

Inception of the Panama Interoceanic Ship Canal; Start of the Project Which Uncle Sam Will Complete

THE elaborate preparations now going forward for the completion of the Panama canal by the United States government, recalls the fact that the project of cutting a waterway through the isthmus from ocean to ocean is much older than most people suppose. It dates, indeed, from 1211, when the idea was mooted of constructing a canal between the Chagres river, flowing into the Caribbean sea, and the Grande river, emptying into the Pacific near Panama. Under orders from King Philip II. of Spain, two Flemish engineers examined the route, but the king, for political reasons, made up his mind that it would be wiser not to press the scheme, and in the despatch spirit peculiar to his dynasty let it be known that any one presumptuous enough to revive the project would come to an untimely end. His successors were clearly of the same mind, for little more was heard of a transisthmian canal until 1825, when Domingo Lopez, a native Calabrian, made a bid for fame by mapping a route for a canal between Panama and Portobello.

The following year saw the first formal expedition looking to the construction of the canal. General Balboa sent out a party of engineers. In 1828 there made a report in which they stated that even if a canal was not feasible, a railway could easily be built between Chagres and Panama. The seed thus sown fell into fertile ground, but in the far distant country of France, in 1843 the French government dispatched two noted engineers—Garelli and Courtes—to examine the isthmus thoroughly. The engineers duly filed a long and interesting report, but although they found the canal idea worthy of promotion, no further steps were taken at the time. Nine years later the government of New Granada gave a concession for the construction of a canal between Caledonia bay and the gulf of San Miguel, but nothing came of this.

Then the United States, long alive to the importance of finding a means for facilitating interoceanic communication, took a hand. In 1848 a Mr. Kelley of New York surveyed a route from the gulf of San Blas to the Chagres river, which would require, as had been the case in the findings of Garelli and Courtes, a long tunnel. Once more France's interest was aroused, and in the following year M. de Puydt, an engineer in the employ of the French International Colombian company, announced that he had hit upon a favorable route from Escondido to the gulf of San Miguel via the Taira. This line was later declared impracticable by Captain Selfridge, United States navy, who in 1870-71 conducted extensive surveys of the isthmus without finding on the cordillera a lower level than 1,000 feet. Three years afterward the United States government sent out two other expeditions. Soon after there appeared on the scene a French engineer—Lieutenant Lucien

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