

SOME OLD RERUNS.

The other veteran is Dr. John Pickering, of Zavala, Angelina county, who is now in his 99th year, and who came to Southeast Texas in the early Thirties. He is the last living participant of

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"As early as 1904 it became apparent to the Canal Commission that the Canal could not be built without the use of socialist methods and principles. Control of means of transportation and production - Government ownership and operation of steamships, railways, general stores, ice plant, etc.

"It was originally intended by the U.S. Army to build the Canal by private contract. The Army was to advertise on a large scale for bids; but when the day came to open the bids, the Army found that the bidders had offered to build the Canal for less than \$100 million, a sum sufficiently large to satisfy the Army's otherwise fantastic demands. The report showed that the Army had been deceived by the bidders' offer of food and other trust funds. The Congressional investigating committee found more recent developments in railroads and other industries in furnishing supply to the Army. The committee found that the employees did not coincide with the Army's demands, as in the case of Western irrigation, the canal railway, railway reconstruction, and other projects, where private management, he stepped in and operated the project. The Army's success of the job.

His decision to do so met with opposition on all sides; and from the Halls of Congress, the streets and the by-ways came the roar: "Oh, that's Socialism; that's Socialistic and contrary to the Constitution. It should be done by contract." Nevertheless, Uncle Sam went right ahead with the

reached the Isthmus it found one of the most difficult problems was the feeding and housing of the thousands of men employed on the canal. It was necessary to have a sufficient, stable working force. Hence the reorganizing and operation of the old Panama Railroad, the building of new lines, and the Government. Here, again, a howl went up: "This method is against the Republic and the Republic and the Republic." The Government, however, was determined to proceed. The Government, however, was determined to proceed. The Government, however, was determined to proceed.

The present splendid commensurate of general struts and contributory industries is the result and outgrowth of a situation Uncle Sam was confronted with, and was compelled to solve, or no Canal. With this fact in mind there was no other alternative but to establish the Subsidized Department and operate the industries himself, which he did.

It must not be assumed here

hard enough we will put in Congress men who will give us what we want.

It is the most striking instance in history of the economy of collective effort in meeting the common solution of the high cost of living.

Commissary.

The Subsidized Depot at Cristobal is the storehouse and principal food supply for approxi-

that Colonel Goethals or any of his associates are Socialists. When a man is forced to do a certain thing it does not necessarily follow that he believes in it, or prefers to do it. The facts are Colonel Goethals is not a politician, his motto is "Efficiency and results." He is a very liberal and broad-minded gentleman, and believes in using, and does use, any form or method that promises to

It was the only common sense thing to do. It must not be understood that the Canadian Red Cross is the general store business just because he wanted to, or because he saw a chance to make a stake. He went into it for no other reason than the necessity of preventing the Canadian Red Cross from being the Canol builders off the job. And the result is that today Uncle Sam is operating on the Canol business in the world, doing the general stores in the world, doing the business in 1913 of over seven million dollars a year, and is truly marvelous business. And the more so when placed on the restrictions upon when, sales, and the

"Cold storage supplies are brought to the Lethmus by six Government-owned and operated steamships and by several merchant steamship lines having vessels equipped for handling cold storage and other perishable goods; and deliveries are made at Cristobal not less than ten times

month. The varieties of all produce are available with a frequency and in amounts large enough to keep a 45 days' supply in store at Christchurch. The only exception in an emergency, such as a break in the deliveries. The supply of produce is usually worth about \$25,000,000. The food stocks is never subjected to the test of three months' storage, as the food has a short shelf life. The food has elapsed. The Substantive Department makes a point of putting in a new stock four or five times a year. The Department purchases and the Commissary makes the food for the army and the navy (and the air force) and within another six months the increase in this number to twenty.

Here are manufactured extracts: vanilla, almond, vanilla, lemon, coffee and orange—all high grade products of great strength. More than 500,000 pounds of these extracts were made in one month. Here, also, is prepared, from the best cream, the most delicious ice cream all ice cream put out by the ice cream plant, and crushed fruit for the same plant.

