

Pictures of World Events for News Readers

In This Department Our Readers in Fulton County and Elsewhere May Journey Around the World With the Camera on the Trail of History Making Happenings.

Safety in Perilous Times

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TEXT—But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.—Jude 20, 21.

The book of Jude sets forth the apostasy which began even in apostolic days, but which will reach its height in the end of the age. It is of high interest in the perilous times in which we live, and we would invite special attention to the secret of safety for believers set forth in the text.

The root of the exhortation is, that we shall keep ourselves in the love of God. This is the sunshine whose light and warmth we need in dark days. A realization of the love of God will keep us from both discouragement and apostasy.

But the Spirit of God is even more explicit and gives three directions which, if followed, will enable us to keep ourselves in the love of God.

First, we are to build up ourselves on our most holy faith. John Wesley used to warn his preachers that they would not grow in grace unless they grew in knowledge. We may add that many stray from the faith because so poorly instructed in its contents. They seem willing to trust their own powers in the conflict with Satan, whereas our Lord himself was content to meet the assaults of the devil with, "It is written."

An excellent illustration of obedience to the direction of the text is found in the life of Charlotte Elizabeth, who lived in the days of the Irvingite movement. She heard of marvelous healings and "gifts," including the gift of tongues, and was very desirous of taking a proper attitude in the matter. She felt that a few scattered texts were not enough, but that she should read the Bible in a connected way for light. So, one night, after earnest prayer for guidance, she sat on the side of her bed, and, beginning at Matthew, read straight on till she had gone through the seventh chapter of Revelation, completing the New Testament next morning. She saw that miracles may even be of Satanic origin and that they will characterize some things to be avoided in the last days. The prominence given to women in the Irvingite movement she saw to be unscriptural, and her judgment on the matter was confirmed shortly afterwards when she found that heresy as to the nature of Christ was being taught. We tremble to think of the easy prey found by Satan among Christians because of a lack of such building up of themselves on their most holy faith.

Next, we are instructed to pray in the Holy Ghost. We are familiar with the fact that the Holy Ghost prays in us, but the thought of the text is not so common. It represents the Holy Ghost, so to speak, as the atmosphere in which the Christian lives and breathes out his petitions.

Finally we are to be "looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ." We shall need mercy when he comes, and looking for his coming is a means of safety. While such an attitude of expectancy was common in the early church, it has unhappily become rare in modern times. Yet it appears on the very surface of the New Testament as the normal attitude of Christians. A missionary who had spent fourteen years in China stated that all the native Christians in her district were looking for the coming of the Lord. She went on to explain that this was not the result so much of specific instructions on this point, but because they had no book on doctrine save the New Testament, and they found this truth for themselves as a commonplace of apostolic teaching.

Jude speaks of false teachers who ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward. Looking for the Lord is a cure for the greed which has led some into the ways of apostasy. John Wilkinson, the founder of the Midway Mission for the Jews, was once approached at a railway station by two women who had heard him speak. They placed in his hands a large sum of money and one of them explained that God had intrusted to them of this world's goods and they were anxious to prove good stewards lest the Lord at his coming should find his wealth in their hands unused. So, in many directions, looking for the coming of the Lord is a safeguard against falling from the faith.

Verses 1 of this epistle speaks of our being "preserved in Jesus Christ," or, as the Revised Version renders it, "kept for Jesus Christ."

We do not wonder that Jude closes with a confident doxology, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling (or, stumbling), and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Fortitude. Fortitude I take to be the quiet possession of a man's self, and an undisturbed doing his duty whatever evils beset, or dangers lie in the way. In itself an essential virtue, it is a guard to every other virtue.—Locke.

Sunny People Wanted. We do not know what ripples of healing are set in motion when we simply smile on one another. Christianity wants nothing so much in the world as sunny people.—Henry Drummond.



CANADIAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING DESTROYED

The Canadian parliament building at Ottawa which was destroyed by flames, six lives being lost. The fire is believed to have been incendiary and to have been started by bombs or infernal machines. Inset, at the right, is Premier Robert L. Borden, who had a narrow escape, and, at the left, Martin Durrell, minister of agriculture, who was badly injured.



