

# ARMY ENGINEERS TO BUILD CANAL

President Abandons Idea of Having Work Done by Contract on Percentage System.

MAJ. GOETHALS CHAIRMAN.

Majs. Gaillard and Sibert to be His Assistants—Commission Will Be Reorganized.

Washington, Feb. 26.—By an order to Chairman Shonts of the isthmian canal commission today, President Roosevelt, as far as lay in his power under existing law, transferred to the engineer branch of the army the responsibility for the further construction of the Panama canal. He also formally recorded the abandonment, for the present at least, of the project of having the canal work done by contract on the percentage system. Another feature was the announcement of the resignation of John P. Stevens as engineer-in-chief of canal construction. Mr. Shonts is in New York, where he will tomorrow preside at a meeting of the directors of the Panama Railroad company, of which he is president, and will, it is expected, formally resign that office. The president intends that there shall be an entire reorganization of the commission, with three army officers of the engineer corps as its leading members, who are to be charged with the engineering features of the canal work. The chairman and engineer-in-chief of the commission will be Maj. G. W. Goethals. His associates will be Maj. Du B. Gaillard and Maj. William L. Sibert, to rank in the order named. These officers are all comparatively young, ambitious and energetic.

Senator Joseph S. Blackburn of Kentucky, who will retire from the United States senate on March 4, is to be made a member of the reorganized commission. The nominations of the senate include Messrs. Shonts, Stevens, Haines, Endicott, Herrod, Gorgas and Jackson Smith. Their confirmation is desired in order to remove all doubt as to the legality of certain acts they have performed in connection with the making of contracts. The retirement of Messrs. Shonts and Stevens will leave two vacancies, so that there will be two more retirements necessary to make way for the three army officers and Senator Blackburn. The president is determined that the work on the canal shall proceed continuously, and the temporary "dislocations" caused by the resignations of higher officials will not be allowed to interfere with progress. The president is unaware of the specific reasons which have been influential in prompting Mr. Stevens' resignation. It surprised him very much to learn as late as the middle of December Mr. Stevens made no mention of his wish to retire. It has been known, however, that Mr. Stevens has been stung very much by criticism aimed at him in connection with the canal work, some of which came out during hearings before committees of Congress.

It is understood that Mr. Stevens is leaving to accept a position in connection with a great engineering enterprise in this country at an annual salary more than double that he now receives from the government. It is also known that the organization of the forces on the isthmus is excellent. Mr. Stevens is said to believe that he can now terminate his connection with this great enterprise without in any way jeopardizing its success.

For several weeks it has been rumored here that Mr. Stevens was dissatisfied with the plan of letting the canal work out by contract, but, as explained by a member of the cabinet today, Mr. Stevens really proposed to the president the adoption of this method of constructing the canal. The probability is that the administration may determine to give out the work to be done at the isthmus under contract under the general direction of the army engineers. After Maj. Goethals and his army associates have been at the isthmus sufficient time to become fully acquainted with the work to be done they will submit a report on the situation to the president. If they feel the work can be done better by contract than under the present system, the question again will be referred by the president and the services of the same high class contractors whose bids are now rejected, or others of similar standing then may be invoked. The president's reasons for making the sweeping changes and refusing all bids so far offered for building the canal are noted in his letter to Chairman Shonts.

**PRESIDENT TO SHONTS.**

The president's letter to Mr. Shonts follows: "I have considered with much care the question whether the commission should accept one of the bids for the construction of the Panama canal under the proposed contract, or should reject them all. There were two bids worthy of consideration. The bid of the McArthur syndicate at 12 1/2 per cent was the only one which came within the requirements. The Oliver and Bangs bid at 6 1/2 per cent was rejected as not satisfying the specifications of the invitation. Mr. Oliver was allowed to perfect his bid with new associates and new financial responsibility, but this permission did not in any way change the situation from what it would have been had Mr. Oliver's bid in its present form been presented Jan. 12, the day fixed for receiving the bids. "The purpose of the contract was to secure, in the building of the canal, the services of the best, most skilled and most skilled contractors in the country. An investigation into the two bids shows that this purpose of the government was failed in each bid. Contractors of experience, whose personal services in the work are what the commission has sought, have made arrangements to divide the profits under the percentage bid with lesser contractors to whom the contractors have had to look for the needed capital, so that the contractors who are actually to do the work have arranged to accept it

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comparatively small proportion of the profits. In other words, the government by this arrangement is made to pay a high percentage for the use of capital which it might itself have obtained at a much lower rate, while the percentage which the contractors are to receive for the real benefit they are to confer on the government is reduced to inadequate compensation.

