

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.

Waiting Till the Answer Comes

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TEXT—I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.—Psalms 40:1.

Riding on the street car recently, I read the Fortieth Psalm two or three times through, and this is what it taught me. This psalm is evidently an epitome of David's life, or possibly a single chapter in his history which is not yet concluded. In either case, it is a good illustration of Christian experience. It naturally divides into five parts.

1. Regeneration. Verses 1-3. David not only prayed, but he waited patiently for the answer. Many people miss the answer because they cannot wait God's time, forgetting that he has other people to attend to besides them, and that he has hindrances in his work as well as they. On one occasion Daniel prayed three full weeks before there was any token that God had even heard him. Then came a messenger from God who told him that from the first day that he began to pray, God had heard him, but that the "Prince of the kingdom of Persia" (that is the one who had charge of Satan's forces in Persia), had withstood him one and twenty days," but finally he had broken through his ranks, and was there to answer Daniel's prayer. Remember that patient waiting is just as important as praying.

David's patient waiting was well rewarded, for God did four things for him: (a) He brought him up out of a horrible pit, that is out of a condition of despair and doubt; (b) he set his feet upon the solid rock of assurance; (c) he set him going in the way of Christian service; (d) he put a song of praise into his mouth—all sure signs of a regenerate heart, and every such life is a mighty testimony to God's redeeming power.

More than sixty years ago George Muller of Bristol Orphanage, England, began to pray for a group of five friends. After five years one of them came to Christ. Five years later two more were converted. He prayed on for twenty-five years and the fourth man was saved. For the fifth he prayed until death, often expressing full confidence that he too would be brought to Christ eventually, "because," as he said, "my life so far as I know is right in God's sight; I am praying for something which is according to God's word, and I believe according to God's will, and I am praying in faith, believing that God will fulfill his promises."

2. Reflection. Verses 4-5. From his own experience, David reasons that any man who puts his trust in God will be similarly blessed, and then his thoughts reach out to the wonderful works which God has done for his children, and his more wonderful thoughts, which have not yet been put into action.

3. Consecration. Verses 7-9. An hour's honest reflection on what God has done for us, is pretty sure to lead to a whole-hearted surrender to him. It is not sacrifice or even service that God desires so much as ourselves. The best return we can make to him is that which David made: "Lord here am I, I delight to do thy will, O my God."

4. Expression. Verses 9-10. Any one who thinks he has a good thing, naturally likes to talk about it, and a genuine Christian experience is sure to find expression in testimony. David did not hide God's goodness and righteousness in his own heart, but boldly and persistently proclaimed it to others. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

