

IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

Happenings of This and Other Nations
For Seven Days Are
Given.

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in the South-
land Will Be Found in
Brief Paragraphs.

Foreign
A lot of manifestos against any annexation of conquered territory by Germany has been addressed to the German chancellor by the Socialists of Germany. It is contended that infringement on any people contains the germs of future war.

Thousands of people are starving in Mexico City and bodies of women and children are daily being picked up in the streets there, according to an American Red Cross agent.

The new president of Peru, Dr. Jose Pardo, has taken the oath of office. A public holiday was declared. The army was drawn up in the streets. Labor organizations and other societies paraded.

Ex-Premier Eleutherios Venizelos notified King Constantine of his readiness to form a new Grecian cabinet in succession to the Gounaris ministry.

President Porras has closed all gambling houses in Panama as a result of the investigation into charges of police corruption. It is stated that evidence adduced in the investigation indicates that several municipal officials, too, have accepted money to protect gambling places.

National registry day was held throughout Great Britain. Every person between the ages of 15 and 65 had to fill out a blank giving age, occupation and ability to do work useful to the state.

Armed Mexicans in force are reported to have crossed the Rio Grande near Mercedes, Texas, and attacked an outpost of half a dozen cavalry men at Seneca. Ranger Lieutenant Reynau at Mercedes telephoned State Adjutant General Hutchings at Brownsville that Corporal Wilman of Troop O, Twelfth Cavalry, was killed in this fight, and Lieut. R. O. Henry and two privates of the same troop wounded.

Domestic

Indianapolis, Ind., is planning to honor James Whitcomb Riley on October 7, the anniversary of the "Hoosier Poet's" birth.

The United Fruit liner Abangarez at Havana was ordered by wireless to proceed from New Orleans to Cape San Antonio, Cuba, and search the southern coast of the island, where it was reported a large steamer is ashore.

The fourth day after the cessation of one of the most severe storms Galveston, Texas, has ever experienced found that city gradually recovering from the terrific onslaught of the elements.

Vice President Marshall, speaking at Kansas City, Mo., said: "I do not believe in enforced military training, but boys and young men could be trained in the high schools and colleges without loss of time. I can think of no better place to train officers than in the schools of the country."

With large sections of the storm-swept coast of Texas cut off from communication reports received place the number known to have been killed in the tropical hurricane, which swept the Texas coast, at more than 100. The property loss was vaguely estimated in the millions, some estimates placing the probable loss as high as thirty million dollars.

Walber Ortolph, charged with entering government reservations to obtain information regarding national defense to which he was not entitled, pleaded not guilty at a preliminary hearing in Tallahassee, Fla., before Commissioner McCord.

The border situation along the lower Rio Grande has assumed an ugly aspect. Gathering of Mexicans in force at Progress, and their firing across the river striking troops of the Twelfth United States Cavalry was not the only aggravating feature of the situation. Authorities received reports that 25 horses, including some recognized as animals stolen by bandits in recent raids on the Texas side, were delivered in Matamoros, the Mexican town.

Veterans of foreign wars of the United States, at their national convention in Detroit, adopted resolutions favoring a navy second only to that of Great Britain; a regular army of 125,000; a reserve force of 500,000 to meet in camp annually; and the appointment of a national legislative commission which could co-operate with all other national patriotic societies in the formulation of plans for an adequate defense.

"Sport" shirts and the standing of the baseball teams engaged the attention of Mohammed's supreme envoy to the United States, when the latter arrived in New York City. Sahid M. Vagin Gillani, Assistant Sekhik Uli Islam and a direct descendant of Mohammed, is the envoy's full designation.

The American dollar rules the financial world with an iron grip. Foreign exchange went down to new depths in a torrent of bills that poured into the exchange markets from American manufacturers seeking pay for big war contracts.

A second payment of \$665,800 on fourteen hundred bales of cotton aboard the steamer Southerner, which was diverted into Kirkwall by a British cruiser, was made to W. Gordon McCabe & Co., of Charleston, by the British embassy.

