

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.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MAY 12

JESUS FACES THE CROSS.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 10:32-42.
GOLDEN TEXT—He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross—Philippians 2:8.
DEVOTIONAL READING—Isaiah 42:1-9.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Matthew 20:20-28; Luke 22:25-27.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus and the blind beggar.

LESSON MATERIAL—Mark 10:46-52.
PRIMARY AND JUNIOR MEMORY VERSE—He of good cheer, rise; He calleth thee—Mark 10:49.
JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Jesus teaches how to be great.

I. Jesus Foretells His Passion and Resurrection (vv. 32-34).
This is the third time he makes this prediction. The circumstances are most tragic.

1. Jesus going to Jerusalem (v. 32).
He was going with the full consciousness of the awful tragedy of the cross before him—the treachery of Judas, the fiery persecutions of the priests and scribes—the unjust judgment—the delivery to Pontius Pilate—the mocking—the scourging—the crown of thorns—the cross between malefactors—the nails—the spear—all were spread before him. He moves on to this goal, not by external necessity, but a fixed purpose. The servant had not come only "to minister, but to give his life a ransom for many." That which he had voluntarily set out to do was moving on to its glorious issue. The joyous outlook upon the victory which would be accomplished through the shedding of his blood led him forward (Hebrews 12:2).

2. The disciples following after (v. 32).

They were in dread bewilderment. His utterances and demeanor filled their minds with perplexity, and their hearts with awe. In this state of confusion, Jesus called them to him and patiently instructed them.

3. "What needs should happen unto him" (vv. 33, 34).

(1) "Delivered unto chief priests and scribes."
(2) They shall condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles.

(3) "They shall mock, scourge, spit upon, and kill him."

(4) "The third day he shall rise again."

II. The Ambitious Request of James and John (vv. 35-45).

1. The request (vv. 35-37).
It was for a place of prominence in the kingdom. According to Matthew, their mother was the intercessor. Many mothers have been used by children to carry out that which they were themselves ashamed to do. It is very desirable for mothers to get places for their children near to Jesus, but unfortunately many are seeking the pinnacles of the world and forgetting the nearness to Christ.

2. Jesus' reply (vv. 38-45).
(1) To Peter and John (vv. 38-40).
He speaks directly to the men, declaring that they know not what they ask. The Lord many times has to reprove and rebuke us for our blind requests. He showed them that the way to this position of glory was through suffering. The cup which they were to drink was all that was embraced in the agony on the cross. He concedes that the positions which they craved were obtainable, but in a very different way from what they apprehended. The way to places in glory in the Kingdom of Christ is through the path of lowly, self-forgetful service.

(2) To the ten (vv. 41-45).

The ten were displeased with Peter and John, but doubtless they were not free from the same selfish ambitions. Christ showed them that to give is greater than to receive; that to serve is greater than to be served. The standard of his kingdom is to forget self and serve others, even to give one's life. Christ is the supreme example to be imitated by all who would follow him.

III. Jesus Cures Bartimaeus of Blindness (vv. 46-52).

Though the weight of the cross was upon him, he had time for gracious deeds. Blind Bartimaeus receives his sight.

1. Bartimaeus' request (vv. 46, 47).
He cried to Jesus for mercy. The fact that he addressed him as the Son of David, shows that he recognized his Messiahship. Though he was blind, his faith enabled him to take hold of Jesus. As soon as he heard that Jesus was passing by he cried to him for help. Jesus not only can hear our cries, but he can even tell when a soul yearns after him, and will respond to that yearning.

2. Rebuked by the multitude (v. 48).
This rebuke provoked a more earnest cry from Bartimaeus. He believed that Jesus could and would help him, and knew that it was now or never with him. The fact that God has brought salvation within our reach should convince us that it is time for us to cry for help. Therefore, we should not allow the opposition of men to keep us from Christ.

3. The blessing granted (vv. 49-52).
Though Jesus gave his desire, he rebuked him to absolutely commit himself. God is pleased when we come to him with our definite needs.

