

### WILL ASSIGN COMMITTEEMEN

#### Republicans Complete Foundations For Next House Organization

Washington, March 7.—With every important committee chairmanship settled, Republican leaders composing the committee on committees yesterday completed the broad foundation of the House organization for the next Congress, but held in abeyance selection of the floor leader, whip and steering committee. Strict application of the seniority rule prevailed in the assignments, including the chairmanships, and extended to the transfer of re-elected members from one committee to another. To-day the committee will begin the assignment of new members-elect to committees. While some

members thought selections of floor leader, whip and steering committee might be postponed indefinitely others said later decision might result in the entire organization being completed before the committee ends its present session. Representative Longworth, Ohio, member of the committee, in a statement, attacked the work of the committee, declaring its "extraordinary progress" had been "backward to the days of so-called Cannonism, and then some," and that the strict interpretation of the seniority rule had been followed so that it was "utterly impossible to consider real merit as the basis for organization." He added, however, that he was confident of Republican success in legislation "not because of, but in spite of" the committee work. At the request of Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, Democratic leader in the last House, who will be the ranking minority member of the ways and means committee during Republican control of the House, the committee decided to increase the membership of the committee to twenty-five so as not to displace Democratic members. The Republicans will have fifteen memberships on the committee.

### There Was a Man

#### The International Sunday School Lesson for March 9 Is "Joshua, Patriot and Leader."—Joshua 1:1-9

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

Every one has a past. What lies behind is often more interesting than what is to be. Kipling's commonplace travel letters are extremely worth while as revealing the sources of much of his best later works. There the reader finds many of the real persons, places and incidents which later were wrought into fiction and poetry. This is the charm of biography; it introduces one to the factors that went into the making of a life. Now that a new figure looms largest on the horizon of Israel's history, as the Sunday schools are studying it, it is worth while to look behind the promotion, and see Joshua in the making.

A hard boyhood, that school in which so many great men have been trained, educated Joshua to life's actualities. He had known the rigors of slavery in Egypt, and all the blackness of that pit out of which Moses led the nation. The better than a college course, Joshua had been servant and associate of Moses. He had seen more than a little fighting; it was under his leadership that Amalek was smitten, while Moses prayed, Aaron and Hur holding up his hands. Always Joshua appears as a man of action, with the virtues of the doer and the warrior. Most commonly, though, he is remembered as the hero of the two spies who brought back a favorable report from the Promised Land. His fear-bitten comrades had perished miserably in the wilderness; he represents an important firm himself. The preacher, elsewhere perhaps, a very ordinary man, in the pulpit lifts up his voice in assurance, as he teaches to the sinner of the Highest.

The reason why Joshua was confident was that he had the assurance, "As I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, so will you; I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." This sense of partnership with God is what makes the weakest strong. It is confidence and power. For in the firm the Senior Partner pledges his all to stand behind the acts of his associates. A divine audacity is imparted to a character by the knowledge that it is actively co-operating with God. This explains the sublime daring of the great reformers. It makes plain why the missionary propaganda throughout the world is irresistible. Better than to have an armed host at one's back is to have the assurance, "Lo, I am with you all the days." Paul is the Hero of the apostolic church because he learned to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

One other enabling was given to Joshua. He was to have the presence of Jehovah, and the revelation that will be Jehovah. A good soldier must know his "General Orders." So Joshua was instructed, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then shalt thou have good success." America's day's maxims on "success" this deserves a first place as being of over-mastering importance. Walk God's way and work God's way, and failure is impossible.

The Badge of Leadership The keynote of the lesson is found in the thrice-repeated exhortation to Joshua, "Be thou strong and very courageous." It seems as if Jehovah were dining into the new leader's ears the supreme importance of courage. The son of Nun was no coward, yet even he needed to be told, with earnest iteration, that in the fighting man, in the administrator and in the leader, courage comes next in importance to obedience. Even God cannot do much with a weak and fearful man. A good life rule is, when undecided, do the more courageous thing. There is never a day, and scarcely an hour, in even the quietest life when the exercise of courage is not called for. War has erected courage into a primary place among the virtues. The vitioration of society's ills waits more upon strength than upon sweetness. Before we deal tenderly with the prostrate let us deal bravely with the man whose heels are upon their necks. Before we give charity let us be courageous enough to give justice. Before we abandon ourselves to prayer over civic conditions, let us betake ourselves to work—not forgetting to pray the while. In all conditions let us exercise courage, and, lo, we shall find all other virtues thriving the more. The Canaanites of the heart are conquered by fearlessness.

To say that all the great are dead, and that the former days were better, is to say that God has failed in his task with humanity. Joshua was a better

### WILSON TAKING NEEDED REST ON WAY TO EUROPE

#### Postpones Work Until Last Lap of His Voyage Is Reached

By Associated Press On Board the U. S. S. George Washington, March 6.—7.30 P. M.—Having placed himself under the orders of Rear Admiral Grayson, his personal physician, President Wilson did not arise until 1 o'clock to-day. The President had a long promenade on the decks of the George Washington this afternoon with Mrs. Wilson and Rear Admiral Grayson. He showed no effects of his recent hard work, except traces of the fatigue which were apparent when he sailed eastward from New York. Last night the President was much refreshed by reason of his let-down in work, and he will continue his regimen of quietude for several days, postponing until the last part of the voyage matters awaiting his attention. Last evening the President saw himself as the public frequently sees him—in moving pictures taken of him on the occasion of his recent visit to Boston. The George Washington made good speed through the mist and a driving rain.

### Gets Cannon From Howe's Flagship

Camden, N. J., Mar. 7.—A cannon from the flagship of Lord Howe, British fleet was presented to the Camden County Historical Society at exercises held at the public library. The vessel, the Augusta, was sunk in 1777 while attacking Fort Mifflin, on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware river, and Fort Mercer, opposite on the New Jersey side. Its hull lies on the beach at Gloucester, N. J., near Fort Mercer. The cannon is mounted on a carriage made from a rib of the Augusta.



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