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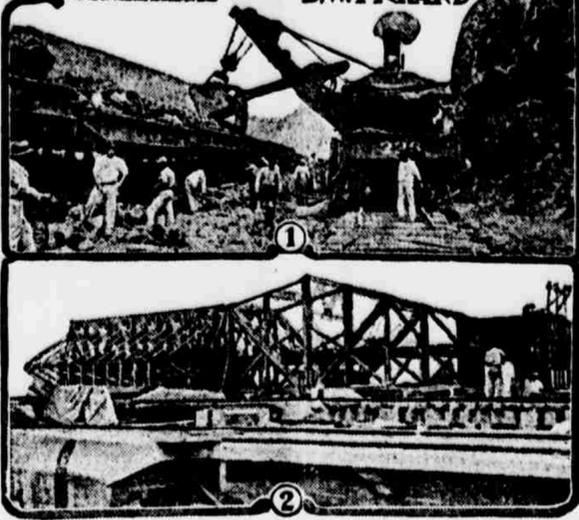
Girl Puts Lovers to Test; One Afraid of Fire, Other of Water.

By CLAUDINE SISSON.

"Oh, I had forgotten to tell you." "My stars—what?" Mr. Allison, the banker, was writing letters in his library when his daughter Maude entered, and finding him busy she curled up in one of the big chairs and was half asleep when he laid aside his pen and spoke to her. "There is to be war with Timbuctoo." "Gracious!" "And every young man in the country over eighteen will have to go." "That's awful!" "I was figuring this afternoon on the effect it would have on you." "On me? Why, father, girls don't go to war!" "But their beaux do." "Oh, you were only teasing!" laughed Maude as her color heightened. "I figured that you would lose your seventeen young men and have to substitute bachelors and widowers." "Only sixteen, papa!" "Well, I'm expecting three or four of them here tonight to ask my consent. If you don't want to get mixed up in the row you'd better be going."

before people only when necessary, and there were no more walks. "What's wrong with Lee?" asked the banker after a couple of days. "Got a soft corn, maybe," was the laughing answer. "Don't be too hard on him. I think him a rather nice boy." "So did I until—the fire the other day." "What of the fire?" "He ran away from it!" "Whew! I thought he was with us." "He was not. He skulked away at the first shout and hid behind the women! Father, he's a coward and has lost my respect!" "Um! Um! I want to think this over. You say he skulked away, and yet he was in no danger. Rather funny."

The REAL CANAL DIGGERS of E.W. PICKARD



1—Steam Shovel and Crew in Culebra Cut. 2—One of the Great Emergency Dams Devised to Protect the Locks.

Colon. C. Z.—What of the men who have done the actual digging of the Panama canal? Who are they, whence have they come, how do they live? We all have read a lot about Colonel Goethals, Colonel Silbert, Colonel Gaillard, Colonel Hodges, Colonel Gorgas and a few others of the men who hold the "big jobs." We know that their immediate subordinates are skillful, energetic young engineers and doctors from the states. But what do we know about the men who handle the pick and shovel, who run the steam drills, who load the borings with dynamite, who help to fill up and empty the interminable dirt trains?

and often have considerable education. The best of them have found positions as clerks, stewards and the like. The Barbadians are in the main densely ignorant, but they are a happy lot and as they stream away from the canal to their quarters in the evening they sing, frolic and play practical jokes as though they had not just completed a day of back-breaking labor. They receive an average of \$30 a month, their meals cost them 30 cents a day and their living quarters almost nothing unless they prefer to rent rooms from outsiders. Then they get the worst of it, for rentals for ordinary rooms, without furniture and conveniences, are exorbitant. The barracks for laborers provided by the commission are fitted with several tiers of bunks made of canvas slung on iron frames. At regular intervals these are taken down and boiled, and such other sanitary measures as are necessary are carried out with regularity and precision.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR AUGUST 17

CROSSING THE RED SEA.

LESSON TEXT: Ex. 14:19-31. GOLDEN TEXT: "Before they call, I will answer."—Isa. 65:24.

No sooner were the Israelites sent on their journey than the Egyptians repented and pursued (v. 5-9). Then it was that Moses encountered the first of that complaining (v. 10) against which he struggled until God took him from this earth. They "cried" (v. 10) but they did not rest. It did look like a dangerous situation and there were but three possible methods of procedure. (a) To return to slavery, (b) to die in the wilderness, or (3) to go forward in faithful obedience, trusting God for deliverance. Their salvation (v. 13) was from God, see Acts 4:12; Heb. 6:8, 9. God's leading, 13:31, 22, had brought them to this place; now He will manifest His glory, will get unto Himself "honor" (v. 37).

Testing the Israelites. I. Protection, vv. 19-22. As the angel of God (Christ?) came between Israel and the Egyptians we are reminded of Ps. 34:7, "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them." The same cloud that brought darkness to the Egyptians brought light to the Israelites. Even so we have the "Light," Luke 2:32; John 8:12, 9:5, and are admonished to walk in the light, Eph. 5:8. While God brought confusion to the Egyptians and was testing the Israelites by causing them to "fear not, stand still and see" (v. 13). He was at the same time giving Moses an opportunity to work out His plan of deliverance (v. 16). As the strong east wind blew it heaped up the waters, dried out the muddy bottom and opened a passage for the deliverance of all the chosen ones. Then it was time for prayer to cease (v. 14, 15) and for action to begin, the seemingly impossible is now quite possible, Matt. 19:26. Notice, however, that God had used a man (Moses) in His work of deliverance. It was a very simple shepherd's staff that God directed Moses to use. Surely the power was not in the staff nor in the arm back of the staff. The same waters that had seemed to be such a barrier are now used as a wall of protection (v. 22) on the right hand and on the left leaving no opportunity for a flank attack. Their only way of escape was forward and each step they took was one of faith.

Cheap Talk. "That Mrs. Naylor dropped in this afternoon and got off a lot of cheap talk." "Cheap talk?" "Yes, she used our telephone for a full half hour." His Views. "Do you eat the same kind of grub you feed the summer boarders?" "I do," answered Farmer Whiffletree. "A farmer's life is a hard one, ain't it?" responded the city man. As He Took It. Glee Club Man—How do you like that refrain? Unappreciative Friend—The more you refrain the better I like it. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Coughing, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

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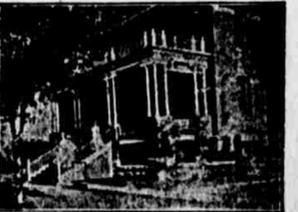
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