

THE PANAMA CANAL AT WORK

By Frederic J. Haskin

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and loafers of many races doze on the benches. The prevailing architectural feature in Panama City is undoubtedly the balcony. If there are fifty miles of streets in Panama, there must be a hundred miles of balcony, for nearly every house has at least one, many have two, and some have three or four.

Every balcony in Panama is a garden. The lack of all growing things in the streets is made up by the festoons of vine and flower that hang over every railing. Incidentally, as you pass beneath, while the senorita is at her morning task of caring for the flowers, the water she pours upon them comes cascading through the rickety floor and down the back of your neck. This dripping of water from the balconies upon the narrow sidewalks is a subject of constant municipal agitation in Panama, and of many brilliant editorials in the local press.

The residence section of Panama is directly over the business section. I am reliably informed that there is only one man in Panama who owns a residence in the city, devoted exclusively to residence purposes. Even a millionaire, who enjoys an income of \$50,000 gold a month, lives over his place of business, which is a drug store.

Extensive Cab Service Panama City has one of the most extensive cab services in proportion to its size in the world. A cab in Panama is a sort of one-horse shay, or, as one caustic critic from Kentucky put it, a "one-half horse shay," for the typical Panamanian cab only stands about eleven hands high and weighs about 800 pounds. His disposition is morose, meditative and suspicious. He has to be hitched far out to the end of the shafts in order to keep him from kicking the dashboard to pieces.

All of these cabs are owned by a sort of trust or combine, which is a striking example of organized inefficiency. When the day is fine and you would like to take a walk the cabs fairly mob you. If you accidentally wriggle your little finger while walking down the street, three of them stop and implore you to ride. But if you arrive at the depot when it is pouring bucketfuls, as it always pours at Panama, you cannot get a cab either by bribery or force. All the drivers inform you that they have been engaged ahead of time. You must either part with a perfectly extortionate sum or else plunge into the tropical storm, which is just like a river. Furthermore, while you can go down hill very nicely in a Panamanian cab, going up hill is something of a speculative venture. An attempt to reach the summit of Ancon in one of these vehicles resulted in the harness breaking in two places, while the intelligence and the penknife of the passenger were necessary to mend it before the trip could be completed.

Beyond Human Comprehension The Panamanian cabman will take you anywhere in the city for ten cents American money, unless the harness breaks, the horse balks, or traffic gets permanently congested in one of the side streets, all of which frequently happen. Why two Panamanian cab drivers will approach each other from opposite ends of the street when there is only room for one vehicle, and then stop in the middle and curse each other for twenty minutes, is something which the American intelligence cannot comprehend.

Another favorite amusement of the Panamanian cabbie is to get a tourist who does not know the city and then drive him round and around through the labyrinthine streets, thereby taking an hour or so to reach his destination and making an exorbitant charge.

A visit to the President of Panama is a pleasantly informal affair. The "palace" is a very old building of the best Spanish type, built of stone and tinted a faint weather blue. It is a two-story building, the center being pierced by a courtyard, which occupies more space than all the rest of the house. This is filled with tropical plants twenty feet high, lifting up to meet the vines and flowers that droop from the railing of the gallery above. As you enter the wide veranda, soldiers are discovered in various attitudes of repose and meditation, but they quickly jerk upright and salute as the visitor passes. The president receives in a fine, breeze-swept chamber in the front of the building, with long French windows looking down a typical vista of narrow street lined

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with ancient soft-hued walls, festooned with vines and flowers; and beyond, the blue bay with its bright green islands all drenched in tropical sunlight. Throughout the day Panama City dozes. Breakfast is not until 11, the siesta not over until 2. About 7 she wakes, and a most amazing throng pours through her streets. The prevailing type is the typical Panamanian peon, an indeterminate mixture of Spanish, Indian and Negro. Then there are Spaniards, still the dominant class, the men always in immaculate white linen, the women as well tailored as any in the world. These, the aristocrats, always ride in cabs. The throng on the sidewalks is a veritable human zoo. In addition to Panamanians there are Jamaicans, Barbadians, Italians, Chinamen, turbaned Singaleses, Gypsies in gaudy rags, a scattering of Europeans of all sorts, many Yankee, both soldiers and civilians, Englishmen in path helmets, tourists from all parts of the world. And all of this motley throng seems always on pleasure bent. Till long after midnight the city blazes with light, and hums with laughter and music.