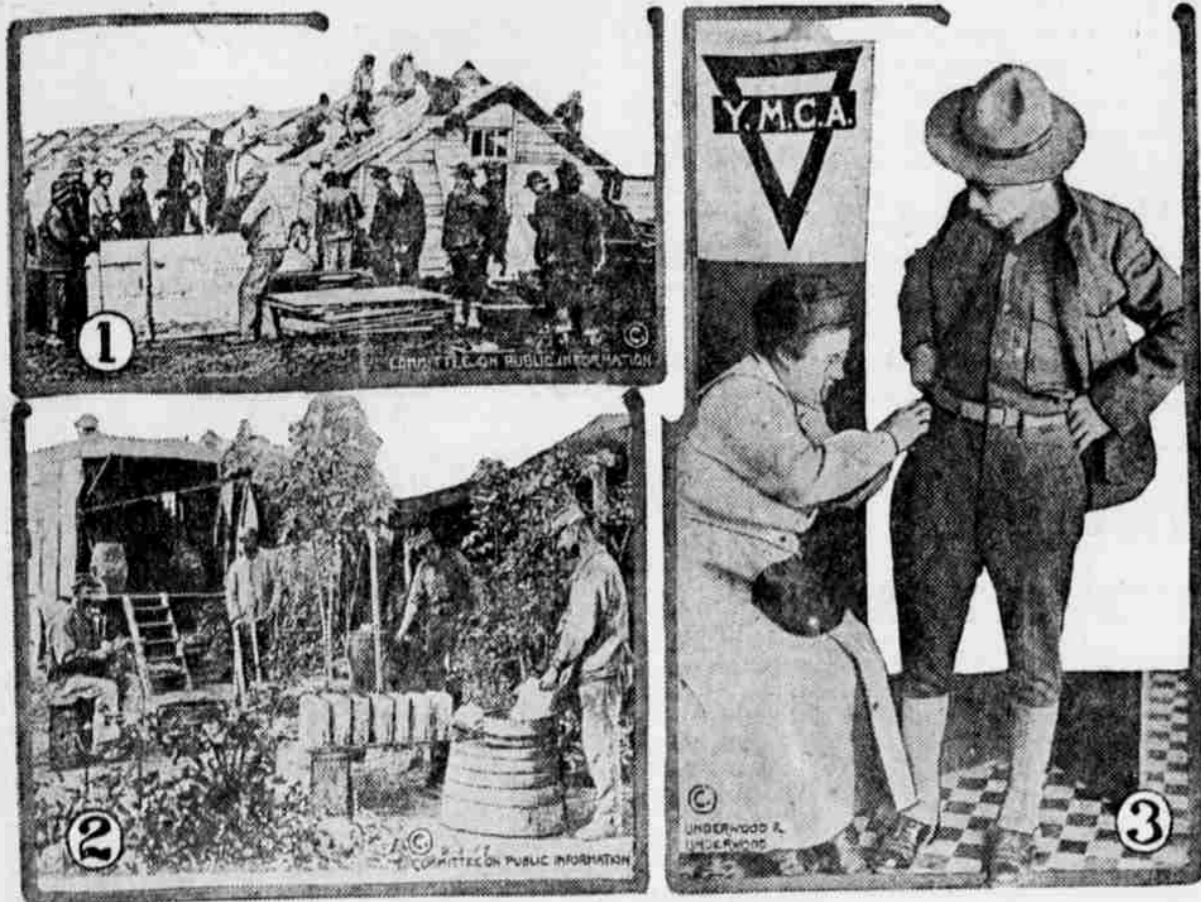
5. Petition. Verses 11-17. Because David had given himself wholly to God, he felt free to call upon God to help him, not in the sense that he had earned a reward, but with the confidence of a surrendered life, which has no hesitation in asking God for anything it needs, because it knows that it would gladly render unto him any service or sacrifice that he might desire.

David is evidently in sore trouble, for he says, "Innumerable evils have compassed me about." If it be said that this does not harmonize with the early part of the psalm, which is so hopeful and jubilant, let it be remembered that changes in life come often very suddenly, and most of us live under "April skies, and not unclouded blue." No one is so fully delivered from trials and testings as to be forever exempt.

Furthermore it is not so much outward trials that trouble David as the consciousness of his own shortcomings. "Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me so that I am not able to look up." A believer may be wholly delivered from the guilt of sin, and largely from the power of sin, but there can be no deliverance from the presence of sin until Jesus comes to set us free. Hence we should expect trials until that time, but we should also expect deliverance. "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

Must Be Deep-Rooted. Any ultimate delight in life must be rooted in something deeper than self-centered pleasure; it must love persons and seek ends for their own sake; and find its joy not in the satisfaction of man as he is, but in the development of that which his thought and love enable him to become.—William De Witt Hyde.

Her One Fear. There is nothing in the universe that I fear but that I shall not know all my duty, or shall fail to do it.—Mary Lyon.



