

GERMAN DESTROYERS PURSUED BY BRITISH; ENEMY FLANK MOVEMENT AT VERDUN FAILS; AUSTRIANS ABANDONED ONEISTER POSITIONS.

SIR SAM RECEIVES CALLERS IN LONDON.

LONDON, March 21.—General Sir Sam Hughes received a number of callers at the Ritz Hotel today including Lord Dunsford, Sir Geo. Perley, Sir Hamar Greenwood and Sir Max Aitken.

FIRE BROKE OUT AT ZEEBRUGGE AFTER AIR ATTACK.

AMSTERDAM, March 21.—The Telegraf says the bombardment of German positions on the Belgian coast yesterday by allied aeroplanes lasted for several hours. A great fire it adds was observed at Zeebrugge after the raid over that point.

RUSSIANS BESEIGE TREBIZOND.

ROME, March 21.—Russian troops, according to advices received have arrived outside the Turkish Black Sea port of Trebizond and are laying siege to it. A large force of Turks is defending Trebizond.

SINN FEIN RIOTERS FIRED ON POLICE IN CORK.

LONDON, March 21.—Sinn Fein rioters fired on the police last night at Tuilligmore, a hamlet of Cork, Ireland. A police sergeant was wounded seriously and two inspectors received slight wounds.

ASQUITH LIBEL SUIT SETTLED TODAY.

LONDON, March 21.—The libel suit of Mrs. Herbert Asquith, wife of the premier against the Globe was settled today. The Globe consenting to judgment for 1,000 pounds and costs.

PROPOSAL OF COMPENSATION FOR HOTEL-KEEPERS.

TORONTO, March 21.—A resolution aiming at compensation for hotelkeepers and others who may suffer financially as a result of prohibition, will be introduced in the legislature tomorrow by Mark H. Irish, member for North Toronto.

GERMAN DESTROYERS FLEE BEFORE BRITISH.

LONDON, March 21.—The Admiralty announce that yesterday four British destroyers sighted three German destroyers off the Belgian coast. The Germans ran for Zeebrugge harbor, pursued by the British. During the running fight which ensued two of the enemy destroyers were hit, but all finally escaped into their naval base. Four British sailors were wounded.

GERMAN FLANKING MOVEMENT FAILS.

PARIS, March 21.—French war office reports that the German offensive at Verdun has again crumbled. Beyond a slight gain in Malin-

court wood the attempts to flank the French have completely failed.

HEROIC FRENCH EXPLOITS WIN BRITISH ADMIRATION.

PARIS, March 21.—Replying to a telegram expressing the British army's admiration for the heroic exploits of the "unconquerable soldiers" from Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander-in-chief, regretting the French losses in "the great battle which is still raging," and of France, Gen. Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, says:

"In the fierce struggle it is carrying on, the French army knows that it will obtain results advantageous to all the allies, and knows also that when recently it made an appeal to the comradeship of the British army, the latter responded by offering its most complete and speediest aid."

ON ONEISTER.

LONDON, March 21.—A Vienna official despatch says that under the pressure of the Russian forces the Austrians were compelled to evacuate bridge head fortifications on the Dueltser river together with their transports. The Austrian losses are admitted to be heavy.

BULGARS FORTIFY ROUMANIAN FRONTIER.

MILAN, March 21.—A Bucharest despatch says the Bulgarians are making extensive military preparations along the Roumanian frontier.

U. S. TROOPS SOON TO CLASH WITH VILLA.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 21.—Francisco Villa may be forced into the fight with American troops within the next 36 hours if reports coming to Gen. Funston's headquarters, both from Gen. Pershing and from Mexican sources, are correct.

Gen. Pershing reported today that Villa had been reported today defeated by Mexican government troops near Cruces and that he was marching northward in retreat. Gen. Pershing's report, however, was followed by the unofficial report that Villa was still fighting at Nami-quipa, south of Cruces.

If the Carranza force wins in the fighting that was said to be continuing late today, Villa will have to move northward along a road over which a detachment of American troops is riding southward or leave the road for the mountains on either side. Retreat according to the report is impracticable because of the presence in the rear of Mexican troops, who forced him to turn northward from Cruces.

Just where Gen. Pershing is was not announced, but he is directing the work of the three detachments and by means of scouts is attempting to keep in communication.

