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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 2

THE SHEPHERD OF CAPTIVE ISRAEL.

LESSON TEXT—Ezekiel 34.
GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.—Psa. 23:1.

With the complete subversion of the kingdom of Judah, the national consciousness was largely crushed and the people were without heart for the common affairs of life. Ezekiel, though born in Jerusalem, prophesied in Babylon near the River Kebar. The object of his prophesying was to encourage the captives by placing before them God's promise of their return to their own land. His name signifies, "God will strengthen," which is very appropriate to the mission which in the providence of God he was called upon to fill. The vision of the Good Shepherd was very striking and most fitting to accomplish this.

I. Israel's Faithless Shepherds Denounced. (vv. 1-10). These false shepherds included the kings, princes, judges and priests. Ezekiel points out that the captivity was because of sin, but he shows that the greatest guilt obtains with reference to these leaders. They were placed in the position to care for and protect the sheep. The following indictments are brought against them:

1. They fed themselves instead of the flock (v. 2). They were essentially selfish. They ministered to themselves instead of the sheep. Too many today are filling public offices for the sake of private gain. Sometimes even ministers are found who are more concerned about themselves, their pleasures and profits, than they are about the souls of the people who support them.

2. They were cruel (v. 3). They were not only mere hirelings, guilty of looking after themselves, but they actually behaved like robbers, preying upon the flocks. All are guilty of this same sin who use their influence and power to the disadvantage of others. In the theocratic kingdom such behavior was peculiarly obnoxious, as the rulers and ministers were representatives of Jehovah himself. The minister and public officer today is acting in his capacity for God, not for himself, therefore he should make the cause of heaven his chief concern.

3. They neglected the diseased, wounded, wayward, and lost (vv. 4-6). As a result of their selfish cruelty the sheep were without food; therefore exposed to disease; had no bond of unity, were exposed to the ravages of wild beasts. God's flocks are in many places thus suffering and dying because they have not been fed. God's judgments are against such (vv. 7-10).

II. The Faithful Shepherd. (vv. 11-16). The Shepherd here is none other than Jesus Christ. The wonderful blessings here described will be realized by Israel in millennial times. This blessed condition will be ushered in by the second coming of Christ. How sincerely all should pray, "Thy kingdom come." When the true Shepherd comes:

1. He will seek his lost sheep (v. 11). Though they have gone astray through wilfulness on their part, and neglect on the part of faithless shepherds, Jesus will seek them out and save them. To save the lost was his peculiar mission (Luke 19:10).

2. He will rescue them from the power of their enemies (v. 12). God's sheep have real enemies and they have fallen into the enemies' hands, but the Faithful Shepherd is able to deliver them. "No one is able to pluck them out of his hands" (John 10:28, 29).

3. He will bring them back to their own land (v. 13). Poor, scattered Israel shall one day (may it be soon!) be brought back to their own land. This is the one unmistakable sign by which we may know the beginning of the end of this dispensation. Be assured that it is not wars, nor pestilences that mark the sign of the close of this age, but the movements of Israel.

4. He will feed them (vv. 14, 15). "I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and I will strengthen that which was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment."

