

GOETHALS ANSWERS CRITICS OF CANAL

Strictures of Kearns and Miller Are Called Erroneous, Unwarranted and Unfair.

SLIDES UNDER CONTROL

Washington, Nov. 19.—Sharp language is employed by Major General George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal Zone, in replying to published criticisms of the big waterway, which he charges have seriously affected its commercial rating. In his annual report, made public by the War department, the governor declares that the earth movements which have frequently interrupted traffic through the canal finally will be overcome for all time.

General Goethals goes into a lengthy review of the geological problems which have been encountered, of the steps taken to overcome such obstacles and the measure of success attained. So far as the Culebra cut is concerned, he says, "the worst is over, the intervals between movements are becoming greater and the quantities of material less."

The report replies to the published statements of Prof. Benjamin LeRoy Miller of Lehigh university and former Senator Thomas Kearns of Utah. The charges made in each case, General Goethals brands as "erroneous, unwarranted and unfair." It is shown in the report that during a part of the fiscal year, 1916, during which the canal was opened, 411 vessels passed from the Atlantic to the Pacific and 376 in the other direction. Of all these, only ninety-one were engaged in the American coastwise trade.

To total cargo tonnage handled was 3,460,946, as against 4,969,792 for the preceding year, although the waterway was in operation for only five months last year. Commenting upon the reduction in coastwise traffic shown, however, the report says it was due principally to the scarcity of ships for foreign trade which drew American coasting vessels into that service.

Difficulties of the present system of levying tolls are recited and General Goethals again recommends that legislation be sought making the earning capacity of a ship the basis upon which charges shall be computed. He points out that \$2,399,830 were collected in tolls during 1916. Had the so-called Panama canal rules applied in measuring the ships, he adds, this sum would have been increased by approximately \$400,000.

Million and a Half Bushels Increase

Grain stocks in Omaha warehouses continue to be large, but the surplus is something like 1,000,000 bushels less than one week ago, when the invoice was made. During the last week large quantities of wheat have gone out, some having been sent to the mills, but more having been sold for export.

In bushels the grain stocks in storage now and at the corresponding date of last year:

	New	Last Year
Wheat	1,323,000	812,000
Corn	48,000	175,000
Oats	2,014,000	812,000
Rye	147,000	82,000
Barley	18,000	28,000
Totals	2,560,000	1,951,000

The increase over this date of last year is 1,639,000 bushels.

Prices of Sandwiches Advance in Omaha

Prices of sandwiches for those desiring light lunches have gone up in Omaha in many places. In some of the small lunch rooms where they formerly put out a sandwich for a nickel the price has been raised to 10 cents. In some others where the price was formerly 10 cents and where there was a little more meat in the sandwich the price has been advanced to 15 cents.

Lured from Homes, Two Women Repent

The two women who were lured to Omaha last week by the blandishments of two San Francisco traveling men, are being cared for at the Workmen's hotel, Thirteenth and Capitol avenue, until they receive the money from relatives to return home. Their children are with them. The two traveling men have not been located.

Expert Testimony in Big Suit in Federal Court

Expert testimony was introduced in the case of William Livingstone, who is suing the Omaha railroad company for \$50,000 damages, which he asserts he received in 1902, when he fell and injured his head on the steps of a railroad engine. The testimony was in the form of skiagraph plates showing how the bone tissue of the skull had been removed as a result of the accident. Dr. Johnson of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine testified that the injury might have caused the plaintiff to wander about in a demented condition and otherwise affect his mind. The case is being tried before Judge Woodruff of the United States district court.

Want to Install Fish Pond in the City Hall Lobby

City Commissioners Jardine, Hummel and Withnell comprise a special committee to determine the advisability of installing an aquarium in the rotunda of the city hall, which is being remodeled. Mr. Hummel believes a fish pond would add to the interior charms of the municipal building.

Court Fines Teamster For Cruelty to Animals

Frank Murray, Tenth and Pierce streets, was fined \$10 and costs in police court on a charge of cruelty to animals. He is a teamster.

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NEW YORK'S \$2,800 BABY HIPPO—Commercialism permeates everything these days, even the Central park zoological gardens, where "Congo," the \$2,800 baby of "Mrs. Murphy" and "Caliph II" has been sold to a circus. Congo is only one of several children, but the others have all been sold. All told the Hippo family has brought \$40,000 to the zoo.



CONGO AND HIS MAMA.

Boys Who Stole Hallowe'en Feed Lose Out on Thanksgiving Dinner

It always pays to be good, boys. You know, Abraham Lincoln said, "Honesty is the best policy."

Now here's just an example of how it pays to be honest and how those that are dishonest always "get it in the neck."

Rev. C. W. Savidge gave a Hallowe'en party at his church a few weeks ago and invited a lot of poor children. The ladies baked eight cakes, which would have been plenty. But some boys who didn't appreciate the hospitality thought they'd be smart and they stole five of the cakes and took them off and ate them.

They thought they were that much ahead. But now see how their punishment is coming. Rev. Mr. Savidge is going to give a Thanksgiving supper to 500 poor children at the People's church Friday evening. But those boys who stole the cakes are not going to be there. They would have been invited if they hadn't stolen the cakes.

They don't want bad boys around that "bite the hand that's feeding them." So they lose out on the roast turkey and cranberry sauce and potatoes and celery and pumpkin pies and cake and ice cream.

