



Panama's Bridge of Water.

(By Joseph Bucklin Bishop, Secretary of the Isthmian Canal Commission, in Scribner Magazine.)

What the engineers of the United States Government are constructing at Panama is not a canal through the Isthmus but a bridge of water across and above it. The so-called canal is a huge water bridge, the first in the world's history. It is about 34 miles in length, 87 feet high, with a channel of water through its centre varying in depth from 45 to 87 feet and in width at the bottom from 300 to 1,000 feet.

The bridge is divided into two sections, Gatun Lake and Culebra Cut, the latter being an arm of the former. Access to the bridge by vessels will be by means of water-elevators, six in duplicate at either end, each 1,000 feet long, 110 feet wide, and with a combined lift of 87 feet. At the Atlantic end the elevators are grouped one above another, like a flight of three steps.

At the Pacific end two pairs of elevators are grouped at the bottom, and are separated from the third pair above by a platform of water in the form of a lake about a mile and a half in length. The piers or walls which hold the bridge in place are the Gatun Dam and elevator gates at the Atlantic end and the dam and elevator gates at Pedro Miguel at the Pacific end.

In constructing the bridge and securing a level for its channel it was necessary to cut a passage through a mountain range near the Pacific end and to erect a lower mountain range or ridge at the Atlantic end. The first is known as the Culebra Cut, and the second, composed in large part of the earth and rock taken from the Cut and transported about thirty miles, is known as the Gatun Dam.

A mountain had to be moved, not by faith, but by dynamite, steam-shovels, and railway trains, and set up anew thirty miles away. It was placed across the lower end of a valley or water-shed comprising 1,320 square miles and will form in that valley a lake with an area of 164 square miles, with a depth varying from 45 to 87 feet, and containing 183,000,000 cubic feet of water.

This lake, with its Culebra Cut arm, is the water bridge of the Isthmus. Twenty-four miles of the channel for vessels will lie within the lake area, and about nine miles will be through Culebra Cut, and these nine miles constitute all that can properly be called a canal, unless the sea approaches at either end be included in that designation.

In a large sense the work on the Isthmus was divided into two parts—destructive and constructive. The dominating element in the problem was the removal of the mountain range, and in solving this the two branches of the work went hand in hand. The magnitude of that task proved, before it was accomplished, to be nearly or quite double what it was estimated at before work began.

The minority report of the International Board of Consulting Engineers, in 1900, placed the total amount of Culebra Cut excavation for an 85-foot-level canal at 53,800,000 cubic yards, and the majority report of the same board estimated the amount necessary at the same point for a sea-level canal with a depth of 40 feet at 110,000,000 cubic yards.

I have been over every foot of that ground myself, and, in view of my previous experience with slipping clay, I speak not from hearsay or opinion but actual observation over many years.

These opinions were based mainly upon what is known as the Cucaracha slide, on the east bank of the canal, just south of Gold Hill, which is the highest point of the Culebra Cut. This first began to move in 1887, during the most active period of French operations, and I am assured by persons who were on the Isthmus at the time that it caused a feeling among the French engineers that very nearly approached consternation, they seeing in it a most formidable obstacle to the sea-level canal which they were engaged in constructing.

The Cucaracha slide is the largest of those classed as normal or gravity slides. These have occurred where there was a top layer of porous material resting upon a sloping surface of rock or other harder material. The water of heavy rains, sinking through the overlying porous material, caused a muddy, slippery zone to form between that and the harder material below, sending the entire top layer, of a thickness varying from ten to forty feet, into the canal prism.

The most formidable slides of this character have occurred during the dry season, and were in no way due to saturation by rainfall. They were completely unforeseen by any of the engineers who had studied conditions in the Culebra Cut before active operations were begun by Americans.

There have been, at various times during canal construction, twenty-two slides of different kinds, covering an area aggregating 230 acres, and compelling an excavation of about 25,000,000 cubic yards, or about one-fourth of the excavation, required for the Culebra Cut.