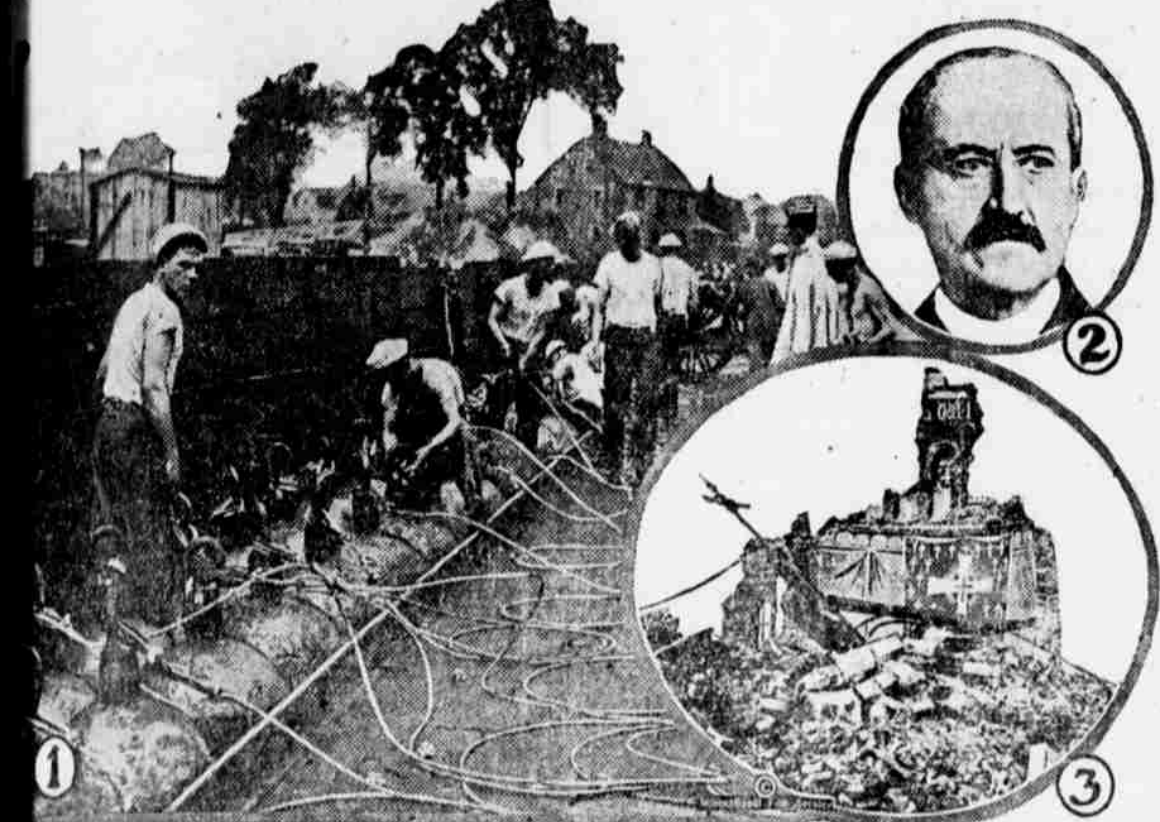
This means that regenerated Israel shall enjoy all that the loving kindness and wisdom of God has enabled him to provide, even though they are away through their wilfulness and neglect.

5. He will seek that which was lost (v. 16). That which has been driven away he will seek and bring it back again.

6. He will heal them from weakness and suffering (v. 16). All the wounds which Israel has received these many centuries shall be healed. For the Shepherd Healer there are no incurable ills, neither any diseases that baffle his skill. The weak and tender shall be cared for by him. While all these blessings are peculiarly for Israel, they likewise can be enjoyed by all those who will receive his grace now and allow him to restore and heal them.

III. The Golden Age (vv. 23-27). The vision of the world as it now is, is most disheartening. It is midnight darkness. In this blackness we wonder why God does not interpose. We wonder how he can be silent. While midnight is upon us we are hopeful, for we see the bow of God's promise of better things flung across the sky. This present order shall disappear before the new. In that new order:

1. Jesus Christ, David's Son, shall be King (vv. 23, 24). This new era of blessedness can only come into realization when God's Son shall establish his kingdom upon the earth.



1—Members of the Naval Reserve at an Atlantic port linking nets to catch raiding submarines. 2—New Photograph of Dr. George Michiels, the German imperial chancellor. 3—The church of Douchy, France, once a beautiful structure, now a heap of ruins.

