

Pictures of World Events for News Readers

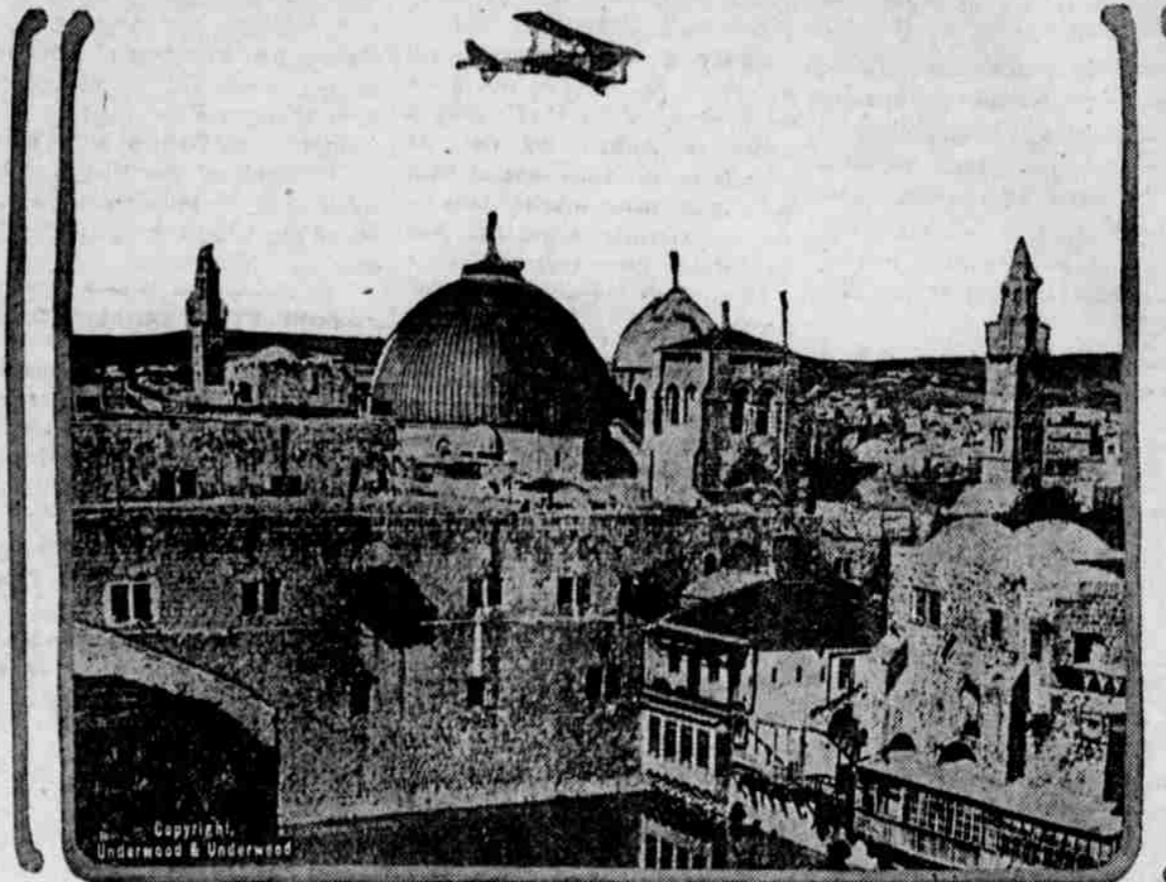
In This Department Our Readers in Fulton County and Elsewhere May Journey Around the World With the Camera on the Trail of History Making Happenings.

DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY HALIFAX SHIP EXPLOSION



Above, the ruins of the Richmond railway station and docks near which occurred the explosion of a French ammunition ship that wrought such devastation in Halifax and its suburbs. Below, a view along Barrington street where every residence was burned to the ground.

JERUSALEM, THE HOLY CITY, TAKEN BY THE BRITISH



Especially gratifying to Christians and Jews alike, outside the central powers, was the news that Jerusalem had been captured by the British forces commanded by General Allenby. In the foreground of the photograph is one of the holy pools. The Mosque of Omar, or the Dome of the Rock, on Mount Moriah where the old Temple altar stood and where the sacrifices were made to God in Biblical days can be seen in the center of the photograph. The view shown is from the southern end of the old wall.

What Is Man?

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TEXT—What is man that thou art mindful of him?—Psalm 84.

Pope in his essay on man says: "The proper study of mankind is man." This, however, is only in part true, for mankind cannot be fully known apart from the revelation God has given of man in the Bible. The Bible reveals God to man, but it also reveals man to himself. If we would, therefore, know mankind, we would study man in the light of what God says about him.

Not an Exalted Ape. There are some wise men who would have us believe that man is the offspring of an ape; if so, then man is an exalted ape because between man and the ape, as we know them, there is a wide difference. In arriving at their conclusion it is barely possible the wise men were led into it by following Pope's suggestion, and in so doing discovered in man what they thought to be ancestral traits, for if there is any being on earth who can make a monkey of himself, man is the one.