The business of the Commissary Department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, aggregated \$7,630,402.75, an increase of \$928,047.07 as compared with the preceding year. The commissary plant in the cold storage plant are here turned into items of economic value by their manufacture into soap stock, soft soap, and lard compound.

Merchandise was imported from foreign countries on account of the American tariff prices being so high that the nation saved money by going abroad to the value of \$6,029,731.95. Efforts were directed toward keeping the stock down to the lowest figure consistent with good service, in anticipation of

Fresh Meats. The Ancon, of the Panama Railroad Steamship Line, made a special trip from Cristobal to Colon, with fresh meats, on Tuesday, June 20, and 10 p. m. Tuesday, June 22, for a cargo of fresh meats. The meats are to be slaughtered on the Canal Zone and sold by the Commercial Branch of the Supply Department, to ships and to employees through the Commissary stores. And Record, June 23, 1915.

This beef is sold in the commissaries as "native," the beef from the States as "special." The States beef is sold at a

supplies and to furnish ice to the different commissaries, the employees and the various offices; an ice cream plant to supply the commissaries; a bakery; a coffee roaster and grinder, a laundry, etc.	prices range from	
	Soup beef, special, per lb.	.07
	Soup beef, native, per lb.	.03
	Stew beef, special, per lb.	.11
	Stew beef, native, per lb.	.08
	Chuck roast, special, per lb.	.12
	Chuck roast native, per lb.	.05

The number of tons of ice manufactured during the twelve months ending June 30, 1913, was 38,884. The gross revenue of this department amounted to \$241,858.02, an increase over the previous year of \$13,273.89.

In the ice cream plant 169,850 gallons of ice cream were made and sold during the year. The gross revenue amounted to \$134,327.50, an increase over the previous year of \$23,33.82.

Bakery. The bakery used 22,454 barrels of flour, making 6,779,726 loaves of bread, 170,334 rolls and 135,435 pounds of cake. The gross revenue of this department amounted to \$284,639.63, an increase of \$23,774.30 over the previous year. On June 1, 1913, the price

proved laundering machinery and electric hand irons. Collection and delivery is made all over the Zone without extra charge.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, the laundry hand truck cost \$2,025.69, pieces. The total

The coffee roasting and grinding plant, erected in 1908, cost \$3200. It is one of the modern type, and is run by an electric motor, and a steam boiler, and a blower, formerly with a large New York house. It was estimated that the plant would pay for itself in less than a year. The first experimental stage was passed it would save the Government about \$3000 a month in its coffee bill for the Indians. About 30,000 pounds of coffee are produced a month by the mess houses, which formerly cost 22 to 24 cents a pound, now costs delivered at the

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, an analytical laboratory and experimental kitchen were installed, where all new articles received by the Commissary are tested by the chemist for purity, full value and quality. Its purpose it to safeguard purchasers against impurities and false values. In its installation there

growing of the most common varieties of tropic fruit. During the past two years the supply of oranges, limes, avocados, bananas, mangoes, etc., has been steadily diminishing. Jamaica was formerly dependent on a considerable extent for oranges, limes, mangoes and avocados, but of late the shipments have become

"There are at present on the farm a considerable number of banana stalks, and the production of a shipment of 110 bunches from the farm one day last week was distributed among the various Commissaries. It is planned to go into banana culture on a scale sufficient to meet the commissary and hotel requirements, and also to raise an adequate supply of oranges, limes and avocados."

"Canal Record for November 17, 1915, says: "Three of the twelve plantations operated by Supply Department are supplying green corn to the commissary branch at present. Their combined output is from 2500 to 5000 quarters of this calendar year was 217. The average number sick was 21, or 10 per cent. The cost was 10¢ per month per team to the Commission for those teams actually working, including all charges for labor, forage and miscella-

demand for treatable corn, however is such as to make this supply, in the words of one of the authorities in charge, 'just a drop in the bucket.' "

There were 17 line hotels, three night restaurants, 15 European laborers' messes, and 16 common laborers' kitchens in operation by the Subsistence Department of the Canal Commission at the close

Meals and lodging are not more than ONE HALF the average prices for such in the States, with purity of foods, reliability of service unexcelled in any hotel in the world.

The total revenue of the Subsistence Department from the operation of the hotels, messes

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