EACH PROVINCE MUST DECIDE POLICY OF LIQUOR EXCLUSION

OTTAWA, March 21.—Three proposals dealing with the question of prohibition are now before the house. One is the resolution offered by Mr. Stevens (Vancouver), calling for nationwide prohibition, which was debated somewhat at least a fortnight ago. A second is the government measure introduced in the house yesterday by the minister of justice, making it a criminal offence to import liquor into a province or into municipalities under local option. The third is a resolution offered by Mr. Hughes (Kings, P.E.I.), asking for an amendment to the B.N.A. Act, which will empower the provinces to prohibit the manufacture and importation of intoxicating liquors.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, introduced a bill in the house of commons yesterday entitled "An Act in Aid of Provincial Legislation Prohibiting or Restricting the Sale or Use of Intoxicating Liquors."

In moving the first reading of the bill the minister said that each province had ample jurisdiction within its own borders to prohibit or restrict the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquors in such manner as might seem to it desirable.

Unfortunately, provincial regulation was apt to be nullified by the interferences of persons outside of that province, who at present were free to ship or carry in liquor to provinces which had declared the traffic and consumption of liquor to be illegal.

This condition of affairs called for federal legislation and the bill he was introducing prohibited the importation into any province in any manner forbidden by provincial law. The shipper, the carrier and the receiver would all be liable under the act to criminal prosecution.

Hon. Charles Marcl asked if the law would forbid the importation of intoxicating liquor into a municipality that had voted dry in a local option contest. Would it be unlawful to import into one part of a province and lawful to import into another part of the same province?

"That," said Judge Doherty, "will entirely depended upon the legislation of that province."

The law, he went on to say, would take effect immediately upon its passage and be of universal application. If a province did not forbid the sale or consumption of liquor, no offence would be committed by sending liquor into that province for sale or consumption.

If the provinces did forbid either the sale or consumption of liquor or both, then it would be unlawful to import liquor into that province or into any part of that province, where such sale or consumption was forbidden by law.

Replying to a question, the minister said

A Member of Fire Engine Company No. 6

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

There was a fire engine house near Mr. Singleton's city residence, and it so happened that the place was an object of curiosity to his little daughter Bess. The moment she heard the sharp rattle of the siren announcing a fire she would run to the engine house to see the horses harnessed to their places by the side of the tongue of the machine, and impatiently till they were hooked, then dash out of the house, followed by the ragtag and bobtail of the town—and Bess.

She was six years old when this admiration for fire apparatus, horses and men first developed itself, and very soon she was noticed by the firemen sitting at the doors of the engine house in archaic waiting for an alarm. One day one of them offered to show her the premises. She accepted the invitation and inspected everything with eyes as big as saucers. When she departed she was told to make herself at home there.

And she did. She went in and out at her own sweet will, climbed up on the hood and down the back, the horse and occasionally would ask to be put on the back of one of the horses. One day when she was ten years old a roll of parchment was left at her home on which was written: "This is to certify that Elizabeth Singleton has been duly elected a member of fire engine company No. 6." The words were surrounded by pictures of engines dashing to fires, burning buildings and firemen carrying women and children down ladders from the upper story.

This was the proudest day of Bess's life. She was on the ladder truck one day when an alarm came. No one noticed her till she jumped on to the footboard, putting on her jacket; then one of them saw her hanging from dear life to the rung of a ladder. It was too late to put her down. At any rate, no one made a move to do so, and she was carried to the fire. There was time to do in quenching the flames, and since the ladders were not needed she was permitted to remain perched high, an object of interest to a gaping crowd. On the return she was put down at her home and lectured by her mother.

But from playing in an engine house she had got a taste for going to a fire, and from that time forward all efforts to keep her away from the former place were fruitless.

One day when the department paraphernalia was about to respond to an alarm one of the men beside the truck turned and nearly fell over her. She put up her arms, and before he realized what he was doing he had swung her up on to the ladders.

Bess grew up the pet of the fire company and was considered a part of it. When she was sixteen all the younger members were in love with her, and the older ones considered her something to adore. They raised a fund among them to procure a marble bust of her that was put up in the engine house except on state occasions.

When Bess was sixteen her father was elected sheriff of the county. One day a murder was committed that excited the indignation of the populace to such an extent that, assuming a man who had been arrested for the murder was guilty, they proposed to lynch him. Marching to the jail, they demanded the accused. There was no adequate defense, and the sheriff took the man out through a back door into an alley and thence to his own home.

Unfortunately the two were seen by one of the mob, and before long they appeared at the window of the prison. When Bess saw the crowd before her father's door and the trouble he was in an idea occurred to her. Slipping away, she ran to the engine house and, with flushed cheeks and out of breath, told the firemen of the situation.

"What can we do, boys?" asked the chief.

"Play on them!" said Bess.

