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Keeping Kiel Canal Clear.

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In this war canals are perhaps of more frequent importance than railways, the Kiel Canal to the Germans and the Suez Canal to the British Government in Egypt. It is not generally known what enormous difficulties have to be faced in the endeavour to keep these canals clear.

The Germans have spent a gigantic sum on their Kiel Canal, which carries their ships from the North Sea to the Baltic. Just before they made this war they had widened it at a cost of fifteen millions.

Our American friends have great anxieties over the Culebra Cut, in the Panama, but not more so than the Germans over their boasted waterway. For the ground through which the latter is cut is in most places nothing but peat—rotten, black stuff which keeps on breaking up and falling back into the Canal.

Also the bottom continually "bumps up," thus lowering the depth of the passage. The craft that use the Kiel Canal have to crawl along. They say that if a cruiser were to make a dash through at top speed it would take a year and seven millions of money to remedy the damage done by her stern wave.

Small Boats Unable to Pass.

Leave any canal alone for even a year, and it would no longer be fit for navigation. Within five years a small boat would be unable to pass through it.

Each canal has its own special troubles. That of the Panama is land slides. Many have taken place during its construction, many more will have to be dealt with in coming years. Even at the present moment the Canal is completely closed to traffic because of an enormous landslide.

In the Culebra Cut alone nearly seventeen million cubic yards of extra material have had to be removed on account of slides since the opening of the Canal. This cut is 375 feet deep, and at any time, if the Isthmus be shaken by earthquake, millions of tons of rock may break loose and roll down into the mighty ditch below.

To help you realise what a million tons of rock means it may be explained that it is enough to load three thousand trains.

The German-led Turks are said to be about to attack Egypt. If their armies ever manage to cross the waterless desert of Sinai they will find themselves on the far bank of the broad Suez Canal, which will be patrolled by British warships mounting guns beside which the Turkish artillery will be mere toys.

But the Suez, like the Panama Canal, could never afford passage for these great ships unless work went on constantly to keep it clear. It is estimated that, if the dredging work on the Suez were abandoned, within less than ten years the Turks or any one else could cross it dry-shod.

On both sides of the Canal stretch miles of dry desert, from which every wind that blows lifts the sand in edging spirals, and carries it in great clouds. A single storm may drop a thousand tons of sand into one mile of the Canal.

Blew Up Half Canal Bank.

Of late years a great quantity of trees have been planted along the banks in order to prevent the sand from drifting into the water, yet even so, great steam dredges are always at work scooping from the bottom the blown in sand, and dumping it along the shore.

Another trouble of those in charge of the Suez Canal is caused by fresh water springs, which burst up in its deep bed, and pile the sand in ridges.

Worst worry of all is a ship that sinks in the Canal. Some years ago a tramp, the Chatham, sank in the Suez about twenty miles from Port Said. Of course she entirely blocked the Channel, which is only 140 feet wide, but to make matters worse, she had 600 tons of dynamite aboard.

They could not raise her, they had to blow her up. The roar was heard over a thousand square miles, and about half a mile of the Canal bank went up with her remains.

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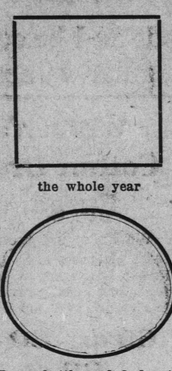

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A MONARCH AND HIS OLD HAT.

King Nicholas of Montenegro, who sent a very cordial message of goodwill to the British nation the other day, has one very curious characteristic—he hates new hats! He will wear the same hat for many years, and he is quite upset when he is at last forced to get a new one.

Some time ago, his Majesty saw that a hat that he had been wearing for nearly sixteen years, really, was a bit too shabby for his royal head, so he regretfully handed it over to his valet. The valet had it ironed and repaired so that it looked almost new, and wore it with an air of great pride. One day the King saw him with it on and asked him where he got it.

"Your Majesty gave it to me," replied the man.

"What!" exclaimed the King. "I gave you such a nice hat? How could I have been so stupid? Give it back to me immediately. It will save me getting a new one!"

The valet humbly protested that he had paid sixpence to have the hat ironed; but the King was obdurate.

"Here is the money," said his Majesty. "I will pay your expenses in connection with the hat. Now give it back to me!"

Of course, the valet had to obey, and the monarch put on his old but renovated headgear with the delighted air of a child with a new toy.

Lecture at Bonavista.

