, were drowned in Houser lake, near Helena, recently while duck hunting. There were no witnesses to the accident and the first known of their drowning was when the upset boat floated ashore. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

Dr. O. Y. Warren, for 10 years at the head of the state asylum for the insane at Warm Spring and twice representative in the legislative assemblies of Montana, died at his home in Butte. Dr. Warren was one of the best known physicians and insanity experts in the west.

OREGON SQUIBS.

In an attempt at highway robbery on a Southern Pacific train, near Selmon, recently Charles Fink was killed and William Henrick and Fred Mason were wounded. The robbers escaped.

Portland is now assured of two of the largest and most modern packing plants in the country. The plant of Swift & Co. was assured some time ago, and now announcement is made

that Schwarzhild & Sulzberger, the great Chicago packing firm, will also build a large and up-to-date plant on the peninsula in Packing Town.

William Sawyer, who has been convicted at Pendleton of the murder of Jack Monee, will appeal to the supreme court. Sawyer was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 15 years in the state penitentiary.

After getting a small package in the mail from Roseburg recently, the contents of which were not seen by other members of the family, Miss Maude Davis, aged 19, of Wilbur, died at her home about 11 o'clock that night under circumstances pointing to poison.

Boyd Ford, a young man from Vancouver, Wash., was killed recently near Arlington by an eastbound passenger train.

Lawrence J. Martin, one of the best known farmers in Marion county, was killed recently, the top of his head being accidentally blown off with a shotgun. The cause of the accident is a mystery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lockman, parents of John Lockman, Jr., who is supposed to have been the victim of a man who confessed to a murder in a note left in a Spokane saloon, have so far learned nothing of their son.

After being without electric lights and city water for several days, Milton is again enjoying these conveniences. It was necessary to shut off the supply of water in order to enable workmen to clean the reservoir.

WASHINGTON STATE NEWS.

A nursery company of Sunnyside has secured seven tons of peach pits for their next season's planting. They expect to grow half a million trees from this lot. From one sack of pits this season this company grew 3800 trees.

S. A. Bowers, who owns a quarter section of land four miles east of Palouse, has a sack containing 20 potatoes, which weighed 50 pounds. The largest tuber weighed four pounds.

Christ Rukus, a Greek laborer, aged 25 years, employed in the Oregon Railroad & Navigation extra gang at Meeker's station, on the O. R. & N. railroad, four miles west of La Crosse, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his 15-year-old nephew, name unknown, recently.

The Spokane postoffice is now doing a business of upward of \$7,000,000 a year.

After being arrested in Spokane, M. T. Brown, who was wanted at Tacoma on the charge of stealing about \$2800 from the Northern Pacific depot at Tacoma, escaped from the officers. Later he was located at Bellingham, but succeeded in getting away before the officers secured him. He is still at large.

Alleged to be short in his accounts at least \$110, H. B. Messenger, bookkeeper for the Frye-Brunh Packing company at Everett, has disappeared.

Dr. John A. Grose, a farmer near Starbuck, lost about \$1500 by a fire which started on top of a haystack and burned 75 tons of hay recently.

Judge J. A. Taggard, who is said to have united in marriage more couples than any other man in the state, is dead at North Yakima as the result of an operation on one of his eyes.

Caught by a revolving shaft in the mill of the Puget Sound Lumber company, on the Tacoma waterfront, Thaddeus H. Ward was beheaded and every vestige of clothing was stripped from his body.

George Bald, aged 65 years, committed suicide recently at his home at Connell. He had been sick for two weeks with asthma and had other troubles.

As a remedy for the prevailing hop conditions, dealers in North Yakima have been urged to assist in organizing a pool to dispose of the crop for this year to the best advantage.

John Price and Roy Connell, both recently convicted at Pendleton of horse stealing, were sentenced to five and three years, respectively, in the penitentiary.

The new 60-gallon chemical fire engine ordered several months ago by the Toppenish council has arrived.

Lumber has declined in price until common dimension stuff can now be purchased from the mills in Tacoma at \$13 and \$14 a thousand, this being \$3 and \$4 below the figures quoted a few months ago.

The September report of the State Soldiers' home at Orting, made by Superintendent Willis L. Ames to the state board of control, shows on the last day of the month 256 veterans in the institution, 37 in the colony and 113 on parole, a total of 406 on the rolls.