Storm-swept and battered, with a loss of only fourteen lives, Galveston, fortified by its enormous sea wall, emerged victorious from one of the most severe storms known in the history of the Gulf of Mexico. However, about five hundred houses have been crushed, and the island is covered with debris. Four of the dead are United States soldiers and ten civilians.

opposite Brownsville, Texas.

Nineteen men and one woman were rushed to a hospital in Atlanta, Ga., from all parts of the city, suffering from ptomaine poisoning. The twenty patients declared that they had drunk buttermilk at the branch dairy and attributed their illness to that milk.

Former Deputy United States Revenue Collector E. N. Winters pleaded guilty to embezzling federal funds while connected with the internal revenue department and was sentenced to thirteen months in prison. He surrendered a month ago at Bisbee, Arizona, to which city he went from Mexico when he learned that a federal indictment had been returned against him.

Washington
Tension increased in official quarters when consular messages forwarding affidavits of American survivors of the British liner Arabic, which was sunk by a German submarine with much loss of life, brought definite information that the vessel was torpedoed without warning and that several American lives had been lost.

The American note to Germany, made public in regard to the destruction of the sailing ship, William P. Frye, by a German auxiliary cruiser may have important results in its bearing upon the question of the treatment of neutral commerce by belligerents, Washington officials believe.

Southern railroads were ordered by the interstate commerce commission to cease granting to Nashville dealers the privilege of rebilling and reshipping grain and hay so long as it is refused Georgia dealers.

The allies' intention to declare cotton contraband has been communicated to the United States government unofficially, but authoritatively. The state department advises that the decision has been reached and the delay in making an announcement is due to the necessity of arranging uniform treatment of the subject by all of the allies.

The state department has made public the reply of the United States rejecting the views set forth by the Austro-Hungarian government in a recent note contending that exportation of war munitions from America to Austria's enemies was conducted on such a scale as to be "not in consonance with the definition of neutrality."

President Wilson has begun a detailed study of plans for strengthening the national defenses to be presented to the coming session of congress.

The war department has given out the announcement that the Atlantic fleet, virtually in its full war strength, will hold a series of defensive maneuvers in the waters off Block Island, R. I.

European War
Fourteen steamers, with a total gross tonnage of 47,968, have been sunk in forty-eight hours by German submarines. This toll establishes a record for the period. Ten of the vessels sunk were British, three were Norwegian and one was Spanish.

The garrison of Novogeorgievsk, left behind by the retreating Russians to delay the Teutonic advance, has surrendered. Berlin has announced the capture of the fortress with its 700 guns and garrison of 8,500 soldiers and a large quantity of war material.

The outskirts of London were raided by Zeppelins. Ten persons were killed. The damage to property was not important.

Kovno, one of the crucial points in the Russian defensive in the north, has been captured by the Germans, and the road to Vilna, Warsaw and Petrograd railway is now open to Emperor William's troops.

Further Italian advances through the passes of the Alps and a brilliant bayonet charge which captured a strong line of Austrian entrenchments in the Tolmino region are described in the Italian official report.

Germany has lost 43,972 officers since the war began, according to figures from German official sources. The total dead are 13,803; the wounded, 26,287; the missing, 2,349, while 993 are numbered as prisoners. Included in the total are one hundred and twenty-three generals killed and missing.

Berlin declares the left wing of the Bavarian army in Poland, under Prince Leopold, has fought its way across the Bug river near Drelichyn, which is east of Sokolow and fifty miles north-east of Brest Litovsk.

The sinking in the Aegean sea by a German submarine of the British transport Royal Edward with heavy loss of life has shattered the British navy's proud tradition that it had transported hundreds of thousands of men across the sea without the destruction of one troop-laden ship.

General von Bulow's army operating west of the river Dvinsk has again taken the offensive and has beaten the Russians in the vicinity of Kurbisgo, taking more than two thousand prisoners.