"God!" cried a dozen voices, and in a jiffy horses were placed before the engine, it was hauled to the sheriff's house and suddenly the mob who were howling for the prisoner, found themselves before a stream that knocked them down as fast as it was turned from those who had fallen to those still on their feet. Within five minutes the street was cleared.

The proudest men in the town were the firemen, who had found an opportunity to do a service for their idol. And as for the Singleton, no objection was after that ever raised to her going to fires and climbing the walls of burning buildings if she chose to do so.

When Bess was married a sister-in-law service was given her by her fellow members of the fire company. They were all invited to the wedding, and when Mrs. A. Little girl was born to the bride she was made a member by the firemen of the engine company No. 6.

NEW CREATURES PERFECT IN HOLINESS

Not of the Flesh, But of the Spirit.

Holiness Means Completeness—Only the Church Are Holy Now—Jews Failed to Be Holy—How Christ's Followers Fulfill the Law—Development of the New Creation—Practising on the Old Body—Judged by Heart Attitude—Self-Disciplining—Attaining the Spirit of a Sound Mind—Love the Road of Perfection.

Brantford, Ont. March 19.—Pastor Russell gave the following address here today, based on 1 Peter 1:16: "Be ye holy for I am holy." We give a condensed report:

The word "holy" is related to our word "whole," which signifies completeness, unbroken.

Viewed from this standpoint, our text is a wonderful exhortation. Our Lord Jesus also exhorted us, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48.) Very properly we note that the Bible is not addressed to the world. In their fallen condition, out of harmony with God and not seeking to know His will, mankind are not in a position where God can thus address them. They are alien strangers, foreigners, as the Lord speaks of them through St. Paul. At present they have neither lot nor part in the things of God. So far as they are concerned, His great Plan is yet future.

Plan is yet future. The Father loves the world, and has made provision that ultimately they shall have a glorious place, rich blessings, but not yet—Ephesians 2:11, 12; 1 Corinthians 1:21-26; John 3:16.

During the long period from Adam to the making of the Covenant with Israel at Mt. Sinai, God recognized no nation. Mankind were cut off from fellowship with His because of Adam's transgression. God did, indeed, speak through a few, such as Noah, Noah, and Abraham, to whom He made certain declarations not clearly understood by any at that time. No one was permitted to come into covenant relationship with God except in the sense that He made through animal sacrifices, which typified the great sacrifice for sins yet to come.

Then came God's dealings with the one nation of Israel. He separated them from all other nations. (Exodus 19:2-6; Amos 2:9-10.) He gave them a Law, and promised that if they would keep that Law they should have everlasting life and should exercise those gracious privileges which God mentioned to Father Abraham; namely, that through them all the families of the earth might be blessed. They thought that they could keep God's Law; but they found that they could not do so—that they could not be holy.

This holiness was briefly comprehended in the command, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength; and thy neighbor as thyself." (Luke 10:27.) But Israel could not attain to this holiness; this completeness; for, like all of the Adamic race, they were imperfect. No imperfect man could keep a perfect law.

Year by year for over sixteen centuries God permitted Israel to offer typical sacrifices; and they renewed their covenant annually on the Day of Atonement. Thus they were made acceptable to God, for the ensuing year, and were kept in covenant relationship with Him. Over and over again they tried to keep the Law, but failed continually. The Apostle Paul tells us that during all those centuries not one Jew was justified through keeping the Law—Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:15, 16.

How Christians Can Keep God's Law.

Then came the Gospel dispensation. Our Lord Jesus, by His life and by His preaching gave forth a Message of mercy and peace, even to those Jews who could not keep the Law, saying still to them, "Be ye holy." During all those many centuries the Israelites had tried to be holy, but had failed; and how could those of our Lord's day expect to be holy, complete, lacking nothing, any more than could their ancestors? Ah, there was a secret which Jesus disclosed to the earnest and sincere, the "Israelites indeed!" The reason why any could keep the Law after Jesus came, was that Christ, accomplished an important work, applicable to those who became His disciples. The Jews could not succeed in keeping the Law of God, but Christians can do so. This is not because they are better born than the Jews; for naturally we are all "children of wrath, even as others." (Ephesians 2:3.)

