

NOTES OF PROGRESS.

Steamship "Cristobal" Makes Test Trip Between Entrance Channels.

In anticipation of the opening of the Canal to traffic on August 15, as directed by the Secretary of War, a test voyage from Cristobal to Balboa was made on Monday, August 3, by the steamship *Cristobal* of the Panama Railroad Steamship Line. A return trip was made on Tuesday, August 4.

The *Cristobal* is a steel twin-screw steamship of 9,606 gross, and 6,195 net tons. It is 489½ feet long overall, 58 feet in the beam, and was drawing about 25 feet of water at the time of passage. It is a sister ship of the *Ancon*, with which an official opening voyage will be made on August 15.

The *Cristobal* left Dock 9, Cristobal, shortly after 7 a. m., stopped before the lower guard gates of Gatun Locks at 8.15; entered Gatun Lake shortly after 11; entered Culebra Cut at 1 p. m.; reached Pedro Miguel at 2.30; reached Miraflores Locks at 3.40; entered the Pacific channel about 5.45; and arrived opposite Balboa about 6.30. The voyage was without operating incident, other than some minor difficulties with towing locomotives at Gatun and Pedro Miguel Locks. On the return trip the *Cristobal* left Balboa at 7.30 a. m., August 4, and arrived at Cristobal at about 4 p. m.

It is expected to operate the *Advance* through the Canal on Sunday, August 9. Applications for passage by old employes will be received at the office of the Governor.
