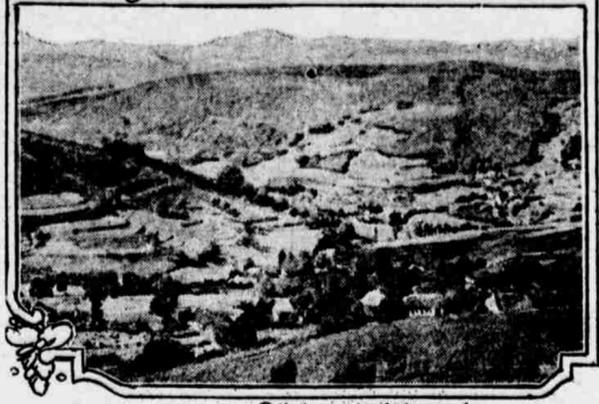


Liechtenstein, Tiny and Contented



Underwood & Underwood
Farm Lands of Liechtenstein.

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It is a contented people indeed, who, when their monarch would abdicate and make them free, insist that he still remain their ruler. Such an attempted abdication, and the refusal to accept it occurred recently in Liechtenstein, one of Europe's tiniest independent states.

Liechtenstein is tucked away in the eastern Alps south of Lake Constance along the upper Rhine, where that stream runs in a deep valley between Switzerland and Austria. Before the World war, Austria was something more than a neighbor. The little domain had a customs and postal agreement with the larger state and in a very limited sense therefore functioned as a part of it. But it had its own hereditary ruler, Prince Johann II, its own little duly elected parliament of 15 members, and its own high courts and lesser governmental machinery.

There was another tie with Austria, though in a way it was only accidental. Prince Johann owned extensive estates in Austria and by virtue of their ownership sat in the Austrian upper house. But Johann also owned large estates in Germany. In fact the aggregate acreage of his estates in various countries amounted to fifty times the area of land of which he was monarch with its 42 square miles, its greatest length of 15 miles and its greatest width of 6.

Cynics or even mere economists may find in Johann's extensive land holdings a reason for his high place in the affections of his people. Without seriously feeling the drain on his large income he has virtually "run" Liechtenstein from his private purse so that only the most nominal taxation is known in the little land.

Three-quarters of a century ago the inhabitants petitioned for an entertainment fund and the prince granted a subsidy, perhaps with a smile. It was used thereafter to decorate and illuminate Vaduz, the Paris of Liechtenstein, when he visited there.

Overlooked by Bismarck.

In the Austro-Prussian war back in the eighteen-sixties Liechtenstein cast her lot with her ally, Austria. Her entire population bravely said good-by to her soldier boys, and the entire standing army of four score men marched off to battle. But they arrived after the war was over.

When it came to making peace terms Bismarck nodded, for once, and little Liechtenstein was completely forgotten. It was just as well, or she might not have retained her freedom. But, apparently, she is determined not to be ignored again.

Her army marched home again, stacked their muskets and hung their leather helmets, the bugler's trumpet and the captain's sword in the ancient castle of Vaduz, where they remain today. The citizenry informed the prince they wanted no more of war. He abolished military service, and since then "disarmament" has been complete in Liechtenstein, though, technically, the country has been at war with Prussia since 1866.

Not only are there virtually no taxes in Liechtenstein, but the country has no public debt. A small levy is made for keeping up the dikes lest the Rhine overflows her fields in springtime. Customs and the ready generosity of her monarch keep her treasury filled.

This quaint, but electric-lighted nation, with its roadside shrines and modern typewriters, is somewhat smaller than the District of Columbia. It is elongated, as if by pressure of its neighbor nations, Austria and Switzerland, suggesting Mark Twain's complaint about another land where, he said, "people had to sleep with their knees pulled up because they couldn't stretch out without a passport."

Travelers Pass It By.

Two fiefs of the Roman empire, Schellenberg and Vaduz, make up the latter day Liechtenstein. Both came into possession of the Liechtenstein family while their previous overlords were financially embarrassed. Many travelers passed through the little state, within a sight of the Vaduz castle mounted on its white cliff pedestal, for the route to Davos lies that way. But hardly any of the travelers stopped. When Robert Shackleton visited there not many

years ago he was welcomed as the first American to set foot in the country.

Yet Liechtenstein, small as it is, is larger than the oft visited Monaco or the much written about Marino. Its peasants are simple, sturdy, shrewd folk, intensely proud of their "bright stone of the Alps." There are good schools, even to kindergartens, and the abundant water power makes electricity available to the humblest residents of Vaduz or the smaller towns.

Cattle raising and agriculture are two industries. The stalwart men are not to be misjudged by the fact that nearly all of them wear earrings, a custom which probably found its way up from Italy.