GERMANY'S MEAT SUPPLY LIMITED

NATION MUST REDUCE ITS CONSUMPTION BY CIVIL POPULATION.

SURPLUS SUPPLY OF BREAD

All Demands For Other Foodstuffs Can Be Met, It Is Thought.

Washington.—Germany faces the necessity of reducing the meat consumption of her civil population 40 or 50 per cent, according to a report sent by the American Ambassador of Commerce and Trade in Berlin to the department of commerce. The report says, however, that the bread card system has resulted in a surplus of wheat and rye flour which will make possible an increase in the bread allowance.

Introduction of a meat card scheme to restrict consumption and insure reasonable prices is predicted by the association.

From statistics gathered before the war it is estimated that Germany depended on imports for about 27.3 per cent of her foodstuffs.

"In analyzing the effect of these figures upon the general situation," says the report, "it should be borne in mind that Germany's isolation is not complete one, since about 5,500,000 bushels of wheat have been brought in since the outbreak of the war and not much less of fodder which is about one-tenth of normal imports per year.

Butter and meat imports from Holland, Denmark and Sweden are said to have been considerable, while fish were secured in large quantities from Norway.

"It can be assumed," the report continues, "that one-quarter of the normal demand for foodstuffs has been brought in."

The aggregate saving over peace consumption of all foodstuffs is estimated at from 16 to 17 per cent.

"Interest is now centered," the report says, "on the outlook for 1915-16, and it is generally conceded that in respect to wheat and rye, no difficulties will arise if the next crop should not be a bumper one."

The conclusion is that all demands for breadstuffs and potatoes can be filled. It will be possible to increase the amount of bread per head on the bread card, and sugar and milk will be sufficiently supplied.

Balkans May Enter War Soon.
London.—Italy's declaration of war against Turkey is expected to have an almost immediate effect on the Balkan States, which are still debating which side they will take in the conflict. Relations between Italy and Roumania long have been intimate and it is predicted here that, especially in view of the threatening attitude of the German powers because of Roumania's refusal to allow ammunition to pass through her territory Roumania will join the Quadruple Entente.

Bulgaria is waiting for Serbia's reply to the suggestions of the Entente ministers that Serbia cede Macedonia to Bulgaria. Greece is likely to declare her future policy when the chamber meets this week. It is regarded here as significant that M. Venizelos, who always has been friendly to the Entente has decided to take charge, in addition to the Grecian premiership of the office of minister of foreign affairs.

Texas Threatened by Epidemic.
Galveston, Texas.—Wind and water have exacted their toll of 300 lives and \$50,000,000 in property in southeast Texas and now the area that was devastated by the most terrific hurricane of half a century faces the menace of disease.

Thousands of carcasses, cattle, horses, mules and sheep and hogs lie rotting where they were carried by flood waters. Every effort is being made to remove these by barge or burial, but it will be impossible to fully accomplish this for several days.

Wilson Awaits Arabic Reports.
Washington.—Judgment is suspended by the United States government on the torpedoing of the liner Arabic with a loss of two American lives. Pending arrival of official information, high officials will not discuss it. It was understood the all-important report awaited before the United States determines whether Germany has committed a "deliberately unfriendly act" as expected from Ambassador Gerard. Statements of American survivors say Arabic was torpedoed without warning.

20 Drowned in Flood.
St. Louis.—The Meramec River, lined with pleasure resorts, clubhouses, and summer cottages, went several miles out of its banks, swept away most of these buildings and increased to 20, it is reported, the number of lives lost in St. Louis county, during the last few days as a result of the flood. The Meramec's rise was so sudden that hundreds had time only to climb to treetops. Efforts were being made to rescue these with motorboats. The river passed a stage five feet higher than ever before.

BOYS AND GIRLS REMOVING BURDEN

LIEUT. GOVERNOR DAUGHRIDGE
PRAISES CLUB WORK OF
YOUNGSTERS.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark
the Progress of North Carolina People
Gathered Around the State
Capitol.

