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NEEDLESS ALARM

After all the complaints from Germany about American competition, it is a trifling discovery to learn from Consul-General Mason's report that the empire's foreign trade is larger this year than ever before.

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EXPORTS FOR NINE MONTHS

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This is not discouraging to Germany, but quite on the contrary. Our exports to her have fallen off more than have her sales to us, but the difference in either case is not alarming.

Another difficulty is the prospective loss of some of the canal's most ardent and sincere advocates. These are the dredgers and fortifiers. If we can't have infinite dredging, what will become of the idle machinery already quivering with expectation at profitable sale or employment?

GOVERNOR DURBIN'S DEFENSE

Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, charges Governor Durbin, of Indiana, with violation of his oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States by his refusal to honor the requisition for the surrender of ex-Governor Taylor, charged with complicity in the assassination of Governor Goebel.

DRYDOCK DELAY

Portland is taking care of the deep-water shipping in pretty satisfactory shape, in spite of the unprecedented low stage of water and mismanaged channel improvements.

THE CANAL AND WICKED WORLD

It is expected that President Roosevelt will strongly recommend the Nicaragua canal. Doubtless—but what if? Presidents have done the same thing from time immemorial. It does not signify.

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procession, we still retain the right to trail behind it. Nearly two years ago a former president of the Port of Portland Commission secured plans and made arrangements for the immediate construction of a dredge to be used in connection with the one now in use.

One such untrained old subscriber or constant reader or vote poller or pro bono publicus was permitted to inquire one morning for a recipe in aid or suppression of the hiccoughs. Another of equal turpitude was suffered the succeeding day to offer the desired prescription, and there the matter stopped at all conscience have dropped.

Mark Twain, in his famous article, "Christian Science and the Book of Mrs. Eddy," writes that when a practitioner of that cult sent in her bill for services to him, he said: "Nothing exists but Mind."

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as I am. I challenge the Times to say who is the man they have in their eye more fit than I am." Some likened this to the bombast of Ptolemy; others to the gasconade of Parolles or Bobadil.

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OUR STRENUOUS PRESIDENT.

Illustrative Story Told by a Clerk in a New York Book Store. "For a persistent, indefatigable and positively tireless man, commend me to President Roosevelt," remarked one of the clerks of an up-town bookstore.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Enthusiasm held riot last night at the Exposition building. Scarcely has a Portland audience been fired to such vehement expression of its approval as was bestowed upon Channing Ellery's Royal Italian Band upon the first of the series of concerts now being inaugurated in this city.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

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