

CANAL WILL BE OPENED IN THIRTEEN MONTHS

Latest Estimate By Colonel Goethals of the Panama Commission.

Washington, Sept. 24.—In just thirteen months a vessel will go from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean through the Panama canal, according to estimates made public last week at the Panama canal commission.

President Taft has been advised of the latest estimates of Colonel Goethals, in charge of the canal construction work. The president's approval of the new canal opening program is awaited.

Formal opening of the canal will occur on January 1, 1915, it is announced. Commercial vessels will be given its unrestricted use in December, 1914.

That the canal will be completed far below the estimated cost of \$400,000,000 is reported by Colonel Goethals. It may run as low as \$375,000,000.

Revised estimates of the date of completion of the canal were made by the Panama canal commission. Colonel Goethals has sent the figures up to September 15, together with latest estimates of work done and uncompleted.

The total amount of excavation work according to the figures announced by the Panama commission, is about 27,134,000 yards. A recent increase of over 16,000,000 yards in the estimates was caused by big slides in the Obispo division.

The amount of excavation completed up to September 15, was 28,000,000 cubic yards, leaving approximately 24,000,000 yards still to be dug. The average rate of excavation a month is now about 2,500,000 cubic yards, a conservative estimate.

The big dam, locks and spillway projects show stages of completion varying from 75 to 90 per cent. It is estimated that the Gatun locks will require about 2,000,000 cubic yards of concrete work. Up to September 15, work on the Pedro Miguel locks is nearly 85 per cent completed.

When the canal is formally opened January 1, 1915, it is announced that the navies of the world will be invited to send representatives to take part in an elaborate series of ceremonies. The president of the United States is also expected to attend.

CALLS TAFT FRIEND OF WORKINGMAN. New York.—"If any further proof of President Taft's sincere regard for the welfare and advancement of the country's laboring class were necessary," said Chairman Hill.

gizing for his former views on labor that he cannot formulate any definite new ones."

West Virginia Electors Out. Chairman Hill has received word that the complication with respect to electors in West Virginia, has been adjusted by the resignation of three candidates who were Roosevelt men.

Mr. Hill had a conference recently with Major Armand Romaine of Louisiana, and also with Mayor Magee, of Pittsburgh. Mayor Magee supported Roosevelt prior to the convention, but is now regular and is one of the active Taft managers in Pennsylvania.

Gets Encouraging Reports. Mr. Hill also had a long conference last week with Senator Crane, of Massachusetts. The Senator reports a gratifying growth of Taft sentiment in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

Mr. Hill also had conferences with a dozen leading men from various parts of the country. All of these callers gave Mr. Hill encouraging reports of political conditions in their localities and the chairman was gratified also at the receipt of an enthusiastic report from Connecticut on the successful opening of the Connecticut campaign in New Haven.

THE PURCHASE OF THE TRUTH.

The Tribune Publishing company, publishers of the Tribune-Republican, last Thursday purchased outright the real estate, machinery, subscription lists, contracts and good will of the Scranton Truth Publishing company, owners of the Scranton Truth, that for many years has occupied a leading place in the evening journalistic field in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Truth will be published as an evening edition of The Tribune-Republican from the Tribune building at 309-311 North Washington avenue. Robt. D. Towne is president and editor of The Tribune Publishing company. Robert M. Scranton is vice-president and E. A. Whitehouse is secretary and treasurer.

EYES AND HEALTH. Poor eyesight is a foe to health. Many children are anemic and narrow chested simply because their eyes are weak and are not given proper care.

Children should be kept out of doors as much as possible where their eyes will not have to look at small objects. When they play with blocks or picture books, both photographs and letters should be large.

LEMONS TAKE BIG JUMP. Another lemon has been handed to the ultimate consumer. The price of the fruit has taken a prodigious leap upwards in the last three weeks.

IT'S YOU. You say th' world looks gloomy, Th' skies are grim an' gray; Th' night has lost its quiet— You fear th' coming day.

Clear up th' clouded vision, Clean up th' foggy mind; Th' clouds are always passing, An' each is silver-lined.

SURVIVOR OF FIRST G. A. R. POST

Captain Riebsame Is the Last of the Original Twelve.

LIVES IN BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Signed the First Roll in a Bare Loft in Decatur, Ill.—Veterans Sat Upon Boxes and Took the Oath of Allegiance—Candles Furnished Light.

Of the delegates to the recent national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Los Angeles one of the most notable was Captain Christian Riebsame of Bloomington, Ill., who has the distinction of being the last survivor of the first G. A. R. post.

Christian Riebsame came from Germany in 1853 and settled in Chicago. In 1858 he moved to Decatur. His first occupation was that of barber. He numbered among his customers Abraham Lincoln and Richard Oglesby, later governor. He was among the first to enlist in the civil war. His regiment was the One Hundred and Sixteenth Illinois Infantry, and he served until the surrender of Lee.

Decatur the Birthplace. Decatur acquired the honor of being the birthplace of the first G. A. R. post because of the fact that none of the printers in Springfield was a soldier and it was not deemed advisable to trust the ritual to any one not eligible to membership.

Captain Riebsame recalls that the room in which the first meeting was held was the second story of a business building. It was an unfinished loft, without lights or furniture. In this primitive meeting place the night of April 6, 1866, the Grand Army was born.

The First Commander. M. F. Kanan was the first commander and George R. Steele the first adjutant. The ritual was revised in later years, and it now bears little resemblance to its original form.

PARTY CROSSES GREENLAND.

Swiss Expedition First to Make Trip From West to East.

Greenland has been crossed for the first time from west to east over the barren ice by the Swiss expedition under Dr. de Quervain, joint director of the Swiss Central Meteorological Institute, who is now at Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland.

Dr. de Quervain will hold the material he has collected until he is able to make comparisons with the results of the Danish expedition under Captain J. P. Koch, which will cross from west to east in 1913, but by a more northern route.

British Sailors Want More Pay. British sailors are agitating for an increase of pay. They are said to have had but one "raise" in more than fifty years, and they think their turn has come for better pay and larger privileges.

FOR CONGRESSMAN



HON. JOEL G. HILL.

Democratic Candidate for Congressman of this Congressional District.

Mr. Hill's friends are advocating his election on the grounds that he is no experiment, but has been tried and always proved true to the interest of the people.

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