In the absolute sense, Christians cannot keep God's Law, any more than can any of the angels, for the same reason. Doubtless we have all proved to our own satisfaction that we cannot keep that perfect Law in the sense of having no imperfection of thought, word, or act. When the Apostle says that the Law is unattainable (Romans 7:4), he means that God has made an arrangement through Jesus by which our imperfections are legally cancelled, made as though they did

not exist. Thus, by keeping our hearts in spirit and by having our hearts in Jesus' name, our imperfections are cancelled, and we are perfect before God. According to God's Plan, our Lord Jesus laid His life down as a ransom for all, a corresponding price for the life of Father Adam. Adam's sin and must meet the penalty of death. He died; and all of our imperfections have been born under the conditions of sin and death. We are perfect because sin cancelled our imperfections. Mankind die because sin cancelled our imperfections. The world through one man's sin, is under the curse of the law, as the Apostle says (Romans 5:12). But through the death of our Lord Jesus, we are able to annul Adam's death, and to take possession of the life which He has won for us. Thus Adam and all of his posterity will be awakened to new life; otherwise the entire human race would suffer eternal death; for the penalty of sin was not the mere act of dying, but remaining dead forever.—1 Corinthians 15:21, 22; 1 Timothy 2:5, 6.

At the beginning of the Messianic Kingdom our Lord will take possession of the world. Mankind are something like a scrap-heap of old machines, engines, boilers, etc., all rusted and twisted out of their original shape. But the Holy Spirit, who has control has infinite power and ability to repair and to reconstruct all these defective beings. During the thousand years of His Reign this will be His work. It will affect the dead as well as those having a measure of life when they begin to live. The Messiah will bring all who will out of sin and death conditions back to the perfection lost in Eden, redeemed at Calvary.

Officers of the Glorified Christ. God purposed, before the foundation of the world, to permit sin to bring forth its evil fruitage for six thousand years, and then to take in a great Sabbath Day, the Millennium Sabbath, during which He would do, through Jesus, His appointed Chancelor, a work for mankind which they cannot do for themselves. Meantime, He has been selecting and preparing the classes that will be His agents, under Christ, to accomplish His great work for humanity—first, an earthly class (enumerated in Hebrews 11), and then a spiritual class, the Church.

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Jehovah God has also purposed that our Lord Jesus shall be the King of the world during the Millennium Sabbath, and that this spiritual class shall be associate kings under Him; moreover, that Jesus and the Church shall be a Royal Priesthood to bless and instruct the world of mankind; their subjects, and that this great High Priest and His under priests shall also be the judges of the world. These different features of the work of the Christ were shown in type in the appointed priesthood of Israel (the anointed king and his judges). The Apostle Paul says: "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?" (1 Corinthians 6:2.) The Christ, Head and Body, will also be the world's great Prophet, the antitype of Moses.—Acts 3:22, 23.

All this shows us that the Church of Christ is separate and distinct from the world at large, as Jesus said. (John 17:14; 15:16, 19.) What God will do for the world through our Lord Jesus during the incoming Age, by restoring those who ever will to all that was lost in Adam, bringing them back to human perfection, is something very different from what He is now doing for the Church. The inheritance of the faithful Church, as to be spiritual, not earthly; and it is the Church that are now called upon to be holy.

During the Millennium Age all mankind will be called upon to be holy; for then the standard of holiness will be set before them, and by the aid of the Christ all the willing and obedient may attain human perfection. Whoever will may become holy, as was Father Adam before he sinned. While on earth, our Lord Jesus was holy in the perfection of human nature. (John 1:14.) During the Millennium the whole world will be expected to come up to the standard of holiness, of completeness—nothing lacking, nothing imperfect. The merit which our Lord has by virtue of His faithfulness to the Father even unto death, gives Him the right to purchase the human family and to help them back to that condition of completeness, of holiness, in which they can be holy, as God is holy.

God's Crowning Work. The difference between the call to holiness now extended to those who have an "ear to hear" God's present Message and the call to holiness to be extended to all mankind during the Millennium is this: It is not the flesh of the Christian that is holy; but the New Creature. His human imperfections are covered with the robe of Christ's imputed righteousness. This unique dealing with the Gospel Church is for a specific purpose. We understand that God had already created various ranks of spirit beings, and who then created man "a little lower than the angels," had planned before the foundation of the world that in due time He would have a New Creature, holier than the greatest created before then, and the greatest, the most wonderful, of all His creations.—2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:4; 2:10.

This New Creature, God tells us (1 Peter 1:4), is to have the divine nature. His own nature. It will not only be higher than the human nature, which in perfection is the image of God, but higher than the various orders of spirit beings, who are also in the image of God. It will be the spirit nature in the image of God. God first began to develop this New Creature in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ at the time of His baptism in Jordan. The Father's purpose in sending the Son into the world was to create a New Creature. (John 1:14; 1 John 3:4.) God's word points out to us what it is to be holy as our Heavenly Father is holy. To be perfect as He is perfect. Then let this mind be in us, which was in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He might become the Leader of the Church. (Hebrews 2:10.) God has made our Lord to be Head of the Church, which is His Body—in the same sense that Congress is a Body. The work of the Gospel Age has been the gathering of the members of this Body. The blessings promised to the world cannot begin until this work of gathering and developing the spiritual Body of Christ shall have been completed.