The second lecture under the auspices of the Patriotic Association of Bonavista was given on the night of Feb. 5th in the S. U. F. Hall, which had been suitably decorated with flags and banners by the members of that order. Needless to say, the Union Jack predominated in the scheme of decoration. The lecturer for the evening was Dr. A. E. Rutherford who has on various occasions proved his right to be considered an artist of merit. After the chair had been taken by Mr. Roper, the Magistrate, Dr. Rutherford opened his address taking as his subject: "The Great War," and in spite of the fact that this subject has been so much discussed, he was able to present many interesting facts in a manner and from a viewpoint unknown to his audience. Starting from the origin of the German Empire, he rapidly sketched the growth of this great federation of states and provinces, giving statistical data as to population, area and resources, tending to prove we are facing a formidable foe. The amount of detail involved in the mobilization, training, equipment and support of the millions of men engaged in the conflict was treated at length by the speaker, who used local references in order to more fully impress his hearers. In his reference to the British Navy special emphasis was laid on the protection afforded Newfoundland and the dire results if disaster overtook these silent watchers. Britain's "contemptible little army" was not forgotten and the lecturer was able to show that heroism is as much the characteristic of the British Army and Navy to-day as it was in the days of Nelson and Wellington. Dr. Rutherford is to be congratulated on his excellent presentation of the subject and ably sustained his reputation as an orator. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. A. Hillier and seconded by Adj. Brace, both of whom emphasized the needs of the Empire and dwelt especially on the duty of the young men of Bonavista at this time. Other members of the Patriotic Association followed in the same strain and although no volunteers offered, still it was apparent that seed had been sown which would bring forth fruit at an early date. Bonavista owes much to men like Dr. Rutherford who have given time and talent to bring before us aspects of the struggle developing from time to time.

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Taken Too Literally.

General Sir Archibald Hunter, who has just been placed in command of the third section of Britain's new army, once had an amusing experience in Egypt. Sir Archibald is a very strict disciplinarian, and all who are under him are fully aware of the fact. On the particular occasion in question, the general was dining with some friends when an orderly entered the apartment and announced that a messenger was outside who wished to speak to Sir Archibald. The general was annoyed at the interruption and said that he could not see the visitor at that moment.

"What shall I do with him then, sir?" asked the orderly.

"Oh, knock him down!" replied Sir Archibald impatiently, as he went on with his dinner.

The orderly left the room and the matter was temporarily forgotten in the flow of conversation round the table. About five minutes later, however, the orderly returned bearing on his person the evident effects of a scuffle.

Saluting the astonished general, he remarked calmly:

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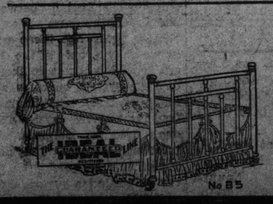

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Nickel Singer Makes Another Hit.

Splendid Show To-Day.

The holiday at the Nickel Theatre will long be remembered by patrons as the show was one of the best ever given, and the attendance very large. Throughout the afternoon and evening there was a steady stream of visitors and every seat was occupied. The Nickel is always the popular resort on holidays but yesterday the number present was even larger than on other holidays this winter. The pictures yesterday were so arranged that they pleased everyone and all were delighted with them. Every film was bright and interesting. The comedies were specially good and kept all in the best of humour. Mr. Cameron sang a very funny song: "Once upon a time" which made another big hit. If you have not heard him, attend today as this is the last opportunity to hear him before Easter. The full programme will be repeated this evening.

Germans Fear the Allied Fleet.

Admiral Von Koester Says Fleet Must Only Accept Battle When it Can Reckon on Victory.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 7.—Grand Admiral Von Koester, President of the German Navy League, in an address at Kiel University to-day, declared that the relative strength of the German fleet, compared to the Anglo-French-Russian fleet, is perhaps one to four.

"We are full of the firmest confidence in our fleet," said Admiral Von Koester, "but we know that a sea battle means death or victory, and that a destroyed fleet cannot be replaced in the course of the war, even if it lasts for years. We must, therefore, under all conditions, be cautious in our procedure and not allow ourselves to be incited to no deed which might eventuate in our defeat.

"For what would be the situation if a sea battle took place to-morrow in which each one of our ships took a hostile ship to the bottom with it, and perhaps some others? Then we should be without a fleet and England could proceed gradually in its attacks against our coasts. Our coast from Emden to Memel would be most severely threatened. Landing attempts, if they were sufficiently well prepared, could succeed at places most uncomfortable to us.

"Our fleet must protect us under all conditions, and may accept battle only when it can reckon on victory."

In conclusion, Admiral Von Koester said the fact that Admiral Fisher, the British First Sea Lord, had not changed the plans that were being pursued by Prince Louis of Battenburg, the former First Sea Lord, "can be taken as showing England's intention to dictate terms of peace eventually with its fleet."

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The Crescent Picture Palace.

The Crescent Picture Palace we understand after to-day will close down for the Lenten season, the management will take advantage of this period to make alterations and improvements to the interior which is going to make the Crescent the picture house of the city.

Yesterday's big programme is being repeated to-day; all who had the pleasure of attending the Crescent yesterday are unstinted in their praise of the pictures presented which augers well for a big patronage to-day.

J. O'Neil Farrell sang a patriotic war song: "The Irishman was there," this is a local composition and is going to become a very popular song, if one may judge from the reception the song received at the Crescent yesterday. We advise all our readers to take in the Crescent Show to-day as this will be the last chance to see the great society feature: "The Spider and Her Web," and have a good laugh also at "Universal Ike" the funny cowboy.