When his eyes were opened, he saw many interesting things, but the supreme object was Christ, for he followed him. Note experience of Bartimaeus:

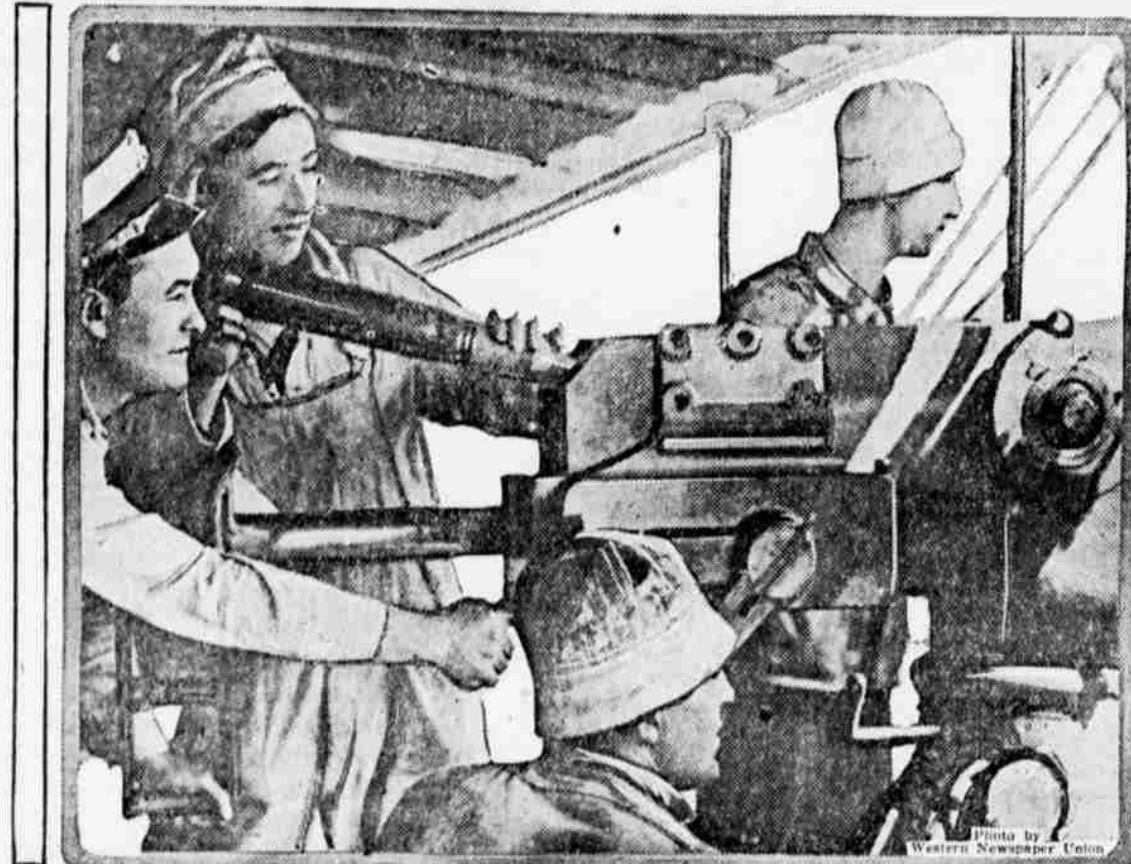
(1) A blind beggar (v. 46).
(2) His cry for mercy (v. 47).
(3) Persistence in his cry (v. 48).
(4) Responded to the call of Jesus (vv. 49, 50).
(5) Made specific request (v. 51).
(6) Received his sight immediately (v. 52).
(7) He followed Jesus (v. 52).
How quickly one can pass from mere need to jubilant discipleship.