TAKING WOUNDED SERBS ACROSS WRECKED BRIDGE

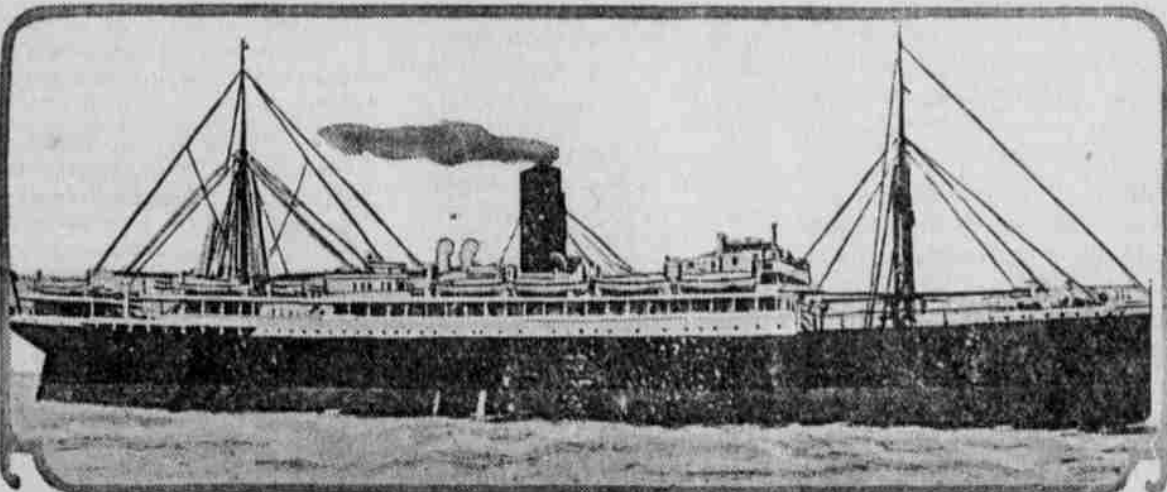
Wounded Serbians being taken across the bridge on the Morava. The bridge was destroyed by the Serbians in anticipation of an Austrian flank attack and was temporarily repaired to enable the transportation of the wounded to a field hospital.

GERMANS HELPING TO CONQUER MONTENEGRO



Supply train of a German army corps assisting the Austrians in their conquest of Montenegro pushing to the front, while a file of captured Montenegrins is being marched to the rear.

LINER WHICH GERMANS BROUGHT TO NORFOLK



This is the British steamship Appam, which was captured by the German commerce raider Moewe, or Panga, in the North Atlantic and brought to Norfolk by a prize crew.

CONSTANTINE OF GREECE



This is the latest photograph of Constantine, king of Greece, who recently violated precedent by giving to a correspondent an interview in which he bitterly attacked the policy of the entente allies.

Worthy Tributes.

He that loveth a book will never want a faithful friend, a wholesome counselor, a cheerful companion and an effectual comforter.—Isaac Barrow.

FLIGHT OF OLD MARSHAL PUTNIK



This is one of the most tragic photographs of the war. Marshal Putnik, the aged Serbian commander in chief, who had distinguished himself in many campaigns and who was the directing genius of Serbia's determined fight against Austria, was forced to drink the bitter dregs of defeat. Enfeebled by age and the strain of battle against superior odds, the old commander was unable either to mount a horse or walk. An improvised rickshaw was secured and the general retreated with his army through the Albanian Alps.

