

# Pictures of World Events for News Readers

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## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 2

#### NEHEMIAH BUILDS THE WALL OF JERUSALEM.

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 4:7-21.  
GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord is my Helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.—Hebrews 13:3.

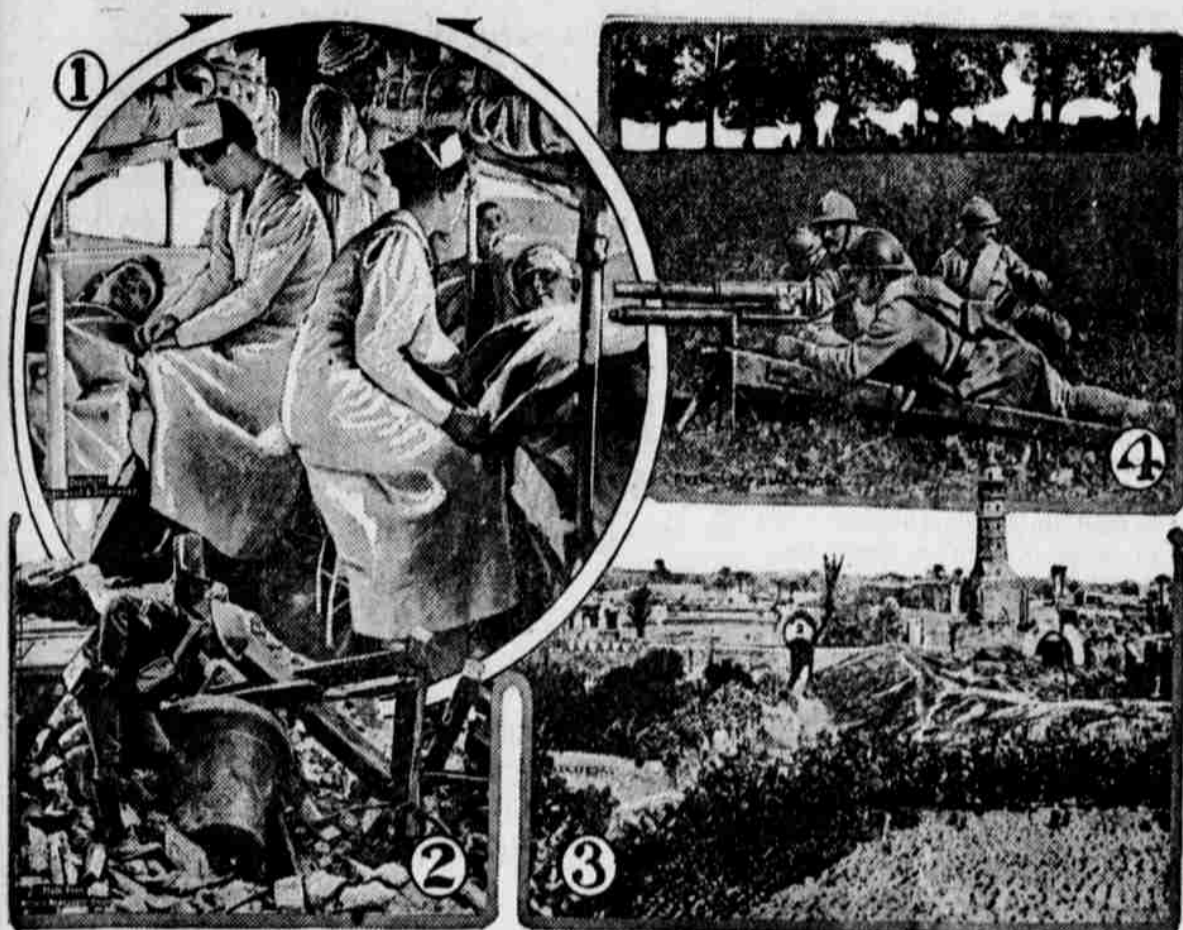
The lesson of November 18 spoke of Nehemiah journeying to Jerusalem. After his arrival he spent three days in looking over the work; then he told the priests and other leaders his plans. Enthusiasm was awakened, all classes were aroused, the work of the building of the wall of the city was apportioned among the people, and soon half of the wall was completed "for the people had a mind to work."

