
Further Passages of Vessels between Entrance Channels.

Since the passage of the steamship *Cristobal* from Cristobal to Balboa on August 3, and its return to Cristobal on August 4, test voyages between the terminal ports have been made with all of the Panama railroad vessels available. The successive voyages have resulted in greater smoothness of handling through the locks and in a reduced time of transit.

The *Advance* was taken from Cristobal to and through Miraflores Locks, on Sunday, August 9, and returned on the same day as far as Gatun, being locked through to the ocean the following morning; and the *Panama*, which arrived from New York on August 10, made a similar trip on August 11. On both of these trips, as on the passage of the *Cristobal*, old employes, with members of their families, were carried by invitation of the Governor.

On Saturday, August 15, the *Ancon* will pass from deep water in the Atlantic to deep water in the Pacific, and will officially open the Canal to commerce between the oceans. It will carry cargo to be transferred at Balboa for shipment to north and south Pacific ports.