The united dam itself has a central section or core composed of an impervious mixture of sand and clay, pumped by hydraulic process from the river bottom of the valley, held in place on both sides by thick walls or sections of earth and rock brought from Culebra Cut.

the angle of repose for the particular material then in motion. This angle of repose varies much in different localities, depending upon the character of the material composing the slide, the angle of inclination of the strata, and the angles of the numerous dikes, faults, seams, etc.

"In one or two slides which have developed in the Cut the surface on which the material was sliding had a slope of one vertical to ten horizontal, and in the case of another slide on the west bank of the canal, north of the village of Culebra, the moving material, which consisted of stratified rock, was moving *en masse* at the rate of three feet in twenty-four hours, on a lignite layer about six inches thick, which had a slope of about one vertical to seven horizontal and was underlain by layers of sedimentary rock, which did not move.

"The writer is aware that there is a very general impression that slides are due solely to saturation by rainfall, or under-ground water, of the material which is in motion, and while this is to a great extent correct for the slides like the one at Cucaracha, yet there have been three large slides, involving in all nearly 2,000,000 cubic yards of material, which developed during the dry season and were composed wholly of material so dry that when loaded on the trains the cars were almost hidden during the windy season by clouds of dust.

But while the slides have been an annoyance and have added heavily to the task in hand, they have been of great value in demonstrating the utter impossibility of constructing a sea-level canal across the Isthmus, thus vindicating the wisdom of the minority members of the International Consulting Board and the foresight of President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, and the first Canal Commission in favoring and securing the adoption of the lock plan now nearing successful completion.

The great feature of the constructive part of the work has been the Gatun Dam and the locks connected with it. No part of the great project has been more furiously or more ignorantly assailed, and none has been more ludicrously misunderstood. The majority of visitors from the United States and elsewhere who have been passing in great swarms over the Isthmus during the past two years or more, have expected to see a dam towering more or less straight into the air for a distance of several hundred feet.

If nature had intended to place a great lake among the hills of the Isthmus at Panama, she would have put a barrier across the valley at this point. It converts the great valley of the Chagres into a huge reservoir which impounds all the water that flows into it, not only from the Chagres River, which is the principal source of supply, but from many other smaller streams.

Unless you are a swimmer do not take any unnecessary chances, but keep close to the life line always. If there are any waves, or breakers, learn how to drive through, or ride over them—keep within reach of the life lines all the time. If everyone exercises a little common sense in the water there can be no ill effects or danger while in swimming.

The growing child as well as adult should be taught how to swim; it develops a poise, or balance almost impossible to attain, unless a long and sometimes tiresome course of training is undertaken, which may be developed by spending a few weeks at the seashore, or lake, and swimming regularly every day.

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(Concluded next week.)

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### LAND SALE

1911, A No. 1021 IN THE SUPREME COURT

BETWEEN JEREMIAH LEVANGIE, Plaintiff MICHAEL LEVANGIE, An Absconding or Absent Debtor

To be sold at public auction by the sheriff of the County of Antigonish, or his deputy, at the Court House, at Antigonish, in the County of Antigonish, on

MONDAY The 4th day of August, A. D. 1913

At the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand of the above named defendant, at the time of recording of the judgment herein, or at any time since, of, in, to, upon, or out of those certain lots, pieces, or parcels of

### LAND

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(1st lot) that lot bounded on the North by the old post road; on the East by lands of Charles Levangie and Elias White; on the south by lands of William Decoste; and on the West by lands of Alexander Decoste, containing twelve acres more or less.

(2nd lot) That lot bounded on the North by lands of Norman Levangie, on the South by lands of the Late John Drew; on the East by lands of Augustus Levangie; on the West by lands of Michael Levangie, containing eight acres more or less.

(3rd lot) That lot bounded on the North by lands of Jeremiah Levangie; on the South by lands of the late John Drew; on the East by lands of Augustus Levangie, on the West by lands of Alexander Levangie, containing eight acres more or less.

TERMS:—Twenty per cent deposit at time of sale; remainder on delivery of Deed. Dated Sheriff's office, Antigonish, N. S., June 28th, A. D. 1913. DUNCAN D. CHISHOLM, Sheriff of Antigonish County. WILLIAM CHISHOLM, Plaintiff's Solicitor.