Oh, it's a great lesson to boys that are tempted to steal cakes or to do anything else that isn't honest.

and they are the ones who are making the money. "Land through eastern Colorado is advancing in price and settlers are flocking into our section of the state. In another year practically all the cheap land will be in the hands of actual settlers, instead of in the hands of speculators, in in the past."

Overheated Stove Starts Fire in Hansen Home

An overheated stove set fire to the home of Mrs. L. Hansen, 2130 North Twenty-eighth street, and did slight damage before the department extinguished the flames.



Nujol For Constipation

Science Confirms the Lore of the Indians

Long before the coming of the white man, the Seneca Indians collected mineral oil from the surface of water in pits dug in the oil sands. A French missionary visited the Western Pennsylvania wilderness in 1627 and was told that the crude petroleum thus obtained was good for rheumatism and skin diseases. Used internally, the Indians declared, it killed a serpent that lived in the intestines and caused abdominal pains.

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OMAHA WILL TRAIN ARMY BALLOON MEN

Captain Chandler Says No Airplanes Nor Dirigibles Will Come Here Yet.

AERO COLLEGE FOR MANY

Companies of balloon men for the United States army service will be trained at Fort Omaha and sent from here to join various artillery detachments in various parts of the country, according to Captain Charles De-France Chandler, who has just arrived in Omaha to take charge of the balloon school that is to be established at Fort Omaha.

Six balloons are ordered for this balloon school, and are now being manufactured. No airplanes are to be used here just yet, and probably no dirigibles, according to Captain Chandler. The type of balloons to be used is what is known as the captive balloon, which is sent up and kept tethered to earth by a rope, so that it may be brought down by a windlass at any time. The men in the balloon take observations and find ranges for the gunners in the artillery.

Captain D. H. Bower, besides Captain Chandler, has been assigned to duty at Fort Omaha. About twenty officers can be accommodated here at one time, and Captain Chandler says some 250 enlisted men will be taking instructions here.

Captain Chandler has been in the aeronautic service of the United States army for some years, having served two years in the Philippines and some months with General Pershing on the border and in Mexico.

No Turkeys in the Thanksgiving Day Baskets This Year

"We are not giving away any Turkey in our Thanksgiving baskets this year," said Mrs. G. W. Doane, secretary of the Associated Charities. "Not at their present high rate. What we are going to do is to give away about 250 baskets, but they will contain only essential and staple foods." Mrs. Doane says that she could use a large number of shoes, as calls in this line have been very heavy since the increased cost of the footwear.

Pastor Scores Severely Religious Hypocrites

"The martyrs were those who bore witness to the truth as they saw it and would not yield their beliefs even in the face of death. It should be so with us," Rev. Robert Leavens, Unitarian pastor, told his congregation Sunday when he preached on "An Honest Religion." Hypocrisy, he said, was more despicable in religion than in any other phase of life. He urged all men to strive for the wisdom to see the right and the courage to abide by their findings.

The church meeting was held at Turpin's hall, Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets, where they will continue to be held until the new church is erected. Plans for the church are already drawn.

City Dads Find They Have No Right To Abridge Free Speech on Streets

Mayor Decides He Has No Right to Grant Permits or to Refuse to Let People Talk.

MAY DRAFT AN ORDINANCE

What are the rights of free speech? The city commissioners want to know. They are at sea and want somebody to throw a lifeline.

Three members of the city legal department perused the law books for three hours and announced that they could not find anything which prevented public speaking on the streets of Omaha.

"I am convinced that I have no authority to issue permits for street speaking as I have been doing. These permits have no legal status. It seems to have been a custom for the mayor to issue permits," stated Mayor Dahlman.

The net result of the meeting of the city commissioners in committee of the whole was to announce to all of the world and his brother that street speakers may have a free-for-all until such time as the city council shall have passed a regulatory ordinance which will define a zone inside of which street speaking will not be allowed. The city attorney was directed to prepare such an ordinance.

"Then what shall I do?" inquired Superintendent Kugel of the police department. The commissioners took counsel unto themselves once more and decided that the police department may keep the streets and walks open to traffic, but cannot legally interfere with the speakers, because that would be interfering with the rights of free speech.

Mr. Kugel thinks he is the goat of the situation. It is up to him to preserve inviolate the sacred rights of free speech, maintain traffic routes for vehicles and pedestrians, maintain order in the crowds which attend street speaking meetings and placate merchants who complain of congested walks in front of their places of business.

Mayor Dahlman suggested setting aside Jefferson square for public speaking, but Commissioner Hummel stood up in all of his might and remonstrated against invading the sacred precincts of that hallowed spot.

This matter was brought to its present status when the mayor was asked for permits for speakers who intend to oppose the five-year street lighting contract which will be submitted to a referendum on December 5. The mayor refused the permits on the

grounds of public policy; that he had received many complaints from business men who said they were annoyed during the recent campaign. The mayor publicly admitted he had no authority to issue or refuse permits. He said he believed it was a matter of police regulation.

Rine Will Decide Saloon Men's Tax

City Attorney Rine has been instructed by the city commissioners to report Tuesday morning, November 28, an opinion as to the minimum license fee the city can assess saloonkeepers for the period from January 1 to May 1, 1917.

Although it is unofficially understood that the city cannot charge less than \$1,000, the commissioners want an opinion in writing from its legal department.

The commissioners discussed the situation in an executive session.

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