"No contract can ultimately operate to the benefit of the government in which the contractor's energy, skill, experience and supervision of the work are not adequately paid for. The defect in the bid may be due to a defect in the invitation for bids, which perhaps stipulated for too heavy a bond and investment of too large capital, or it may be because the bidders have taken an entirely different view of the money risk from that taken by the government. Mr. Stevens, the chief engineer, advises against accepting either bid, because such, in his opinion would not accomplish the purpose.

"One of the chief reasons for adopting the contract was to place in his main features it was formulated by Mr. Stevens, who was expected to supervise the work as chief engineer. He has had experience with contracts of this character as well as 18 months' actual experience on the isthmus. Less than 16 days ago I received a letter from Mr. Stevens, in which he asked to be relieved entirely from work on the canal as soon as he could be replaced. I have accepted his resignation. The withdrawal of Mr. Stevens, however, leaves the canal work in a state of confusion. It is necessary to proceed under the present form of contract.

"In order to secure continuity in engineering control and management of the canal, I have decided to request you to assign to the office of chief engineer, Maj. Goethals, of the corps of engineers. His assignment will be made as to the legality of certain acts they have performed in connection with the making of contracts. The retirement of Messrs. Shonts and Stevens will leave two vacancies, so that there will be two more retirements necessary to make way for the three army officers and Senator Blackburn. The president is determined that the work on the canal shall proceed continuously, and the temporary "dislocations" caused by the resignations of higher officials will not be allowed to interfere with progress.

The officers expect to leave for Panama about March 1. Secretary Taft will sail for the isthmus about March 29, from New York in company with three engineers of high professional reputation, who are connected in any way with the canal work, who will advise him technically. They are John R. Freeman of Rhode Island, John Noble of Chicago and Frederick Stearns of Massachusetts. Test pits 50 feet deep are being dug along the site of the projected Gatun dam for their inspection.

**MAJ. G. W. GOETHALS.**

Washington, Feb. 26.—Maj. G. W. Goethals, named by the president as chief engineer of the Panama canal, was granted leave of absence from his post at West Point in 1880, and after two years at the engineers' school at Willets Point, N. Y., was for two years on the staff of Gen. Nelson A. Miles as chief of staff of the department of the Columbia; served under Col. Merrill at Cincinnati in the construction of dams, dykes and locks; was on duty at West Point in the department of civil and military engineering, after which he was in charge of the Mussel Shoals canal, Tennessee river, and began the construction of the Colvert shoals canal; was chief engineer of the First army corps during the war with Spain; was instructor of practical military engineering at West Point, and in charge of the engineering work of the Newport district until selected for the general staff in 1903.

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# EVELYN NESBIT THAW'S STORY TOLD

Her Examination, Cross and Direct, is Over and as a Witness She Retires.

MADE A WONDERFUL RECORD.

Today District Attorney Jerome Will Take the Defense's Motion In Hand.

New York, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's long ordeal on the witness stand at the trial of her husband for the killing of Stanford White ended today. Mr. Jerome finished his cross-examination, which had lasted a couple of hours, and the morning session. The direct and cross-examinations this afternoon were brief. The district attorney will tomorrow morning begin his cross-examination of Dr. Britton D. Evans, one of the defense's witnesses. Mrs. Wagner, Decatur and Blugman will be called in rapid order. The trial at last seems to be entering on its final stages. The completion of Mrs. Thaw's examination followed the unsuccessful effort of the prosecution to draw from Abraham Hummel certain facts relating to the affidavit which Mrs. Thaw is said to have made in Hummel's law office. In this affidavit, it is declared that there was an allegation that Thaw had beaten a girl while abroad in 1903, which she refused to deny. The story about her relations with Stanford White.