I. **The Wrath of the Enemy**, vv. 7-9. The progress of the work kept up the anger of Sanballat the Horonite and his friends who formed an alliance to hinder the wall being built (vv. 7, 8). When God begins to work through his people, Satan is aroused and tries to interfere. It is no sign that a Christian is out of the will of God when opposition is felt. The enemy will always be on hand to try to hinder whenever a real work for God is going forward. Dead formal Christianity runs smoothly and with leadly monotony and Satan lets it alone, but as soon as some results of real work are seen, opposition is at once felt. Thus it was when God sent his Son into the world, and so it has been in every movement for God in the church, and so it will be in the individual Christian life. From the next verse (9) we would almost think that Nehemiah had heard our Lord's injunction to "watch and pray." Many do much watching and fail; many do much praying and fail; but none ever turns to watching and praying without finding victory. Prayer alone means sloth; watching alone means pride; but watching and praying victory.

II. **Internal Opposition**, vv. 10-14. Sanballat and his friends were not the only ones Nehemiah had to contend with. Among those that worked on the wall were some shirkers and grumblers. They had become discouraged in the work and began to say they could never complete it (v. 10). If Satan fails to hinder the work from the outside, he will attempt to create dissatisfaction on the inside. Internal confusion of the church is more to be dreaded than open opposition from a known enemy. Discussion and confusion in the church can usually be traced to workers becoming discouraged. The plot of the enemy to make a surprise attack was discovered by the Jews who lived outside the city. They reported it not once, but ten times, with the suggestion that the work on the wall be stopped, and safety sought by leaving the city altogether (vv. 11, 12). When the enemy's open opposition fails and discouragement has been tried, an attempt is made to bring fear upon the workers. But the Bible is full of exhortations for Christians to "fear not." Could these workers on the walls of Jerusalem have seen the unseen, it would have made little difference to them whether the enemies were numbered by tens or thousands, and could Christians today realize that God is for them, all opposition would be as nothing. (I Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:31; Phil. 4:13). Nehemiah at once proceeded to allay the fears (13, 14). Armed forces were arranged about the walls to guard against the reported surprise attack. The warriors were placed so that in the event of battle they would be protecting their own particular families. Then Nehemiah made a short speech of encouragement to the people, the heart of which was "Remember the Lord which is great and terrible." Remembering him would drive the fear away. They who are on the Lord's side are already victors even before the battle has begun. Someone said to a great general before a certain battle began: "I hope the Lord is on our side." The reply was: "I trust we are on the Lord's side." When this is true, there need be no fear whether the enemies be few or many. Nehemiah then exhorted them to fight for their families and their homes. This two-fold secret of the victory is presented to us over and over in this book of Nehemiah, and nowhere is so prominent as in this lesson. Victory for the Christian depends on two things: We must trust in the Lord as though all depended on him, and we must work and fight as though all depended on us. This is the secret of the success of Nehemiah.

III. **The Progress of the Work**, (vv. 15-21). The speech of Nehemiah having quieted the fears of the people and the enemy having heard that their plans were known and that God had brought their counsel to nought, all the people returned to the work with renewed enthusiasm and purpose (15). There was a rearrangement of forces (16-21). Half of the people worked; half, full armed, stood guard. A trumpeter was beside Nehemiah, so that at the first alarm from outside all the workers and warriors could be called to the threatened spot. Then, after all was done that could be done in the way of protection, they went ahead with the building of the wall, encouraged with the word of their leader "Our God shall fight for us." So the Christian is going ahead in spite of all opposition being God's instrument doing God's work with God's power, knowing that "Our God shall fight for us."

**Divine Chemistry.** There is no finer chemistry than that by which the element of suffering is so compounded with spiritual forces that it issues to the world as gentleness and strength.—G. S. Merriam.