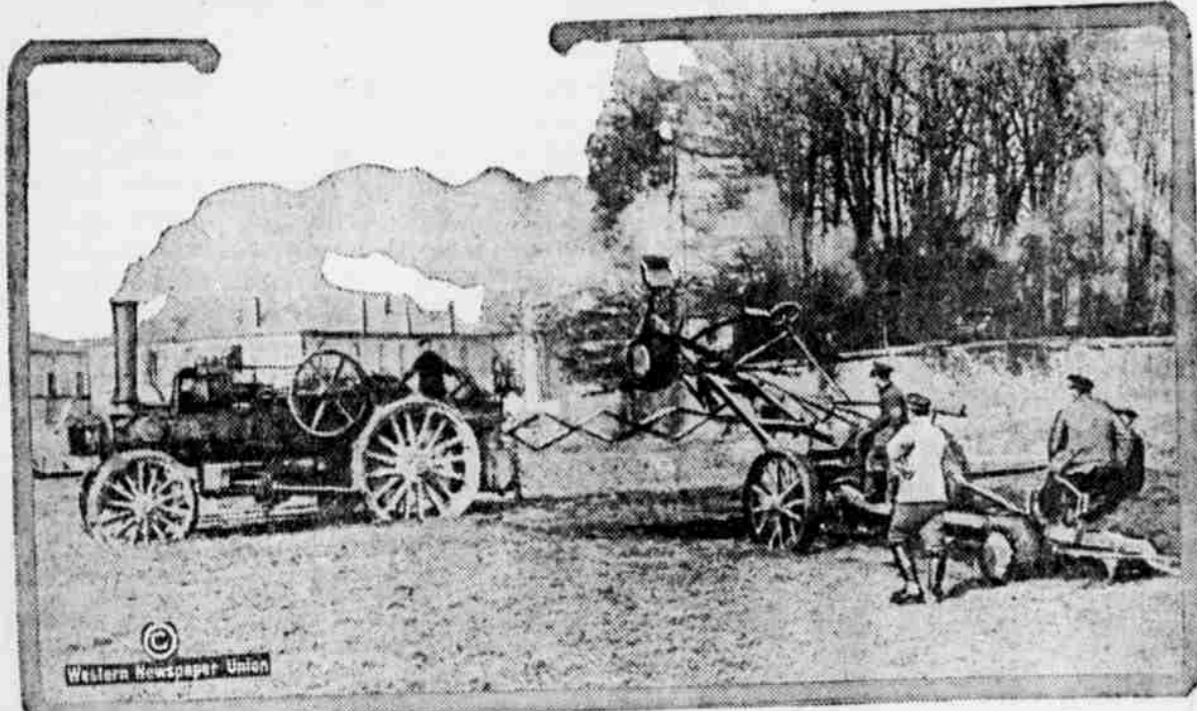
1—Assembling the "knockdown" barracks for the American troops in France. 2—Scene in a French field kitchen behind the fighting lines in the Marne region. 3—Mrs. Lascombe, wife of a British colonel, doing a bit of sewing for an American soldier in a Y. M. C. A. hut in France.

ARCHWAY OF CRUTCHES AT MILITARY WEDDING



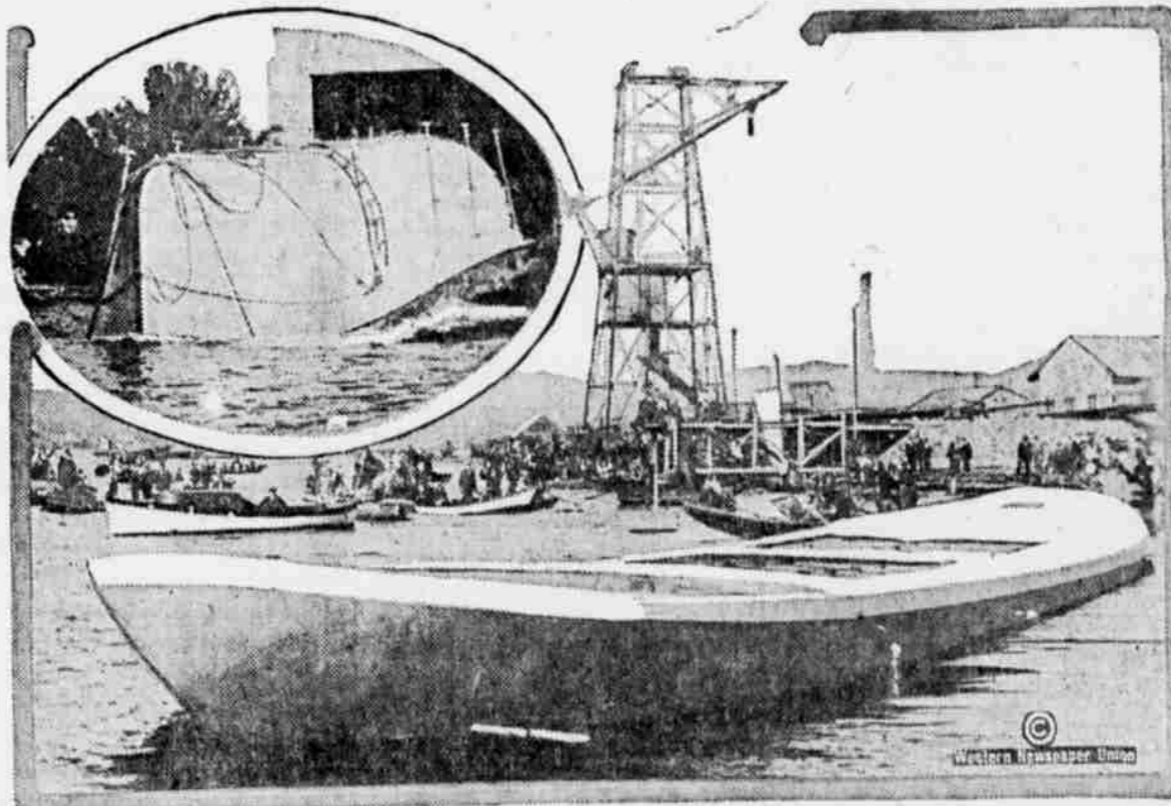
This is one of the most unusual of wedding pictures, for instead of the usual archway of swords under which an officer and his bride customarily pass, Lieut. J. H. Budd of the British forces and his bride are passing under an archway of crutches as they leave the church after the wedding ceremony.

