

A Rebirth of Hebrew Nationalism

The International Sunday School Lesson For October 14 Is "Returning From Captivity."—Ezra Ch. 1.

By William T. Ellis

Thirty million members of the Sunday schools of the world will this week study about a Persian ruler known in literature as the great king, Cyrus the Great...

The other nation that figures in the story is the Jewish people; then, as now, a nation despised, their king, their capital and organized government, they were exiles in Babylonia and Persia.

The prophesied exile of the Jews was almost over. The promised return had been expected by those who had various reasons of policy for wishing to possess the loyalty of the Jews, and also to establish them once more in the strategic outposts of his kingdom at Jerusalem.

Behind the dim unknown, Standeth God within the shadow, Keeping watch above his own.

Taught by Trouble Experience is a schoolmaster who always carries a rod, and is willing to learn their lessons in any school, had been sent into exile.

Now the great question was, had they learned the lesson designed for them in their severe school? To miss the meaning of adversity is like refusing a precious letter, because one does not like the postman's looks.

"But it has made a deep sorrow through which the latter had passed. One of the vital books of recent years is 'Early Letters of Marcus Dods,' which reveal the life of the great scholar-preacher-author during the six long years when he was an unsuccessful candidate for a first charge.

"Before I was afflicted I went astray; But now I observe Thy word."

wrote the Psalmist. That was Israel's experience. In exile it learned that Jehovah alone is God. Never more did its heart wander after idols. The bitterness of exile was sweetened by this fruit: the Jews learned to give God His rightful place.

"Of which things also, was a part," wrote Caesar in his account of his Gallic wars. Ezra is the scribe whose writings we now study; he is the narrator of this record. A historian, he probably compiled several of the sacred books of the Jews; and in a large part of his volumes which bear his name he speaks in the first person. His is the testimony of an eyewitness. He was a participant in the scenes he describes. He was a doer as well as a teller.

Down along the Tigris river below Bagdad I saw a great shrine, which was pointed out as Ezra's tomb. The Jews believe that he returned to Babylonia and was buried there. So great is the esteem in which his memory is held that the Jews from a wide region make annual pilgrimages to this shrine. Prayers for children especially were supposed to be efficacious when offered here. The memory of the exiles who remained behind thus honored the memory of the leader of those who left.

For many Jews did not go back home when opportunity offered. Only about one out of six returned to Palestine. The remainder had struck new roots into this fertile soil, and had found prosperity. Business was good in Babylonia. Besides, the exiles from the Northern Kingdom had in this foreign land become assimilated with their brethren from Judah. They were doing well socially and commercially; and material considerations triumphed over sentimental and spiritual ties.

The stay-at-homes helped the goers-forth. This is the universal rule. When I climbed the sacred mountain Fuji-yama, with bands of Japanese pilgrims, I learned that they were but representatives of their respective communities; the whole neighborhood had united to pay the costs. Thus Christian Endeavor delegates go to conventions. So, also, it is with Zionism to-day; Jews all over the earth pay for the maintenance and support of their fellow religionists who have returned to Palestine. The

NATIONAL ARMY HAS 131,180 MEN IN CANTONMENTS

Citizen Soldiers Rapidly Being Equipped For Services Abroad

Washington, Oct. 12.—There are now 131,180 men in the sixteen National Army cantonments, according to an official statement issued by the War Department.

At Reading, prominent businessmen arranged for a meeting to be held next Monday. At this meeting a representative from practically every organization in the city will be present and plans will be made to secure a large number of recruits from Berks county.

At Pottsville, members of the Rotary Club and the defense committee heard the recruiting officer, and plans were laid for extensive recruiting by the businessmen of that city. Mr. Blake will leave this afternoon for York, where he will address a committee of leading businessmen.

TURNED HOSE ON WIFE TO KEEP HER AWAKE

Hutto, Mont.—That her husband, Jeremiah Legraff, turned a stream of water from a garden hose into her face and sang boisterously when she tried to sleep at night were the claims of Mrs. Anna Legraff.

ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 1 The annual business meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held about November 1, it was announced by Secretary McColgin today.

WAR VETERAN, AGED 105, SEEKS TO ENLIST IN ARMY

Portland, Ore.—Although nearly 105 years "young" and fought in the Indian and Civil wars, "Uncle" John Dowd, of Willamina, has not had enough of excitement and wants to enlist in the United States Army.

Y. M. C. A. Schedule Announced For Winter

Classes for businessmen are featured by Physical Director Miller, of the local Y. M. C. A., in his winter's schedule.

The schedule follows: Business and professional men—Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5 to 6 p. m.

Older students—Monday and Tuesday, 7:15 to 8:15 p. m.

MOTOR LICENSE REVENUE Toronto, Ont.—The total revenue derived from motor licenses in the province of Ontario so far this year is \$900,000, an increase over 1916 of nearly \$250,000.

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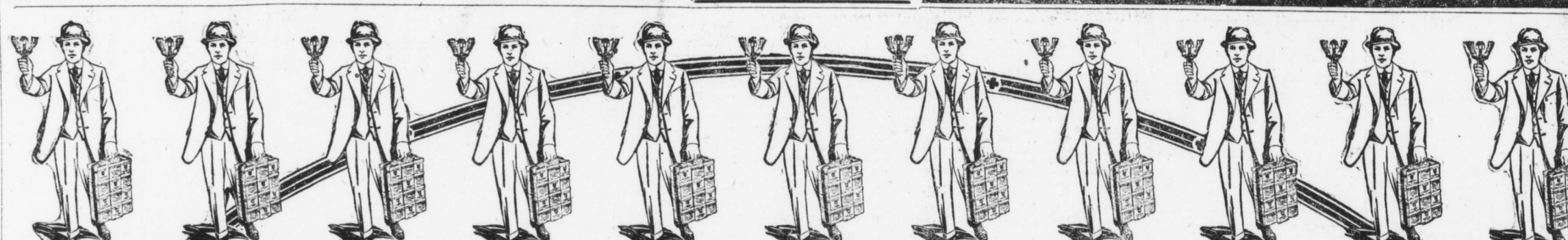
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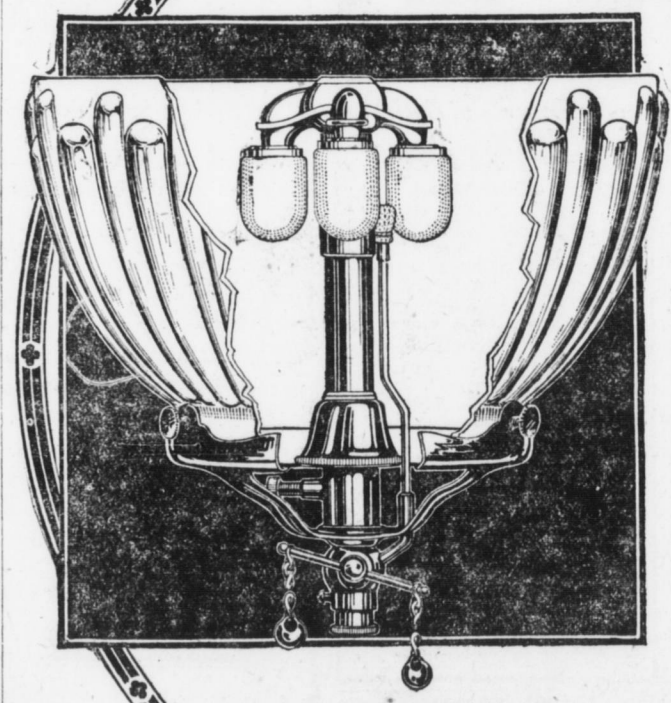
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