



Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda.—John 5: 1-13.

Commentary.—1. The sick at Bethesda (vs. 1-4). After these things John had written in chapter 4—the healing of the nobleman's son, a feast—What feast was this? Ancient writers say the Passover, but recent writers think it must have been the feast of Purim...

II. An important man healed (vs. 5-9). 5. An infirmity.—The original implies rather a loss of power than a positive disease; probably it was a nervous disease of a paralytic type...

6. Faith.—The "knew" in the original indicates one of those instantaneous perceptions by which the truth became known to Jesus according as the task of the moment demanded... "I have no man when the water is troubled to put me into the pool" (v. 7)...

8. Rise, etc.—Commands like these would test the man's faith and obedience. "As in the case of the paralytic (Mark 2, 9), Christ makes no enquiry as to the man's faith. Christ knew that he had faith, and the man's attempting to rise and carry his bed after thirty years of impotency was an open confession of faith..."

SURPRISE TO THE POWERS.

GERMANY BREAKS WITH THEM ON TURKISH QUESTION.

Allies Heralds With Turkey on Account of Receiving Railroad Privileges.—Austria Also in the Deal—New Grouping of the Powers Needed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The Novoe Vremya publishes an article dealing with the breaking up of the concert of powers hitherto engaged in pressing the Porte's consent to the introduction of judicial, financial and administrative reforms in Macedonia...

Every one to-day, if in the least behind the scenes in Teheran, knows that the Persians' terrible financial straits are overwhelming them and they look to Germany to assist them with a loan which is intended to release them from the grip of the Imperial Bank, a British institution...

None But Families With Babies Accommodated There. Boston, Mass., despatch: Boston is to have a "babies' apartment" for the use of the New Method babies only...

Mince Pie Found Guilty. Made Responsible for as Many Murders as Drink. New York, Feb. 17.—The Herald has received the following despatch from Washington: Dyspeptics, made so by eating mince pie and drinking ice water, are responsible for as many murders as those who drink to excess...

UPHOLDS THE VATICAN. Italian Government Declines to Support Prof. Schmitzer. Munich, Feb. 17.—The Government, replying in Parliament to a request to support against the Catholic Church Prof. Schmitzer, of the University of Munich, who was excommunicated a few days ago by the Pope...

AMNISTY TO NAVAL CONVICTS. How King Manuel Will Initiate His Reign. Lisbon, Feb. 17.—The council of State has signed a decree granting amnesty to military and naval convicts. It includes the sailors who were deported for mutiny two years ago...

PLAYING THE GAME.

GERMANY GAINS INFLUENCE OVER PERSIAN NATIVE SOLDIERS.

An Imperial Grant Ordered—Berlin Doctors in Control of Hospital—Railway Concessions Secured.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—A special despatch from Teheran to the Tagblatt announces that the Persian Government has finally been prevailed upon to contribute 50,000 marks yearly for 25 years toward the expenses of the German school in the Persian capital...

STORK APARTMENT HOUSE. None But Families With Babies Accommodated There. Boston, Mass., despatch: Boston is to have a "babies' apartment" for the use of the New Method babies only...

LEGAL FIGHT. Canadian Improvement Co. and Lake Superior Co. New York, Feb. 17.—Vice-Chancellor Garrison, sitting in the Chancery Chambers in Jersey City to-day, began the final hearings upon the application of the Canadian Improvement Company to set aside the transfer of 50,000 shares of the stock of the Lake Superior Corporation...

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COMPANY WILL PROVIDE. Wants of Families of Isle Perrot Victims to be Looked After. Montreal, Feb. 17.—Despite the terrible loss of life at Isle Perrot, work is going on to-day at the other powder mills, as if nothing had happened. So far the remains of six men have been picked up. The remains of the other three victims are still under a small shed near the works...

ANTHRACITE'S ANNIVERSARY. New York, Feb. 17.—The Tribune has received the following despatch from Wilkesbarre, Pa.:—Judge Jesse Fella's successful burning of anthracite coal in a grate, which took place just one hundred years ago, was celebrated here to-day under the auspices of the Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society...

MARKET REPORTS.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Live Stock. The total receipts of live stock at the City Market, since Tuesday, as reported by the railways, were 167 carloads, composed of 2,830 cattle, 1,071 hogs, 1,058 sheep and lambs, 220 calves and two horses...

Exporters.—The prices quoted for export steers ranged from \$3 to \$5.35 per cwt.; export bulls, \$4 to \$4.50. Butchers.—Prime picked lots of butchers, \$4.80 to \$5.10; loads of good, \$4.50 to \$4.75; medium, \$4 to \$4.40; common, \$3.65 to \$3.90; cows, \$2.50 to \$4; canners, \$1 to \$2...

Farmers' Markets. The receipts of grain to-day were moderate, with prices unchanged. Wheat, 100 bushels of goose selling at 93c. Barley steady, with sales of 300 bushels at 70c. Oats unchanged, 200 bushels selling at 57c...

Live Poultry, Wholesale. Turkeys, young, \$0.14 to \$0.15. Turkeys, old, \$0.12 to \$0.13. Ducks, per lb., \$0.10 to \$0.11. Chickens, fancy, large, \$0.11 to \$0.12. Chickens, medium, \$0.09 to \$0.10. Fowl, \$0.09 to \$0.10. Squabs, per dozen, \$2.00 to \$3.00...

Sugar Market. St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$4.50 in barrels, and No. 1 golden, \$4.10 in barrels. These prices are for delivery; car lots 5c less.

Winnipeg Wheat Market. Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures to-day: Wheat—Feb. \$1.05 1/2 bid, May \$1.09 1/2 bid. Oats—58 1/2c bid, May 62 1/2c bid.

Liverpool Apple Market. Messrs. Woodall & Co. cabled Eben James "4,600 barrels sold. Market active and dealer by 3s." Total shipments since season opened, 1,970,259; same time, 1906-7, 1,318,836; same time, 1905-6, 2,014,071.

MONTEAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal.—Offerings on the East End Cattle Market were more plentiful this morning, as country roads are becoming passable again, and farmers can get their stock to railway. About 600 head of cattle were put up for sale, and fairly good prices were realized, good stock bringing as high as \$1.40, medium from \$1.10 to \$1.30, and common cattle from \$1.20 to \$1.40...

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PURE MILK. PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH MAKES STANDARD. List of the Recommendations Made—Buildings Must Be Clean and Employees Cleanly in Their Habits—Tuberculosis Dealt With—Treatment of Milk.

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