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DIPHTHERIA AT LYKENS
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Lykens, Pa., Oct. 22.—The diphtheria epidemic in Lykens and vicinity continues and several new cases have developed. One of these is at the home of Oscar Lawley in Wes. Lykens. The epidemic has not gotten beyond control and it is hoped that the town will soon be rid of all signs of it.

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Second Day Sessions of Twentieth Institute to Open at Central High

The second day sessions of the twentieth annual Teachers' Institute of Harrisburg, will open this evening, at 7:45 o'clock, in the Central High School.

Professor R. M. McNeal, of the State Department of Public Instruction, will speak on "The Teaching Process," and Professor S. C. Schmucker, of the State Normal School, West Chester, will speak on "Human Wreckage." Tomorrow morning, at 9:30 o'clock, sessions will be resumed when Professor McNeal will speak on "School Government," and Professor Schmucker, on "The Meaning of a Flower." Devotional exercises will be led this evening by the Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson, of Messiah Lutheran Church, and the music will be directed by Professor E. G. Rose.

CHURCH MEMBER MUST ADOPT
 Presbyterian Layman Must Answer Charges Brought by Minister
 Special to The Telegraph

Pittsburgh, Oct. 22.—James A. Brown, for many years a member of the Warrington Avenue United Presbyterian Church and teacher of its Women's Bible Class, is scheduled to be placed on trial before the session of the congregation next Monday evening. He is charged with writing an anonymous letter to the pastor, the Rev. Dr. C. L. Wright, and with various infractions of the church's discipline.

Major John K. Cree, Retired U. S. Army Officer Dies

Chambersburg, Pa., Oct. 22.—Major John Kirby Cree, United States Army, retired, died suddenly here yesterday from heart failure. He was graduated from West Point in 1885 and served in the heavy artillery until the close of the Spanish War. He was promoted to the general staff and was sent to Honolulu to establish a new artillery post. His wife and three children survive.

Major Cree attained fame as an army photographer and his experiments with kites and balloons as carriers of cameras earned high praise and did effective service.

SUFFRAGISTS ARE PLEASED WITH CONVENTION VOTE
 News that the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women in its annual convention at Wilkes-Barre had reaffirmed its allegiance to woman suffrage to-day by a vote of 216 to 28 caused satisfaction at the State headquarters of the suffragists here.

"The State Federation represents 38,000 of the most active civic workers in the State," said Mrs. Frank M. Kessing, president of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association, "and its endorsement is another proof of the fact that the women of Pennsylvania do want the vote."

Fletcher Mentioned For Ambassador to Mexico; Has Fine Service Record

Henry Prather Fletcher, who will be next United States Ambassador to Mexico, was born in Greencastle, Pa., April 10, 1872. He attended Ziegler's private school in Chambersburg, Pa., and later studied law for four years in the office of D. Watson Rowe, of that town. He was admitted to the bar in 1894 and became a member of the firm of Rowe and Fletcher. From 1891 to 1898 he was the official reporter of the Thirty-ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

After service in the Spanish-American War with Roosevelt's Rough Riders, he enlisted in the regular army at the close of that conflict and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served in the Philippines from 1899 to 1901, and when his military career came to an end he was battalion adjutant of the Fortieth Infantry.

During 1902 and 1903 he was second secretary in the American Legation to Cuba. He was transferred to Peking, China, where he served from the end of 1903 to 1906. He then went to Lisbon, Portugal, as secretary to the American Legation, where he remained until April, 1907, when he went back to China as first secretary of the Legation. He became charge d'affaires there in October of the same year. His work during a ticklish period of Chinese, Japanese and American diplomacy brought him to the attention of Secretary of State Knox. As a reward for his services in Peking he was made Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Chile, December 21, 1909, and later was made first Ambassador to that country.

J. Rowe Fletcher, former Sheriff of Daubhin county, is a brother.

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