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The Opening the Panama Canal on Sept. 25, 1913

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The change of government in the Panama Canal Zone will not take place before Spring. Colonel Goethals will serve as Chief Engineer until the canal is formally opened on Jan. 1, 1915.

The first vessel will be sent through the canal, barring the unforeseen, Sept. 25, 1913, on the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific.

From then until the formal opening the canal will be operated as a "sample" for the training of the operating force, the getting of everything in final ship-shape, etc.

The canal, according to Col. Goethals, is now more than 75 per cent completed, and July 1, next, will see it ready for the turning in of the water. It is apprehended that the entrance and presence of the water may cause some further slides of the treacherous banks, particularly at the Culabra Cut, but the expectation is that the dredges by the end of July 1 of the material thus deposited in the big ditch.

As stated some time ago, Col. Goethals intends, when the canal is going, to retire from the Government service and settle in New York as a consulting engineer, with the idea of making some money for his family. Meantime, President Taft has asked Congress to reward the Colonel's work on the Isthmus by promoting him to be a Major-General in the army.

Col. Goethals was born in New York State and was graduated at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1880. He was the second ranking member of the class. He spent two years in the Engineers' School at Willett's Point, and then he went on the staff of Gen. Nelson A. Miles, as engineer of the Department of the Columbia. He built dams at Cincinnati under Colonel Merrill, and in 1903 he was selected for the General Staff.

When Mr. Taft, then Secretary of War, went to Panama in 1905, he took Major Goethals along to help look into the canal work, and in 1907, Major Goethals succeeded Theodore P. Shonts as Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, with rank of chief engineer of the canal construction, and he has been chief engineer ever since.

As chief engineer, Col. Goethals has been practically in absolute charge of the Canal Zone. He has cleared yellow fever out of the Isthmus and has been commended by the Roosevelt and Taft administration for his energy in pushing canal construction and in governing the zone.

When he was in Europe, last April, Emperor William, of Germany, told him the canal ought to be wider, and should be very strongly fortified. Col. Goethals has had personal charge of the construction of the canal fort. He would make a jungle of the Canal Zone, believing that depopulation would surprise against any surprises.

Bryan Is Working for Peace Among Brethren

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Speaker Champ Clark has replied to a recent editorial printed in the New York World which commented upon what might happen if Mr. Bryan should become a member of Mr. Wilson's Cabinet. The suggestion was also made that Speaker Clark should find his personal resentment is such that he can have no political or social relations with Mr. Bryan, and if his attitude threatened to embarrass President Wilson—then the House should elect a Speaker who would be in harmony with the administration.

The World also expressed its belief that if Clark had been nominated at Baltimore instead of Wilson he would have been defeated.

Commenting on the article Speaker Clark said:

"There is no use for me to try to answer that editorial. The only way to answer an editorial like that is by a suit for slander."

"The World has been against me ever since William Randolph Hearst and Senator William J. Stone came out for me."

Further than this Mr. Clark would not go.

There is no organized effort among House Democrats to defeat Mr. Clark for the Speakership, and there is no prospect of any such thing. Mr. Clark wants to succeed himself. He has written a letter to each of the 295 Democrats elected to the next House, saying that he will be a candidate for the Speakership. Two hundred and sixty-three members have pledged themselves to vote for him. The remaining thirty-two have not been heard from. The Bryan Democrats of the House do not anticipate any fight on Mr. Clark; they have no disposition to start such a contest.

Soon after the November election, when William J. Bryan was here, Representative Robert L. Henry of Texas, Chairman of the Rules Committee, announced his declination to run for the Speakership against Mr. Clark. Mr. Henry said, when he made this announcement, that he was unwilling for Governor Wilson to begin his administration with the handicap of such a family row as a fight against Speaker Clark would make.

A contest between himself and Mr. Clark, he declared, would mean a certain split in the Democratic party in

the House, and even if he was sure he could win he was not willing to lend himself to a candidacy that would wreck the House Democratic majority at the beginning of the Wilson administration.