LED BY A PRIEST, TOMMIES RESCUE STATUES FROM RUINED CHURCH



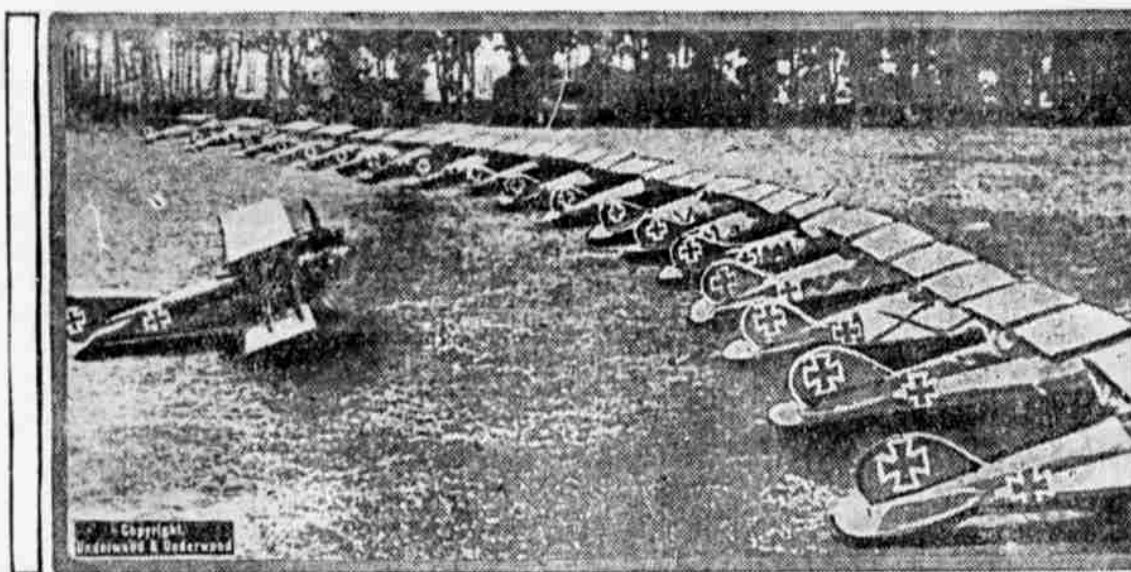
This unusual photograph presents a striking contrast between the allied respect for all religions and the Teuton ruthlessness that goes out of the way to destroy all religious edifices. At Armentieres, now in the hands of the Germans, the shells from their big guns destroyed the church. To prevent further damage to the statues of the saints which fortunately had escaped destruction at the first bombardment, these Tommies led by the priest removed the statues to a safe place. This British official photograph shows them leaving the church with their burdens.

GETTING READY TO "SLIP A PILL TO KAISER BILL"



These four nephews of Uncle Sam loading their guns for work are about one of the new American torpedo-boat destroyers that are being built in large numbers and put into immediate service in the war zones.

GERMAN ALBATROSS AIRPLANES READY FOR A FLIGHT



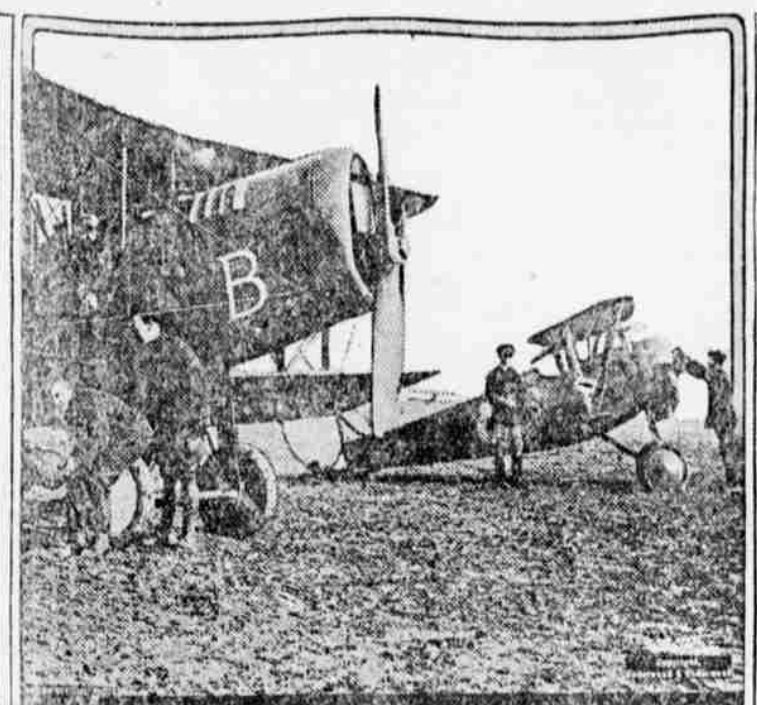
This photograph was found on a German aviator who was made prisoner. It shows a group of German Albatross monoplane ready for a flight over the Italian lines.

AMERICANS GOING THROUGH WIRE AND BRITISH CHARGING



Above, American troops who have gone over the top under protection of barrage fire and are passing through German wire entanglements. Below, British soldiers charging across No Man's Land after leaving their trenches.

BRITISH FIGHTING AND BOMBING AIRPLANES



A comparison of the sizes of the big British bombing airplane and the fighting machine can be had in this British official photograph, which shows the machines ready for flight. The big machine is the type that is used in daylight bombing raids. The fighting scout looks extremely small beside the great bombing machine.

