

GERMAN PRISONERS BUILD CAMPS FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS



The captive Germans in France have the extreme pleasure of helping the American forces find comfort in the land of their new endeavors. The captured Teutons are put to work building the barracks and putting the site into fit shape for the American troops.

OCEANS OF MUD IN FLANDERS FAIL TO STOP BRITISH



Oceans of mud where once were roads can't stop the great British drive in Flanders. They may combine to slow up the steady advance against the German trenches, but they will have to get a great deal worse to compel a definite halt. This British official photograph shows how great are the difficulties that the British forces have to encounter. Supply wagons are advancing through mud in which the horses sink knee-deep, and then some, carrying munitions over the shell-torn ground to the big guns at the front.

"FANTOMAS" WALTER RUTT



On a certain sector in France the Puffins were menaced by "Fantomas," the "ghost" aviator, who, though he swept down close to the lines, seemed to have a charm against the bullets of the soldiers. After more than a year of adventurous attacks he has been brought down and identified as Walter Rutt, the world's greatest bicyclist, who was well known to patrons of the six-day bicycle races at Madison Square Garden, New York. He left the United States for Germany on the outbreak of the war.

The Spanish Premier.

Senor Dato, the man of the hour in Spain, belongs to the type of famous men who are slight and spare of physique. It is a spiritual rather than an animal force that animates his refined countenance and exerts a pleasant spell over those who come in contact with him. By those who know him most intimately he is described as a man who deals strongly with difficulty and then makes light of it. He knows when to keep silence and the chief impression he leaves everywhere is charm of manner combined with an extreme sensitiveness and above all courage.

Helped Him.

A well-known baritone was accosted at his club by a young friend who was courting. Said the friend: "Your recital last night was a great help to me."

"I didn't see you there."

"Oh, I wasn't there."

"Well, what do you mean by telling me my recital was a great help to you, and you weren't present?"

"Oh, I bought tickets for my girl's father and mother and they both went."

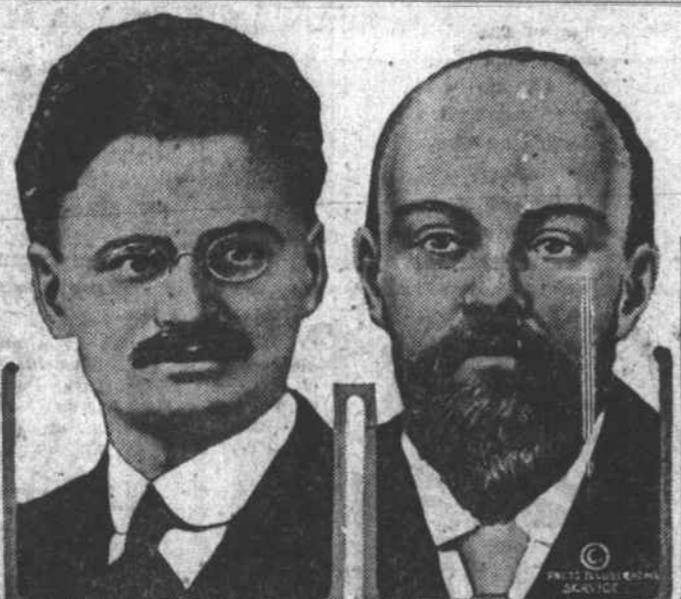
Big Traffic on Mississippi.

Memphis, Tenn.—Every steamboat on the Mississippi river will be pressed into service this fall moving cotton and other cumbersome freight. Boats that have been idle for years will be employed and traffic on the river will be greater than known for decades.

Sees Stock Vacant House.

