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THE BLOCKED CANAL

THE Panama canal could not delay its opening for the Panama-Pacific exposition, which was intended to celebrate that most important event. Now that the exposition is in full blast and proving itself a great success the canal is closed. The last slip of earth and rock from the sides of the deep cut through which its way is dug began on the 29th of September. There have been many before, but this seems the worst of all since one slide has followed another before its predecessor could be dredged away. Four days ago sixty-three ships were waiting at the isthmus for a clear channel. These are waiting still and others are being added daily with no prospect of the canal being cleared before November 1 and not then if more slides occur in the interval.

This is very disappointing. We have expended \$200,000,000 in cash in construction of the Panama canal and are paying interest on \$138,000,000 in bonds, the proceeds of which have gone into the same mighty work. It was believed to be finished a year ago, but it refuses to stay finished. The rock formation through which it is cut is softened and disintegrated by the air and heat and water to the direct action of which it is now exposed. The bottom of the canal is forced up by the heavy pressure of rock on each side of it, while on the sides of the cut the disintegrating rock becomes as unstable as melting snow and the result is an endless succession of rock avalanches poured into the canal and making it impassable.

The canal company has powerful dredges and they work industriously. They can clear out the canal again and again, but its business is interrupted and its use discouraged by the ever-recurring slides into its channel. These slides will undoubtedly stop after everything attracted to the canal by gravity has slid into it. But that seems to postpone the profitable and continuous use of the canal indefinitely. The problem is how to stop those slides now or within a reasonable period and not have them continue for years.

ANOTHER CASE OF "LEADING 'EM ON"

THE capture of Belgrade was not a tremendous military success nor one that has any bearing on the ultimate outcome of the war. The capital of Serbia is not a fortified city. It would have cost the little army of the Balkan kingdom its lifeblood to have attempted to defend it against the superior numerical strength and the overpowering artillery of the invaders.

Belgrade is growing accustomed to being captured, anyway, and its people are averse to being under shell fire. It was the part of excellent judgment to capitulate after an almost bloodless fight at defense and quick retirement. The battles in Serbia will now be fought in the passes of almost inaccessible mountains, where the enemy will lose many times the number of soldiers that they destroy of the defenders. There is a strong probability that the retirement of the Serbian army was on the same plan as the retreat of the Russians from Poland, with intent to draw their enemies on to some inhospitable point, where the retreating forces would have a distinct advantage. The Bonanza two months ago pointed out this plan on the part of Russia and late news seems to confirm the opinion that an endeavor would be made to cause a repetition of Napoleon's disastrous retreat from Moscow. A similar condition seems to be developing in Serbia.

WHY NOT FOR TONOPAH?

IT IS announced that the bureau of mines has made recommendation to Secretary of the Interior Lane for a federal mining station at Reno. It is not yet determined whether it will have an experiment station or a rescue car, but that will be decided in the near future.

Tonopah is not jealous of anything that Reno may acquire, but it wonders how that pastoral community should have the nerve to ask for the station, when there are no mines there. The proper location would be Tonopah, which is within speaking distance of half the mines in Nevada. A rescue car could be run over to Goldfield on emergency in less than an hour. It could be utilized here. It could be forwarded to a score of other camps on the briefest notice. It might be all right to establish a dairy experiment station, or an alfalfa clinic in Tonopah by the very same token, and we will strive to secure them.

INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER

IT IS not ascertained who is the guilty party or parties, but some one or some ones are dumping garbage along the road that leads to the city cemetery. The offal is not pleasing to either the nasal or optic organs. The town has provided a dumping ground for garbage and there it should all be placed. Nothing is more offensive to the eye and nose than the decaying matter that is carted out and dumped by the roadways. The owners of the mining claim on which this garbage is deposited certainly have a cause of action against the person or persons committing the misdemeanor, who are too avaricious to use their teams for an additional mile of drive.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

"Greece will stand by her treaties." How old-fashioned.—Toledo Blade.
 Can the bursted bubble of German ambition be vulcanized?—Baltimore American.
 In case Petrograd falls what will then be the main Russian line of defense?—Indianapolis Star.
 Bulgaria mobilizes merely as a precaution—Greece and Rumania become prudent immediately.—Florida Times-Union.
 Caesar Ferdinand of Bulgaria had a French grandfather. But he has a German wife, and she's not a dead one.—Dallas News.
 After Washington recognizes Carranza a considerable number of Mexicans will give him the cold, stony stare.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.
 Senator Lewis says the reserve board can stop the war loan. Maybe it can, senator, but doubtless it won't.—Chicago Evening Post.
 Persecuted Armenians will ask America to help them. Don't they know we don't even protect our own citizens any more?—Portland Oregonian.
 The commissioner of pensions is insistent on having the pension exam-

ining boards made up of two Democrats and one Republican. The Portland Oregonian reminds him, however, that the pensioners are not made up in this proportion.

Call the Balkan war cloud by any other name and it would look as black.—Atlanta Constitution.

The baseball season is nearly over, but already football weather has arrived.—Atlanta Journal.

What War Correspondent Archibald seems most to need just now is deliverance from his friends.—Cleveland Leader.

Likewise, at this season, the weather bureau will be freely forgiven for all predicted frosts that fail to deliver the goods.—Indianapolis News.

It is declared that General Villa's army is capable of maintaining order in the territory it controls; but is it capable of maintaining order in itself?—Indianapolis News.

The women who work in the English munition factories are to have equal pay with the men workers—if they do equally good work. War and death are still the prize levelers.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There is great change in the complexion of the war news, but one thing remains the same—"The brunt fell on the French."—Nashville Tennessean.

It would be interesting to know how many congressmen are going into the citizens' training camps to learn the real meaning of preparedness.—Cleveland Leader.

Carranza announces that the gates of Mexico are wide open for Americans. Good! There'll be a chance to get away from there.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

The Turkish warships are being broken up in order to furnish metal for the manufacture of munitions. This should confound the critics who have been saying that they were useless.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Huerta, too, would doubtless endorse the Dumbalism that the president has "a somewhat self-willed temperament."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

If we could get some first class football players on that border they'd soon put those Mexican bandits out of business.—Atlanta Constitution.

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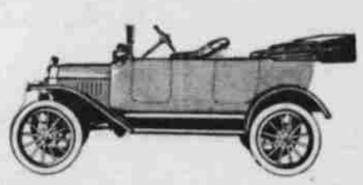
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