

McAdoo Wants Figures Regarding Steel Rails

Washington, D. C., March 1.—Director-General McAdoo called upon presidents of the leading railroads to furnish immediately detailed information regarding their use of steel rails and their needs for 1918. Information requested by the Director-General includes: "Number of gross tons put in tracks during 1917; estimated number of gross tons required for 1918 separately from maintenance and construction; minimum number of gross tons absolutely required to maintain track in safe condition during 1918; total number of tons contracted for delivery during 1918, including number due on previous contracts or carried over from contracts for previous years; tonnage of rails on hand January 1, 1918."

HENRY R. FLOREY DIES—Marietta, Pa., March 1.—Henry R. Florey, aged 41, of Pleasant Grove, died from a complication of diseases after a long illness. His parents, his wife and a daughter survive.

KEEP LOOKING YOUNG

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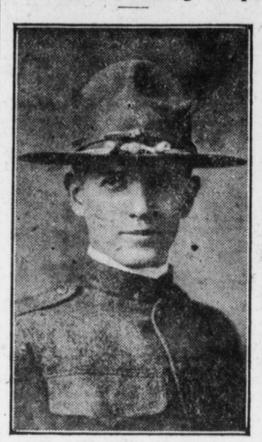
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Praises Community Work Done in Training Camps



PAUL HERMAN BRATTEN

Paul Herman Bratten is one of the lads who answered the call of Uncle Sam and joined the Army last summer. Bratten was cartoonist for the Tattler at the Technical High school and was one of the cheer leaders of his alma mater. He is now a member of Headquarters Company, 220, Field Signal Battalion, Eighth Division, U. S. A. In letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Bratten, 618 North Third street, he speaks in glowing terms of the work of the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus in the camps. He was sent from Harrisburg to Camp Dodge, Iowa, and from thence to Camp Fremont, California. "I never felt better in my life," he tells in his letters.

SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM—Hummelstown, Pa., March 1.—The High School Literary Society will give a Shakespearean program on Friday afternoon, March 15, to which all patrons and friends of the school are invited.

Soldiers at Camp Meade Enjoy Best of Health



H. D. PENNSYLV

American soldiers are filled with an unquenchable optimism and confidence in victory. Every one of them is sure that the Kaiser is going to be defeated. One of these competent lads is H. D. Pennsylv, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pennsylv, 2433 Reel street, who is with Company C, Twenty-eighth Engineers, stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland. His letters are very encouraging and he is in the best of health. Prior to his enlistment, he was a fireman in the Pennsylvania railroad freight yards.

PEACE AND THE PEACEMAKER

International Sunday School Lesson for March 3 Is "Jesus Bringing Peace"—Mark 4:35-5:20

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

"Over and over it comes to me, The thought of Christ on the stormy sea."

The weary worker holds our imagination more than the raging waves. Worn out with spending His soul's substance for other people's sins, Jesus was lying in the stern of a Galilean fishingboat asleep. He was tired with just the same sort of tiredness that comes to this world's tired toilers who have spent themselves to the limit. The Son of Man was akin to all His brethren in all their experiences. The world would not willingly lose this picture of the weary Christ, sleeping in sheer exhaustion.

Modern "prophets," who profess to monopolize the mind of the Galilean peasant, travel around the country in private cars, but this was no private yacht in which Jesus sailed. Instead, it was just an ordinary, clumsy, odorous fishingboat, with the scales of yesterday's catch smeared over the thwart. It had no cabin, but under the overcast sky on a simple pallet lay the great Teacher, heedless of the bobbing of the boat or the shrieking of the wind or the pounding of the waves. It was such a storm as sweeps down from the hills of the eastern shore of Galilee; or as makes sailing on Lake George dangerous. It does not take a great ocean to make a dangerous storm. The little vessel was in as much danger on Galilee as if it had been in the middle of the Atlantic.

The Friends to Whom We Turn—There are some persons to whom their friends naturally turn in trouble. They are the efficient ones. Emergencies bring them to the fore. Just as the apostle Paul dominated his shipwreck scene, so it was, in an incomparably higher degree with Jesus. He was master of men and of conditions. His fishermen friends

had no thought that He would still the storm, yet they wanted to take refuge in the shelter of His strong arm. Therefore, their petulant arousal of Him was a great calamity. "The ship that carries Caesar cannot sink." That boat with Jesus aboard was safer than one of the limestone caves in the hills of Nazareth. The fishermen wanted only comfort, and they got instead great calm. It is a glory of the Christian faith that Christ always exceeds expectations. They who ask for little get much. His givings are always more than we desire or deserve. The terrified Galileans were still further amazed when, instead of words of counsel or assurance, Jesus spoke in majesty to the sea. "Peace, be still. And the winds ceased and there was a great calmage."

Nature is but a servant whose master is God. If we will go part of the way with Christ in acceptance of His character and work, we are bound to go all the way and believe Him when He says, "All authority is given unto me." To any who are troubled by this miracle, the words of the master to the disciples in the boat may be repeated, "Have ye not faith?" True, we may marvel with them and cry, "Who, then, is this that can still the winds and waves?" Marvelous beyond compare was that wondrous deed, yet what about Jesus is not marvelous? He still makes the winds and waves in all human history. Let us stand by our simple faith that our Christ is omnipotent. Amid all the changes that we face, these trouble-free times, this assurance holds us steady, "He who rules is our Redeemer."

