

BIG PANAMA LANDSLIDE.

Another Slip In Culebra Cut Buries Tracks and Fills Ditch.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—A big section of the Panama Canal cut was filled up by a great landslide on the night of Sept. 16. The earth and rocks not only covered up all of the tracks on the east side and filled the canal ditch, but spread over one track on the west side. The slide occurred in Culebra Cut, at Cucuracha, where the cut is deepest, and the inconvenience will continue until the end of the month.

There are 500,000 cubic yards of earth and rock slowly moving down the mountain side, and, having exhausted every other means to stop it, the engineers have made up their minds that all of this material, representing more than one-half of 1 per cent. of the total excavation in Culebra Cut, must be slowly dug out and removed.

Meantime wonderful performances by the steam shovel men at Panama are reported in the Canal Record. On the 15th instant sixteen shovels in the Culebra Cut excavated 27,797 cubic yards of material in an eight-hour day, breaking all records.

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