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# *La verdad*

*Estamos siempre fiel a la honestidad*  
We are always loyal to integrity

*¡Libertad! ¡Que Viva el País de Panamá!*  
Freedom! Long live the country of Panama!



### Panama Pandemonium Turns Into Great Success

The United States is entirely justified in its actions in Panama. We gave Colombia a very generous offer of \$10 million with an annual \$250 thousand payment for the continuous lease of the canal, as stated in writing in the Hay-Herran Treaty of 1903. The Colombian government offensively rejected our offer by failing to ratify the treaty. They believed that \$10 million was not enough. They did not realize that the annual \$250 thousand payment would continue indefinitely, and would therefore allow the payment to reach their desired price. President Roosevelt rightfully believed that we had to intervene for the interests of our great country and for the interests of Panama. Colombia's actions have shown that they are not able to make the proper choices for their country, so they can not make the proper choices for Panama. Panama was being held back by Colombia until our intervention. While some may say we intervened in business that was not ours to begin with, we rescued the oppressed people of Panama from the rule of a harsh Colombian government. The *USS Nashville* bravely defended Panama from Colombia when Panama declared independence from its cruel Colombian

oppressors on November 3, 1903. Colombia was powerless against the might of the United States Navy. We are a powerful country, and because of this, we must help others. Panama has now given us the canal zone for our help in freeing them from Colombia. In a show of great kindness, we also gave the new Panama \$10 million for their gift.

The critics of our actions in Panama also fail to realize the economic benefits that the United States, and perhaps the world, will reap from the canal. The canal, after its construction, will provide a route for ships to travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific without going through the dangerous and turbulent waters near South America's Cape Horn. This will allow for shorter trade routes, and it will allow our eastern fleet to quickly travel to the Pacific if any of their ships are needed to reinforce our western defenses. The shorter trade routes mean more trade, as ships will be able to make more trips in a single year. We can also charge tolls for the use of the canal, which will further increase our income. The canal tolls, as well as the income from the increased trade that the canal will bring, will soon exceed the price for the purchase and building of the canal. The canal's net income will likely come sooner than we thought. The canal is currently on track to being constructed below the projected cost, and will likely be about \$23 million under the projected cost. With our moral fight that freed Panama, and with the economic benefits that canal is guaranteed to produce, how could anyone be against our actions in Panama?



**HELD UP THE WRONG MAN**

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Feature story.

Thankful for America's help in winning its independence, the Panamanian government was all too happy to accept the USA's generous offer for permission to build the canal. The construction is going incredibly well thanks to mutual cooperation, and the canal is projected to be finished by as early as 1914. The creation of the canal will open many economic opportunities to the mutual benefits of many nations.

# Wanted

## **Young healthy able-bodied men**

to aid in the construction of the the canal in the country of Panama.

**50\$ a month. Fare paid both ways.**

**Room and meals provided.**

**Apply at local government hall.**

### A Simple Scam

The United States is not justified in its actions in Panama, regardless of the so called benefit to the Panamanians of freedom from Colombian rule. The United States is a great nation that is reduced to burglary and common stealing based on our actions in Panama. Those in favor argue that we help the people and in return we confiscate land and a project that was in progress already, and steal money that is made on their land. We have no right to the land that we work on and we are cheating out of a profit that they do not fully comprehend. Our country "gifts" \$10 million to the people without explaining that the potential of the canal is far greater than that price. We are not brave in our actions to help the people, and it is not a small gift that we ask for in return. In fact, by holding a position in the country with military personnel under the guise of protecting the newly freed people as well as the land we own, we are working against our basic ideals. It is true that we do not run their government and consider them a part of the U.S, but we still act as a ruling imperialistic force, merely a less powerful version of the nation we fought against to found our country. These actions will lead to the U.S becoming the same force we hoped to destroy, so why how could anyone argue in favor of it.





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