MAKING A CAMOUFLAGE SCREEN IN FRANCE



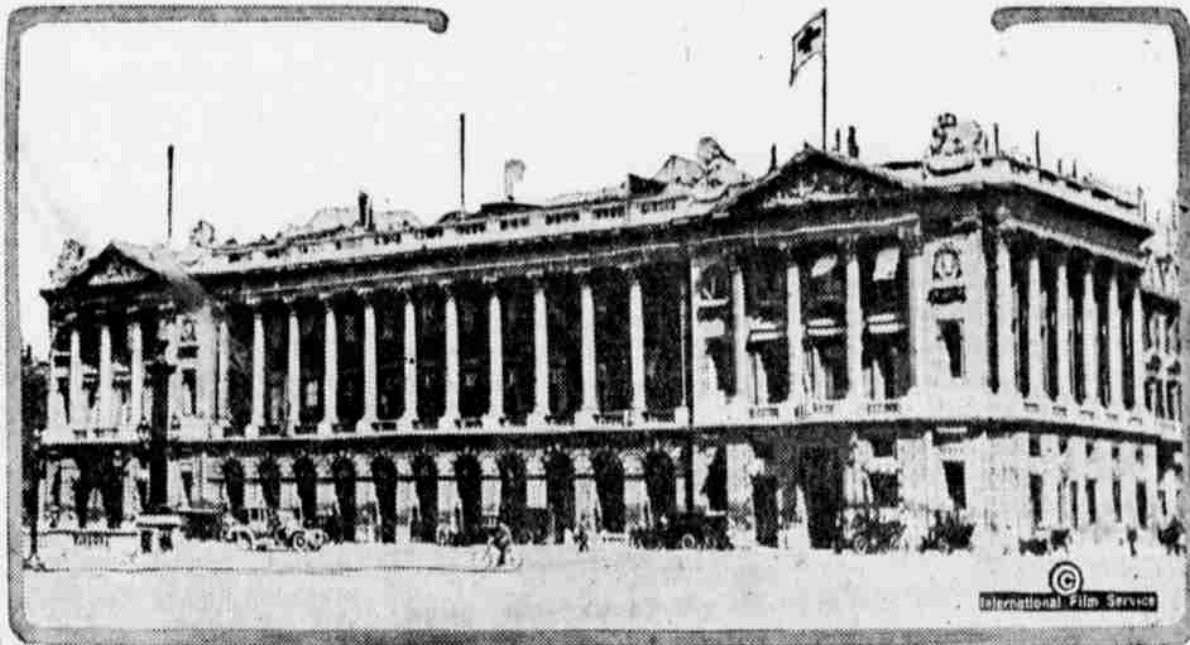
French soldiers of the "camouflage" division weaving a screen of leaves and twigs. These screens are skillfully hung over important military roads concealing from the airman's eyes the passing troops and motors.

BRITISH HOWITZERS USED IN FLANDERS DRIVE



These gigantic howitzers, shown in action, are some of the guns with which the British are hammering the Germans in Flanders.

AMERICAN RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS



The new headquarters of the American Red Cross in Paris are in this fine building in the Place de la Concorde.

HEROINES OF THE LEGION OF DEATH



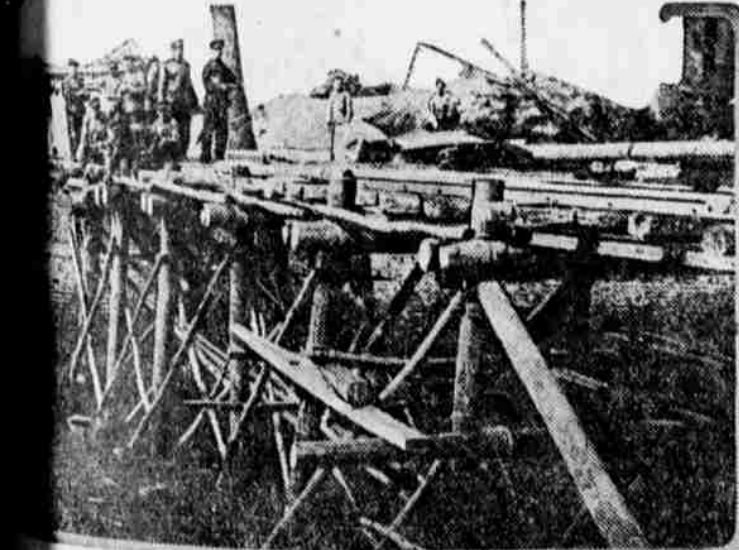
Three of the heroic members of the "Legion of Death," the organization of Russian women which is fighting the Teutons with as much bravery and sacrifice as any body of men could exhibit. Each member carries a dose of potassium to use in the event of capture.