The people of Liechtenstein speak German, but it is a German bereft of much of its harshness and containing many romance words. Only a very few of the ten thousand inhabitants are more than moderately well-to-do. There are scarcely any servants. Most of the members of parliament saw their own wood and do their own "chores." Hardly ever is an indigent person seen, and crime is reduced to a minimum.

Farms in the Rhine Valley.

Most of the villages of Liechtenstein, well built and scrupulously clean, are to be found in the Rhine valley. On the valley floor are farms and gardens and meadows, while up the hillsides extend vineyards and orchards and pasture lands. Farther back rise the Liechtenstein Alps from whose slopes and peaks one may survey nearly the whole of the little principality and look far off into Switzerland to the west.

In the matter of governmental machinery little Liechtenstein is completely fitted out with a nearly up-to-the-minute model. Of the fifteen members of parliament the prince names three and the remainder are elected. In the election every man over twenty-four years of age votes and proportional representation is practiced. A governor sits as the prince's representative and about him is grouped his little cabinet whose members bear such high sounding names as secretary of state, chancellor of the exchequer, chief justice, state engineer, and—eminently fitting in mountainous Liechtenstein—director of forests. And as a last word in modern government, their council chamber is fitted up with a long-distance telephone so that their monarch can sit in Vienna, or Munich, or Berlin, or Paris, and still have a princely finger in the political pie.

Have Odd King Somewhere.

Some queer citizens of London have been brought to light by a London periodical. After living for 60 years in one room in Upper Berkeley street, Edward Mott has had to move out. He had never been in a train, tram or motor vehicle. But there is another man even stranger. He has spent the last seven years in bed in a hotel. He rises to have a wash now and then. Nobody knows who he is. He pays his bills regularly, and takes his food in his room. And there is not a thing wrong with him. There is another recluse who lives at the Savoy. He does not stay in bed, but he has not left his room for two years, and spends his time reading and painting. No one knows why. And over in Brixton there is a house in which an old man lives whom the neighbors have never seen. He orders his food by telephone and even the postman must leave his letters on the step.

Venerable Scottish Relic.

The sculptured relic known as the Hilton Cadboll stone has been placed in the Scottish National Museum of Antiquities. About a thousand years old, the stone's sculpture is a remarkable testimony to the artistic taste and craftsmanship of the early natives of Scotland. The stone stood for many years near the ruins of a chapel close to the village of Hilton Cadboll, on the north side of the Moray firth; and it was more recently removed to Invergordon castle. One of the reasons for the proprietor of Invergordon placing it in the care of the authorities was the fact that the sculpture was weathering rapidly in its exposed position.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School 'Lesson'

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 26

ELISHA'S HEAVENLY DEFENDERS

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 6:8-23.
GOLDEN TEXT—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.—Ps. 34:7.
REFERENCE MATERIAL—Dan. 6:1-23; Heb. 1:14; 1:12.
PRIMARY TOPIC—God Takes Care of His People.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Elisha and the Armies of Jehovah.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Our Unseen Defenders.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What Faith in the Unseen Can Do for Us.

1. The Syrian King Sorely Troubled (vv. 8-12).

1. The King's plan. (v. 8). His method was a kind of guerrilla warfare—armed bands made incursions into the enemy's territory. He determined as to where camps should be located so as to intercept Israel's army. His plan was clever, but his great mistake was that he left God out of his calculations. There is one place where all plans and movements are known (Heb. 4:13).

2. The enemy's movements disclosed (v. 9). The man of God, knowing the enemy's movements, was able to tell the king about them. Elisha's advice was more than a match for the wily plans of the shrewd Ben-hadad. Israel's safety lay more in the man of God than in their warriors.

3. The king of Israel heeded Elisha's word (v. 10). This was true wisdom. By obeying the prophet's words he saved himself and army many times. Those who are truly wise heed the divine warnings.

4. The Syrian king's perplexity (vv. 11, 12). In his perplexity he assembled his servants and demanded that the traitor be made known. He believed that some were playing into the hands of the enemy; therefore he would put an end to the treachery. This was denied, and one of his servants declared that the king's movements were reported by Elisha the prophet, even telling to the king of Israel what Ben-hadad spoke in his bedchamber. Ben-hadad was worried not because of his sins, but because his plans miscarried.

II. The Syrian King Tries to Trap Elisha (vv. 13-18).

1. He sent an army to capture him (vv. 13, 14). Upon learning that Elisha was making known his actions, he determined to put an end to the matter by trapping him and making him a prisoner. How foolish to put human cunning against divine wisdom. Horses and chariots are useless when God is against us. God's purposes cannot be thwarted. If God be for us, who can be against us?