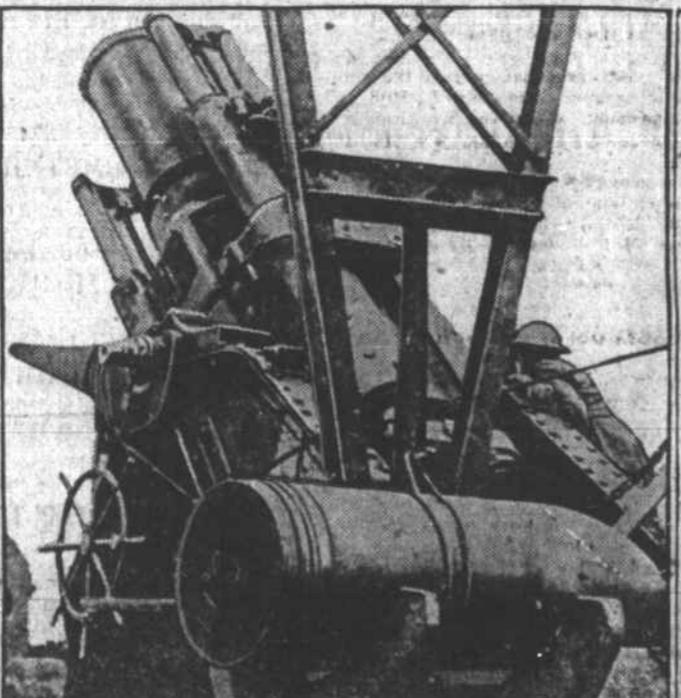
Greenfield, Ind.—Having observed a number of hens about a vacant house in this city, A. H. Rottman and W. W. Webb, bee fanciers, made an

LEADERS OF REVOLT AGAINST KERENSKY



Nikolai Lenin (right) and Leon Trotsky (left), the leading figures in the Bolshevik rebellion against the provisional government in Russia. Lenin, who is believed to be a German agent, was made premier by the rebels.

ONE OF HAIG'S BEST "BOCHE STRAFERS"



The howitzer seen here is one of the British "heavies," whose shattering fire literally obliterated the German deep-trench and dugout positions in Flanders when Sir Douglas Haig pressed forward to achieve his sledgehammer victories. On the gun carriage in rear of the breech is a huge projectile ready for loading.

Investigation and found a big colony and a stock of honey between the weatherboarding and plastering. The bees had entered the house through a hole where telephone wires had been removed.

Social Leaders Teach Japs.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Miss Amy Kinsley and her sister, Kathleen, prominent socially, plan to leave here early next month, to spend several years in kindergarten work in northern Japan.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 9

EZRA AND NEHEMIAH TEACH THE LAW.

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 1: 4, 5, 6-12. Read entire chapter.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Psalms 119:105.

The first day of the seventh month (8:2) was about October 444 B. C. Seven days feast (vv. 16-18) was the feast of the Tabernacles beginning the 15th of the seventh month (October) and continuing for seven or eight days (Lev. 28). Nehemiah was the governor; Ezra the scribe, chief priest; and Artaxerxes, king of Persia, ruler over Palestine. It would be interesting to look up the sudden interjection of Ezra's name into this discourse; also the special reasons for teaching the Bible. There is in this chapter a record of a full week and of the daily events of that week.

I. The Preparation. Go back to verse 70 of the preceding chapter, and you will find that the temple had just been receiving some large gifts. The task of finishing the wall was also completed, all of which gives point to verse one, where it says that the people gathered themselves together as one man. This was an ancient open-air meeting, one we do well to study. The people requested Ezra to "bring the book." It needed no catch-penny operations to draw the crowd together. The writer of Nehemiah calls the book "the law which the Lord hath commanded unto Moses." (See v. 1 cf. v. 14.) This, of course, would include Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, an indication as to the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, which is in line with the statement that Jesus Christ made that it was God who had written it as he had commanded Moses. It was not a mob; there was organization and equipment. (See v. 3 and 4.) The Bible was also read so that the people could understand it (v. 7); certainly something that is in demand in our present day. Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he stood on an elevation above them (v. 5) and read "distinctly."

II. The Reading of the Word. They read the book, not from some commentary or quarterly, though these have value in their place. The reading began with reverence. Reverence for but not a worship of the book. The Bible is not a fetish or a charm against sickness or accident. The verse "caused the people to understand the law." (v. 7) probably means that it was translated into the vernacular, the language of the common people. While God's word is a plain book and easy to read, nevertheless men of spiritual understanding are needed to "rightly divide" it unto the people (v. 7). However, the great interpreter of the Bible given by the Father is the Holy Spirit himself (John 16:12-15; 1 John 2:20-27). This method of beginning the study of the word and its continuance as presented in these verses is a good suggestion for modern Sunday school workers. There is blessing in being a teacher and joy in being a hearer.