HUSKY MAN FOR THE NAVY



Joe Cox, a heavyweight pugilist, has enlisted in the Naval Reserve and gains many recruits by exhibitions of his feats of strength. Lately he has been helping get coals for the service.

CANAL BRIDGE BUILT BY ENGINEERS



A French battalion of engineers and one of the bridges they have built for use of the canals in the Somme region.

REGULARS IN NOVEL BILLET



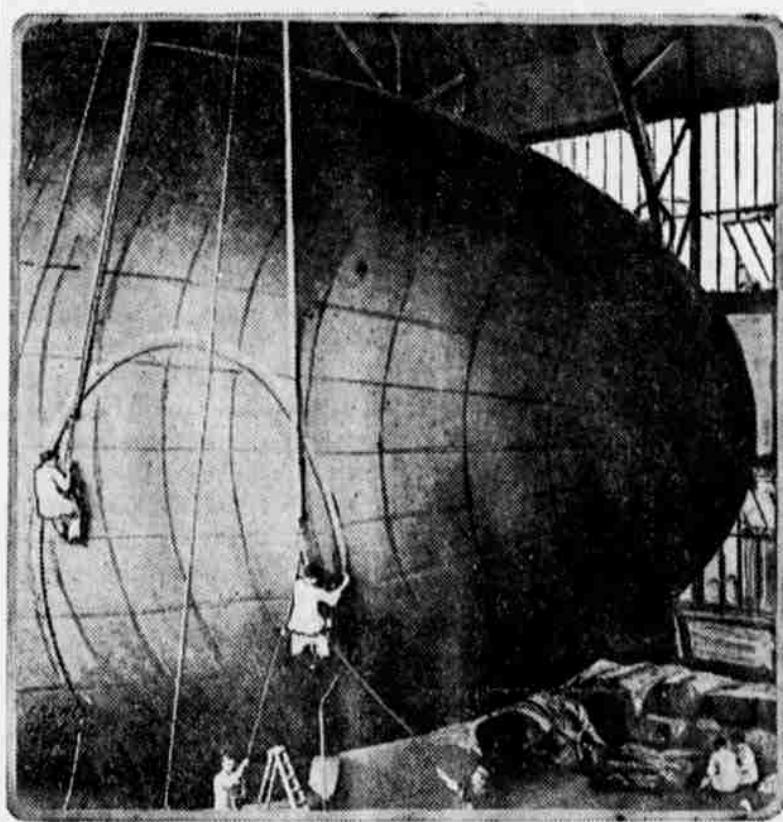
United States regulars are quartered in the old Mexican adobe village at the Diego Exposition grounds. Upon passing the sentry one is given a surprise to see our boys at home in the "Painted Desert," formerly a mission.

ON HIS OIL-DRUM BOAT



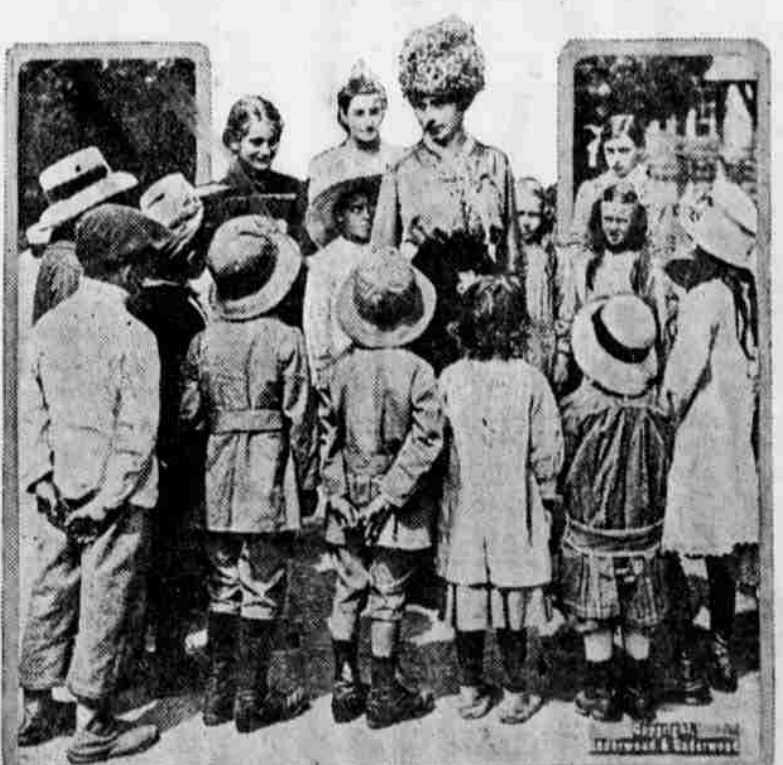
British soldier in Belgium taking a pleasure ride on a boat he has made of oil drums.

