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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XIII.—Third Quarter, For Sept. 27, 1914.

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Text of the Lesson, John iii, 14-21 (Quarterly Review)—Golden Text, Rev. iii, 11—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

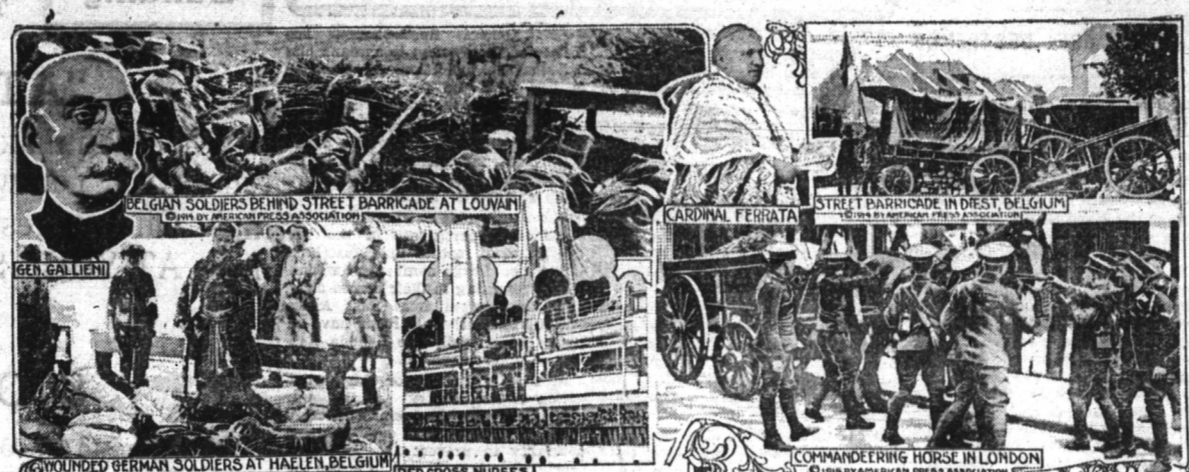
Lesson I.—The Laborers in the Vineyard. Matt. xx, 1-16. Golden Text, Matt. v, 45, "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust." He compares His people Israel to a vineyard in Isa. v and is grieved because they disappoint Him in the matter of fruit. Here it is a question of labor and reward. Many are mere hirelings and serve Him for so much Better leave it all to Him.

Lesson II.—Greatness Through Servitude. Mark x, 32-45. Golden Text, Mark x, 45, "The Son of Man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." While He talked of suffering they thought only of position in His Kingdom. When Peter asked Him not to think of suffering He said that favored of man and Satan, not of God (Matt. xvi, 23). Let us lay it well to heart.

Lesson III.—Blind Bartimeus. Mark x, 46-52. Golden Text, Isa. xxxv, 5, 6, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped." The blind man realized his need and his opportunity and would not be quieted. Such perseverance wins, and he was heard and answered and followed Jesus in the way. More requests would be granted if He could see like results.

Lesson IV.—The Pounds and the Talents. Luke xix, 11-27; Matt. xxv, 14-30. Golden Text, Matt. xxv, 21, "Well done, good and faithful servant." enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Saved by grace in order to work and then rewarded according to our works. His word to each "Occupy till I come." He gives opportunities, works in us and through us and gives us the credit of it.

Lesson V.—The Triumphal Entry. Mark xi, 1-11. Golden Text, Zech. ix, 9, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion." Behold, thy King cometh unto thee. All that has ever been written concerning Him must be fulfilled (Luke xxiv, 44) and as literally as was this prediction. Literal, unless plainly a figure, is the only way to read the Bible, and we shall always find everything just as He said or as it is written (Luke xix, 32; xxiii, 15).
Lesson VI.—The Barren



News Snapshots Of the Week

The great war in Europe continued with fierce fighting on all sides. Hospitals in all cities near the scenes of action were crowded with wounded, and Red Cross nurses and physicians were worked to the utmost. The steamship Red Cross prepared to leave New York, carrying thirty physicians and 120 nurses to the battlefields. Much fighting was done behind hastily constructed barricades, wagons and other vehicles being used in the streets to check the advances of the enemy. Business of nearly all kinds was at a standstill, and the governments commandeered homes and other supplies when needed and wherever found. General Gallieni directed the French army near Paris. Pope Benedict appointed Cardinal Ferrata secretary of state, and arrangements were made to take steps to arrange for peace.