1—Scene in a new hospital car designed and built by one of the railroads and offered to the United States government. 2—French soldier examining a church bell in the ruins of a village near Lens overlooked by the looting Germans. 3—View of Gaza, recently captured by the British forces in Palestine. 4—Practicing with the new French 37-millimeter field gun.

### BAKING OVENS OF THE FRENCH NEAR THE FRONT



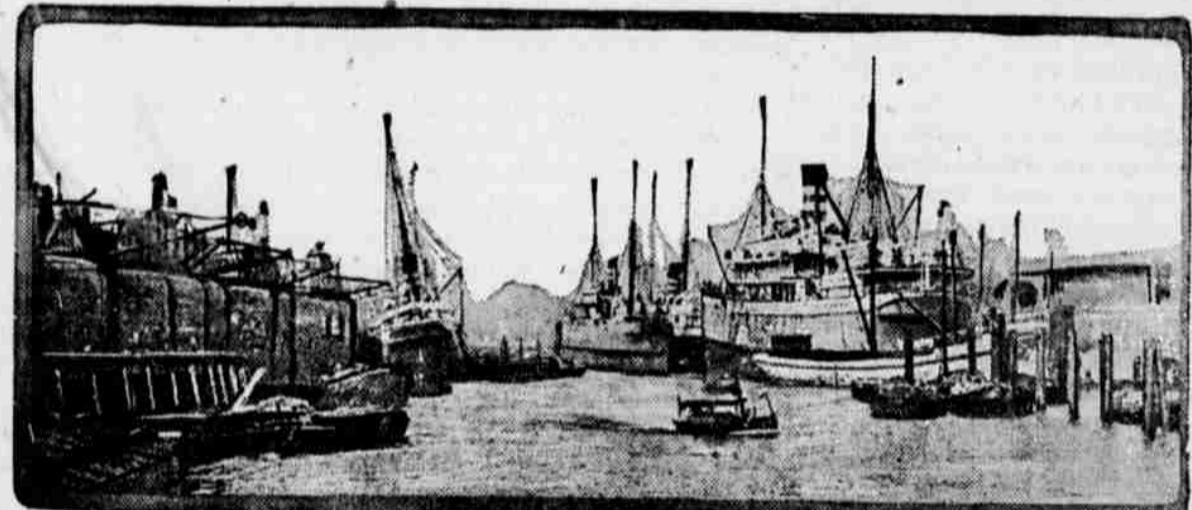
Thousands of these new style baking shops have been installed by the French near their various battle fronts. The French system of feeding the troops is unsurpassed.

### EVEN THE FIREMEN ARE KNITTING FOR THE SOLDIERS



Knitting for the soldiers is no longer confined to the women. The firemen of Rome, N. Y., have found quite a deal of time to spare while waiting in their firehouse for blazes to start. So all day and all night those on duty are at their knitting turning out socks for the American fund for French wounded, which installed three knitting machines in engine house No. 2.

### IDLE SHIPPING IN THE PORT OF HAMBURG



This photograph made recently in the port of Hamburg shows the great German ships lying idle at their piers. They have been tied up since the declaration of war.