Raleigh.
In the opinion of Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge the boys' corn, pig and poultry clubs and the girls' poultry and tomato clubs that have been organized throughout the state give promise of quickly relieving the state of the drain of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 that now go out of the state yearly for supplies that should be raised at home. He came to Raleigh to deliver an address to the conference of members of the boys' clubs in progress here with the county farm demonstrators and is enthusiastic over the splendid showing that the 235 boys here for the conference make.

In the executive offices of Governor Craig Mr. Daughtridge said that he feels sure that this movement for enthusing the country boys and girls in the club work will develop in the most rapid way possible the production of home supplies and end the drain on the state that has in the past taken about the full money value of the cotton grown as the money crop. He expects these boys' clubs to bring up the production of corn and meat and the canning clubs to have the effect of saving from waste vast quantities of fruits and vegetables that have heretofore been left to decay in the fields or go to waste in other ways.

Governor Daughtridge says that the crop conditions in this section, especially cotton, corn and peanuts, are fine and that there is every promise for a more than average yield.

Infant Secures Mother's Pardon.
Asheville.—Declaring that he is unwilling that an infant shall be confined in an eastern North Carolina jail during the extreme heat of the present summer season for the sins of its mother, Governor Locke Craig granted a conditional pardon to Minnie Davis, who is serving a term of six months in jail in Bertie county on a vagrancy charge.

Governor Craig states that the pardon has been opposed by a number of the well-known citizens of the county in which the applicant resides, but he has been advised that the little child must be with its mother and he is not willing that the state shall keep the infant behind prison bars to make the mother pay the penalty of her crime. She is pardoned upon condition that she become a good citizen and obey the laws.

Progress With Freight Rates.
Progress is being made in the negotiations between the 20 or more short lines of railroad in this state and the corporation commission in the negotiations as to the standardization of the freight rates applicable to these lines in this state. Some weeks ago the corporation commission prepared tentative rates and submitted them to the railroad companies for their inspection. Then there was filed with the commission by representatives of the railroad companies a counter set of rates that the officials of the railroads believe to be nearer in keeping with the conditions that confront the several systems and calculated to yield some revenue, as they claim, much needed revenue.

Waterways Men Accepts Invitation.
The northern delegates of the Atlantic Deepwater Waterways Association have accepted the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce to visit Raleigh when they pass through on their way to Savannah, Ga., for their eighth annual convention in November. They plan to visit Raleigh November 8. It is probable that Congressman Moore, of Pennsylvania, and Winfield H. Schoff, secretary of the association, will visit Raleigh in the near future to arrange for their reception here.

Will Transfer Captain Langdon.
Captain Langdon, inspector-instructor, assigned to the infantry of the North Carolina National Guard by the war department for the past two years, has just forwarded to Washington his final reports on the inspection work for the infantry encampments at Camp Glenn this summer. It is learned here that Captain Langdon will be transferred about December under the operation of the statute that requires that officers in the national service must spend at least two years out of every six with their companies.

Miss Perry's Plans Fail.
Miss Emily K. Perry, national organizer for the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, left here on an early train for Asheville where she will have a conference with Mrs. Archibald Henderson of Chapel Hill, president of the North Carolina Union, who is spending a while in the mountains. While there has been nothing like a breach between the state and the national organizations, there is understood to be a difference of opinion as to the methods of campaigning in this state.

Supreme Court Calendar Heavy.

Over thirty cases from the first district have already been docketed in the Supreme Court for argument when the court enters into the fall term on August 30. Fully fifteen more are expected. Of the thirty cases already on the calendar, none are of statewide importance, the majority of them being local in their interest.

The supreme court, however, has on its hand now the decision in the anti-jug law. This was carried over under and advised from the last term with the expectation that the supreme court of the United States would rule on its constitutionality in a number of cases of similar nature then pending. The United States court decided the cases from another angle and left the North Carolina question still an issue. It is expected that the opinion will be handed down by the North Carolina court during the fall.

