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The Nicaragua Canal

The proposal for the United States to dig a second canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans is again before Congress. It is an interesting idea, and to which is worth giving careful consideration

For many years the United States has had a concession from Nicaragua for a canal across that country. Engineers have reported on it favorably. The Navý and the Army have made extensive surveys and are agreed upon its military value. The only question now is whether we need a second vanal in addition to the one at Panama, and whether it would be worth what it cost.

The Navy people would like to have it. Our present naval set-up is one big fleet, based on San Diego, California, to protect both our coasts. If we did not have the Panama Canal, making it easy 'o move ships quickly from one coast to the other, we would have to maintain two fleets, one in the Atlantic and one in the Pacific.

Lately there has been a good deal of alarm expressed about the danger of the Panama Canal being blocked by a landslide or an earthquake, and the suggestion has been put forth that it would be too easy, in case of war, for enemy aircraft to blow up the canal locks.

There is more to the Nicaragua canal plan, however, than merely providing a "second string" in case of war. It would cut more than 1,000 miles off the navigating distance between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and so would shorten the voyage for freight and passengers by two days or more, at corresponding reductions in cost. It is also much nearer to United States territory, at each end, and so easier to defend against foreign attack.

It would take about \$700,000,000 and ten years time to dig the Nicaragua Canal. Ten years is certainly not too far to look ahead. As money goes in these days, \$70,000,000 ° year does not seem like too much to spend on a project as useful as the Nicaragua Canal.

Floods And Droughts

The eastern part of the United States, which has been suffering from lack of water ever since the great drought of 1930-31, is now getting more water than

Merit Recognized Naturally all are glad to know that Wilkes did very well in contributing over \$2,000 for Red Cross relief of flood sufferers and we read with delight the following editorial comment in Monday's Twin-City Sentinel:

The news was published last week that the people of Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross bad given 12 times its requested quots to the Red Cross flood relief fund. The original quota was \$160. The chapter has given \$2,000.

It is remarkable how people respond in an emergency when they are acquainted with the nature of an emergency. The people of Wilkes county know a thing or two about a flood. It has been 21 years since they witnessed the worst flood in the history of their county, but they still remember.

The need for relief funds has not passed and any further contributions will be welcomed.

Boy Scout Week

and as such is being observed throughout

the country.

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in Wilkes county.

This is Boy Scout anniversary week

The Boy Scouts compose a wonderful

organization, one that is planting the seed

of good citizenship. Parents should take a

more active interest in Scouting and if

they have a boy of Scout age they should

encourage him to join the most conven-

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Eastern Star

nity has been organized here and pros-

pects are bright for a most active chap-

Grim as the prophets and sages,

Firm as a granite-ribbed mountain,

Keen as a damask blade;

Tender as woman's song, Gay as a scintillant fountain

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A chapter of the Eastern Star frater-

courage your boy to listen.

Radio addresses on Scouting are being

This Week In Washington

The strike situation is giving the proposed isw would make lot is mixed. It is also advisable to keep feed that is mixed with an is indicated by official at greements illegal and punishable cod-liver coll in some container trances. How to remain entirely by panalities imposed by Federal the Government morethan is indicated by official at-

neutral in the three-cornered is-bor controversy between General Motors, the Lewis C. I. O. labor of Labor is puzzling the tamin-stration. The major issue is whether the principle of "sit-down" strikes, more to which each conforms to scepted standards of hours and wages. Those who advocate this plan also propose that Congress of interstate commerce, thus pre-sumptively blocking any attempt of the Supreme Court to deelars unconstitutional any law em-bodying or based on that definite

legality of the sit-down strike has never been settled does not are doubtful whether the legisla reflect the general view in Ad- tive branch can get away with any attempt to control the Judiciministration circles. But every-one concerned hesitates to apal branch of governmeat. The most popular proposal is a law to prove or order any action look-

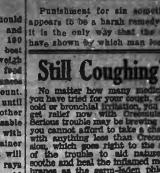
ing to the forcible removal of sitrequire a 7 to 2 decision to declare any law unconstitutional. Meantime, Senator Guffey of down strikers from the General Pennsylvania, is proposing a Con-The Labor Deadlock

gressional investigation of the Washington has not forgotten the forcible eviction of the bon-Supreme Court to determine how far its members are influenced us marchers from the governby personal or political bias in ment buildings of which they had taken illegal possession, and of their decisions. the disastrous political effect up-

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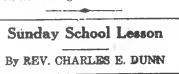
Out in the agricultural sections of the

Sunday School Lesson By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

Lesson for February 14th. John 10:1-16

Here, the wonder of eons: Born into pain and strife; Dead, with a thousand peons Deathless, he enters life. cism -Thomas Curtis Clarke, in Rural New-Yorker.

country where men have not had an opportunity to work at a real job for any wage the past four years, there isn't much sympathy for the "sit down" strikers. They are willing to put up with most any sort of a job until the country gets on its feet again.



JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

That is why Secretary Perkins has asked Congress to give her power to issue subpoenas and so command the attendance of all concerned at conferences on labor questions. Some observers here are point ing to what they regard as parallel between the General Motors sit-down strike and those which occurred in Italy in 1922.

on President Hoover which en-

This administration does not

In Italy groups of workers, avow-edly Communists, took possession of automobile and other factories and not only occupied them but undertook to operate them. A young Socialist newspaper man named Benito Mussolini offered a solution which the King of Italy accepted, a system of State Socialism which he called Fas-

Flood Relief and Control The disastrous floods have rought the subject of flood conrol sharply to the foreground Congress acted speedily in appropriating \$790,000,000 which the President had asked for relief urposes. Much of this, it is anicipated, will be spent for the elief and rehabilitation of those who lost homes and property in the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys. It is also the expectation that some of that appropriation will go toward starting flood-control works in various parts of the country under the so-called "Jadwin Plan."

After the 1927 flood in the lower Mississippi General Jadwin and the Army Engineer Corps worked out a comprehensive plan reaching to the farthest headwatthe nation. By means of reservoirs, dams, dikes and dredging this plan, it is believed, could retard the flow of heavy rains or melting snow and so avert fuure floods. The drawback has been the enormous cost. The Jadwin plan contemplated thet individual states would bear the cost of the necessary works inside their boundaries. But states began to ask why they should spend money at the headwaters morely to keep some other siste, farther down river, from being flooded. The belief here is that flood control will be accepted now as national problem transcending tate interests, and that a begin-

Mctors refuses to negotiate for a settlement of the questions in-volved until the sit-down strikers Judging from what chapters in other places are doing the Eastern Star should vacuate the company's property, serious deadlock exists which prove to be a very beneficial organization the Government has no power to break Lincoln's Birthday Friday Wise with the wisdom of ages, Shrewd as the man of trade,

sued.

Motors plants.

it needs. It is probably doubtful if the net damage caused by the floods in the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries will prove to be anywhere nearly so serious as the wide-spread distress and economic troubles which the seven-year drought circle.

Nobody has yet found a way to control the climate, and until that is done it is likely that most efforts at either flood control or drought control will prove futile, or at best will be of value to a very small proportion of the people.

The theory that floods and soil erosion are the consequences of human actions in cutting off the forests and plowing up the plains is frequently expressed. The fact is that there were devastating and soil-robbing floods before there were any settlers at all in America. The accounts of De Soto's discovery of the Mississippi, in 1541, tell of the muddy waters and the floating trees and logs. In 1647, Pere Margnette wrote of the great quantities of soil and the floating islands of trees that came down the Missouri.

In the long run, nature always strikes a balance. Droughts and floods recur in irregular cycles, but the farmer who is able and willing to stick through all of the hasards and uncertainties usually comes out even in the end.

Golden Text: John 10:11

Judah is a land of shepherds. David was a tender of flocks from his boyhood. Amos. the first of the writing prophets was a herdsman of Tekoa. The shepherd, to the man of Bible times. was the ideal figure. "The king and every true leader of men," writes Principal G. A. Smith. "was called a shepherd." And Dr. Smith reminds us of the majesty of the shepherd's character. You understand why the Bible gives to him such prominence "when you meet him, sleepless, far-sighted. weather-beaten, armed, leaning on his staff, and looking out over his scattered sheep, every one of them on his heart.'

Note, as an impressive illustration of this tender solicitude, that each sheep has its own name. It is not distinguished merely by a brand or head-mark, but has an individual name like a human person. "He calleth his own sheep by name," as our lesson text reminds us.

"And the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." Each shepherd has his peculiar call, and the flock know: the voice of its leader.

In the exquisite 23rd psalm we find God pictured as both a loving and guiding Shepherd. We must remember that the Oriental shepherd, instead of driving his sheep, as our western herdsmen are wont to do; goes before them. And he is always present. I recall seeing sheep in northern Vermont unattended, with pieces board yoked about their necks to prevent their escape through a thin fence. In the East the shepherd is never absent. There are no fences, and danger is constant. The shepherd, as our glorious Golden Text makes clear, must be ready to give his life for the flock.

How perfectly Jesus plays the role of shepherd! He is the Good Shepherd indeed, an inspired leader who poured out him own blood in defense of his often foolish sheep.

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