

# The American Legion

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## HE WAS WELCOMED BY FOCH

St. Paul Janitor, Former Comrade of the Noted Generalissimo, Is Granted Long Interview.

"Dji-Allah Laquit!" These mystic words meant something that caused Marshal Foch of France to receive an unsung janitor in his rooms at midnight.

The incident occurred during the generalissimo's visit to St. Paul, Minn., as a guest of the American Legion. It is still being talked about. It was the longest interview Foch granted during his tour of 42 states.

The Arabic legend, written on a postal card by the janitor, one Charles Schwelizer, was an open sesame.

The words formed the name of two engagements in which the janitor, then a sergeant, and Foch, then a lieutenant, fought with units of the First Colonial regiment in Algiers in 1877. It was learned. Foch remembered the names, and knowing that only a comrade of his Algerian regiment would know them, sent for him forthwith.

"The marshal is the same kindly man and good soldier that he was in Algiers," the janitor said, after his visit with the generalissimo. "Who knows? I might have been a general if I'd stayed in the army with him."

## HIGH HONORS TO CARLSTROM

Veterans of Three Wars Appreciate Work of Head of Spanish-American Organization.

Veterans of three wars honored Oscar E. Carlstrom, Illinois. He is a national commander-in-chief of the United Spanish War Veterans. He was one of the 50 men who organized the forerunner of the American Legion in Paris in 1919. He is a member by adoption of the G. A. R.

Mr. Carlstrom was a private in the war with Spain, serving in the Philippines. Later he was captain in the National Guard of Illinois. He commanded a battery of field artillery in action in France.

At Minneapolis last year he was elected chief of the Spanish War Veterans. He was one of the 50 men chosen to represent the two million members of the American expeditionary force in France to organize what later became the Legion. Company C, One Hundred and Second Infantry, G. A. R., of Illinois, adopted him as a member. Mr. Carlstrom is a lawyer.

## NATION'S LOVE FOR LEGION

"They Like Us—But" Is Attitude of Public, According to National Commander MacNider.

"They like us—but" is the attitude of the nation towards the American Legion, according to Hanford MacNider, commander of the Legion in the first address of his speaking tour at Philadelphia.

"We have to build up a spirit in the Legion and do the right thing always, and in time we will have the confidence of the people," Mr. MacNider continued.

"Men who offered all they had to the country have a right to the confidence of that country. They should have a voice in its affairs, for they never would want to do a thing contrary to the country's interests."

By building up a "spirit" among the members of the Legion and creating a comradeship with "our companions in arms in England, France, Italy and the other countries," more can be done for peace than in any other way, the speaker claimed.

## To Aid of French Friends.

To save from the almshouse a family in a French village in which his battery had been billeted, William B. Follette, formerly of Oregon but now living in Paris, recently appealed to members of his old command to send him contributions. The family was known to all the men of Mr. Follette's battery and they liberally responded to keep their French friends from want.

## To Lose Canal Zone Jobs.

More than 700 service men of the World war may be thrown out of employment in the Panama canal zone, following the government's sweeping reduction in personnel, according to a report filed by the American Legion at Washington. The number of civilian employees in the canal zone has been reduced 40 per cent since March 4, 1921.

## LEGION MEN KNOW HER WELL

"Ma" Burdick, Famous for Doughnuts and Pies, Still Trying to Serve World War Boys.

"As we tried to serve the boys while under shell fire, so we are trying to meet their needs of today," says Mrs. Ehsig F. O. Burdick of the Salvation Army, recently elected national chaplain of the American Legion auxiliary.



That Mrs. Burdick did serve "the boys under shell fire," thousands of the A. E. F. will testify.

"Ma" Burdick to the men, her doughnuts and pies were known to the last of Pershing's army. Mrs. Burdick, who is sixty years old but doesn't show it, arrived in France in December, 1917, with "Pa," her husband. With a stove which Mr. Burdick, also an ensign of the Salvation Army, rigged up, and a sewing machine which she found and repaired, "Ma" cooked for the boys as they came from the lines, mended their clothes and made new ones out of salvaged material.

"Ma" and "Pa" were godparents of the First division, and from December of 1917 until the armistice Mrs. Burdick baked her pies and made her doughnuts in every sector of the western front, as close up to the fighting lines as they would allow her. The war over, the couple were transferred to Brest, where they ministered to the soldiers until they sailed for home in April, 1919.

Mrs. Burdick, a resident of Wichita Falls, Tex., is in charge of hospital relief work for disabled ex-service men for the Legion auxiliary of Texas in addition to her duties as national chaplain and ensign of the army hosts.

## ACTRESS HEAD OF AUXILIARY

Miss Thais Magrane Is Elected President of the New York State Organization.

A tribute to the stage and to those actors and actresses who gave freely of their time and talents to keep men happy during the war was paid by the American Legion of New York in the election of Miss Thais Magrane as president of its state women's auxiliary.

With her brother in active service in the navy, Miss Magrane spent little of her time behind Manhattan's footlights and most of it with sick and wounded soldiers returned from France and quartered in Polyclinic hospital. She later assisted in the organization of the auxiliary of S. Rankin Drew post of the Legion, composed of Broadway's actors, writers and producers who were in service.