Bryan Not Against Clark.
 Being Col. Bryan's friend, Mr. Henry's candidacy would have been construed as an effort to renew the feud that arose at Baltimore between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Clark. It is known here that Mr. Bryan acquiesced in Mr. Henry's declination to oppose Mr. Clark.

Upon taking this stand, Mr. Henry voiced the sentiment of most of Mr. Bryan's friends in the House. The aim of Democratic leaders here is to bring about unity of action among their leaders with the view of redeeming the pledges made at Baltimore.

Mr. Bryan, it is known, is doing his best to be friendly with Messrs. Clark and Underwood of the House and party leaders in the Senate. He has not said a word directly or indirectly against Mr. Clark. Mr. Bryan's close friends say that he would not do what he did at Baltimore, but that he is willing to meet Mr. Clark half way, now.

Representative Henry, the only man in the House that has been mentioned as a possible opponent of Speaker Clark in the Speakership contest, has told his supporters that he would rather see an administration in behalf of the House or to hold any office under President Wilson.

Mr. Bryan has been for conciliation and concentration ever since the election. His visits to Washington have been to that end.

Democratic leaders in Clark will do not believe that Mr. Wilson will be antagonistic to Mr. Bryan if Bryan is appointed to his Cabinet. They see no reason why Mr. Clark, as Speaker of the House, and Mr. Bryan, as a possible Secretary of State should clash.

Mr. Underwood has announced that the Committee on Ways and Means will give hearings from Jan. 6 to Jan. 31. This gives a time for schedules on chemicals, oils and paints, earthenware and glassware, metals, wood sugar, tobacco, agricultural products, cotton manufactures, flax and hemp, wool and sundries. The proposed bills will be ready by the middle of March.

CHURCH NOTES.
Presbyterian Church
 John B. Stevens, Pastor.
 Morning service at 11, subject, "Peter in Pilate's Court." Communion service. Evening service at 7:30, subject, "The Antitoxin of Transgression." Special music by choir of men's voices. The public is cordially welcomed to all these services.

Christian Science
 Christian Science service will be held Sunday at 11 a. m., in the Christian Science hall. Subject, "Sacrament." The public is welcome. Literature and information of Christian Science can be had Wednesday from two until five at the reading room.

Methodist Episcopal.
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Ordinary music is written for tones between 32 and 4,096 vibrations. A full orchestra would not use any instruments pitched above or below these tones. The chirp of a cricket is higher than any written music and there are some people of perfectly normal hearing who can't hear the cry of this commonplace insect.

- THE FISHING FLEET.**
- Rolle—Sailed Dec. 26.
 - Kennebec—Ar. Jan. 3.
 - Aloha—Jan. 9.
 - Dora H.—Sailed Dec. 26.
 - Pacific—Out.
 - Active—Out.
 - Oiga—Sailed Dec. 28.
 - Belle—Sailed Dec. 11.
 - Highland Queen—Sailed Dec. 28.
 - Louise—Sailed Dec. 27.
 - Norman Sunde—Ar. Jan. 8.
 - Volunteer—Out.
 - Vesta—Ar. Jan. 9.
 - Valkyrie—Out.
 - Xanthus—Sailed Dec. 19.
 - Waife—Sailed Jan. 5.
 - White Star—In port.
 - Lister—Sailed Dec. 26.
 - Olympic—Sailed Dec. 10.
 - Dick—At Sitka.
 - Dolphin—Ar. Jan. 3.
 - Halley's—Out.
 - Alameda—Out.
 - Annie—Sailed Dec. 30.
 - Uranus—Out.
 - Pollux—In port.
 - Cedric—Out.
 - Thelma—Sailed Dec. 9.
 - Alvida—Sailed Dec. 14.
 - Comet—Sailed Dec. 21.
 - Salkol—Sailed Dec. 30.
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