In a rage of jealousy, John Schwab, a young Slavonian of Roslyn, recently shot and instantly killed his young wife and then turned the weapon upon himself, with the result that he also died a few hours afterward. The young people had only been married two months, and report has it that the husband was insanely jealous of his young bride, and owing to her persistence in speaking to old acquaintances, it is supposed they quarreled and in his rage he took the life of his companion.

The Kennewick volunteer fire department has adopted resolutions requesting the town council to order apparatus to the extent of about \$1500.

Unable to get hay balers, the ranchers of Green valley have banded themselves together, and have bought a machine which they will operate themselves. The ranchers in that district have in the neighborhood of 1000 tons of hay on the ground, and there are no baling machines in sight.

Wheat hauling from the Glade and other grain sections tributary to Mabton is now at its height, and there are from 75 to 100 loads brought in each day.

HEINZE OUSTED

HE AND FRIENDS OUT OF NEW YORK BANK.

CLEARING HOUSE TO LEND AID TO ALL BANKS NEEDING HELP.

The New York clearing house committee announces that the Heinze, Morse and Thomas interests had been eliminated from the banking organizations of New York city, and in the light of this fact, the clearing house association announced its readiness to lend all necessary aid to any of the banks which have been under suspicion, the clearing house investigation having established their solvency.

It is believed that this action will prevent any crisis in New York banking circles.

William H. Havemeyer, one of the directors, has been today elected to the presidency of the National Bank of North America, succeeding Alfred M. Curtis, resigned. It is understood that the Mercantile National bank will undergo a process of slow liquidation.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Mercantile National bank, Seth H. Milliken was elected president of the bank, to succeed F. Augustus Heinze, resigned.

At the same time, William Skinner and Gerish H. Milliken were elected additional vice presidents, Gerish Milliken being added to the board of directors.

The clearing house committee met with the directors of the bank and the two boards were in session for about four hours. Later William H. Sherer, manager of the clearing house association, on behalf of the association, gave out the following statement:

"A committee of the clearing house has examined the several banks of the association that have been under criticism, and finds them solvent. The clearing house committee has decided to render them such assistance to meet their deposits as the committee may deem necessary."

Neither the members of the board of the Mercantile bank nor the clearing house committee would add to these announcements. The statement of Mr. Shearer is, however, taken to mean that the clearing house committee is perfectly satisfied with the reorganization of the Mercantile National bank, and will see that the bank is enabled to meet any crisis that the widely published story about its condition, following the collapse of the Heinze corner in United Copper, may force it to face.

After the meeting of the Mercantile National bank directors, E. R. Thomas, one of the directors, announced that he had disposed of all his holdings in the Hamilton bank to a syndicate composed of men interested in the bank. This action had been expected.

Milliken Rich and Influential.

Mr. Milliken, who heads the list of officers of the Mercantile National, is one of the best known of New York's capitalists. He had been for some time a member of the board of directors of the bank. He is a rich man and a member of the firm of Deering, Milliken & Co. He is an officer or director of a score of northern wool companies and southern cotton companies. He is well known in business circles and is said to be the choice of the clearing house committee to the position to which he was elected today.

William Skinner, who was elected vice president of the bank, is president of the William Skinner Manufacturing company, and is a director in a large number of railroad companies, including the New York, New Haven & Hartford.

ROOSEVELT OUT OF WILDS.

Reports Bag of Bear, Deer, Turkey and Other Game.

Stamboul, La., Oct. 21.—"We got three bears, six deer, one wild turkey, twelve squirrels, one duck, one possum and one wildcat. We ate them all, except the wildcat, and there were times when we almost felt as if we could eat it."

This was President Roosevelt's summing up of the hunt on the Bayou Tenas and Bear lake. He arrived at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the residence of Leo Shields, where he will be a guest until he makes his departure for Vicksburg. He came in on a full gallop, and accompanied as he was by about a dozen of his hunting companions, all mounted and attired in hunting garb, the cavalcade presented a tableau as picturesque as it was animated. The president is slightly more bronzed than when he entered the wilderness from this point 15 days ago, but notwithstanding this fact and the additional circumstance that his clothes bear evidence of contact with the cane and other brush, he was never in better spirits in his life.

Friends to Meet in Indiana.

Richmond, Ind., Oct. 24.—The meeting of Friends in 1912 will be held either in Indianapolis or Richmond. Members of the board of constitution named in the session include O. R. Bray and N. M. Dense of Chicago and Dr. W. B. Coffin of California.

