

SPY BETRAYED BY LITTLE BUTTONS

German in British Uniform Caught by a Sharp Eyed Officer

CHAPLAIN TAKEN IN Spy Had Pockets Full of Maps When Discrepancy Was Detected

Russell Gore writes in the Detroit News: The Padre met the man strolling back of the lines. The Padre's routine takes him everywhere—into the trenches, the billets where men rest and bathe and smoke after doing their "bit" on the firing line—the hospitals where the dying are calling for the consolation of the church, the streets of ruined villages where men pause and chat even while occasional shells are flying over their heads.

It was on the street that the chaplain met him. He had blue eyes, a fair skin, and wore the uniform of the British army. The eyes had in them the suggestion of a smile, and they looked straight at you confidently. The uniform was the regulation khaki in which all the world at the front seems to be dressed. It was a detail of this uniform that caught the chaplain's attention. The three black buttons, denoting a captain's rank, that adorned the epaulettes on the officer's shoulders, had been gilded.

"Quite an idea," agreed the Padre, pausing to chat with the stranger and commenting on his bright buttons.

The two stopped to exchange some gossip about London. The stranger knew London as well as the Padre. He was full of the up-to-date information about the best theatres in which to while away an evening and the best places in which to get a meal not too much curtailed by the dietary regulations. He spoke English perfectly.

"One of us, I see," he said.

Another British officer sauntered by. He was one of the Padre's acquaintances, and the chaplain called him.

"See how our friend here has furnished up our sober shoulder buttons," he said by way of introducing the man with the honest blue eyes.

But he noticed that the third officer dismissed the gilded shoulder buttons with a glance, and instead fixed his eyes on two buttons—two small and inconspicuous buttons on the sleeve of the stranger's coat.

"You're one of us, I see," he said cordially, and extended his hand. The Padre noticed idly that his sleeve also had two buttons on its edge. Curiously he glanced at the own uniform—supposed to be exactly like that of every other British officer except for the black epaulettes.

He identified him as a chaplain. For the first time he noticed that there were no buttons on the cuff of his sleeve. And there were no buttons on the sleeves of any one of the dozens of officers who were passing and repassing the group.

"Yes—sure—yes—why, of course," answered the blue-eyed officer to the newcomer in the group.

"The Regiment."

Then the officer the Padre had called over began to ask questions about the regiment. They were asked just as though the other must know about what regiment he was speaking. The Padre wondered at this, because there had been no mention of any particular regiment. As the talk went on, he became subtly aware that a skillful cross-examination was in process, and that it was not going particularly well for the man cross-examined. He very obviously didn't know this or that officer to whom the newcomer referred as intimates, he didn't know where the reserves of THE regiment were. His blue eyes were becoming more and more troubled, and the other's dark eyes were narrowing down into slits of suspicion.

Finally the third officer stopped away, and spoke quietly to the sentry who was pacing back and forth. The sentry withdrew only to appear a moment later with six other men in charge of a corporal.

"Place this man under arrest," said the other quietly placing his hand on the shoulder of the officer with the gilt buttons on his shoulders.

"How dare you do this?" demanded the man, speaking in a voice that though loud, sounded strained to the ears of the thousands at the front. Perhaps the coat had been taken from

REDUCE CAR SHORTAGE BY FILLING CARS

The object of this article is not to start a controversy, but to point out the necessity of filling cars to the limit.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson X.—Second Quarter, For June 3, 1917.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, John xviii, 1-18. Memory Verses, 10, 11—Golden Text, Isa. liii, 3—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

We certainly have today in many respects an impossible lesson, impossible for us to grasp or understand or in any measure enter into its real significance. But we can believe it and stand in awe and, bowing low, adore.