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## Carrying On With the American Legion

Needy ex-service men of New York city are being provided for by a municipal fund under direction of the Legion.

Boy relatives of members of the Eleventh Minnesota post of the Legion have been organized into a boy scout troop.

The Home Guard company of Fairmont, Minn., has turned over its war fund of \$400 to furnish the building of the Legion post.

War vessels tied up at Seattle, Wash., may be used to billet unemployed former service men, if the plan of the Rauier-Noble post succeeds.

The old City club of Champaign, Ill., has been observed by the American Legion post there. The post will erect a community home, open to the public.

A fourth of the freshmen law students at Vanderbilt university are ex-service men receiving vocational training and belong to a Nashville post of the Legion.

"The world's only shimmying chicken" was billed in the "Joy Day" celebration of Hendrick (In.) post of the Legion. The post claims the chicken was "born that way."

Half of the money for the erection of the community memorial building to be erected by the American Legion post at Sturgis, S. D., has been pledged by its members from state bonuses.

Midst regimental honors galore and major general ruffles, Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, was received by his old regiment, the Ninth Infantry, stationed at Houston, Tex. A loving cup was given him by the men.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

# Sunday School Lesson

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## LESSON FOR JANUARY 29

### ELIJAH IN NABOTH'S VINEYARD

LESSON TEXT.—I Kings 21:1-29. GOLDEN TEXT.—Be sure your sin will find you out.—Num. 32:35. REFERENCE MATERIAL.—Lev. 25:23-28; Amos 8:1-4; Micah 3:1-4. PRIMARY TOPIC.—The Sin of Selfishness. JUNIOR TOPIC.—Elijah Denounces a Selfish King. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC.—Jehovah's Champion Fears Not. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC.—Respecting the Rights of Others.

### I. Ahab Covets Naboth's Vineyard (vv. 1-6).

1. Location of the vineyard (v. 1). It joined Ahab's summer home in Jezreel. He wanted to transform it into an herb garden and thus round out his property.

2. Ahab's proposal (v. 2). He offered to buy it outright for money, or give in exchange a better one. Ahab's wish for it was a selfish whim. He did not at all need it.

3. Naboth's refusal (v. 3). It was for a twofold reason: (1) regard for the paternal estate; (2) obedience to God's law (Lev. 25:23-28, cf. Num. 36:7-9). His refusal was on conscientious grounds. A king, even, has no right to ask of his subject that he violate his conscience.

4. Ahab's behavior (v. 4). He came into his house, lay down upon his bed and refused to eat. The king was sulking like a spoiled child. This is a picture of what a fool even a king, may make of himself. Let us learn that "godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Tim. 6:6).

5. Jezebel's inquiry (vv. 5, 6). Apparently she came with the sympathy of a wife, inquiring as to the cause of his behavior. But when she knew of Naboth's refusal she was violently angry. That a humble subject should refuse to conform to the desire of the king was an insult which she would not brook.

### II. Ahab Taking Possession of Naboth's Vineyard (vv. 7-16).

1. Jezebel's treachery (vv. 7-15).

(1) Her contemptuous question (v. 7). She taunted him for his cowardice. The fear of being thought weak moves a weak man quickly. (2) Her exhortation to Ahab (v. 7). "Arise, eat bread, and let thine heart be merry." A wife has great influence over her husband. Many a man has been saved from discouragement and therefore defeat, through his wife's influence. Unfortunately in this case the influence of the wife is bad. (3) Her promise to Ahab (v. 7). "I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth." She took matters into her own hands. If Ahab was too weak to be king, she would rule for him. (4) Her wicked scheme (vv. 8-15). She wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal and sent them to the elders and nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth, asking them to proclaim a fast, as though some great calamity had befallen the nation, and place Naboth before the public as the one who was the cause of it all. They were instructed to find two false witnesses who would testify against Naboth. The charge they brought according to the wicked device of Jezebel was blasphemy against God and the king. Naboth's only offense was his refusal to sell his estate, contrary to the law of God. When they had stoned to death Naboth and his sons (II Kings 9:26), they came and told Jezebel, who in turn came to Ahab with the information and directed him to take possession of the vineyard.

2. Ahab goes to Jezreel to take possession of Naboth's vineyard (v. 16). Ahab had not killed Naboth, but he eagerly accepted the prize without inquiring as to how it was secured.

### III. Elijah in Naboth's Vineyard Announcing Doom Upon Ahab (vv. 17-20).

1. Doom upon Ahab (vv. 17-22). Elijah told him the dogs should lick his blood in the place where they licked the blood of Naboth. Evil was to fall upon Ahab and his posterity, even wipe out his seed and name. He was guilty of conspiracy, murder, robbery, perjury, blasphemy, though he had been silent and inactive. God held him responsible for Jezebel's acts, for he was king and head of the nation. The day of reckoning did come to Ahab (I Kings 22:38).