2. Elisha's servant frightened (v. 15). When he awoke one morning he saw that an armed host was encamping about the city. Viewed from the human standpoint, we do not wonder that he was affrighted.

3. Elisha's encouragement (v. 16). He assured his servant that, though they were surrounded by the Syrian army, there was a mightier host of heavenly defenders round about them. Elisha did not shut his eyes to the real danger, but looked to the helpers of God watching about them.

4. Elisha's prayer (v. 17). He asked that the Lord would open the eyes of his servant so as to see spiritual things. When the Lord opened the eyes of the young man he saw that "the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." Round about us all the while are angels guarding us from danger.

5. The Syrians smitten with blindness (v. 18). The same God who opened the eyes of the young man, blinded the eyes of the Syrians. God deals with men according to their moral attitude. When men will not have the light, God sends darkness.

III. The Syrian Army Trapped (vv. 19-23).

The would-be trappers are now trapped.

1. Army led by the man sought by them (vv. 19, 20). Elisha led them to Samaria and asked the Lord to open their eyes. When their eyes were open they saw the man whom they sought, but not at the place where they sought him. Instead of seeing him at Dothan as they expected, they saw him in Samaria.

2. The generous treatment of the Syrians (vv. 21-23). The king of Israel wanted to smite the captives, but Elisha forbade him and ordered instead that they should be fed and sent back to their master.

3. Peace between the nations (v. 23). The mercy shown to the Syrians had such a profound effect upon them that they came no more to make war upon Israel. What a fine thing if we could have such humanity shown today!

Give Thanks to God.

Sleep should be light, so that we may easily awake; for we ought to rise frequently in the night, in order to give thanks to God. . . . We who have the word, the watchman, dwelling in us, must not sleep through the night.—St. Clement of Alexandria.

Bodily Exercise and Godliness.

Bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.—I Timothy, 4:8.

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His Preference.
Landlady (to new boarder)—How do you like your eggs boiled?
Boarder—Two at a time, please!

Let's Go.
"Well, that's settled!" sighed the man to his wife the other evening, after he, apparently, had been ruminating over the holiday nightmare. "Now let's go to a movie."
"What's settled?" she asked.
"Oh, I was just figuring out what I would do with \$100,000 if some one should give it to me," he replied.
"Well, what would you do?"
"I'd give it right back to the fellow that gave it to me and save the trouble of paying it out in small amounts. Come on."

Women.
Men are just little boys grown up, say the philosophers.
The boy stubs his toe, runs to his mother, cries a moment, gets a pat on the head and a cookie and then returns to play again.
It would be a much darker world these days for the men who are out of work, if it were not for the wives, mothers and sisters who encourage them, keep the flame of hope alive in their hearts and send them forth anew on the quest of prosperity.
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Observing a poorly dressed man stagger and fall prostrate on the sidewalk, a passing physician hurried to his side and began to feel for his pulse. Apparently the man was unconscious and the physician was about to draw his hypodermic syringe from his medicine bag when a workman with a dinner pail in his hand stepped forward from the group of surrounding spectators. "Here, give him some of this!" he said, exhibiting a whisky flask in his hand.
Grabbing this the physician poured part of its contents into the victim's throat, whereupon the victim suddenly raised his head and spat it out, gasping. "You're you don't?"
"Reviving you with whisky?" said the doctor.
"That ain't whisky, it's cold tea."

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A fond father was desirous of announcing to his little daughter that the fairies had visited the house and brought a beautiful gift.
"Well, darling," he said affably, "the fairies have brought something to mother which you will love as much as mother and I do."
Eagerly the child looked up and appealed: "Oh, daddy, do tell me what it is."
Father, looking very solemn, said: "I'll give you one guess. What is it you want from mother more than anything else in the world"—and then collapsed as the darling, clapping hands, shrieked "Guinea pigs!"

Remember, Troubles Have Uses.

"Don't tell a man to foght his troubles," said Uncle Eben. "If he goes ahead an' foghts 'em, you'll turn around an' say dey serves him right foh bein' so careless."

To Whom It May Concern.

Adv. in Vermont Paper—"If you have any prospects, I have a nice willow carriage for sale."—Boston Transcript.

The man who says nothing is never misquoted.

To win a race a Jockey doesn't put extra weight
on the horse that helps him succeed

No man or woman who wants to succeed in the race of life can afford the handicap of headaches, insomnia, indigestion and debility. Nor can they afford to take anything that may keep up a continual irritation of the nervous system.

Yet this is what many people do who drink excessive amounts of tea or coffee. For tea and coffee contain caffeine, a substance that is sometimes very injurious. Many doctors say that caffeine raises the blood pressure, irritates the kidneys, and over-stimulates the entire nervous system. Also that it is especially bad for growing children, or for any one who has any tendency to nervousness or insomnia.

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