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(U.S.), Canal Zone

# CANAL



# RECORD

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COMMISSION CLUB HOUSES.

A lunch counter and small kitchen have been added to the equipment at all the Commission club houses. At the lunch counter a light lunch, consisting of sandwiches, pie, coffee, tea, etc., will be served at hours that will not conflict with the hours of meals at the Commission hotels. The kitchens at Gorgona, Empire and Culebra are equipped with hot-water ranges, and that at Cristobal uses steam from the ice plant.

At each club house a room has been fitted up as a barber shop, and all have hot and cold water.

At the Culebra club house a dark room has been built for the use of the camera club.

CULEBRA.

A handicap pool tournament began Monday evening with the following entries: Callahan, Goree, Wenpe, Goodman, McRaven, Duff, Ilerring, Stevens, Padgett, Kenney, Holstead, Fleishman, Vogel, Daniels, Rinderle, Bass, Winters, Smith, Hamlin, Miller.

The first five men in the handicap bowling tournament have the following standing:

	Won.	Lost.	Average No. Pins.
Winters.....	20	7	166
DeMol.....	22	10	161
Roberts.....	18	11	158
Rigney.....	15	10	158
Harrington.....	14	10	135

During the summer months the library belonging to the Culebra public school will be at the Commission club house, and circulated as usual.

A pool and billiard match, between players from Cristobal and Culebra, was held at Culebra Saturday night, with the following results:

POOL.			
Fleishman (Cu.).....	100	Stevens (Cu.).....	100
Hilleary (Cr.).....	92	Fowler (Cr.).....	71
White (Cr.).....	100	Duff (Cu.).....	100
Gamble (Cu.).....	95	Cornick (Cr.).....	64

BILLIARDS.

Doty (Cu.).....	100	Turner (Cr.).....	100
White (Cr.).....	96	Floyd (Cu.).....	98

On Friday, July 3, the monthly smoker will take the form of a patriotic gathering, with speeches and music.

GORGONA.

The Y. M. C. A. at Gorgona celebrated on June 27 the first anniversary of the opening of the Commission club house. A program was given, consisting of songs, club swinging, clog dancing, wrestling, and music by the orchestra. The secretary read a report of the year's work, and statistics in connection with it were shown with the aid of stereopticon views. Medals were presented to the winners of athletic events, and refreshments were served.

The Gorgona tennis club, represented by Mr. Ashton and Mr. Jackson, met the Empire tennis club, represented by Mr. Hall and Mr. Brown, in a match in doubles on the courts of the latter club on June 21. The Gorgona team won in a closely contested game of five sets—6-4, 6-2, 6-3, Empire winning the other two sets—6-2 and 6-1. The game was a snappy one, full of excellent play. This is the second match played, Gorgona having been defeated in the first, and much interest is manifested in the third, to be arranged in the near future, which will decide the series. It is desired by the Empire and Gorgona clubs that other clubs on the Isthmus become interested in the arrangement of tournaments.

CRISTOBAL.

The chess match between teams chosen by B. M. Vifquain and E. K. Turner brought out eighteen players. Mr. Vifquain's team won five tables, against three for Mr. Turner's team, with one draw. The hardest fought games were between Mr. G. M. Wells and Capt. J. H. Cottman. The latter won two out of three games. Wednesday and Saturday nights are special chess nights.

On July 4 the Cristobal club house will keep "open house." Out-of-town visitors are specially invited to make the club house their headquarters. The refreshment counter will be open all day.

During the six days ending June 20 there were 292 games, averaging over 150, rolled on the bowling alleys. The standing of the three-men bowling tournament is as follows:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
M. and S. Benedicts.....	21	15	6	.714
Carpenters.....	21	15	6	.714
P. P. R. Shop.....	21	14	7	.666
Commissionary.....	21	12	9	.571
M. and S. Bachel's.....	24	12	12	.500
P. R. R. Office.....	24	11	13	.457
Imperials.....	21	8	13	.380
South Paws.....	24	9	15	.374
Mt. Hope.....	21	3	18	.125

The steamship *Thoben* sailed from Tacoma, Wash., on June 23 with a cargo of bridge and trestle timber for the Commission.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

Payments from Pay Car in July.