FRENCH WOMEN MAKING BALLOONS



In this French official photograph showing the manufacture of observation balloons, women are seen suspended in chairs sewing the ropes that hold the air into the gas bag.

HEROINE AND HER YOUNG CHARGES



When the war broke out, Mme. Pellequer was schoolmistress at Maucourt, a French village, which the Germans soon occupied. She refused to abandon her little charges and for 30 months kept her school open and also hid wounded French soldiers in the cellar of her home. When the Germans retreated last March they took Mme. Pellequer with them, but she escaped in time to warn her countrymen of a big mine the Boches had prepared under the town hall.

Coffin as a Mascot.

Mme. Bertha, who was deported from her sumptuous mansion in the West end of London as an "undesirable alien" a couple of years ago, had an upper room, which her servants irreverently called her "vault," hung with somber black curtains, and in the center, mounted on trestles, the most elaborate specimen of the undertaker's art that could be imagined.

It was of polished rosewood, finely worked with silver mountings, very massive. On the name plate was delicately engraved "Bertha Trost." The favorite entertainment of this notorious beauty specialist and "reincarnation of Marie Antoinette," was a reception to "view my mascot," as she termed this coffin, and she could explain to her startled guests that she kept it near at hand to reconcile her to the idea of death!

Stock Steak.

The diner had finished his first course and lay back, frowning at the unvanquished steak before him. Twice in one minute the new waiter made an attempt to clear away and received a sullen dismissal each time.

"Beg pardon, sir," he said at last. "There's a big demand for steak to-day. We have only three of them in stock, and the other two being in use, we'd be glad if you've finished with this one."

92,000 Pieces in Clock.

At Beauvais cathedral there is a clock which is composed of 92,000 separate pieces, having 52 dial plates. This clock gives the time in the big capitals of the world as well as the local hour, the day of the week and month, the rising and setting of the sun, the phases of the moon and tides, as well as considerable other information.

Short and to the Point.

One of the shortest summings-up on record is believed to be that delivered by the late Commissioner Kerr at the Old Bailey in a case where a man was charged with being in the unlawful possession of a gold watch and chain.

The appearance of the prisoner certainly did not correspond with the legitimate possession of such costly ornaments, but he asserted his innocence of the charge and declared that he had found the watch and chain on the pavement.

The judge looked at the man in the dock and then at the men in the box. "Gentlemen of the jury," he said, "I have walked over the pavements of London during the last forty years, and I've never found a gold watch and chain there yet. Consider your verdict."—London Tit-Bits.

Japanese Vegetables.

Very little meat is produced or consumed in Japan, the people depending mainly on vegetables, such as rice, nsn, certain bulbs, such as tiger lily and seaweed, which are very nourishing and different from anything found along our seacoast.

Peas and beans are largely cultivated in Japan, which resemble our bush beans, and are very prolific, including twenty or more varieties; radishes, in all sizes which weigh from half a pound to a pound.

Cucumbers include the climbing variety, which has been introduced in this country; carrots of large size and fine flavor, eggplants, turnips and a pumpkin which in size and flavor rivals our best, excellent as a pie filling or cooked as we cook turnips. The udo compares favorably with asparagus.