Mr. Delmas, for the defense, blocked practically every question put to Mr. Hummel. "The witness got no further than to say he knew Mrs. Thaw, that she came to his office Oct. 27, 1905, and that he dictated to her a letter which she wrote to Justice Fitzgerald held that under the rules of evidence covering Mrs. Thaw's testimony the introduction of collateral facts was not permitted. The district attorney is not allowed to controvert her testimony in any way, but may test her credibility. Mr. Jerome said in open court that he realized that if he could show Stanford White in Europe the night Mrs. Thaw declares she was assaulted by him he would not be allowed to introduce such testimony.

It was reported that Mr. Jerome has much testimony to offer in rebuttal, but as it is nearly all of a collateral character he will not be allowed to place it before the jury.

Mrs. Thaw today was given the opportunity to clear up the odds and ends of her story. She was asked to produce evidence her school-girl diary and read certain extracts from it. They caused many smiles in the courtroom, reflecting the fact that the witness had given her views of life during that period. Mrs. Thaw denied again that she had ever used a penny of the letter of credit Stanford White gave to her under seal before she went to Europe with Thaw and her mother. She denied that she had ever been mentioned in any way in connection with the James Garfield divorce case. She said Stanford White paid all her brother's school expenses and identified receipts and checks signed by her mother, showing that the latter drew a check for \$3,000 from Stanford White's funds during the year from May, 1902 to May 1903. Evelyn was at school during most of this time.

Just before Harry K. Thaw was taken out of the courtroom he handed the reporters the following note: "Mrs. Thaw and Lady Ashburton, formerly Frances Belmont, were not friends. They were simply acquaintances when both were playing at the same theater."

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

After recess Mrs. Thaw was again called to the stand by Mr. Delmas for re-direct examination.

Mr. Delmas requested that certain photos of Mrs. Thaw which had been introduced in evidence be sent for. Mr. Jerome then showed Mrs. Thaw 14 receipts and asked if they were not in the handwriting of her mother.

"Yes, sir."

The receipts were for various amounts received from the Mercantile Trust company where White had deposited a sum of money for Evelyn and her mother. The receipts were signed "Evelyn Florence Nesbit," the mother and daughter having the same names.

Mr. Delmas handed her several photographs and asked if they were posed. Mrs. Thaw said the photographer at the East Twenty-second street studio posed her for most of the pictures.

Mr. Delmas showed Mrs. Thaw a letter and asked if a name in it was not that of a prominent New York society woman.

"We are prepared to admit that she is a prominent New York woman."

"One most prominent?" asked Mr. Delmas.

"Decidedly, yes."

"And she holds a position in the best society in New York?"

"Well, she is in the '400,'" said Mr. Jerome dryly.

Mr. Delmas then went into Evelyn Nesbit's first visit to White when she went with Edna Goodrich and White kissed and caressed Miss Goodrich. She was not permitted to say if she had formed any idea of the relations between White and Miss Goodrich.

"You said your brother went to school in 1902. Who arranged for that?"

"Stanford and Stanford White."

"Who paid for the schooling?"

"Stanford White."

"Did you draw any money for yourself out of the letter of credit which White gave you when you went to Europe in 1902?"

"I did not."

"Did you draw any for your mother?"

"Yes, in Boulevard, Martin saw something in a shop window. She knew I had the money and I let her have what she wanted. When Thaw heard of this, he was angry, and said I should not have accepted the letter of credit money."

"After you had refused to continue your improper relations with White, did he have a talk with you, urging you to resume these relations?"

Mr. Jerome objected, and was sustained.

Mrs. Thaw said that Mr. Garland told her mother that if they had anything to do with White he (Garland) would have nothing to do with them. She said that her friendship with Mr. Garland ceased when she met White.

She said she consulted the stage manager as to what she ought to return a \$50 bill which Thaw sent to her in a bunch of flowers. The conduct of George Lederer toward her, she said, was always that of respect. There was nothing improper in it. The attentions of several young men whose names she had mentioned as paying attention to her, Mr. Jerome objected to a question about the second operation performed on Mrs. Thaw and said neither of the operations was of a criminal character.