OFFICE OF DISBURSING OFFICER.  
Empire, C. Z., June 26, 1908.

CIRCULAR NO. 40.

To All Concerned: Notice is hereby given, that, for the month of July only, the regular payments from the pay car, between La Boca "Y" and Mindi will be made one day later, as follows:

The run between La Boca "Y" and Culebra, inclusive, will be made on July 13.

The run between Empire and Gorgona, inclusive, will be made on July 14.

The run between Gorgona and Mindi, inclusive, will be made on July 15.

The usual hours of arrival and departure from different points will be observed.

During August and succeeding months payments will be made as formerly, on the 12th, 13th and 14th of each month.

(Sgd.) EDWARD J. WILLIAMS,  
Disbursing Officer.

Approved:  
(Sgd.) GEO. W. GOETHALS,  
Chairman and Chief Engineer.

Bills Against Employes.

OFFICE OF DISBURSING OFFICER.  
Empire, C. Z., June 26, 1908.

CIRCULAR NO. 41.

To All Concerned: All Departments and Divisions must render bills against employes so that they will reach this office not later than the 10th of the month.

All amounts due the Commission from employes for services of whatever nature, for which bills have been rendered and which remained unsettled on the 25th of the month in which rendered, will be deducted from the salary for that month.

(Sgd.) EDWARD J. WILLIAMS,  
Disbursing Officer.

Approved:  
(Sgd.) GEO. W. GOETHALS,  
Chairman and Chief Engineer.

Duties of Superintendent of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION,  
Ancon, C. Z., June 16, 1908.

TO ALL CONCERNED:

The duties of the Superintendent of Public Works are as follows:

(a) To supervise and direct the work of inspectors of plumbing in the cities of Panama and Colon and in the Canal Zone.

(b) To receive, accept and act upon the applications of property owners in Panama, Colon, and the Canal Zone for the connection of their premises with the water works and sewers.

(c) To keep accurate records of water used in the cities of Panama and Colon, to render bill therefor, and to collect all bills so rendered.

(d) To keep accurate records of water used by private consumers in the Canal Zone, and report thereon to the Collector of Revenues, who will render bill for the water so used and collect the amounts due from private consumers.

(e) To maintain the water and sewer systems and the street paving within the limits of the cities of Panama and Colon. Any work in the nature of new construction in connection with water and sewer systems and paving in those cities will be done by the Division of Municipal Engineering.

(f) To supervise and direct the work of inspectors of the water mains and water connections in the Canal Zone, whose duty it is to detect leaks and prevent the waste of water from the public reservoirs.

(g) To direct and operate the public markets and slaughter houses in the Canal Zone.

(h) To ascertain the needs of the various communities in the Canal Zone and recommend to the Head of the Department of Civil Administration the construction and repair of such roads, trails, bridges, public water and sewer systems, markets, slaughter houses, lights, and other public improvements as may appear necessary or desirable. Such works of public improvement, when authorized by the Head of the Department of Civil Administration and approved by the Chairman, shall be executed by the Department of Construction and Engineering or by contract, as the Chairman may direct, and the cost thereof shall be met from the Canal Zone funds.

(i) To perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him from time to time by the Head of the Department of Civil Administration or the Chairman of the Commission.

JO C. S. BLACKBURN,  
Head of Department of Civil Administration.

Approved:  
GEO. W. GOETHALS,  
Chairman.

Shipment of Household Goods.

PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY,  
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER,  
Colon, R. P., June 27, 1908.