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A pilgrim was passing the wide-open door of the house by the side of the way. As an angel stood waiting and calling to him...

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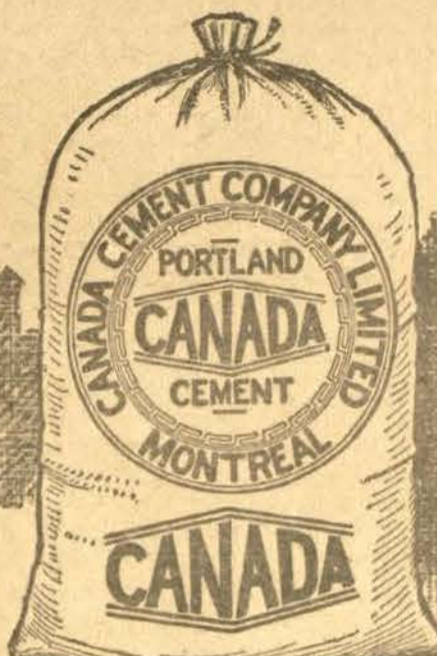
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OFFICIAL.

The Spiritual Retreat for the Reverend Clergy of the diocese of Antigonish will be held at St. Francis Xavier's College, opening on Monday evening, July 14th, and closing on Saturday morning, July 19th, 1913.

JAMES MORRISON, Bishop of Antigonish

The following parishes and missions will be visited on the dates respectively assigned herein, when the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered:

- July 10th, p. m., West Lake Ainslie. 11th, a. m., Brook Village. 11th, p. m., Glencoe. 12th, a. m., Glendale. 12th, p. m., Princerville. 12th, p. m., Lower River.

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of a State commission made up, say, of eight physicians and four lawyers, selected from different parts of the State, any three of whom might serve in their respective localities.

I know that others have assumed the responsibility, which I have myself taken in more than one case, of producing euthanasia, when, in the terminal stage of life, a patient was suffering the tortures of the damned, and had pleaded for a method of escape, the pleadings being seconded by the family.

Observe the cool manner in which he excludes the clergy from his board of experts. Religion, in other words, has nothing to do with the matter.

Even if that were so; even if no moral question were involved; even if the right to hasten death in such cases were beyond all question, Dr. Park's notions are incapable of being safely and fairly carried into practice.

But such discussions as Dr. Park's ignore the moral question altogether. God is the absolute master of life and death. The error of supposing that men may end their own lives or get others to take them, to avoid disgrace or pain, is part and parcel of the common error of the day that the real evils man has to dread are disgrace and pain.

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into the awful presence of God either by a surgeon or a gunman. Dr. Park does well, from his pagan point of view, to exclude clergymen's opinions. Clergymen cannot afford to be pagans. The Master they serve has not made the surgeon or the board to which someone may appoint him, the arbiters of life and death.

Dr. Park's theory makes no distinction between a man and a horse. We shoot a horse to put it out of pain, but men's sufferings are quite another matter. Christianity teaches that a man's sufferings may be made meritorious for eternal life.

During the Spiritual Retreat of the Diocesan Clergy a priest will be stationed at each of the following places: Glace Bay, North Sydney and Inverness. They will attend to any urgent sick-calls that may occur during the Retreat.

Causerie de Jeudi.

(By W. P. M. Kennedy.)

There is every probability that, in the near future, the question of religious education in the schools will once again force itself on educationists in England. It is interesting to note in this connection that Mr. A. J. Balfour, the late Premier, spoke in no halting terms about the place of religious teaching in schools.

The French newspapers—Catholic and secular—are not alone in revolt against the present state of morality in France. I have recently come across two books by serious thinking Frenchmen in which the whole national outlook is viewed with grave concern.

Guérard finds the future French religion in "humanitarianism." Whatever his conclusion, his book witnesses to a stirring of hearts in France, and to the fact that thinking men find that "something" is wrong in the State of Denmark.