III. The Hearing of the Word. (vv. 9-17). As Ezra and Nehemiah and their associates and Levites taught the people, there was a five-fold result. First: There was conviction, and mourning. The word of God always convicts of sin, but the people were told not to mourn over the past, nor were they to weep, for all the people wept (v. 9). When men hear the words of the law there will be conviction of sin. (See Eph. 6:7; Hebrews 12:1.) Weeping may not, however, be conviction (2 Cor. 7:10). Weeping weakens, but that was not designed, rather the exhilaration of joy. Moreover, they were to seek the refreshment of food and drink. Indeed, the joy of the Lord was to be their strength (v. 10). "And there was very great gladness" (v. 17). In verse 11 we are told that the Levites exhorted the people to hold their peace, that the day was holy and that they should be grieved. To this the people responded (v. 12), and made great mirth, because they had understood the declaration of the word of the Lord. Notice that joy and gladness came after obedience, also that Nehemiah, the governor, had part in the teaching. It is a great thing for any people when their civil rulers are genuine, intelligent, and spiritual leaders. The people were instructed to show their gratitude as well as their piety by remembering "those for whom nothing had been prepared" (v. 10). The fourth result was peace (v. 11)—the peace of right relation with God (Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:7). Mourning can be continued too long, and, therefore, it was necessary to employ the emotion of mirth and the exercise of work that the people might enter into this peace. The fifth result, therefore, was service (v. 12). Notice that their thanksgiving portions and their service were based upon an intelligent knowledge of God's word. If there is anything that present-day social service needs, it is the illumination which comes from a knowledge of God's word. Last of all, worship (vv. 13-18). Worship is a compound of "worth" and "ship." What is God worth to me? Worship is the answer. At its best it is the spontaneous exercise of the joy of the Lord in a redeemed soul. It is not spectacular, but quiet, reverent and strong. It ascends to God; he alone is the object, however expressed. There is power in a life built around such a center.

A Powerful Thing.

"Let him take hold of my strength." I cannot take hold of my strength until I let go of that which I now hold. All the things I have relied upon to see me safely through the judgment I must relinquish. I must have no hope in my good deeds, by religious experiences my moral code, my high aspirations—yea, I must have no hope in myself. Like Job of old I must come to the Lord saying, "I abhor myself." Like Isaiah, "I am undone." Like Paul, "There dwelleth no good thing in me." Myself and my goodness are my weapons against him. I must lay them down and in full and unconditional surrender of myself to him I will find safety in the surrender. It is therefore, as was said above, a call for faith in him. He can free me from bondage, guard me from harm and protect me from certain disaster only as I trust him. Until I do so I will find that he cannot do any work on my behalf because of my unbelief. It is unbelief which erects the barrier. In the case of the army facing certain annihilation, only one thing remains to be done, and that is surrender if death be preferred. As long as the weapons are used and battle offered, the destruction is certain. The sinner faces certain perdition—he fights against the judgment and wrath of God. There is no escape, and can be none save by the way of surrender. When the sinner is made, he finds that the supposed enemy is really a friend and what was thought to be the worst thing is seen to be the best. Instead of God desiring to injure, he finds all of God's desire is to protect from injury. How strange that the one injured should be the one who can and will guard the sinner from the effects of the injury.

A Powerful Thing.

With man's strength it would be impossible, but the text says, "Let him take hold of my strength" and with God all things are possible. There is nothing too hard for his performance for he is omnipotent. Nothing too deep for his understanding for he is omniscient. Nothing too far for him to reach, for he is omnipresent. Power belongeth unto God and he is ready, nay eager, to exercise on behalf of all who will cease fighting him and yield themselves to him. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

Temporal and Eternal.

We love things temporal before we have them, more than when we have them, because the soul when she hath them cannot be satisfied with them; but things eternal, when they are actually possessed, are more loved than when but desired, for neither faith could believe, nor hope expect, so much as charity shall find when Eternity comes into possession. There is no soul in the world, how happy soever it thinks itself here, but points its pretensions beyond what he possesses here.—St. Augustine.

We Forget the Blessings.

Misery so little appertains to our nature, and happiness so much so, that we lament over that which has pained us, but leave unnoticed that which has rejoiced us.—Richter.

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