

GENERAL PERSHING AND OFFICERS SALUTING THE COLORS



Gen. John J. Pershing and officers of the First division are here shown saluting the colors as the Sixteenth Infantry passes in review. During the review General Pershing decorated many of the men with the Distinguished Service Cross.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN DEVASTATED FRANCE



The reconstruction period is now sweeping over all of the battle-scarred area of France and the roads are being rebuilt. This photograph shows a scene on a road in the vicinity of Cambrai that was mined by the retreating Germans. The British constructed a light railway and a new road.

NEW DICTATOR OF RUSSIA



Through a coup d'etat at Omsk, Admiral Kolchak became virtual dictator of the all-Russian government, though his rule may not last long. He was commander of the Black sea fleet before the bolshevik revolution.

Safe Bet.

A little boy had a pony and a dog, and his generosity was often tried by visitors asking him—just to see what he would say—to give them one or both of his pets.  
One day he told a man he might have his pony, reserving the dog, much to the surprise of his mother, who asked:  
"Why, Jacky, why didn't you give him the dog?"  
"Say nothing—say nothing, mother. When he goes to get the pony I'll set the dog on him."—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

PRINCE OF WALES ENTERS DENAIN



After the Germans had retreated from the village of Denain, the scene of bitter fighting by the Canadians, the prince of Wales and General Currie entered the place at the head of the Canadian troops. They were wildly cheered by the inhabitants.

WORK OF WOUNDED CZECHO-SLOVAKS



Another example of the pathetic after-effects of war is shown by this photograph of a number of mutilated Czechoslovaks who were wounded in battle. They are seen gathered about a piece of their handiwork in St. Luke's hospital of Tsukiji, Tokyo.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 15

JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BRETHREN.

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 45:1-16.  
GOLDEN TEXT—If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you.—Matthew 6:14.  
DEVOTIONAL READING—Genesis 45:18-21.  
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Genesis 42:1-4; Ephesians 4:31, 32.

I. Joseph Discloses His Identity to His Brethren (vv. 1-5).

He treated his brethren harshly at first, his purpose being to ascertain as to whether they were the same cruel, heartless men as before, and to produce penitence in their hearts. They keenly felt their guilt and heartily repented of their folly. Judah's pathetic appeal overcame his apparent harshness, causing him to disclose his identity. Being unable to restrain his pent-up emotions he orders every one from his presence. This act on the part of Joseph troubled them; it ought to have made them glad. Their sins prevented it being a time of joy for them. This most beautifully illustrates Christ's dealing with his brethren, the Jews. Just as they who had rejected him and sold him were compelled to come to him for aid, so when the great tribulation comes, Christ's brethren, the Jews, will cry unto him for aid (Daniel 9:27; 12:1; Matthew 24:21; Zechariah 12:10-14). Joseph dealt severely with his brethren to test them and bring them to repentance. So Christ will do with the Jews (Hosea 5:15; Ezekiel 22:10-22). As Joseph's love was behind his harsh exactings, so back of Christ's treatment of the Jews will be his great love for them.

II. Joseph's Efforts to Assuage the Grief of His Brethren (vv. 4-8).

When Joseph revealed himself to his brethren, the remembrance of their sins pierced them through. Joseph's first question was about his father. This shows that his desire was to put their thoughts far away from their crime. He invited them to come near unto him, and assured them God had overruled their crime in sending him for their salvation. They meant it for evil, but it was part of God's plan for good. This does not excuse them from the guilt of the sin. In some future time Christ will become reconciled to his brethren, the Jews, and be their Savior and benefactor (Isaiah 11:10-16). Peter, on the day of Pentecost, showed that the Jews' treatment of Christ was such, and that God's overruling providence had turned it out for good. Just as Egypt was obliged to come to Joseph for sustenance and become servants for Pharaoh through him (Genesis 47:13-20), so will all the world yet come to Christ for his blessing, and be reconciled to God through him (Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:10; Psalms 72:7-17; Zechariah 14:10).

III. Joseph Sent His Brethren With Good News to his Father (vv. 9-15).

As soon as Joseph's brethren knew him and were reconciled to him, they were sent with the glad tidings to their father. He assured them that he would nourish them and that they should be near him. They were directed to tell of his glory. Jacob would not have mourned the death of Joseph had he known of his glory. He now gave them the kiss of reconciliation and they were permitted to talk with him. Reconciliation precedes communion.