Many have accepted the Darwinian theory of the evolution of man as a substantial fact, when the truth is there is not a single proof in support of it. It is simply a hypothesis—a supposition assumed. The late Dr. James Orr, the Scotch theologian, who was competent to speak upon this subject, says: "It is vain to speak of science demonstrating the slow development of man from the anthropoid ape, for it does not do such thing. There is no proof of this in science up to this present hour. There is no evidence of any such gradual process."

A Created Being. Turning now from the hypotheses of men, we note that the Bible teaches that man is a created being. This fact which is stated in the first and second chapters of Genesis is confirmed by other Scriptures, so that we are by no means dependent upon the Genesis account for it. Our Lord himself adds his confirmatory words when he says: "Have we not read that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said for this cause shall man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh?" (Matt. 19:4-5).

Upon this account of the creation of man in Genesis and the quotation from that book, Christ bases his teaching upon the sanctity of marriage. It is surely subtle reasoning that admits the truth of Christ's teaching and at the same time charges him with basing it upon what he knew, as some say, was only a fable. Surely, such a one should not be what he claimed he was, "the way, the truth, and the life." No matter what men may say about the origin of man, the fact remains that the Scriptures, substantiated by Christ, uniformly teach that he is a created being.

In the Image of God. Further the Scriptures teach that man was made in the image of God. This is quite different from being evolved from an ape. This makes man the offspring of God, and not of a monkey. It exalts him, instead of debasing him. He begins his being as a man, and not as a something of the lower creation which gradually through long periods of time changes into what he now is, which if the hypothesis be true, would make him an exalted ape. If the theory be true, what is to hinder the process of evolution going on and man developing into something specifically different from what he now is, and so on ad infinitum?

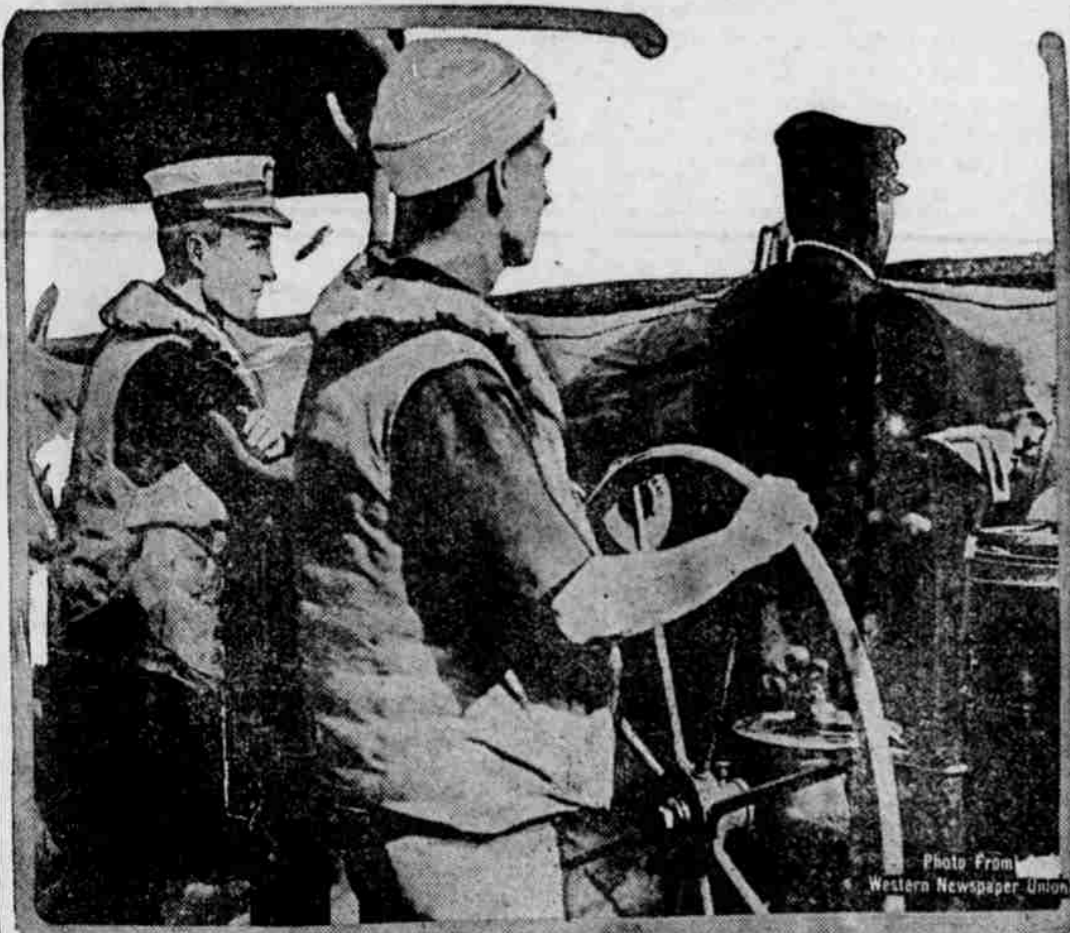
We have mentioned the wide difference between man and the ape. Now the essential difference between them does not consist in the brain capacity of the skulls, in hairy or smooth skin, but in the fact that man was made in the image of God. By this is not meant a bodily likeness, for we know "God is a spirit" and "a spirit hath not flesh and bones." (John 4:24; Luke 24:39).