KITTEN FLIES WITH HIM



Edgar Boulligny of New Orleans, now flying with the French forces in Serbia. He was the first American to join the Foreign Legion at the start of the war. His kitten mascot accompanies him on all his flights.

Summer Army Camps for Cadets.

Six weeks of army camp training during the coming summer, at government expense and without obligation on enlist, is to be offered to the military cadets in accredited universities, according to information from the war department.

Camps are to be held in various parts of the country beginning at the close of the college year and arranged in divisions, according to the age and military experience of the cadets. Railroad fare and other expenses will be borne by the government. Although cadets who attend will be under no obligations, they are promised the high possible rank in accordance with their work at camp, when they enlist.

COSTUME FOR YEOWOMEN



Here is the official yeowomen's costume of the United States navy, worn by Mrs. Ethel E. Allicote of Washington, a yeoman of the third class. It is of blue serge with the regulation navy buttons, and white cotton gloves are a part of the uniform. The coat may be removed indoors, revealing a shirtwaist. On the hatband is the inscription "Naval Reserve Force."

Phonographic Memory.

Persons who buy phonograph records probably have noticed that most of the dealers possess the faculty of remembering the numbers and do not have to refer to the catalogues when a record is asked for by the title and not by the number. It's all a matter of practice, according to a Chamber street dealer, who said:

"It's all in a day's work. You see, remembering the numbers of records is just about the same as remembering telephone numbers. Some are good at it and some are bad, but the average dealer in records usually has the numbers of the records at his finger tips."

Getting at the Cause.

"Doctor, my son is getting to be a confirmed night owl. He's all for a night life. He didn't use to be this way."

"Has he had a recent shock?"

"Not that I know of. What are you driving at?"

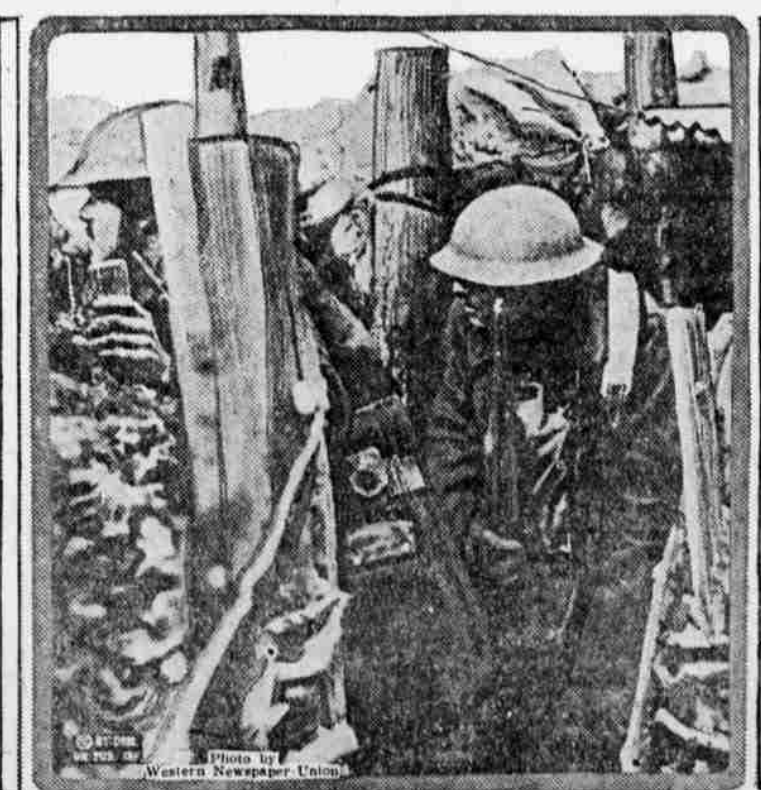
"I thought maybe somebody had scared the daylight out of him."

ACTUAL SURRENDER OF JERUSALEM



This photograph is unique and historic for it is the only one showing the actual surrender of Jerusalem. It depicts the mayor of Jerusalem (with walking cane and cigarette) and the white flag party meeting the first British outpost, and illustrates a historical change of world-wide interest.

ON GUARD IN THE AMERICAN TRENCHES



American troops in the first-line trenches in the Lorraine sector keeping a sharp lookout for any signs of suspicious movements of the enemy.

AMERICAN BOMBING AN ENEMY TRENCH



One of our boys in khaki in the trenches in the Lorraine sector throwing hand grenades into an enemy trench but a few yards away.