Once again I am moved to speak of Francis Thompson as I have just received his complete works, now first collected—The Works of Francis Thompson, 3 Vols. (Burns & Oats). This edition has been received on all sides with remarkable praise, and it seems clearer than ever that Thompson's place is secure among the great names in English literature.

"God was my shaper / Passing surmised, / He hammered, He wrought me / From curled, silver vapour, / To lust of His mind:— / Thou couldst not have thought me!

So purely, so palely, / Tinily, surely, mightily, frailly, / Insculpted and embossed, / With His hammer of wind / And His graver of frost."

The very day that these volumes appeared died George Wyndham, known to many as late Chief Secretary of Ireland, and a failure in political life; but to the chosen few, in the words of Henley, as "soldier, courtier and scholar" and to lovers of Francis Thompson as the writer of the enthusiastic preface to the latter's Essay on Shelley, which he called "the most important contribution to pure letters written in English during the last twenty years."

The death of Lord Ashbourne, late Lord Chancellor of Ireland, admits into the House of Lords his eldest son, The Hon. W. Gibson, who is one of the most interesting personalities in England. The new peer was received into the Church as an undergraduate at Oxford, and since then he has been an ardent Catholic.

It has struck me as somewhat remarkable, after seeing even a little of Nova Scotia, that no wide and enthusiastic effort is made to bring the beauties, resources, and possibilities of the Province before the people of the United Kingdom, where the Canadian West is advertised to such an extent that Britishers are almost compelled to believe that it is the only part of Canada worth settling down in.

"A Beautiful Country.—Englishmen still speak of Canada as if, in soil and climate and topography, its three and three-quarter million square miles were practically uniform. That a wide variety exists, even in a comparatively small area, is illustrated in the case of Nova Scotia—the least but one of the provinces. Topographically, the country may be roughly divided into three sections—the fruit lands of the west, the great hay and sheep lands of the centre, and the sheep lands of the east."

Our Protestant friends who form Societies for the dissemination of the Sacred Scriptures amongst Roman Catholics will open their eyes at the new and important work just announced by Messrs. Longmans. This is no less than a fresh translation of the New Testament, which will be called the "Westminster Version," and is to be issued in parts.

Our London Letter. LONDON, June 27, 1913. AT ST. ALBAN'S SHRINE. There is no more picturesque or charming pilgrimage around London than that which took place last Saturday, when some 250 Catholics visited the old Verulam of the Romans, to honour England's protomartyr, St. Alban.

There is no more picturesque or charming pilgrimage around London than that which took place last Saturday, when some 250 Catholics visited the old Verulam of the Romans, to honour England's protomartyr, St. Alban. The pilgrims arrived by train and motor bus, through fields and hedgerows gay with wild roses, to find an unspoilt market town, with countrymen in smocks and the peace of a hundred years ago clinging round its ancient walls.

On the same day Anglicans were loudly proclaiming their rights to old Catholic property in Hyde Park. It was a most respectable demonstration, largely composed of ladies, and although the Higher element came out with crucifixes and other Romish "symbols" no one interfered. But a banner bearing the words "Thou shalt not steal" was a rather inappropriate addition to the procession since the property about which all the ado arose, has already been stolen.

It is seldom that a fashionable wedding attracts so much attention as that of Sir Joseph Tichborne and Miss Denis Greville did on Wednesday. It took place at the Brompton Oratory, on Wild Rose Day, and was a rose wedding. The ceremony was performed by Father Sebastian Bowden, and the bride was given away by her father, Lt. Col. Greville. She was attended by ten bridesmaids and two pages.

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Queer Sleeping Habits of Animals With The Circus. "When a monkey sleeps he picks out the biggest perch he can find" said Keeper John Patterson, of the Barnum and Bailey menagerie.

Temperance for Boys. Talking to a group of boys recently in Washington, Secretary of State Bryan, whose total abstinence is well-known, said: "If, since I was grown, I had ever felt tempted to begin the drinking of liquor, I would have been restrained by the feeling that it might injuriously affect some who looked to me for an example."

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