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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR AUG. 6

GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD.

(Temperance Lesson.)

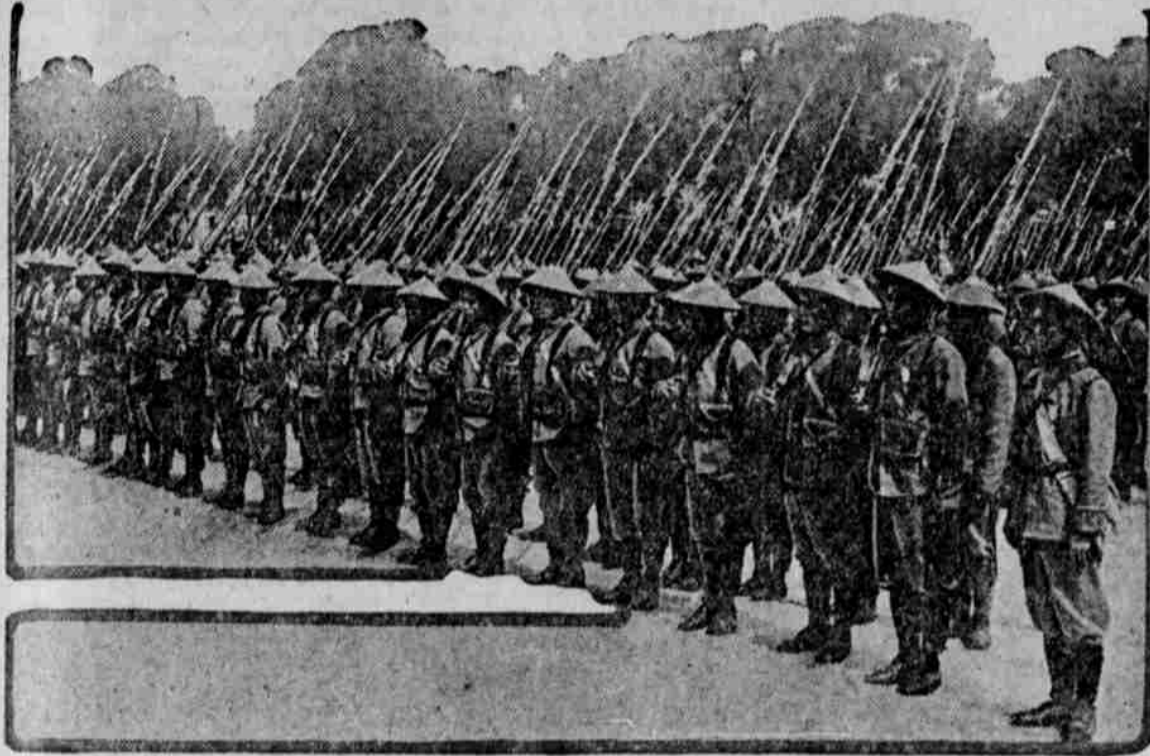
True ministry is in the exercise of spiritual gifts (Eph. 4:7-10). Every believer is a member of the body of Christ, and therefore has a definite ministry. Though the gifts are diverse, all are equally honorable because they are bestowed, administered and energized by the Holy Spirit. Love alone gives value to the ministry of any gift.

I. Fill the Gift With Love (vv. 1-3). Just as the body is dead unless a living soul abides in and inspires it, so is the gift unless filled with the spirit of love. This is the "more excellent way" to which Paul makes reference at the conclusion of Chapter 12. In praising love Paul does not fall into the error of criticizing others, not even his followers, and suggests that even he may be wanting in this trait. The Corinthians were eager to attain excellence and to be prominent in wisdom and philosophy; to understand the world in which they lived; to be scholars and teachers and improve and correct society. Paul therefore shows how vain are such things unless filled with the motive of love. (1) The gift of tongues. The saluts in the church at Corinth seem to have been particularly gifted in this direction, and to have been proud of it. (Ch. 14: 2-23) and eager to outstrip the others. Paul tells them that such boasting amounts to little. The grace of love is a far more excellent way. (2) The gift of prophecy. The New Testament prophet was a forth-teller, not a teller of the future. To be a forth-teller was a thing to be coveted and admired, but not unless accompanied by love. (3) Miracle working. A man can have this in the most powerful form conceivable, and yet if he has not love, he is nothing. (4) Benevolence. You can give all you have for the most philanthropic purpose, to feed the poor, and if you have not love you are "nothing." How many false hopes this will annihilate (see Matthew 6:1-4; 23:5). (5) Martyrdom. Give the body to die at the stake, and it will bring no great reward. The supreme gift, the one absolute essential, is love. can stop it.