TO ALL AGENTS: Beginning at once shipments of household goods and personal effects forwarded from stations on this line to New York via Panama Railroad Steamship Line must be prepaid, or they will not be accepted for shipment.

Also, you will show full address of consignees on the bill of lading. We have had several cases of shipments to New York where we have been unable to locate consignees. Goods have been placed in storage, and unless claimed within a certain period will be sold by the Government.

H. J. SLIFER,  
General Manager.

Personal and Railroad Mail.

PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY,  
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER,  
Colon, R. P., June 27, 1908.

TO ALL CONCERNED:

The handling of personal mail as railroad mail is strictly forbidden by the rules and regulations of the United States postal authorities. Article 1142 of Postal Rules and Regulations reads as follows:

"A railroad or steamboat company, or other common carrier, may carry letters written or sent by its officers or agents which relate to 'its business only.'"

Section 1140 reads:

"No person shall transmit by private express or other unlawful means or deliver to any agent of such unlawful express, or deposit, or cause to be deposited at any appointed place for the purpose of transmittal, any letter or packet, and for every such offense the party offending shall be liable to a fine of \$50."

Some employes have been forwarding Commissary books by railroad mail. This is not railroad business. All employes are hereby cautioned not to use railroad mail for any other purpose than is outlined in section 1142 of Postal Regulations as quoted above.

H. J. SLIFER,  
General Manager.

Misdirected Letters.

Division of Letters,

Ancon, Station A, June 27, 1908.

The following insufficiently addressed letters, originating in the United States and its possessions, have been received in the office of the Director of Posts, and may be secured on request of addressee

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Agacio, Hon. Antonio B. | Mason, Alfred C.       |
| Allen, John D.          | Morris, David          |
| Allyn, John C.          | Moulton, Miss Nora     |
| Anderson, Mrs. N. B.    | Paparelli, Luis        |
| Booth, Samuel           | Perry, C. S.           |
| Bromley, Mrs. John Z.   | Peterson, John         |
| Cole, Richard           | Rohr, Henry            |
| Conlan, C. P.           | Ruben, O. N.           |
| Connor, F. I.           | Sanger, Walter M.      |
| Crosley, S. J.          | Sedden, Miss Mary      |
| Crouch, W. E.           | Shea, Patrick          |
| Cummisky, John P.       | Shumway, Frank         |
| Earle, H. E. (3)        | Shutt, H. R.           |
| Fassett, C. V.          | Smith, Marvin W.       |
| Gamble, N. M.           | Stipp, E. I.           |
| Gellman, M.             | Sullivan, E. G.        |
| Hautleman, Louis        | Sutherland, Mrs. C. H. |
| Holbrook, Arthur        | Thompson, C. U.        |
| Jong, Cheng             | Walston, W. H.         |
| Kinnell, Louis          | Williams, G. O.        |
| Le Gall, D. E.          | Winds, N.              |
| Lent, Charles           | Wyssong, D. Puston     |
| Manore, Eleazar         | York, Paul             |
| Maher, John             |                        |

Rainfall from June 1 to 27, 1908, Inclusive.

(MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT.)

Stations.	Maximum in one day.	Total.
<i>Atlantic Slope.</i>		
Cristobal.....	2.06	9.72
Brazos Brook.....	2.76	14.33
Gatun.....	2.70	11.88
Bohio.....	2.93	17.64
Taberulla.....	3.30	9.95
San Pablo.....	7.49	9.64
<i>Central Section.</i>		
Bas Obispo.....	1.45	6.28
Gamboa.....	1.60	5.82
Empire.....	2.04	7.39
Camacho Dam.....	2.38	12.31
Culebra.....	1.76	8.02
Rio Grande.....	1.83	10.34
<i>Pacific Slope.</i>		
Pedro Miguel.....	1.24	6.73
La Boca.....	1.53	4.92
Ancon.....	1.44	4.24
<i>Upper Chagres.</i>		
Alhajuela.....	2.00	10.96