GERMANS GROWING CROPS CLOSE TO THE LINES



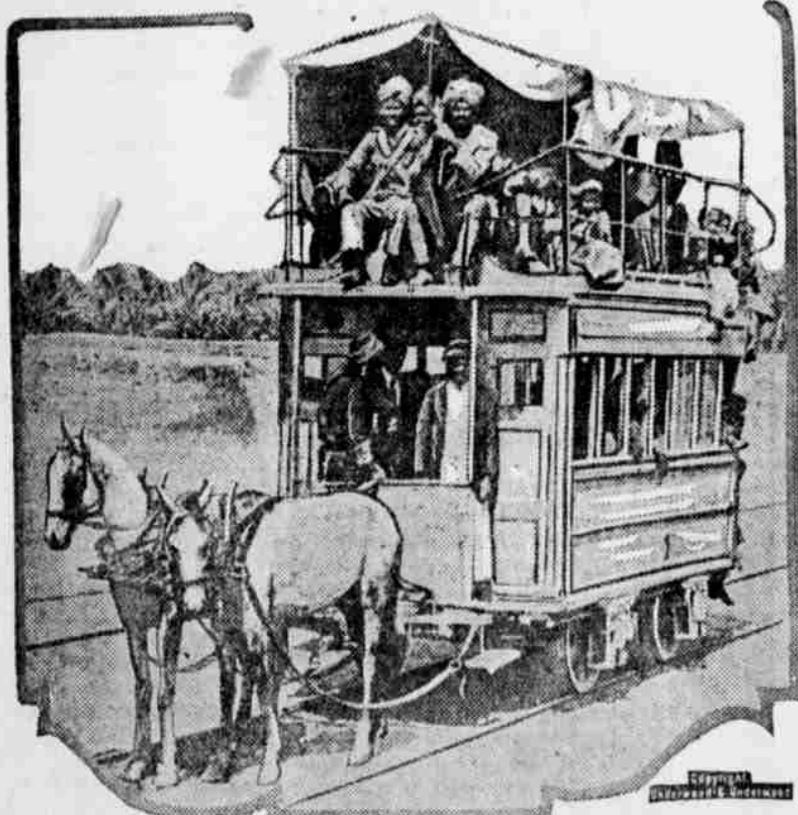
Close up behind the fighting lines in northern France the Germans have been growing crops. Some of them are here seen cultivating the land with steam plows.

DENMARK IS BUILDING CONCRETE VESSELS



At Copenhagen, Denmark, the building of concrete vessels has been proved practical and ships of 300 feet in length are being constructed there. The illustration shows the launching of one of these re-enforced concrete vessels. Inset is a photograph showing how they are launched upside down.

INDIAN TROOPS AT BAGDAD ENJOY RIDE



The British forces that have conquered Bagdad have been greatly helped in their successful campaigns in Mesopotamia by native Indian troops. The Indians are good fighters and are steadfast in their loyalty to the British empire. This British official photograph shows a car load of them enjoying a ride on the Bagdad-Kadhimiya tramway.

HERO OF GREAT EXPLOIT



A tale of daring that is rarely equalled is told of an exploit of Sergt. G. Morini of the Italian Bersaglieri. While on patrol he stopped a German motorcar carrying General von Berrer, an adjutant and two chauffeurs. He killed the general with the first shot and put the soldier-chauffeurs to flight. The adjutant, a German captain, he captured after a struggle, and turned him over to the nearest Italian command, and then joined his cycle patrol for further rear-guard action. He was wounded later and sent to a hospital in Milan. His most extraordinary and daring feat took place at the gates of Udine during the Italian retreat to the Piave.

