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. at the Panama canal commission.
October 15, 1913, is the tentative
date set for the passage of the first
vessel through the canal. The
"christening" will be done by a naval

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

occur on January 1, 1915, it is an-nounced. Commercial vessels will be given its unrestricted use in Decem-ber, 1914.

That the canal will be completed where, far below the estimated cost of \$400,000,000 is reported by Colone! Goethals. It may run as low as \$375,000,000. About another mil-lion dollars will be saved, it is declared in bond interest charges.

Revised estimates of the date of completion of the canal were made 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 isthmian commission. is about 242,134,000 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. At the present rate of progress all the digring should be finished before Sept.

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 require about 2,000,000 cubic yards of concrete work. Up to September 15 well over 19,000,000 cubic yards have been put in place. The concrete work of the Pedro Miguel locks is nearly 85 per cent, completed, and that of the Miraflores locks over 92 per cent. The Gatun spillway will probably be completed within another month. Other enwithin another month. Other en-gineering features show an equally advanced stage toward completion.

Opening for the canal for general commercial purposes will occur during December, 1914, it is stated. Numerous tests of locks and gates will be had before large commercial vessels and battleships are permitted to

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. All United States vessels will be mobilized there.

The estimated cost of the canal when completed, is between \$375, 000,000 and \$400,000,000. The total amount expended so far is \$283,874,000. The Panama canal law authorized the issuance of bonds shouldered. aggregating \$375,009,000. Owing to the excellent condition of Uncle Sam's finances only about \$138,000,-000 worth of bonds have been sold, the rest having been expended out of the general fund of the treasury. It is being freely predicted that the canal will be built without further kind, issuance of bonds. In this case, some Ch which would have been expended in interest and premiums will have been saved to the government.

The canal will have a summit elev-

three locks, located at Gatun, on the three locks, located at Gatun, on the Atlantic side, and one lock at Pedro Miguel and a flight of two at Mira Diores, on the Pacific side. Each lock will have a useable length at lock will have a useable length at 1000 feet and a width of 110 feet. the canal.

The canal is to be about fifty mlles long from deep water in the Carib-bean sea to deep water in the Pacific ocean. The channe, will vary to width from 1,000 at a point just south of the Gatua locks, to 300 feet at a point near the Pedro Miguei lock. There will be a number of number of places where several boats can pass abreast of each other, and, the minimum depth will be 41 feet.

CALLS TAFT FRIEND OF WORK-INGMAN.

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 Hilles, of the Republican National Committee, recently, " it seems to me it has been amply supplied by the announcement at Beverly to the effect that Mr. Taft will put into operation in Panama an employers' liability and workmen's compensation law similar to that which he urged upon the last session of Congress, but which was effectually pigeonholed at the direction of the Democratic lead-ers in the House of Representatives for fear that Mr. Taft might gain political advantage through its pass-

"Now, however, under a law permitting him to make such laws for the Canal Zone, as he deems necessary, the President announces that he will put the employers' liability and workmen's compensation measure into early effect on the canal, hoping that this example may result in the passage next Winter, of a similar measure applicable to the en-

"This, it seems to me, is an instance of sincerity and good will toward the laboring classes that is re-freshing in these days when the third term candidate is promising all sorts of reforms which he failed inaugurate during two terms in the Presidency, and when the Dem-ceratic candidate is so busy apolo-

sizing for his former views on labor that he cannot formulate any defi-nite new ones."

West Virginia Electors Out. Chairman Hilles has received word that the complication with respect to electors in West Virginia, has been adjusted by the resignation of three candidates who were Roose velt men. These candidates were chosen prior to the Republican Na-tional Convention. The State Com-mittee will fill the vacancies with

Taft supporters.

Mr. Hilles had a conference recently with Major Armand Romaine of Louisiana, and also with Mayor Magee, of Pittsburg. Mayor Magee supported Roosevelt prior to the convention, but is now regular and is one of the active Taft managers in Pennsylvania. He reports that the President will carry Allegheny county, and Pennsylvania.

Gets Encouraging Reports.

Mr. Hilles also had a long conference last week with Senator Crane, of Massachusetts. The Senator reports a gratifying growth of sentiment in Massachusetts and else-

Mr. Hilles also had conferences with a dozen leading men from various parts of the country. All of these callers gave Mr. Hilles enouraging 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 out-right the real estate, machinery, subscription lists, contracts and good will of the Scranton Truth Publishing company, owners of the Scranton Truth, that for many ears has occupied a leading piace in the evening journalistic field in North-eastern Pennsylvania. The Truth property is located at Penn avenue and Mulberry street, and the real estate includes a large corner lot improved with a three story brick building. The building is equipped throughout with a modern newspap-

The Truth will be published as an evening edition of The Tribune-Republican from the Tribune building at 309-311 North Washington ave-

Robt. D. Towne is president and editor of The Tribune Publishing company. Robert M. Scranton is vice-president and E. A. Whitehouse avenue, fronting eighty feet on the avenue and 150 feet in depth, and plans to erect in the near future a large building that will house its publications, together with job printing department, engraving plants.