Since this case went to the supreme court, Judge R. B. Peebles, sitting in Wake county court, charged the grand jury that so far as the anti-jug law affects the shipment of whiskey for private purposes and personal use it is unconstitutional and the burden of proof is on the consignee to prove that the whiskey is intended for private consumption. He further charged the grand jury to be guided by this fact in presentments.

The first day of the new term will be devoted to the examination of candidates for license to practice law in North Carolina. Under a new ruling of the court, all applicants must file applications and examination fees, together with necessary recommendations, by Friday before Monday of the examination. It will not be necessary for such applicants to appear personally before Monday.

Thus far over forty applications have been filed and the outlook is for a greater number than ever before.

New Charters Issued By Secretary.
Tranquil Park Company, Charlotte, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$300 subscribed by John Q. Myers, P. C. Whitlock and J. P. Monroe for real estate development.

The Special Features Film Producing Company, Asheville, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$1,000 subscribed by R. R. Reynolds, Marcus Erwin and M. S. Reynolds.

The Quality Clothing Company, Salisbury, capital \$25,000 authorized, and \$14,000 subscribed by Jacob Sacks and others for general clothing and furnishings business.

The Washburn-Mann Manufacturing Company, Washington, capital \$20,000 authorized, and \$6,000 subscribed by H. J. Washburne, S. M. Nicholson and others for manufacturing a special device for lifting automobiles so they will not stand on the rubber tires.

The Robeson Auto Company, Charlotte, capital \$125,000 authorized, and \$300 subscribed by Armistead Burwell, E. D. Latta, Jr., and others.

The Veach Shoe Company, Winston-Salem, capital \$10,000 authorized, and \$3,000 subscribed.

Typhoid Fever Almost Banished.
The state board of health has received a letter from Dr. J. W. McNeill of Fayetteville, in which he makes the remarkable statement that, whereas last summer the local association of nurses was unable to supply the calls for nurses to care for typhoid fever cases, this summer there have been only three calls for such cases. He attributes a large part of the credit for this gratifying change in the conditions to the campaign for vaccination against typhoid that had been carried on in the town and county this summer through the co-operation of the county authorities and the state board of health, and which has been especially successful in the number of people who availed themselves of the opportunity to become immune to this dread disease.

Historical Moving Pictures.
Secretary R. D. W. Conno, of the State Historical Commission has promised the fullest co-operation possible to the Emerald Motion Picture Company, Chicago, in a development of Revolutionary history of North Carolina with Andrew Jackson as the leading character. The president of the company has written Secretary Connor that he will bring his acting cast and staff of mechanics to North Carolina so that the exact scenes and atmosphere will contribute to the making of a perfect series of pictures.

Wilson Sells Most Tobacco.
The annual report of sales on the leaf tobacco markets in this state for the year ending August 1, shows 203,787,202 pounds first hand for growers and 230,334,444 pounds including resales for dealers and warehouses. The total sales were 189,643,315 pounds. Wilson led with 22,508,093 pounds first hand and 30,931,011 including resales, Winston-Salem was second with 22,748,614 pounds first hand and 27,491,631 including resales. Greenville stood fourth and Kinston fifth.

School is Object of Health Work.
A sanitary inspection of the county schools and a physical inspection of all the children in these schools compose the health program of Alamance county for the approaching school term. That county has just accepted the proposal of the state board of health to this end and the work will be done by the state board under appropriations made by the county. As a new feature of health activity in North Carolina only a few counties will be entered for the work by the state board during the first year.

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR JUNIOR ORDER

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION HOLDS RUSY SESSION IN CHARLOTTE.

MEET NEXT IN GOLDSBORO

About 1,500 Members Attend Sessions.
Big Parade and Much Important Business Transacted.

Charlotte.—The twenty-fifth annual session of the Junior O. U. A. M. was opened here with a parade in which a thousand or more members of the order, Daughters of America and school children took part. It is estimated that there were nearly a 1,500 Junior here.

