

Pictures of World Events for News Readers

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 14.

RETURNING FROM CAPTIVITY.

LESSON TEXT—Ezra 1.
GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.—Psalms 135:3.

Israel went into captivity because of her sins. The time of her disciplinary process was about to end, as its purpose was now accomplished; namely, the cure of Israel's idolatry. Ever since the Babylonian captivity the Hebrew people have been worshippers of the one God. Monotheism has stood forth as a vital characteristic. The main reason for the Jews' maintenance of racial identity in spite of their national dislocation and the breaking up of their social ties, is the unity of their faith, around the one God.

I. The Proclamation of Cyrus (vv. 1-4).

(1) The Time of (v. 1). The first year of Cyrus; that is the first year after his conquest of Babylon.

(2) How It Was Brought About (v. 1). The Lord stirred up his spirit. The Lord often uses very unlikely agents in the accomplishment of his purposes. There is nothing too hard for him. He can readily use a heathen king to accomplish his purpose. He can find a way of approach to any heart. Likely Daniel was the agent used to bring the matter to the king's attention. Daniel was still the influential prime minister of Babylon. From his study of the prophecies of Jeremiah (Jer. 25:12; Isa. 45:1; compare Daniel 9:2), he knew that the time was near for the return of the people to their own land, so he likely brought the matter to the attention of the king and persuaded him to thus favor his people.

(3) Its Contents (vv. 2-4).

(a) A confession of the true God (vv. 2, 3).

He acknowledges him to be the God of heaven, the Most High, the Supreme God, a God of goodness. He declared, "He has given me all the kingdoms of the earth," and that God had with authority laid upon him the charge of building him a house at Jerusalem.

(b) A Generous Permission to Israel (v. 3). All who desired to go up to Jerusalem and build the Lord's house were permitted to go. He even commanded the blessing of the Lord to be upon them.

(c) A Positive Co-Operation (v. 4). None were obliged to go up, but a positive obligation was laid upon those who did not go up to render assistance to those who did. They were to aid in the building of the house of God by giving money, beasts and goods. It was more than a free-will offering, an obligation in addition thereto. The obligation was even wider than the people of Israel. The heathen were asked to render aid.

II. Response to the Proclamation of Cyrus (vv. 5, 6).

(1) By Israel (v. 5). Strange to say the decree of Cyrus was not met with great enthusiasm. Only a small number, chiefly from Judah and Benjamin, returned (v. 5). For most of them it meant giving up business interests, for they had settled down to the regular callings of life. Besides the sacrifice of business interests it involved great risks as to the future. The entire company, including servants, was about fifty thousand (2:64). Of this company we note the following divisions; first, chiefs of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, that is magistrates; second, priests and Levites, leaders in religion; third, skillful artificers, head workmen.

(2) By Their Neighbors (v. 6). This response was apparently more hearty than that of the Jews themselves. Their neighbors gave freely of gold, silver, beasts and goods. God had not only graciously disposed the heart of Cyrus toward his people, but they found peculiar favor from their neighbors, so that their wants were abundantly supplied.

III. Restoration of the Sacred Vessels (vv. 7-11). These vessels had been carried away to Babylon many years before. Little did Nebuchadnezzar realize that he would put into safe keeping the vessels which would be needed at this time. They were carefully numbered and turned over to the proper officers. Except for their desecration in Belshazzar's feast, they were none the worse for having been carried away. These were brought up to Jerusalem from Babylon.

Stand by the Faith.

Are we serving God and the church as well? Are we getting ready? Are we putting our whole trust and confidence in the Lord? We must be careful not to secularize the church while we are trying to religionize the world. One of the chief dangers of the clergy meet is that while we try to win men, the men of the world may win us. We must, first of all, subordinate everything to building up the ideal of the Christ and his church. There is no better way to build up and to stand by faith.—The Bishop of Colorado.

What We Are Here For.

We are not put here just to enjoy ourselves and do only what pleases us. God wants us to forget our own selves; that is, not to think first and foremost of ourselves, but to be busy thinking what we can do for others, to help them, or to make them happy. And the Bible tells us, you know, that "Christ pleased not himself." He never thought what would make him happiest or most comfortable, but what he could do for someone else.—Kate S. Gates.

Poverty.

Poverty is only contemptible when it is felt to be so. Doubtless the best way to make our poverty respectable is to seem never to feel it as an evil.—Bovee.