II. Love is Known by Its Manifestations (vv. 4-7). Having shown the absolute necessity of love Paul shows how we may recognize it. The behavior of love can be seen and known. Paul set for us 15 manifestations. (1) Love suffereth long. Love is no passing emotion, but a fixed thought. (2) It is kind. Kindness in action, love at work. (3) Love envieth not. It does not grow out of selfishness, for selfishness is the very opposite of love. (4) Love vaunteth not itself, does not climb to the house-tops to proclaim its glory. (5) Is not puffed up. There is no inflation, like a soap bubble, to dazzle the eye. (6) Does not behave itself unseemly, that is without delicacy of feeling. Unseemly conduct grows from pride and selfishness, whereas love is the foundation of true courtesy. (7) Seeketh not her own. Is not looking out for self first of all. (8) Is not easily provoked; good tempered, not irritable. To lose one's temper is a dangerous evil. The evil is not so much in the temper but in our failure to control it. (9) Thinketh no evil. Puts the best construction upon the acts of others, making all possible allowances. (10) Rejoiceth not in iniquity. (11) Rejoiceth in the truth, that is, in sympathy with all that is true. (12) Beareth all things; endureth hardships and trials for the working out of the kingdom. (13) Believeth all things; not credulous but putting the best construction upon the words of others, and having faith in the final outcome of every good cause. (14) Hopeth all things; is not discouraged in the dark and shadowy days. (15) Endureth all things; it goes on believing and hoping to the end; no obstacle can stop it. Surely such a catalogue of the marks of love is enough to make us all pause and meditate.

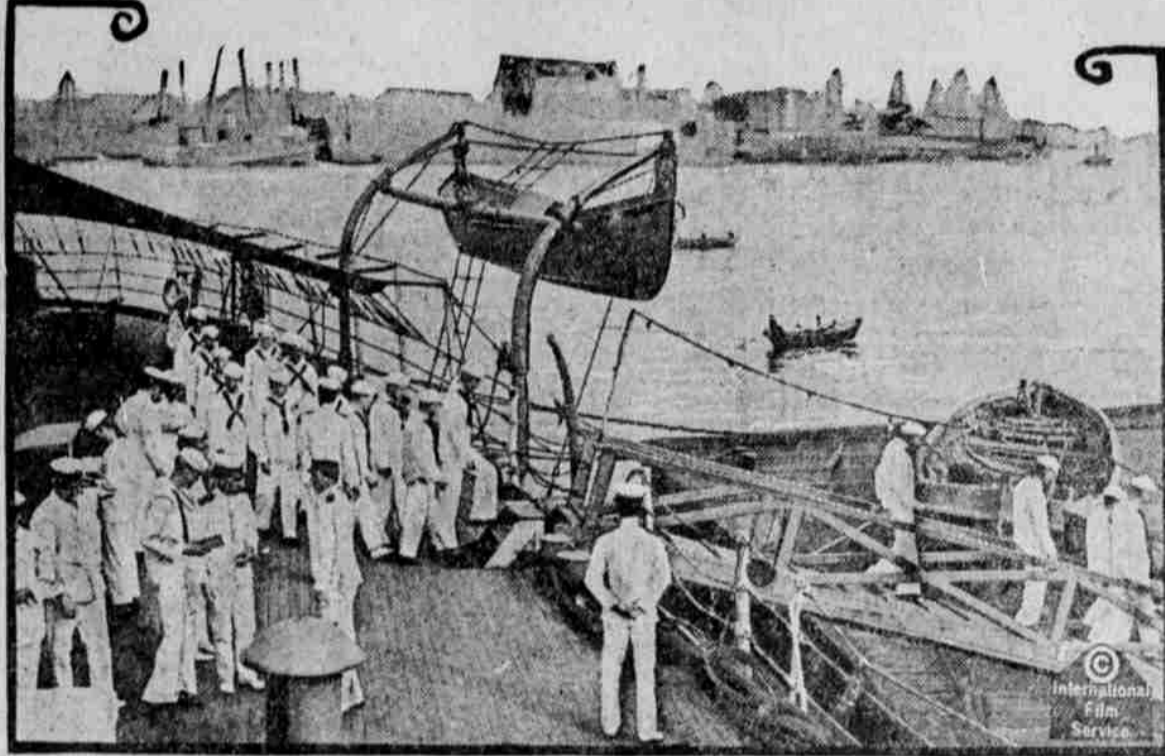
III. The Permanence of Life (vv. 8-13). The word "falleth" here denotes falling in the sense of cessation, and love is contrasted with three typical but passing forms of Christian expression. (1) "Prophecies;" not the things prophesied but the gift or act of prophesying (v. 3) which at best can only partially express God's word. Prophecy will pass away in the fuller vision and wider knowledge of God "Who is love." (2) "Tongues." The time will come when they will not be needed as a sign nor to enable us to express our varied emotions. The divinely inspired prophecies tell but a part of what is yet to be. (3) "Knowledge." It shall be done away in the fuller knowledge of the eternal world as the light of the stars vanish before the rising sun. When that which is perfect is come these lights will be seen to be only like the separate stones of a quarry which can only be fully understood when the whole building stands before us in its completion. Paul gives an illustration of this truth from the familiar case of the growing child (vv. 11, 12). In conclusion (v. 13) faith, hope, love abideth, three graces, imperishable and immortal. "Hope is a fountain; love distributes the water to others." Dr. J. H. Jowett; But the greatest of these is love. (a) Love is greater in its nature. It brings us closer to God, making us partakers of his nature. It is the one thing without which faith and hope are of little avail. (b) It is powerful as an influence for good and the strongest motive for the upbuilding of character. (c) It is universal, reaching people of every degree, land and nation. The longer one lives the more love he can have. It grows and has an increasing blessedness and glory.