The Image Marred. But alas! man fell through sin and the image was marred. Such is the teaching of the Bible, which is quite contrary to the hypotheses of men who boast of the ascent of man, while sin has gone away from God and not toward God; that this apostasy involves the whole human race, so that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;" that the catastrophe of sin is so complete that man is helpless and hopeless because of it to save himself from it. The Bible, however, does not leave man, in whom the image of God is marred without hope, for it tells him that "where sin abounded grace did much more abound," and that God has made provision for the restitution of man in the redemption which he provided on Calvary's cross by which the image of God marred by sin shall be restored in those who accept his Son as their Savior.

Great Men Never Die. The career of a great man remains an enduring monument of human energy. The man dies and disappears, but his thoughts and acts survive and leave an indelible stamp upon his race.—Samuel Smiles.

Must Be One or Other. Donald walked up to a rather masculine looking woman with short hair and said: "Say, lady, are you a man?" And then, having received no answer, he inquired: "Say, mister, are you a lady?"

WATCHING FOR SUBMARINES FROM BRIDGE OF DESTROYER



Scene on the bridge of an American destroyer in the east Atlantic, where the men are ever on the lookout for German submarines and other enemy craft. Each man wears his life preserver and is ready for any emergency.

GETTING OUT LUMBER FOR THE WOODEN SHIPS OF AMERICA



Throughout the timber regions of the United States and especially in the Southern pine regions strenuous efforts are being put forth to get out the timber needed for the construction of wooden ships to help combat the submarine blockade. The photograph was taken at one of the pine camps. At the left is one of the posters that have been put up everywhere to urge the lumber men to do their best.

SURFACE CAR CONDUCTOR



This is one of several severe or pretty girls who are now acting as conductors of surface cars for the Interborough system in New York city. Their costume consists of khaki coat and trousers, leggings and a cap trimmed with gold braid.

Wait Over Night.

How many of the quarrels which estrange friends never begin if those who felt their anger rising would resolve to wait overnight before saying a word! Temptations succeed better by a sudden attack than by a siege. When you are urged to take a step of which you are in doubt, wait over night before you decide. Considerably more than half of the wrong and foolish things we do are done impulsively. How much sorrow and humiliation and harm would be averted if, instead of acting on the spur of the moment, we should wait overnight!—Girl's Companion.

Ice Plant for Panama.

In carrying out its plans to make the canal zone self-supporting as far as possible, the commissary division of the Panama canal finds it necessary to have some larger buildings. Work has just been begun on a large ice and cold storage plant in Cristobal, just outside the city of Colon.

WHERE 40 HALIFAX CHILDREN PERISHED



St. Joseph's school in Halifax where 40 children were killed by the explosion of the French ammunition ship in the harbor.

FIRST UNIT IN U. S. TO GET STEEL HELMETS



The Sixth field artillery, members of which are here shown in a practice charge over a barricade, is the first unit of the American army in home training camps to be equipped with the steel helmets. The men carry automatics instead of rifles, and one of them is shown at the right practicing with his pistol.

ENEMY ALIENS MUST WATCH THEIR STEP



"Notice to Enemy Aliens" signs have been posted on streets and avenues along the waterfront in coast cities warning against trespass. Our subject, following the "get-out" order, must pick his steps while on a moving expedition to other quarters.

WOOLEN HELMET IS WARM



The boys in France who have thoughtful friends at home are wearing these warm woolen helmets which protect the head and part of the face. They are especially suitable for aviators.

Glorified Junk.

"The queerest thing about the war to me," said a junkman whose business runs into five figures annually, "is the fact that it has made even old tin cans valuable. One Iowa junkman who had been holding his stock of scrap iron, old brass, rags, rubber and paper for higher prices sold his hoarded junk at the end of the first year of war for \$100,000. Junk is tremendously valuable. Now attempts are being made to salvage the tin film on so-called 'tin cans' by melting them. Tin is very valuable as a war metal and the despised 'tin can' is becoming an economic asset where formerly it was a liability. Rags, tin and battered old copper boilers, brass candlesticks, stove lids and old newspapers, rubber wires, aluminum and lead have doubled and quadrupled in price since the great war began."

BRIEF AND BREEZY

The best Isinglass comes from Russia. It is made from the giant sturgeon, which abounds in the Caspian and other waters of that country. For the use of bow-legged men a light, flexible frame has been invented to be strapped to a leg by a garter to make trousers hang straight.

Addresses of manufacturers of tar extracting machinery are wanted by an Allendale, S. C. firm. As indicative of the present earning power of steamers, it is reported that a vessel recently arrived in Liverpool with a cargo of 45,000 cases of onions from Valencia, which earned more than \$187,000 for the nine days' voyage.