The first sentence, "When Jesus had spoken these words," takes us back over His rescue and prayer in the upper room that last evening, giving us truth to be pondered every day and hour until we shall see Him face to face, and then to be understood and appreciated as never before. It seems a great pity not to have a lesson on His inimitable prayer in which He poured out His heart to His Father for Himself and for that little company and for us. Do not fail to notice in verse 5 that He was truly one with the Father before the world was; in verses 4, 6, 26, that His one aim on earth was to glorify the Father and manifest Him to others; in verses 11, 18, that is why we are here in the world in His stead. In verses 3, 21-23, He gives eternal life and the glory which the Father gave to Him, that the world may believe and know, and the secret of all is in the last three words of His prayer, "It is them." On that last evening, if I have counted correctly, He spoke of His Father or to His Father over fifty times, reminding us that He lived by the Father, the Living Father who had sent Him, and He would have us live thus by Him (John vi, 57). If redeemed by His precious blood we are given to Him by the Father and can look up and say "Our Father," and that should deliver us from all care and anxiety and lead us to say, as He did, "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight" (Matt. x, 33, 35, 39). Being made children of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, we must be content to suffer with Him this little while, according to Phil. i, 29; 10, but always looking onward to the glory (Rom. viii, 18; 1 Cor. iv, 17, 18).

Turning to our lesson chapter, we see Him going down from the upper room over the brook Cedron to the garden of Gethsemane because of the rebellion of His son Israel (Ex. iv, 22; Isa. i, 2), and we think of David crossing the same brook because of the rebellion of his son (1 Sam. xv, 23, 30). But David returned and reigned, and so will the Son of David in due time. David also seems to have written of the betrayal by Judas in Ps. xli, 9, and in Acts i, 20. Peter says that Pa. xix, 25, referred to Judas. Notice in lesson verses 2-8 the power of the great name I AM, and see how just who won from Him sent the Roman soldiers to the ground, from which they never would have risen again but by His permission. See the greatness of that name in Ex. iii, 14, 15. Note the sword in the hand of Peter (verses 10, 11) and see his misuse of it, for swords are not for disciples, else two would not have been enough for twelve (Luke xxii, 38, 50, 51). How often we figuratively cut off people's ears, or in other words, prevent them from hearing the voice of Jesus by our zeal or lack of zeal or bungling of some sort.

We next see Peter with the servants, warming himself at their fire and then denying that he knew the Lord (verses 15-18, 25-27). This is the man who said, "Lord, I will lay down my life for Thy sake" (xlii, 37). He meant well, but did not know himself. He was boastful, unwisely, overzealous, followed afar off and got into bad company. And there are so many like him! If we warm ourselves at the warming places of the world we shall surely get into trouble. The only way is to follow fully and avoid all associations where the Lord Jesus is not honored, unless by going here and there we can magnify Him. What a comfort it is to us weak ones that the Lord loved Peter through it all, prayed for him, brought him true penitence by that loving, searching look, gave him a special personal interview on the resurrection day and later some special words by the sea of Galilee.

In verses 12 to 14 we see Jesus allowing the soldiers to take Him and bind Him and lead Him away because the time had come for Him to suffer. To see Him consenting to be led from one to the other and be so ill treated by Annas, and Caiaphas, and Herod, and Pilate, and so patient before all, leaving us an example of how we should act as His representatives before His enemies and ours, is something that we should constantly consider (1 Pet. ii, 19-24; Heb. xii, 3, 4). How grand was His reply to the high priest when asked concerning His teaching: "I spake openly to the world. . . . In secret have I said nothing. . . . Ask them which heard me what I have said unto them. Behold! They know what I said" (verses 19-21). Notice how they struck Him and called Him an evildoer, yet Pilate testified three times, "I find no fault in Him" (verses 22, 30, 38; xii, 4-6). His saying to Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world; . . . now is My kingdom not from hence" (verse 36), has been taken to mean that He will never have a literal kingdom on this earth, but only in the hearts of His people. Let such as think so read and believe Dan. vi, 13, 14, 27; Isa. li, 1-4; Matt. i, 18; 1 Pet. iii, 17; xlii, 5, 6; Luke i, 31-33.

Belleville council will purchase coal this coming winter and sell at cost to the citizens at large.

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