Image of God and are expected to serve the Living and True God, living only to please Him and desiring only His approval.
Lesson X.—The Great Commandments. Mark xii, 28-44. Golden Text, Luke x, 27, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, * * * and thy neighbor as thyself." It is never a question of our keeping the law, which is intended to show us our guilt and is too holy for sinful man to keep, but the one great question for us is, "What think ye of Christ? What is our relation to Him? Is our all fully yielded to Him?"
Lesson XI.—The Ten Virgins. Matt. xxv, 1-13. Golden Text, Matt. xxv, 13, "Watch, therefore, for we know not the day nor the hour." As we saw in our lesson, this probably refers to Israel at the time of the return of Christ with His church after the marriage of the Lamb, but the message for each believer is to see that our lamp is filled, well trimmed and always burning.
Lesson XII.—The Judgment of the nations. Matt. xxv, 31-46. Golden Text, Matt. xxv, 45, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto me." Salvation depends upon our union with Christ, and all else depends upon our understanding of our oneness with Him. We must see ourselves if we are redeemed, as sparing His throne and His glory. Then we shall never wonder if we are either sheep or goats in Matt. xxv.
More Needed.
Common sense would do a lot more good if it were more common.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

BATTLE OF AISNE IS IN PROGRESS

Pushed Back Near Belgian Border By Allies Germans Make Desperate Stand

RUSSIANS ARE IN CONTROL

Of Situation in Galicia and Aue Progressing in Poland and Russia Against Germans

The second great battle between the Allied armies of Great Britain and France against the Germans in the northern part of France is in progress. It is the battle of the Aisne. The Germans are strongly entrenched in the mountains in the region of the Noyon on the river Oise, northwest of Paris. Their battle line extends to the river Meuse, north of the Verdun. Strong reinforcements, probably from Lorraine, has strengthened their lines. Allies Win Battle of Marne.
When the German armies invaded France from Belgium they swept the allies before them and pushed steadily forward until they were almost under the walls of Paris. Then the tide of the battle turned. The allies were the pursuers and the Germans the pursued.

This was known as the Battle of Marne.

The battle ended, when the Germans had been driven north of the Aisne river and the allies were the victors.
Three Million Men Engaged.
It is predicted that the battle of the Aisne will be even more appalling than the battle of the Marne. Military experts estimate that there are nearly 3,000,000 men assembled on a battle line about 110 miles long. Thousands of lives will be sacrificed in the attempt of the armies of the defenders to push the invaders out of France. The Germans have left a sufficient force in Belgium to protect their retreat through that country in the event they are forced to fall back.
Reinforcements For Germans.
Word has been received that Germany has recalled the armies she sent from the north of France and Belgium to East Prussia to check the upward rush of the Czar's armies through East Prussia, and will send them to the assistance of the Germans in France.
Move For Peace Is On.
The negotiations that have been going on between the United States and Germany with regard to a movement for peace have given little encouragement. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor of Germany, has suggested to United States Ambassador Gerard at Berlin that the United States secure terms of peace from Great Britain, France and Russia. "Germany," he said, "wants permanent

peace and protection from further warfare." President Wilson announced he would continue his efforts along this line.

Russians Moving Forward.
According to dispatches from Rome and Petrograd, the Russian capital, the armies of Austria in Galicia are in a pitiful condition. At present they are hovering under the protection of the forts surrounding Pressburg, but the Russians have surrounded this location and are expected to make an attack at any time. The German troops that were sent to the assistance of the Austrians failed in their mission and themselves were forced to fall back.
Undaunted by the former defeat at Konigsberg, in East Prussia, the Russians are preparing to take advantage of the withdrawal of a large portion of the German soldiers in that vicinity, who have been ordered to the relief of the Kaiser's armies in France, and are planning another assault on Konigsberg. The Russians are also enjoying victories against the Austro-German armies in Poland. The armies of the Czar in Galicia and Poland are already marching on Berlin and in the event they are successful in defeating the Germans in East Prussia it will be only a short time before there will be three great armies pushing their way to Berlin.

Fighting Spreads to Asia.
The European war during the past week spread to Asia and Africa. The Japanese, who declared war against Germany several weeks ago, have begun an attack on the German possessions in China. The British forces in Africa have begun a campaign against the Germans in Africa.

Austria In Deep Gloom.
The deepest gloom overshadows Austria. The government has called the last reserves to the colors. News of victories over the Serbians was given out to the people of Austria, but this has not helped to dispell the depression caused by the continual defeats suffered by their soldiers fighting the Russians in Galicia. Vienna lives in constant fear that the Russians will change their course in Galicia and instead of continuing on to Berlin they will encircle the Carpathians and besiege the capital of the dual-monarchy.

Germany Urges Italy's Aid.
Rome.—Germany continues to try to influence public opinion with all kinds of publications; the latest being a pamphlet in Italian which has been widely distributed and bears the title, "The Truth About the War."

Among the collaborators of the article are Count Ernest Von Reventlow, the naval expert; Mathias Erberger, leader of the clerical center in the German reichstag, and Joseph Friedrich Nauman and Count Oppendorff, also members of the reichstag.

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