

Panama March 19 1906

My dear family I have been three days
on the Isthmus. and have been quite
busy. I hustled around as much
as I dared. the heat is pretty near
as it would be on one of those record
breaking hot ones in New York
96 in the shade I have seen the Canal
at both ends and the middle. Sunday
I spent the day at Bulaca as guest
of one of the longiners the ment

customs officers.

ALSO.

~~most~~ Over the ground where the
deepest cutting has been done, and
has yet to be done the French cut
a gap out of Culpeper about 75 to
100 foot deep and about 250 to 300
broad. if a Lock Canal there will
be about 100 foot deeper to go if
Sea level about 250 the Americans
are digging. but not anything like.

the quantity they³ expect to as soon
as every thing is prepared at present
they are engaged in making the
Place Sanitary. they are doing
a great work they already have a fine
Watermarks System the whole length
of the line but the problem that
is confronting the Officers is the
labour they don't find any difficulty
about Clerks Engineers or Mechanics
but the labourers they are a

customs officers.

ALSO.

• Poor weak lot⁴ of creatures. Victims
of the Islands in the Caribbean. all
claim that there must be different
labor if they ever expect to finish
it they only pay them 13¢ per hour
I believe that they can get good
labor if they pay about 30¢ per hour
I dont see any reason why they
cant get them

I had a very Pleasant⁵ trip from
New York to Colon. I met some
very nice people. Some of them
are going to be on the same
ship all the way to Portland. We
sail on the 20th on the Catalpa
a nice steamer of about 3500 tons
I have been assigned very
nice quarters on the promenade
deck and I very much look forward
for a pleasant trip. Love to all
The classon

customs officers.

ALSO.