That was a wise man who set a rat trap in his pocket and caught his dear wife by the finger.

SPORTING NOTES.

Philadelphia—Owen Moran, the 120-pound champion of England, won his fight with Tommy O'Toole of Philadelphia. The boys fought six rounds at catch weight and Moran proved himself the better fighter in every way.

Saturday Football Games.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Michigan defeated Wabash in a stubbornly contested football game. The final score stood: Michigan 22, Wabash 0.

Seattle, Wash.—Seattle fairly smothered the eleven representing the Tacoma high school at Madison park, winning 32 to 0. Coyle, Smith, Johns, Taylor and Brown were the stars.

Ithaca, N. Y.—Pennsylvania state furnished a big surprise to Cornell and defeated Ithaca by 8 to 6. Cornell was much weakened on account of Captain Cook being out of the game.

West Point, N. Y.—The Yale bulldog bit off more than he could chew when he tackled the West Point cadets here and at the close of the first big football game of the season the score stood: Yale 0, Army 0.

Colfax, Wash.—The Spokane high school football eleven defeated the Colfax high school team in a very clean and prettily played game by a score of 34 to 6. Colfax played under a tremendous handicap.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Minnesota defeated Nebraska here, 8 to 5. Two goals from the field won the game for Minnesota. Nebraska crossed Minnesota's goal early in the first half.

The feature of the game was Captain Wellner's run of 50 yards for a touchdown.

Princeton, N. Y.—Princeton continued to roll up high scores, making 40 points against Washington and Jefferson.

Colville, Wash.—The Coeur d'Alene football team scored a victory over the local high school team here, 21 to 0.

Champaign, Ill.—Coach Stagg's Maroon players received an awful shock when the Orange and Blue of Illinois went across their goal at the close of the first half for a touchdown, but Chicago rallied and finished with their old-time swing to the tune of 42 to 6.

Moscow, Idaho—Showing a surprising reversal of form over its game with the Spokane high school, Idaho easily defeated the Spokane Amateur Athletic club.

The schedules of the various college teams has been considerably altered in the last few weeks, and revised up to date, it follows for the rest of the season:

University of Oregon.
October 26, Idaho at Portland.
November 2, Willamette at Salem.
November 9, O. A. C. at Eugene.
November 16, Washington at Seattle.
November 23, Multnomah at Portland.

University of Washington.
October 19, Whitworth at Tacoma.
November 2, Battleship Nebraska at Seattle.
November 8, Whitman at Walla Walla.
November 16, Oregon at Seattle.
November 21, Pullman at Seattle.
November 28, Idaho at Seattle.

University of Idaho.
October 26, Oregon at Portland.
November 8, Pullman at Moscow.
November 15, Whitman at Moscow.
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November 23, Washington at Seattle.

Washington State College.
October 26, Spokane at Pullman.
November 8, Idaho at Moscow.
November 21, Washington at Seattle.
November 28, Whitman at Walla Walla.

Whitman College.
October 25, Multnomah at Walla Walla.
November 1, Whitworth at Walla Walla.
November 8, Washington at Walla Walla.
November 25, Idaho at Moscow.
November 28, Pullman at Walla Walla.

Oregon Agricultural College.
October 26, Pacific at Corvallis.
November 2, open.
November 9, Oregon at Eugene.
November 16, Willamette at Corvallis.
November 23, St. Vincent's at Los Angeles.

Willamette University.
October 23, University of Southern California at Los Angeles.
November 2, Oregon at Salem.
November 9, Whitworth at Salem.
November 16, O. A. C. at Corvallis.
November 23, Multnomah at Portland.
November 28, Montana at Salem.

Arrest Nevada Postmaster.
Searchlight, Nev., Oct. 22.—Postmaster W. B. Atwell has been arrested on the charge of embezzlement. In a statement prepared, Atwell admits that his shortage to the government is \$5700. Postal Inspector Riddleford says that the discrepancy in Atwell's accounts will reach a much larger figure. Atwell was also local agent for the Searchlight Western Telephone company and the Searchlight Light and Power company.

Frank Sigel Honored.

New York, Oct. 22.—The dedication and unveiling of the statue of Franz Sigel at Riverside drive and One Hundred and Sixth street was made the occasion for an imposing military and civic parade in which 10,000 men took part.

The farm hand who takes his girl a riding in a rubber-tired buggy rarely gets bounced.