ANNAMESE TROOPS FIGHTING FOR FRANCE



Annamese troops are now fighting with the allies at Saloniki, having been called into the war by France. Their equipment is modern, excepting their hats, which are made of woven bamboo fiber covered with khaki. Annam is a French protectorate and the soldiers now fighting for the allied cause are well trained. They are near relatives to the Chinese.

CITIZEN SAILORS ENLIST FOR SEA TRAINING



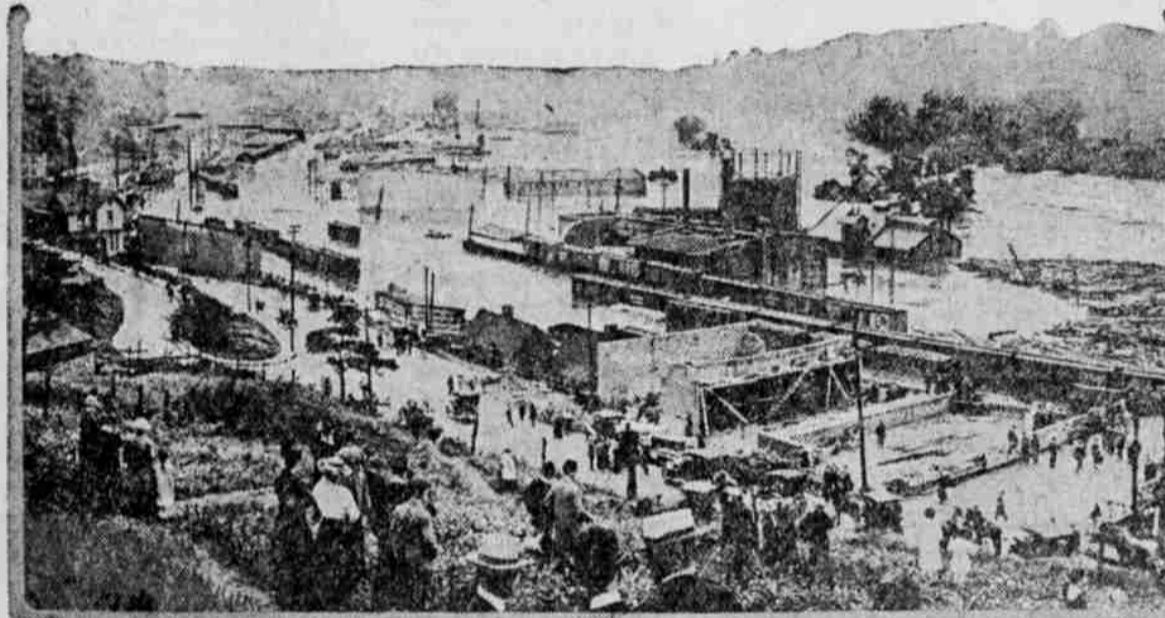
Bankers, brokers, lawyers, and physicians, as well as business men and their employees, have been mustered in with the Boston contingent of citizens who will go aboard the U. S. S. Virginia for the rigid training received aboard a man-o-war. They will be gone from August 15 to September 15.