Distant Thunder. If we count the seconds that elapse between our seeing a flash of lightning and our hearing the thunder we can tell how far off the thunderstorm is. As light travels 186,000 miles a second, we may for all practical purposes regard ourselves as seeing the lightning the instant it flashes. But sound travels only 1,087 feet a second. If, then, we multiply 1,087 by the number of seconds that elapse after the flash before we hear the thunder, we get the distance that lies between us and the storm. If we count five seconds, the flash is a mile away. As a rule, we do not hear the thunder at all if the storm is more than twelve to fifteen miles away from us. But the rule has exceptions. In Synopsie Meteorologique Magazine Mr. Harold W. Hill reports that last August he saw

two flashes of lightning in the west northwest of England and only heard the thunder after intervals of 114 and 112 seconds respectively. He calculates that the first flash occurred 244 miles and the second flash 238 miles away. Prof. Alexander S. Herschel, it is said, heard the thunder that followed a flash of lightning 44 miles from where he was.—Youth's Companion.

Horses and Books.

Rankin—There is one great difference between a gift horse and a gift book.

Phyle—To what difference do you refer?
Rankin—The recipient often looks a gift horse in the mouth but he never thinks of peeping into a gift book.—Youngstown Telegram.



CALIFORNIA FLOODS DOING IMMENSE DAMAGE

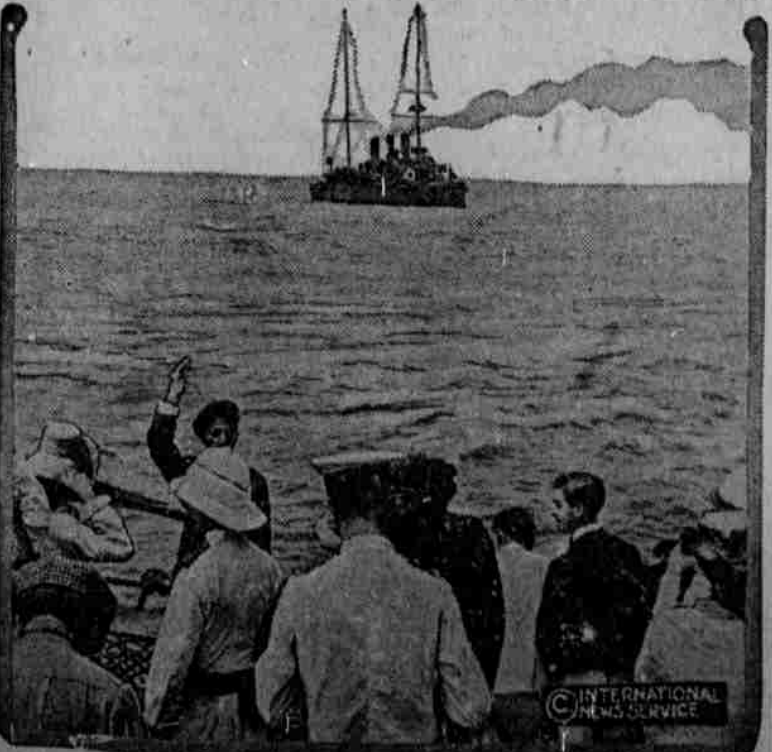
Floods in southern California are doing great damage and causing considerable loss of life. This photograph shows how the rush of waters wrecked the substructure of the railroad bridge over the Rio Hondo, making it impassable for trains.

WASHINGTON SCHOOLGIRLS FORM RIFLE CLUB



Even the schoolgirls of Washington have taken up the preparedness slogan and are making themselves ready for a possible war. This picture shows the charter members of the girls' rifle club formed at Western high school. Miss Helen Cummings, in the center, with her hand on the breech of a rifle, is the organizer and captain.

GERMAN OFFICER TAKEN BY BRITISH AT SEA



This photograph was taken on board the steamship Vauban when the British cruiser Vindictive had stopped it to take off Konrad Muehenstein, a German naval officer, who broke his parole after being captured by the Japanese in China and who later in San Francisco became implicated in plots against munition plants. Muehenstein is seen waving his hand in farewell as he is about to go aboard the cruiser's boat.

MISS OLOSEGA OF SAMOA



This is Miss Olosega, late of Pago Pago, Samoa, whom Lieut. and Mrs. J. N. Davis have brought to the United States to be educated. Her first lesson was to discard the picturesque though scant costume of the South Pacific, and she seems to take kindly to the garb of civilization, walking stick and all, except the shoes, which have proved troublesome.