England drinking the health of France where the allied lines meet on the western front. 2—Argentine sailors on a ship with rifles and small field pieces. 3—Byron R. Newton, assistant secretary of the treasury for five years has been appointed collector of customs of the port of New York.

GUARDS TO KEEP RETREATING RUSSIANS IN ORDER



When the Russians were fleeing before the Germans guards were drawn up at many points across the line of retreat to maintain some semblance of order and prevent panics. This is the first photograph of that incident of the Russian retreat to arrive in this country.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE WEAR STEEL HELMETS



American troops wearing their new steel trench helmets at a training camp near the French front.

MRS. J. KENDALL



Mrs. J. Kendall, a prominent New York woman, in the garb she will wear in France, where she will direct a small army of chauffeurs engaged in transporting portable hangars to be used by American aviators in France. The work will be done under the supervision of the National League for Women's Service.

An Automatic Payteller.

A machine that indicates the amount due in every man's pay envelope the instant it is wanted is among the latest office devices. This machine, it is said, gives the products of payrolls and distributes job costs in far less time than the most expert clerk can deduct them by pencil and pad. A twist of the wrist gives the product of the most involved payroll fractions—whatever the rate per hour or the hours worked may be. Perhaps most remarkable of all is the fact that the machine does not compute products; instead, it has 19,340 computed products which cover all conventional payroll figures. The machine occupies little space and is compact and portable.

Teaching by Example.

An item running the rounds states how tame elephants are used in India to capture wild ones. California has a "diving horse" that is used to encourage other horses to leap from a high platform into a tank. The animals that are in training watch their "teacher" make several plunges from a platform 30 feet high; they are then made to leap from a platform 15 feet high; after a few trials they seem to lose their fear and make the leap from different heights without hesitation. This all shows how things can be taught by example.

MEDAL AWARDED PRESIDENT WILSON



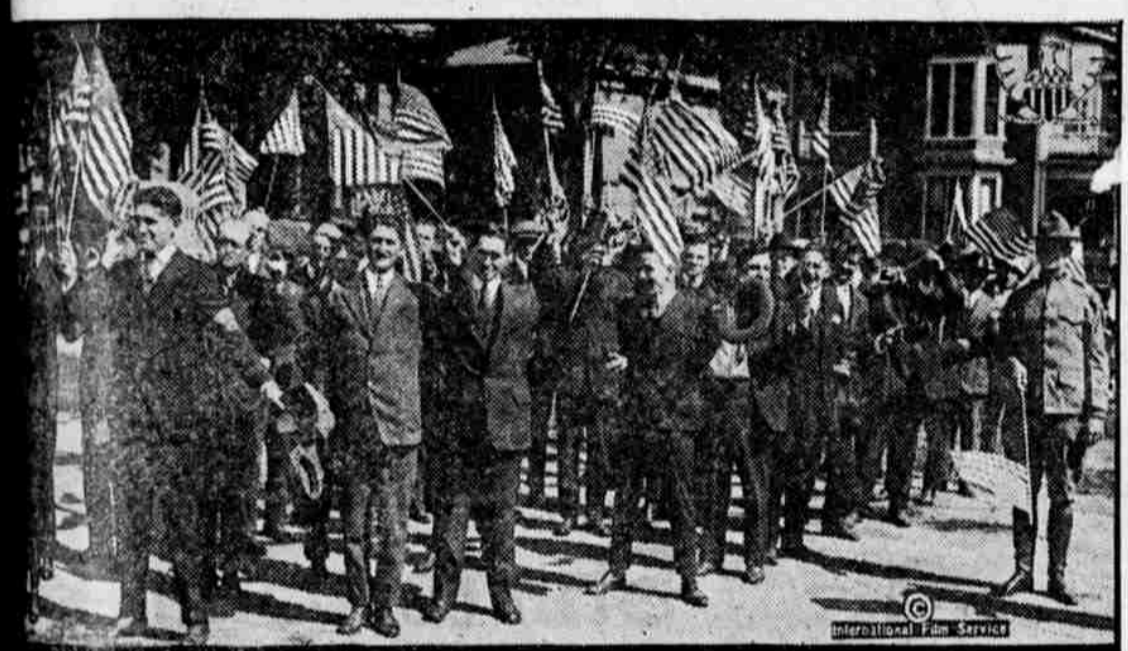
President Wilson has received from the Humanitarian cult its first annual medal, awarded to him by an open vote of the members of the cult as the "Humanitarian of the year 1916." The medal was presented to the president by a committee headed by the cult's founder, Misha Appelbaum.