2. Doom upon Jezebel (vv. 23-26). She likewise should be eaten by dogs by the wall of Jezreel. This was literally fulfilled (II Kings 9:33-37). "Be sure your sin will find you out."

### IV. Ahab's Repentance (vv. 27-29).

Because of this, God promised to withhold judgment during his lifetime.

### Death of Abraham.

And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.—Genesis 25:7-8.

### The Murmuring Congregation.

And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me?—Numbers 14:28-27.

## LAND OF WEALTH

Potentialities of Western Canada Abundantly Proved.

Prizes Taken at International Live Stock Exposition Show What Land Is Capable of Producing.

Forty years ago the first sale was made of lands acquired by the Canadian Pacific railway. This is but a short span in the lives of many, and there are those who look back upon that period as it being but of yesterday. Yet when one glances back it is to marvel at the accomplishments of that period. One of the most striking of these is the progress that has been made in Western Canada since that day, forty years ago, when an official of the railway placed his signature to the document that gave possession to the new owner of a section of land. This was the first sign of the wealth that in time would be added to the wealth of the world in forty years, this single section of land being the base upon which the future would be built. The potential wealth was but in embryo; today it is a big, living reality. Among the many things that reveal this, may be seen the winnings made by Western Canada exhibitors at the International Live Stock show held in Chicago in 1921. These were so marked in their number as to give to the world—the American world—a splendid idea of the excellence of the products of the farms of the new but rapidly developing country lying to the north of the international boundary line.

The results of the exhibition show, according to the Manitoba Free Press, that in live stock and grain exhibits the three prairie provinces of Canada made something like 150 winnings. Every animal sent from the province of Alberta won a prize. Exhibits included Shorthorn and Hereford cattle and Percheron and Clydesdale horses. An Alberta-bred heifer got fourth place in a class of eighteen outstanding individuals. In grain, Alberta made simply an astounding record, securing the sweepstakes for oats, and eight or nine prizes before even the American exhibitors secured a placing, and while the grand championship for wheat went to Montana, the prairie provinces took 23 out of 25 possible placings. The first prize for alfalfa seed was awarded for seed grown at Brooks, Alberta, in competition with 43 entries. Alfalfa-growing in Western Canada has been increasing by leaps and bounds, and this victory will give it and the dairy industry, which is always linked with it, a further impetus. In live stock classes alone Saskatchewan had sixty entries and took sixty-four ribbons.

The winning of the grand championship for Clydesdale stallions by a Saskatchewan horse, for the second time in succession, was almost exceptional. He was bred on a Western Canada farm, fitted and prepared for exhibition there, and able to win over horses shown from the studs of men who have unlimited money to spend on the breeding and preparation of their exhibits. This is proof positive that the farmers of Western Canada are not only in a position to breed their own horse power, and that of a very high quality, but to breed horses that will be saleable in any market of the world.

Manitoba takes just pride in the fact that a Percheron stallion, first in his class and Canadian-bred champion, was bred by Vance, of Crandall, Manitoba. Manitoba took 64 places outside of the grain exhibits.

When all is said and done, the real triumphs are the wins of both live stock and grain actually produced in the great Canadian provinces.

Commenting upon the enterprise of agriculturists of Western Canada in sending exhibits to the International Live Stock exposition at Chicago, the New York Herald in a recent issue said: "Western Canada is encouraging diversified farming in a way certain to bring an increased flow of dollars into the pockets of agriculturists, who at one time devoted their energies exclusively to the raising of grain crops."—Advertisement.

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Universal Facility. The telephone is the most universal of modern facilities used on the farms. Almost 40 per cent of all farms now have telephones, and in Iowa the figure runs up to 86 per cent. In the states beginning with Missouri and Kansas, and extending northward, where automobiles are most numerous, 70 per cent of the farms are equipped with telephones.—Spokane Daily Chronicle.

Hickory in Autumn. Hickories are trees with bright yellow foliage that are decorative in the autumn landscape, says the American Forestry Magazine. One or another of the numerous species is native in all sections of the eastern half of the United States.

Derivation From the French. The French for "What shall I say of it?" is qu'en dirai, and that has been corrupted into our word quantity.

AT THE FIRST SIGN OF A COLD—USE

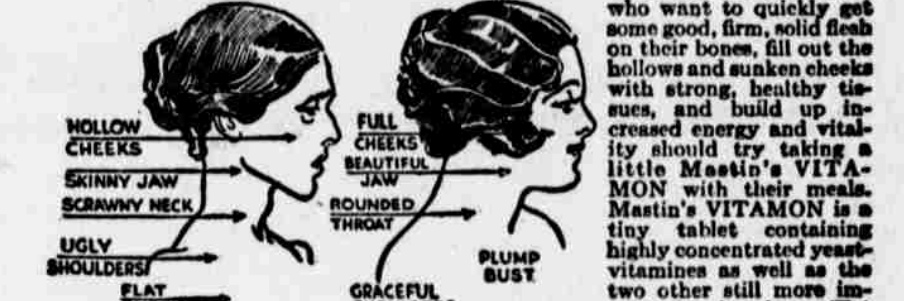
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