A Warning World's Peacemaker—When we apply this truth to the storm and wreck of war it is not so easy to realize that the Christ of peace is having His word as well as the world. Doubtless He would have had a better way had men let Him. Nevertheless, "He maketh the wrath of man to praise Him." We can see through this tempest only by the illumination of the cross, which is the symbol that righteousness is worth supreme cost. God will go to all lengths to serve His holy end of justice and love. Nothing necessary to that purpose has He withheld, not even the life of His Son. As Jesus died in human service, by the divine will, so are men dying to-day to bring to pass a peace that will serve all the generations to come.

Recently, we perceive that amid all the tumult and wreckage of war, the mind of Christ is being victoriously fulfilled. What a wonderful demonstration of comradeship and helpfulness and mercy and practical ministry and religion we are having from the battlefields to-day. A single hysterical outburst concerning moral conditions in London from one unformed preacher may get more publicity than all the glorious truth as those who really know have seen it. For myself, what I have beheld in London of quiet strength and dignity, on the part of soldiers and civilians; of service offered as a matter of course; of the world's greatest city attuned in every department to exalted but practical patriotism, is nothing less than one of the wonders of the war. I saw much of religious activity in London, and little of vice. After investigation it seemed to me that righteousness is victorious in this particular battle. The spirit of Jesus is outworking to a new life in the heart of mankind; and a new and better order for the whole world.

When Life Is at Stake—Stormy waters are less tumultuous than the storms that rage in the human breast. If we marvel at the miracle which the fishermen saw, let us marvel more at that power which can say, "Peace, be still!" to a turbulent life. The craft of the transformed characters of evil men made good, of passionate men made serene, of avaricious men made generous, is still, as it has ever been, the supreme miracle of nature.

The succor extended to the imperiled boatmen by the stilling of the storm must take second place to the calming of the furies of the demoniac's nature. This poor creature, who dwelt amid the caves and the tombs of the hills that rise abruptly from the eastern shore of Galilee, was an outcast beyond his friends' power to bind, control or appease. His strength was abnormal and his delirium was ferocious. In frenzy he cut himself with stones and rent the air with shrieks. An outcast from men, he was feared and yet accorded that strange sort of reverence that the East gives to the insane. I recalled him as I looked upon a poor naked creature wandering about one of the villages of Northern Syria, a mendicant and an outcast.

The plight of this demoniac was extreme. Yet Christ cured him. That is the gospel: Jesus saves "unto the uttermost." There are no men beyond His power to change into newness of life. When one calls the roll of his acquaintances who have been outcasts and drunkards, but who are now men of goodness and power, he realizes the potency of these present experiences as witnesses to the miracle-working power of the Saviour. If any man finds his faith in Christ's ability to save growing dim, let him visit one of the city rescue missions and hear the testimony of the made-over men. What Jesus did in the demoniac of Gadara He is still doing for tormented mankind.

"Let Us Alone"—Strong characters always create faces, especially if they be strong for righteousness. When the demoniac came to Jesus the evil spirits cried out against Him. They recognized Jesus as their implacable antagonist. The Master always had enemies in the spiritual world, and among men and women. That sugar-and-water philosophy which thinks it can get through life without any strife finds little support in the biography of the gentlest of earth's Teachers. Goodness, when it is really effective, always provokes enmity. There never was a real revival that did not create a flareback of slander. One of the "woes" of Christ was spoken against that type of character which finds its reward in the praise of men: "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you."

The evil legions asked nothing of this Master except that He let them alone. When a party arose in politics a few years ago, representing property and "big business" and began to cry, "Let us alone," it did not realize that this quotation was taken from the lips of evil demons. Evil always "stands pat." It wants merely to be let alone. Existing conditions are good enough for it, for it knows that any change will make them worse, from its standpoint.

About These Swine—The evil spirits from the demoniac pleaded to be permitted to enter the

neighboring swine, and Jesus granted this request. Straightway the swine ran down the declivity and were drowned in the sea, two thousand of them. What a howl there has been through the centuries, but especially in our own time, about those two thousand pigs! Doubtless they belonged to renegade Jews, who were raising them to sell to the Roman soldiers. It was an illegal

business for the Jew to be in, but nevertheless, the same sympathy that is created when revenue officers pour into the gutter casks of confiscated liquors, is called forth by this spectacle of the sacrificed pork. Some persons see nothing in the story but this injury to vested interests. They seemingly care more for the stock than for the man. Let us grant that it cost two thou-

sand swine to save one man. The conscience of our time will say the transaction was a good one. The old days, when six per cent, from an investment was more important than the conditions of the toiler are passing rapidly away. The sanctity of the stockholder's right to profit is considered less than the sanctity of health and happiness. Life is seen to be the more sacred thing.

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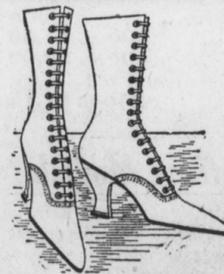
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