CAMOUFLAGE PROTECTS ITALIAN ROAD



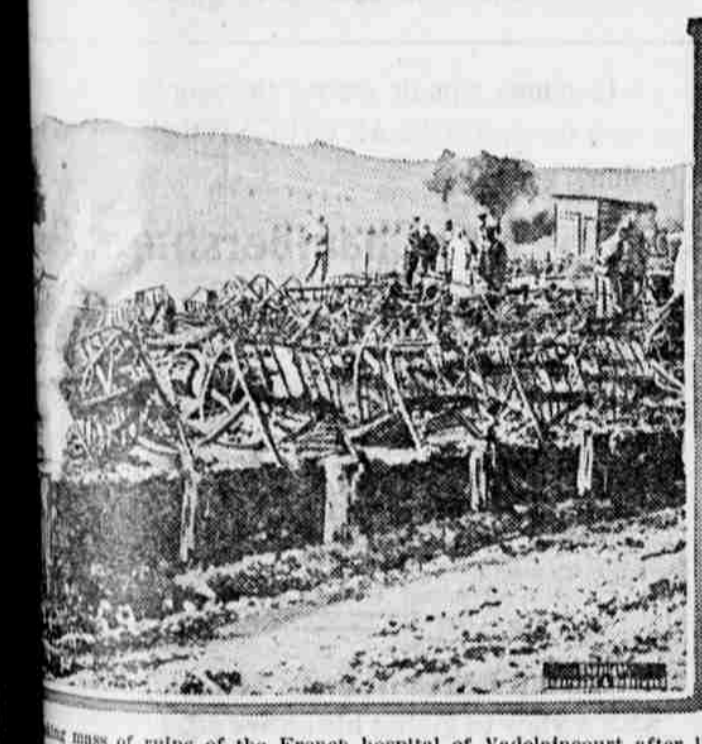
Where the Italians are driving back the Austrians high in the mountains on the Isonzo front camouflage is practiced extensively by the Italians to protect their lines of communication and supplies. This photograph shows the road to Vipulzano protected by a screen of straw from the artillery fire of the enemy that is constantly sweeping over it. A supply train is passing along the road.

PROVIDENCE MEN OFF FOR NATIONAL ARMY CAMP



Young men from Providence, R. I., marching on the city parade ground before leaving for the National army camp. This is the second quota of men sent to the camp.

WHAT THE GERMANS DO TO HOSPITALS



Masses of ruins of the French hospital of Vadelaincourt after it was destroyed by German aviators with incendiary bombs. A number of wounded soldiers and attendants were killed.

GERMAN WHO IS PESSIMISTIC



General Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven, chief of the supplementary general staff of the German army, has declared that the general political and economic situation of the war works only in favor of the allies and that Germany's soldiers will be defrauded of the fruits of her victories. General Loringhoven believes trench warfare a great mistake and thinks that only an aggressive attack would have brought success. He adds, however, that the German offensive was not strong enough to overthrow the allies. He is shown, at left in photograph, talking with a member of his staff.

But One Ideal.

Ideals of beauty differ where the body is concerned. One person prefers blue eyes and another brown. "What a pretty girl Bessie is," one will say, and another will answer: "Why, I never thought Bessie particularly pretty, but her sister Mary—" and so on. But when beauty of character is concerned, there is no such disagreement. Everyone realizes that selfishness is beautiful, and selfishness ugly, that kindness is charming and hate hideous. There is no danger of your becoming confused by a double standard. There is but one ideal for the beauty of the spirit.—Girl's Companion.

His Age.

Allan, on his second birthday, was told by his mother that he was two years old. That same day his mother weighed him, and as she lifted him off the scale, she said: "You weigh just thirty pounds." That evening, when the little boy's father came home, he said: "Well, Allan, how old are you?" Allan hesitated a few seconds and then replied: "Two years and thirty pounds."

POST OFFICE BUILDING IN TRIESTE



Impending post office building in Trieste, the Austrian city toward which Italian armies are slowly forcing their way.

Be a Money Maker.

When he touches turns to trouble in that way, I'd be glad to do something all the time.

"A Train of Thought."

"I like to imagine myself in various places." "Travel around the world on a train of thought, so to speak."

The Modern Way.

She—He stole the livery of heaven to serve the devil in. He—Livery nothing! He made his getaway in a six-cylinder.—Judge.

It's Often So.

It's a regular hatchet face. It's sharp in the face, but it's round in the head.