The first session was opened with a welcome address on behalf of the city of Charlotte delivered by Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick. The response on behalf of the Junior Order was made by National Councillor C. W. Webb, of Statesville. The address on behalf of the Charlotte councils was made by Hon. Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, and the response to this by Rev. Dr. W. B. Dutton, representative of the national council.

The feature of the first session was an address by Hon. Paul Jones, of Tarboro, state councillor, on "The Elimination of Adult Illiteracy," which was much appreciated by members of the order.

The body chose Goldsboro for their next place of meeting.

Mr. Charles F. Alexander of Charlotte was chosen state councillor, an honor which is regarded as among the highest within the gift of the organization. Mr. Alexander is and has always been one of the most loyal members of the Junior Order in Charlotte as well as in the state convention and his selection although over three other candidates appeared to meet with general approval in the organization.

In addition to Mr. Alexander, the following named were selected for other offices of the North Carolina council: Mr. W. A. Cooper of Raleigh, No. 1, state councillor; Charles F. Alexander of Charlotte, No. 444, state vice councillor; Mr. Sam F. Vance of Winston-Salem, No. 19, secretary; L. F. Davis of Milton, No. 387, assistant secretary; George Y. Fulk of Kernersville, No. 54, treasurer; C. L. Sands of Reidsville, No. 9, conductor; W. E. Stanley, of Durham, No. 98, warden; C. V. Talley of Hickory Grove, No. 224, inside sentinel; B. F. Brittain of Wilmington, No. 63, outside sentinel.

Peculiar Accident Kills Negro.
Durham.—Wesley Riggsbee, a negro from the northern part of the county, was riding a bicycle along the road and attempted to pass another negro walking with a long old-fashioned scythe across his shoulder, the blade struck Riggsbee just under the chin and nearly cut his head off.

He was immediately rushed to the city and given medical attention. His coat had been stuffed into the gaping wound to prevent his bleeding, but before he reached Durham, but as soon as the packing was taken out of the wound, the blood began to flow so freely that it was almost impossible to dress the wound, and he died in a short while.

Contract For Big Dam.
Hickory.—A contract has been awarded the Elliott Building Company of Hickory for the building of the big dam for the Morganton Light and Power Co. across the Catawba River at a point near Nebo. The contract calls for a remuneration of \$110,000 and work will be commenced soon.

Concord Will Pave Streets.
Concord.—The board of aldermen has let the contract for paving West Depot street from the intersection of Spring street to the depot and Church street from East Corbin to East Depot was awarded to E. M. Hudson & Co., of Atlanta. The work will cost approximately \$40,000.

Supplies For Red Cross.
Asheville.—Supplies for use in relief work in Belgium were shipped recently by Asheville friends of Mrs. Madelon Battle Hancock, the daughter of Dr. S. Westray Battle, of this city, to Mrs. Hancock. The latter has been doing Red Cross work in Europe since the outbreak of the war and has met with much success in her efforts in behalf of the wounded soldiers. The boxes shipped from Asheville contain bandages, linen, chloroform and ether. They were filled by members of the Gloria Relief Committee.

Will Have Federal Expert.
Newton.—Dr. George W. Shipp, county superintendent of health, has presented to the County Medical Society a proposition from the state board of health offering to secure the services of a medical expert from the public health service of the federal government, and put him to work in Catawba for a period of 12 months, to deal with the intestinal disorders which afflict children up to three years of age, disorders which show themselves mostly in the summer and work havoc among the babies.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By O. E. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute.)

LESSON FOR AUGUST 29

GOD'S CARE OF ELIJAH.

LESSON TEXT—I Kings 17:1-16.
GOLDEN TEXT—Casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you. 1 Peter 5: 7.

We now skip thirty to forty years to consider the first of those great prophets whose lives are recorded at length. Samuel and David fought animals, armies and giants, but these men fought engagements in the moral and spiritual realm of equal and greater importance. Emphasize Elijah as a real live flesh-and-blood hero. His work was with the northern kingdom and he probably first met Ahab at Samaria, his capital in 912 B. C. (?) The Moabite stone (A. D. 1868) is a remarkable confirmation of the Bible story of this period.