The Holiness of the Saints. Now we see what the Apostle means when he says, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1.) We should rejoice to know that if we offer our little all to God, Jesus will make up what is needed to render our sacrifice fully acceptable to the Father. When the Holy Spirit comes upon one, an unction from on High, it constitutes him a son of God, on a new plane. He is no longer counted as a human being. He has been begotten as a spirit being; but he has no spirit body as yet. He still has the old body, the old brain, although a new will is there, a new mind, "the mind of Christ." He had the mind, the disposition, of Christ to present himself as a sacrifice. But he has not yet been begotten with the Holy Spirit, he received from God the start of a new nature. He became a New Creature in Christ. During the present life the New Creature must dwell in this earthly tabernacle. (2 Corinthians 5:2.) If he continues to walk humbly and faithfully before the Lord, seeking to do the Divine will, as the consecrated have agreed to do, he will be more and more filled with the Holy Spirit, until eventually God will complete the matter by giving the resurrection "change" the birth of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 15: 53-54; John 3: 5-7.) Then the new mind will be transferred to a Divine spirit body, and the New Creature will be complete. New Creatures to Judge Themselves. It is the New Creature that is to be holy, perfect, as the Father in Heaven is holy, perfect. This does not give any one liberty to sin with the body, however. "How shall we who have died to sin live any longer therein?" asks the Apostle. (Romans 6:2.) If we consecrated ourselves voluntarily unto death in opposition to sin, how shall we find pleasure in sin? Whoever enjoys sin thereby manifests that he has not the Holy Spirit. The mind of the Lord does not enjoy sin. We are to make a clear distinction between the impulses of the flesh and the desire of the heart. Through the impulses of His fallen human nature, any one of God's people might be overtaken in a fault, and under stress of circumstances might do as we say something that he did not approve. But as surely as he is a New Creature he will make amends for his fault, in order to return to full harmony with the Lord. God is judging His people according to the standard of His Spirit. The world cannot know all about God's people. They look at things from the natural man's standpoint; and when they see a child of God do or say something unkind or improper, they draw their own conclusions. But we must not judge them. Our heart attitude must ever be to wish to do the Lord's will. Should any of God's people willingly consent to sin, he would be a partaker of that sin. It is overtaken in a fault, he must correct it. Whoever is a New Creature in Christ is seeking to be holy as God is holy, will watch his words and conduct, and will try to keep a strict rule over his mortal body; and if that body should temporarily get from under control, he will discipline it by way of punishment, will correct it in order to make it remember for the future.—1 Corinthians 11: 31, 32.

"All true Christians should be on the alert to note God's presence. Nothing can come into their lives by accident; for all things must work together for their good. Should one of them meet with what would appear to be an accident, if he should have some peculiar experience, he should think of this something as a chastisement from my Father for wrong-doing."

Every child of God must receive discipline, in order that his character may be developed. Even our Lord Jesus had discipline. But in His case these experiences were never punishments; and it is for the Lord's people to be on guard to see that their disciplinings are not in the nature of punishments, so as to be the greatest benefit for them.—Hebrews 12: 4-11; 5:8.

The Lord's people should also study the character of God, to see His holiness. His completeness, that they may copy His holiness. They are to have "the spirit of a sound mind." Our minds are not sound naturally, being blighted by the fall; but the mind of the New Creature is always loyal to God; the Scriptures tell us what God's will for us is, what He has said; and we are to copy Him. God is LOVE. But He will not be loving at the expense of Justice. So let us copy God in His Wisdom, Mercy, Justice, and Love. All these noble qualities will be manifested more or less in the Church of Christ.

We should ever remember that our chief work is with ourselves. We are interested in the Lord's people, however. But God has not given us the work of making them over. He will attend to that work Himself. We are all soldiers under the one great Captain, we are members of the same Bride class, all called with the same Heavenly Calling. We have all been begotten with the same Holy Spirit, have one Father and one Saviour; if we are in the School of Christ and are learning of Him, how we should love the brethren, then! The Bible gives this as one of the unmistakable evidences that we have passed from fleshly unbelief to the love of God (1 John 3:4.) God's word points out to us what it is to be holy as our Heavenly Father is holy. To be perfect as He is perfect. Then let this mind be in us, which was in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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