Fool Economy.

Governor Bilbo said at a food economy meeting in Jackson: "But let us have no fool economy, no miser economy of the Smithsonian kind. "The Smithsons were a miserly old pair, and one day Smithson said timidly to his wife: "I've a hankerin' for an orange. I think I'll go down in the orange grove and pluck a few fruit." "Yes, but don't you pluck no sound fruit, Si," shrilled Mrs. Smithson. "Only bad ones, mind!" "But suppose there ain't no bad ones, mother?" "Then you'll have to wait till some goes bad, that's all. We can't afford to eat good, sound oranges worth a quarter a dozen."

TOKYO MONUMENT TO PERRY



This is the monument erected in Tokyo to commemorate the famous visit of Commodore Perry to Japan and recently dedicated with much ceremony.

HERE IS ONE FAT MAN WHO IS LOVED



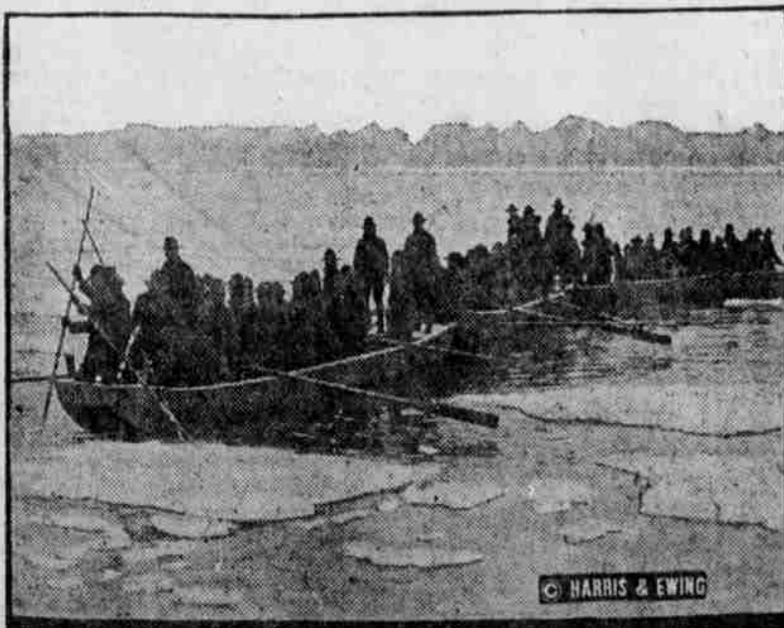
"Nobody loves a fat man," but when he is wearing the uniform of an American marine and is in France serving his country, all changes and the fat man becomes the idol of the people, especially the children. This jolly plump Yankee marine is playing papa to these French kiddies and he is the "greatest man in the world" to them.

MADE FROM OLD LEATHER



Member of the stage women's war relief committee showing one of the warm vests for soldiers that the committee is making from old kid gloves, pillow tops and table covers.

ICE GIVES ENGINEERS GOOD TRAINING



Abundant ice on the Potomac river has given engineer troops in training near Washington an excellent opportunity for overcoming obstacles. This picture shows "pontooniers" building a bridge.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS

American knit cotton piece goods are popular in Mazatlan, Mexico. A market exists in Scotland for lithophone to be used in the manufacture of linoleum. Lucifer and safety matches are in demand in Ireland. Extensive improvements are to be made on the highways in and near Santo Domingo, Dominican republic, reports Consul C. S. Edwards. Consul W. Roderick Dorsey, Quebec, Canada, reports that the present is an opportune time for the introduction of American oleomargarine into the markets of the Dominion.

Outdoor sports, especially baseball, are steadily gaining in favor in Puerto Plata and Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican republic. The result of four weeks feeding experiments with cows for milk and butter, in comparing dried yeast with cottonseed meal, showed an increase of 4 1/4 pounds of milk and three pounds of butter fat in favor of the dried yeast. Rotterdam is the most important shipping port of Holland and of this part of Europe. The effects of the war cannot be accurately judged, but the prospect is that when peace is concluded the trade of this port will be larger than it has ever been before.