GERMAN PRISONERS ARRIVING AT SOUTHAMPTON



A large number of German prisoners, captured by the British during their great drive, arriving at Southampton, England.

DISASTROUS FLOODS IN THE CAROLINAS



After exacting an unknown toll of death and causing a property loss of millions of dollars, the floods in the Carolinas have subsided. Many towns and villages were wrecked, and Asheville, N. C., was especially hard hit. The photograph shows how the gas and electric plants and railroad yards of that city were flooded.

CROWN PRINCE REWARDS HIS VERDUN TROOPS



This photograph, which came to America on the German submarine Deutschland, shows the German crown prince distributing iron crosses among his troops on the Verdun front.

THIS MAY SOON BELONG TO UNITED STATES



View of Charlotte Amalie, one of the chief towns of the Danish West Indies the sale of which to the United States is being negotiated. The three islands, St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, lie about fifty miles off the east coast of Porto Rico. They are 142 square miles in area and support a population of 271,000 persons. Nearly all the inhabitants of the islands are negroes who live by the cultivation of sugar cane.

SENDING HIS RESPECTS TO GERMANS



British soldier in France preparing to send his compliments to the Germans by means of one of the huge shells that are stacked up for the English guns.

JIM MANN IN WHITE



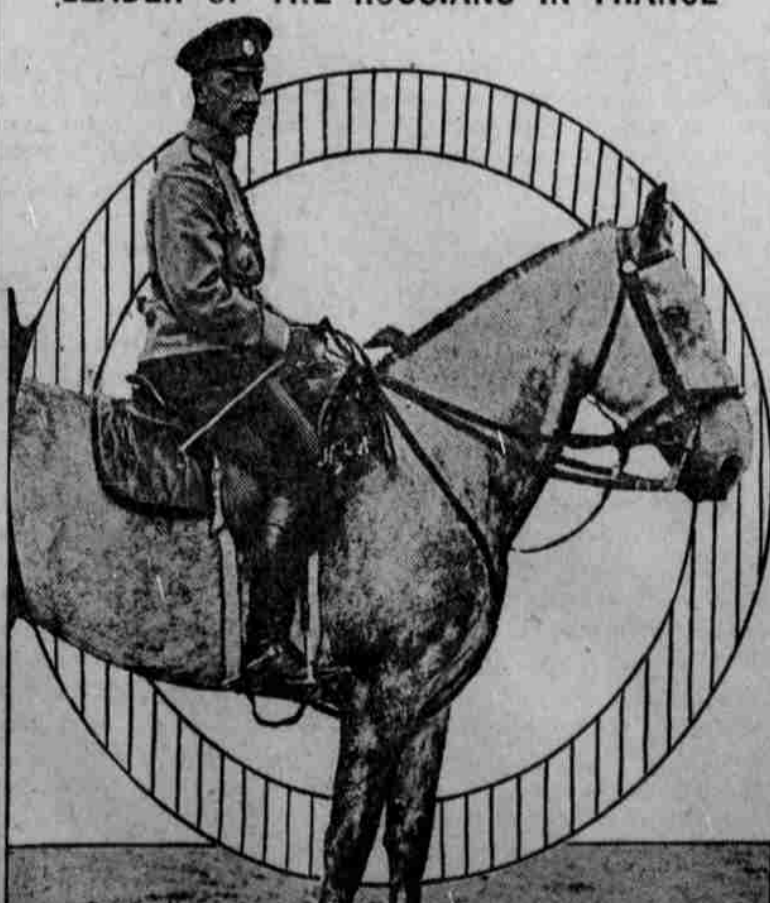
Judging by the snapshot of Congressman Mann, minority leader in the house, he is standing the hot weather very well.

KITCHIN KEEPING COOL



Hot-weather snapshot of Claude Kitchin, majority leader in the house of representatives.

LEADER OF THE RUSSIANS IN FRANCE



General Lohvitsky, commander of the Russian troops that are now fighting in France, on the Champagne front.

CULLED HERE AND THERE

The centennial of gas lighting in this country has just taken place. To catch burglars an Englishman has patented mechanism to drop a person who steps in front of a safe at certain hours into a pit, doors closing over him. Of the coal produced in Great Britain in 1913, 189,002,300 tons were retained for home consumption—representing 4,108 tons for each of the population.

Emperor William of Germany has 205 different uniforms, but wears only 20 or 30. Thirty-one languages are spoken by the variety of races in the Philippine Islands. Mistletoe is proving a pest in the lumber region of the Northwest and steps are being taken by the government forestry people to combat it.