



This remarkable photograph of the ruins of Verdun, after five months of almost continuous shelling, was taken from a French aeroplane. Scarcely a building in the city remains intact.

RUSSIAN CAVALRY ON MARCH IN GALICIA



Body of Russian cavalry on the way to the front in Galicia, where this arm of the service is of much more use than on the western front.

HOT WORK IN THE TRENCHES



This Italian sharpshooter firing from a shelter trench is fighting in his shirt sleeves on account of the intense heat.

COMMISSION NAMED BY CARRANZA



These are the men named by General Carranza to meet the American commissioners and adjust the differences between Mexico and the United States. Left to right, they are: Ignacio Bonillas, subsecretary in charge of ministry of communications and public works; Alberto J. Pani, general manager constitutionalist railways of Mexico; Luis Cabrera, secretary of finance and public credit.

POSTSCRIPTS

A water heater has been invented to utilize the heat wasted by the exhaust of stationary engines.  
Toothed strips of galvanized metal, easily attached to rods, have been invented for marking tennis courts.  
To prevent pedestrians being injured by automobiles leaving garages an automatic alarm has been invented that rings a bell and displays a danger signal as cars pass over parts of its mechanism.

A device has been invented for aeroplanes which, used in conjunction with a compass, enables an aviator to make the proper allowance for drifting and maintain a true course when over strange land or large bodies of water.  
Sugar is extracted from 16 varieties of palms that grow in Ceylon.  
At the completion of exhaustive experiments covering several years Swedish officials have decided that peat powder is a very efficient and practical fuel for locomotives with a fuel value about two-thirds that of coal.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR SEPT. 3

PAUL, THE HERO.

LESSON TEXT—II Cor. 11:21-23:10.  
GOLDEN TEXT—My grace is sufficient for thee; for my power is made perfect in weakness.—II Cor. 12:9.

This letter raises interesting questions for research and discussion, such as:

1. What is the difference between Paul's heroism and that of a soldier? 2. Is war essential to the development of heroism? 3. Which courage is higher, moral or physical?

1. Paul, the Hero (11:21-23). To a man of a sensitive nature, craving perfection, sarcasm stirs up the deepest bitterness of the soul. We do not believe Paul primarily desired to refuse these false charges—they were unworthy of him—but the knowledge of his sufferings for the cause of Christ and the truth of the gospel would augment his power to serve the church. For the sake of those whom he had reclaimed from heathenism he was willing to seem to be boasting. Literally he says: "I speak by way of disparagement (of myself) as though we had been weak," yet he adds: "Whereinsoever any is bold, I am bold also." Paul had as much to boast of as any one of his Jewish opponents (v. 21). "Are they Hebrews? (Of the purest blood, of one nation and language?) So am I." Are they Israelites, worshipping only one God? Are they of the seed of Abraham, inheritors of the ministry of the promise and the Messianic hope and the kingdom of God? Are they ministers of the Messiah, seeking to bring all men into his kingdom? "I speak as a fool. I speak as one beside himself. I am more." In labors he was more abundant; he had occupied a larger field with greater results. In stripes above measure—those inflicted by the heathen were not limited to forty blows—besides other beatings referred to in this list. In prisons oft (Acts 16:23). Frequently exposed to death and to the perils of robbers by land and sea (v. 24). "Five times I received forty stripes, save one, from the Jews" (v. 25). "Thrice was I beaten with rods; once was I stoned" (Acts 14:19). "Thrice I suffered shipwreck," evidently not recorded in Acts, for his shipwreck on the way to Rome was later. "A night and a day in the deep," this not otherwise recorded. "In journeyings often," suffering from the perils of hard travel, often on foot in uncivilized regions. "In perils of water," literally "in rivers." Bridges were rare, and floods sudden and frequent. "In perils of robbers." Every road in Asia Minor then as now was infested with robbers. "In perils of his own countrymen;" "In perils by the Gentiles;" "In perils in the city;" "In perils in the wilderness;" "In perils in the sea" from storms, rocks, pirates; "In perils among false brethren"—Judaizing teachers who were self-seeking instead of making the gospel first (Gal. 2:4; II Cor. 11:18). "In weariness and painfulness," literally in labor and travail; "In watchings often;" repeated nights of sleeplessness due to anxiety or pain. "In hunger and thirst, in fastings often," hunger unsatisfied for a long time. "In cold and nakedness;" in the mountain passes badly shod and badly clothed. Besides these things which were without, innumerable other trials such as the care of or anxiety over the churches (vv. 32, 33). The story of these sufferings for the sake of saving men from sin and ruin proves Paul to have been one of the greatest heroes in all history. Paul's enemies had little right to set up against such a record as this. In contrast, there are those today who assume to have all scholarship and to be entitled to leadership, but who have neither done nor suffered anything worth while in laying a foundation for their pretensions. Their assumptions are baseless and their ignorance of "the marks of the Lord Jesus" is oft amazing.

2. God's Sustaining Grace (12:1-10). To Paul God gave one of the greatest tasks ever committed to man, viz., the planting of the gospel in heathen lands; founding churches; teaching them the gospel truths of the Lord Jesus. He wrote to these churches two-fifths of the New Testament, thirteen of its twenty-seven books, and this work was accomplished under the greatest difficulty, trials and suffering. To sustain and guide, the Lord gave him "visions and revelations" (v. 1). These revelations came to him from the very beginning of his Christian life and continued in every great crisis. The first was given at his conversion, twenty years before this letter was written, when he saw Jesus in His glory and received his marching orders. Again (vv. 2-4), fourteen years before, or about A. D. 48, when he was in Antioch and first entered upon his foreign missionary work. He obtained his gospel directly from the Lord. Subsequently he had other visions to sustain and guide him. God gives us visions today through his word, his providence and the testimony of his servants. Paul's thorn in the flesh (vv. 7-10) is a matter of conjecture. It was given him, lest he be exalted above measure, and he compares this vexation to the irritation of a thorn. Some think he had ophthalmia, a common disease of the eyes. Professor Ramsey thinks it was chronic malarial fever. It apparently affected the dignity of his outward appearance (II Cor. 10:1, 10). Paul prayed that this thorn might be removed. The answer was to give him grace to bear it, thus making the hindrance a means of blessing. Teachers ought to study this entire section, beginning at chapter 10. Paul says that as an apostle he did not labor in the fields of others (10:14-15). He was not much concerned by what his enemies might say.

ROYAL HOSPITAL NURSE



Queen Augusta Victoria, wife of ex-King Manuel of Portugal, in her nurse's costume, walking across a hospital lawn. Queen Augusta Victoria is now serving as a nurse at the Third Wandsworth general hospital in England. Her mother-in-law, Queen Amelie of Portugal, is also serving in the same capacity in the same hospital. Augusta Victoria is the oldest child and only daughter of Prince William of Hohenzollern, head of the older branch of the Hohenzollern family to which the Kaiser belongs.

Too Tolerant.

Bishop Conrad said at a dinner in Newport News: "Some folks regard their sins as too generous and tolerant a way. They're like Cal Clay."

"I said to Cal one day: 'Calhoun, my man, General Douglas has positive proof that you looted his chicken house, last week. I should think you'd be ashamed to take communion after such a rascally deed as that.'"

"Mah goo'ness, sah," said Cal, reproachfully. "Ah wouldn't let a few meanly chickens stand 'twixt me an' de Lawd's table."—Washington Star.

Still Unsettled.

"What is that over there?" asked the tourist.  
"Oh, that's the crater of a famous volcano," replied the guide.  
"It seems so bare and unpopulated."  
"Oh, yes. It's not settled yet."

Brazilian Strap-Hangers.

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