This ended the re-direct examination. On cross examination, Mrs. Thaw said she did not know whether Stanford White continued to pay for How-

ard Nesbit's schooling up to the time of his death. She said Stanford White's letter of credit was returned to him, and that she gave it to Mrs. Nesbit. STATEMENT BY EVELYN'S MOTHER.

Pittsburg, Feb. 26.—Charles J. Holman issued the following statement today in behalf of his wife, mother of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, concerning Mrs. Thaw's early training: "Evelyn was always sent to Sunday school and her mother had control of her. Her mother never left her daughter in care of any man at any time. The public has heard at one side of the story. They have no right to express an opinion. We expect nothing else from ignorance, but educated people are supposed to weigh the evidence of both sides before giving an opinion."

## HOW THE VATICAN MIXED IN POLITICS OF FRANCE.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The summarized contents of a part of alleged correspondence between Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, and Mr. Montagnini, who was secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris which was seized at the nunciature when Monsignor Montagnini was expelled from France, has been published in the Messidor.

This synopsis demonstrates the fact that the Vatican interfered in the internal politics of France, for in the correspondence in question the secretary of state congratulates Monsignor Montagnini upon the application in connection with the taking of inventories, which the declares was completely in accord with the view of the pope.

Referring to the elections of 1906, Cardinal Merry del Val advises the Catholic candidates to call themselves Republicans, saying the church expects to obtain nothing more from the Government than the election of a Bishop Richard, declaring him to be too liberal.

Monsignor Montagnini wrote to Cardinal Merry del Val, according to the Messidor, describing the efforts of Catholics to sway the opinion of the country in order to utilize them as official organs. The secretary of the nunciature complains also to the Vatican of the appointment of Monsignor Amette as coadjutor to Bishop Richard, declaring him to be too liberal.

## AN AGED ACROBAT.

Henry Johnson is an English acrobat who has lived a century and is still hale and hearty. He began his career as a trapeze artist in the reign of William IV, and performed once in the presence of that monarch. The Duchess of Kent, authoress of the "Fruit Trees!"



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## SKIN DISEASE IN JAPAN

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Remarkable Letters from Hawaii, India and Japan

Recent investigation by science indicates that eczema and psoriasis so prevalent in Europe and America are diseases of Oriental origin. They exist in modified form in Japan, China, India and elsewhere. Throughout the Orient all kinds of skin troubles are classed with leprosy and are believed incurable. Only recently a remarkable event has happened.

A skin specialist in Chicago, having discovered the eczema germ and the true cause and cure of skin trouble, found the preparation that removed all kinds of skin diseases. The prescription is now being widely used in the United States, curing the skin through the skin by external application.

The prescription was introduced into Japan by an American citizen traveling there. Now without any solicitation, orders both wholesale and retail are pouring into Chicago from Oriental quarters asking for more of the remedy as put up in Chicago. Here are just a few of the letters, recently received from Japan, Hawaii and India.

D. D. Co. Chicago. Jan. 16, 1906. "I suffered two years with eczema on the foot on my passage through your country your excellent prescription was given me by a friend who cured me perfectly within a few weeks. Now as I am soon returning to Japan, I shall feel very much obliged if you will send me another bottle so as to introduce your splendid prescription to many of the poor sufferers there. I will much advise you to produce your prescription all over the East, as many such cases may be treated and cured. A list of reliable firms in Japan and China that could handle your remedy."

"I hope that you will be able to send the medicine up to the island of Manilla, as I have to catch my steamer some few days later."

D. D. Co. Chicago. Jan. 6, 1906. "Some time ago I purchased from you through Mr. James M. Kibb of yours a dozen of your remedy. Please duplicate the order as per your receipt."

D. D. Co. Chicago. Jan. 25, 1906. "I enclose letter from a friend in which please keep confidential. Will you oblige by sending D. D. Co. Remedy for a month's treatment to India direct. G. P. B. N. N."

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