

PANAMA'S COSTLY DITCH

A Quarter of a Billion Expended and the Work Not Half Done.

AMY OF LABORERS AT WORK

Tour of the Canal and a Description of the Excavation Going On—Millions Wasted and Fortunes Made.

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PANAMA, March 7, 1898.—For the past three years 3,000 men have been steadily working here on the Panama canal.

ONE-THIRD OF THE CANAL FINISHED. The French chief of construction today told me he considered the canal more than half done.

THE CANAL ROUTE. But before I describe the work that is being done now, let me give you the story of the canal in a nutshell.

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THE WOOLEN STOCKINGS OF FRANCE. Yes, they were stocking times. Flush times among the rich contractors in Paris as well as with the associate contractors here.

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COULD UNCLE SAM BUY OUT FRANCE? From what I gather here from a variety of inside sources I believe that the French are tired and sick of the job, and that within a short time they will either drop it or, what is more probable, take some other nation or corporation outside of France to help them.

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of the order. The following officers were elected: President, P. T. H. McGowan; V. P., Ray C. Wagner, S. John T. Smith; W. P., F. Wagner, C.; Miss Anna Klecker, M.; Mrs. Eva Weitzel, G.; Joe West, S.; T. Wagner, Sec. M.; Robert Bailey, Libby Hummel and Mrs. A. Buchanan; T.; Agnes Boland, M.; Ed Taylor, captain of the degree team. The meeting concluded with a dance.

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FIFTEEN YEARS FOR ONLY TEN CENTS Judge Slaughter Sentences Charles Hendricks to the Penitentiary for a Long Term to Make an Example.

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BEATEN AND STARVED BY THE OFFICERS Story of Cruelty Which is Almost Beyond Belief—One of Them Killed by the Captain.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The most-looked-for crew that ever sailed into the harbor of New York came in on the British bark Angra, 126 days from Hong Kong, bruised, blackened, weak from lack of food, some having broken bones and others touched with scurvy.