I. The Challenge, v. 1. The lesson is a great illustration of faith. Sin had again made vast inroads upon the people (ch. 16:30-33) and this "man of the hour," whose name means "Jehovah My Strength," (1) saw the conditions; (2) responded to the need, and (3) had faith in his cause because it was that of Jehovah. The source of his faith was the word of the Lord God (Deut. 11:18; 32:20). He that "liveth" and before whom the prophet stood in daily, hourly communion. Elijah was a man with a mission (Matt. 28:19) who trusted in God and considered it safe to obey. His power, "according to my word," was in ratio according to his life of faith (Rom. 10:17). He was also a man of prayer (James 5:17) and showed his faith by his works (James 2:17, 20, 26).

II. The Command, vv. 2-7. Elijah's faith was not audacious. He took each step as commanded by God (v. 2). There is a time for seeming retreat as well as for the spectacular charge. Elijah's first place of testing was "Cherith," a gorge to the east of the river Jordan. This command was contrary to human reason. "Would it not soon be involved in his prophesied drought?"

Again, ravens frequently feed upon carrion, and he knew all the regulations regarding cleanliness. Thus to be secluded would prevent his observing the effect of the drought upon both king and people. Still the command is explicit. It was "there" (v. 4), and there only, that Jehovah was to save. The miracle of saving was to be wrought under the most adverse circumstances and by the most unlikely means. "So he went." Having faced the peril, God hid him to preserve him, and at the proper time God also revealed him (ch. 18:12). It was a daily testing for Elijah at Cherith, thus to be fed and to see the water evaporating, but it was a time of communion and after the brook was dry there came a new command (vv. 8, 9).

III. The Continued Deliverance, vv. 8-16. Zarephath was (Luke 4:26) in the dominions of Jezabel's father, on the coast of the Mediterranean sea between Tyre and Sidon, a dangerous journey for Elijah through Ahab's kingdom (ch. 18:10). The word Zarephath means "smelting furnace," and it too was suffering from this same famine. Commanded to hide in Cherith Elijah is told to "dwell" in Zarephath and that a widow was to be the agent to supply his need. Again Elijah's pride had to be overcome for there were abundant reasons for disliking such a journey, such an abiding place and such a dependence upon a poor widow. Elijah, however, "arose and went," a continuance of his life of obedience. He first asked for water and as she went he added his request for food. It was a particular widow to whom he was sent (Luke 4:26-27) and through her God was ready to work a miracle of salvation on his behalf. Though about to prepare what she thought was to be her own and her son's last meal (v. 13), yet she at once proceeds to obey the command of the man of God as it was conditioned upon the word of Jehovah (v. 14). God, through his prophets, has commanded us, given us assurance and promised to sustain (Phil. 4:19), yet we hesitate. "She went and did" the seeming impossible, but according to the word of command, and those of "her house did eat many days." Obedience saved her own, her son's and the prophet's lives. There is sound philosophy in Prov. 11:24 which found its complete fulfillment in Jesus who "came not to be ministered unto but to minister." Read carefully Prov. 3:7-10 and II Cor. 9:6-11. As with the Israelites in the wilderness the supply was only from day to day (v. 16) nothing ahead, no accumulation, yet a perpetual supply because based on "the word of the Lord" (v. 16).

God worked this miracle: (1) to uphold and to preserve his chosen messenger for his great work in Israel; (2) to show his loving kindness and sustaining grace to the poor; (3) to strengthen the faith of his prophet against his spectacular conflict on Mt. Carmel; (4) to the end that he might show Israel and all others down through the ages a great object lesson of his sustaining grace and providence. The widow's "two mites" are filling church treasuries today, and Mary's box of ointment has filled all Christendom with its aroma and fragrance. Providence is progressive.