### BOMBS FOR AIRPLANE USE



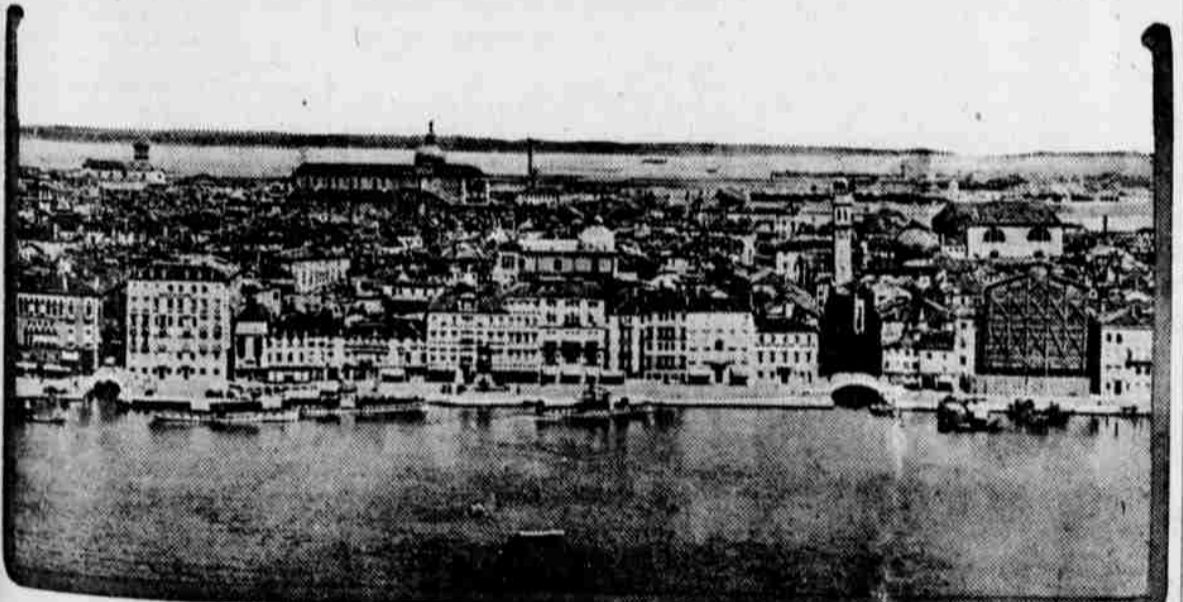
Here are several of the latest airplane bombs invented by Americans and accepted by our government. They do not explode except when striking on their noses.

### MEAT DRIPPINGS MAKE FINE SOAP



Making soap from the drippings of meat is the practical war work of Mrs. O. O. Van den Berg of Washington, who is shown at her desk in the uniform of the United States food administration. The drippings are saved until six pounds are accumulated. This, with one can of lye, will make 18 cakes of hard soap, delightful for the bath and excellent for washing fine fabrics or laces.

### VENICE MAY FALL INTO HANDS OF THE TEUTONS



Panorama of Venice, which may be taken by the Teuton armies that have invaded Italy. The removable art treasures of the city already have been taken away.

### ZEPPELIN CAPTURED BY THE FRENCH



Two views of the great new type Zeppelin which was brought down practically uninjured by French aviators when it was returning from a raid on London. It came to ground near Bourbonne-les-Bains.

### U. S. PORTABLE SEARCHLIGHT



This is a portable searchlight that is in use at the United States marine camp at Quantico, Va. It can be moved anywhere at short notice.

### Good Cause for It.

Stranger—Say, it seems like the whole town's running. What's the excitement?  
Native—Excitement! Why, mister, the 9:40 train's coming past.

### Cantonment Talk.

A battery on parade was being inspected by the sergeant major. In the center of a wagon a driver in a "tub" had a haversack, which was none too clean. The following dialogue took place:

Sergeant Major—"Out of cells again, Brown?"

Brown—"Yes, sir."

Sergeant Major—"That's a very dirty haversack you have got."

Brown—"Yes, sir. I only got it from the stores yesterday, and have not had time to wash it."

Sergeant Major—"Get it washed immediately after parade and show it to me."

Just then the commanding officer came on parade and the sergeant major called the battery to attention.

The commanding officer, riding along, followed by the sergeant major, came up to Driver Brown (who was of a dark complexion).

Commanding Officer—"Have you had a wash this morning, Brown?"

Driver Brown—"Yes, sir."

Commanding Officer (turning to the sergeant)—"Do you think he has washed his face this morning, sergeant major?"

The sergeant major, not having caught all the sentence, and thinking the commanding officer was referring to the haversack, blurted out: "No, sir, it is an entirely new one; he only got it out of stores last night."

### The Free Man.

When the man listening to his conscience wills and does the right irrespective of inclination or of consequence, then he is the man free, the universe open before him. He is born from above.

### GUN THAT RIPS BARBED WIRE DEFENSES



This French gun throws an anchorlike projectile into the barbed wire defenses of the enemy. The missile is attached to a cable and is hauled back to be fired again and again.