Faith Must Show Itself.

If the church is salt, then the church must be different from the world around it. If the church is light, then the church must be unlike those who have not committed themselves to the leadership of Christ. When Christians say the same things which unbelievers say, and do the same things which scoffers do, they cease to be a leavening force in society. If faith in Christ is to have any meaning, it must show itself in the creation of a new type of man. A Christian should have something in him not to be found in any other human being. Unless he is more in disposition, aim and conduct than those around him, he is not giving the world the impulse or guidance which humanity is in need of.—Broadway Tabernacle Tidings.

Relief Not Burden.

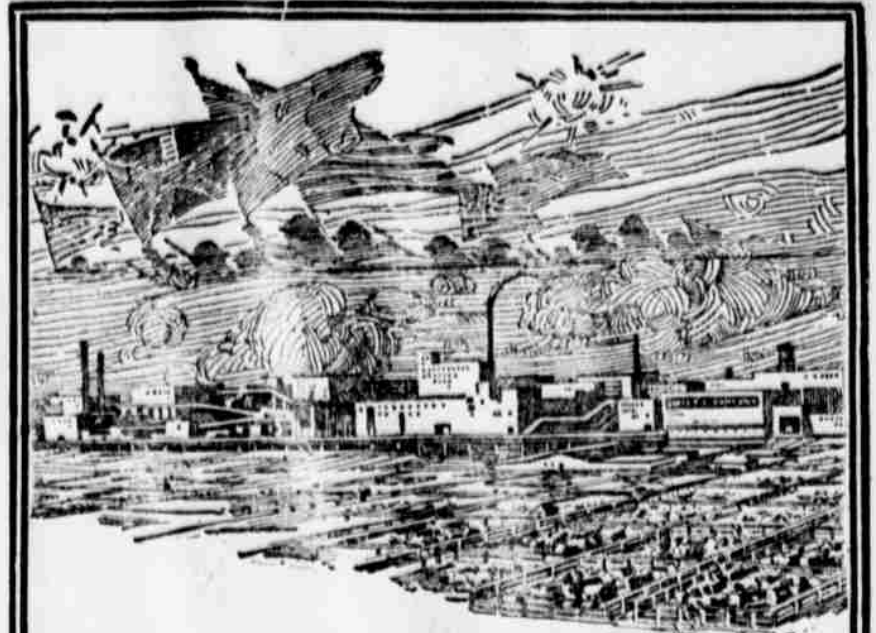
A yoke is not an instrument of torture; it is an instrument of mercy. It is not a malicious contrivance for making work hard; it is a gentle device to make hard labor light. And yet men speak of the yoke of Christ as if it were a slavery, and look upon those who wear it as objects of compassion.

God's Demands.

It is not from severity that God demands much from men in order to obtain knowledge of himself; it is of his kindness that he wills the soul by effort to grow capacious of receiving much that he may give much.—Meister Eckhart.

Abiding in God's Will.

The peace, freedom, and blessedness of all souls consists in their abiding in God's will. Towards this union with God for which it is created the soul strives perpetually.—Meister Eckhart.



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Calculating Youth.

Margaret's uncle had taken a party of small children nutting, and when they were to distribute the nuts he told one of the boys to give each child so many handfuls. Margaret would not accept the nuts from this boy, saying she wanted her uncle to give the nuts to her. He felt a little flattered to think she would take them from no one but himself and asked why she felt that way. She came over to him and whispered: "Cause, uncle, your hands are bigger."

At the Table.

She (sharply)—Henry, how do you want tongue served?  
He (abstractedly)—Quiet, my dear.

Awful Language.

"This Engleesh language I cannot unerstand," wailed the poor French soldier to his English friend. "Now, zee 'ere; I look in my leetle book an' eet zay that eef I go queek I go fast, eef I am tied up I am fast, eef I spend zee money too much I am fast. "An' zen I find zis in zee Engleesh newspaper: 'Zee first one won one one pound prize!' Oul, zee Engleesh language! Eet ees awful!"

Too many men seem to have forgotten that their wives were once their sweethearts.

Most men study art by the aid of a mirror.

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