

Want Canal Closed.
Washington.—Lieut. Col. Harding, engineer in charge of the Panama Canal, has sent a message to the secretary of war at Washington, recommending that President Wilson issue an executive order closing the canal until November 1. Colonel Harding explains that it will be impossible to clear the channel before that date and perhaps not then. He favors refunding the tolls to those ships which have paid them and are awaiting passage, and also that arrangements be made to tranship the cargoes of the vessels.