EYES AND HEALTH.

Poor eyesight is a foe to health. Many children are ansemic and narrow chested simply because their eyes are weak and are not given proper care. Nearsighted chil-dren, for instance, bend over their books and in time become stoop

If a child is to be kept well, its eyes must be carefully watched from infancy. Never expose a baby's eyes to direct sunlight, either indoors or out of doors. When lying down, a child should have its face protected by a sun shade or awning of some

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. Don't send your child to a kinderation of eighty-five feet above—sea Don't send your child to a kinder-le el to be reached by a light of garten where close work is done, three locks, located at Gatun, on the Insist that the teacher uses large

ups.
If your child complains of headache or seems to strain his eyes, send him to the doctor immediately and obtain spectacles if necessary. It is better that a child should wear glasses than that he should strain over books until his shoulders become round and his chest grows nar-row and flat—a splendid field for tuberculosis. Good eyes are important to health. Do not neglect them.

Karl de Schweinitz, Executive
Secretary, Pennsylvania Society for
the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

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.

Of course, there is a reason, but consumers are not sure whether it is because the Statue of Liberty needs a cost of varnish or the cost of food has aviated or the demand was bigger than the supply or the commission men want a few new bankrolls for the purchase of reed

birds and automobiles.

In three weeks the cost of lemons has jumped from five to ten dollars a crate. Three hundred lemons to a crate makes the cost forty cents a dozen, or three and one-third cents

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. Th' world is what you make it,

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Just as your soul may paint it;
It ain't the world—it's you.

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Th' world is what we make it— Then make it bright an' true, An' when you say it's gloomy, It ain't the world—it's you.

-Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

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, III .- 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.

All of his eleven associates are dead. 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. By successive promotions he rose to the rank of captain. Among the battles he engaged in were Vicksburg, Resaca, Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Port, Dallas, Fort McAllister, Savannah, Bentonville, Columbus, Ezra Chapel, Kenesaw Mountain, New Hope Church and Jonesboro. He was in the grand review of the troops in Washington after the close of the war. On being mustered out he returned to Decatur, but subsequently removed to Bloom-

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 avisable to intrust the ritual to any one not eligible secretary and treasurer. The negotiations for the purchase of the Truth property were looked after for The Tribune Publishing company by Attorney Frank E. Donnelly, and the deal was engineered by Harmelly Attorney Frank E. Donnelly, and the deal was engineered by Harwell, Cannon & McCarthy, newspaper brokers, of New York. The Tribune-Publishing company own the lots There were twelve charter members of from 205 to 311 North Washington the first post, and the building in which the first post and t the order sprang into being is still standing in Decatur.

> 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. Candles stuck in bottles or in niches in the walls furnished the only light. The veterans sat upon boxes and took the oath of allegiance. The surroundings were bare and dismal, but all present were fired by patriotism and the enthusiasm of youth. Major Stephenson, dying in 1871, did not live to see the tremendous growth and power of the order.

The First Commander.

M. F. Kanan was the first commander and George R. Steele the first adju

The ritual was revised in later years, and it now bears little resemblance to its original form. The original contained long eulogies of Lincoln, Grant and other wartime heroes and conveyed the idea that the order was designed to uphold the government after the close of the war and be ready at any time to take up arms again, if necesary, to protect the flag. The order took an active part in politics, and this came near proving fatal. Finally, after General John A. Logan was chosen commander, many posts which had been abandoned because of political differences were revived, and the order flourished anew.

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 lee 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. All the members of the party are well.

The members of the expedition started from Jacobshawn, in Danish northwest Greenland, and marched for three months over the ice wastes. They made the east coast on Aug. 2, ten miles from Anginagsalik, which was their goal. Many valuable scientific results were achieved.

The greatest height of the inland ice measured 2,500 meters, but they saw higher peaks since making measurements and discovered mountains on Christian IX. Land, nearer the east

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 priviFOR CONGRESSMAN



HON, JOEL G. HILL.

Democratic Candidate for Congressman of this Congressional Dis-

Mr. Hill's friends are advocating nis election on the grounds that he is no experiment, but has been tried and always proved true to the interest of the people. In every position occupied by Mr. Hill he has shown himself to be a man of sound judgment, always devoting his best energies in an effort to accomplish the greatest benefit to all the people and has never in any way identified himself with the special interests which are seeking for advantages at the expense of the masses.

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