

# NEWSY NOTES FROM LISLE AND BELMONT

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Bible School 10:00 o'clock.  
Preaching Service 11:00 o'clock.  
Illustrated lecture 8:00 o'clock.  
Everybody welcome.  
The church supper which was to have been Friday evening has been postponed to a date in the near future.

Mr. W. A. Rogers of Warwood Farm suffered a heavy loss last week by the loss of eight of his most valuable cows. In some way a gate leading into a cornfield was left open and the whole herd got into the field. The rest of the rows are getting better.

Romanzo Lacey returned home Sunday from Nantucket and expects to take up his studies at the Chicago University.

Mrs. Howe of Yorkville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Hatch.

The Engelschall family are on the sick list this week.

The Misses Ethel Plumb of Lisle and Hannah and Ethel Raynor of Downers Grove spent the week end with Miss Hazel Nelson at her home in Plato Centre, Illinois.

Miss Gladys Bessey is at the Presbyterian Hospital recovering from an operation. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Jessie Richter of Downers Grove spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Plumb.

Mr. Ross Rogers expects to take up his studies at Madison on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hansen and Edward and Mildred of Downers Grove spent Sunday with A. Porter and family.

## RULES FOR DEPENDENTS

Nonreceipt of Allotments and Allowances from War Risk Bureau

Letters should not be written to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance inquiring in reference to delayed allotments and allowances until two months have elapsed since the man entered the service. If no reply is received to this original inquiry, which should be sent directly to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance and should be signed by a relative, within thirty days after its transmission, or, in other words, within ninety days after the man has entered the service, home service sections should prosecute an inquiry through Red Cross channels. Such a letter should be written only by a class A relative or by a class B relative to whom an allotment carrying an allowance has been made. Class B relatives should not write unless they are dependent upon the enlisted man and have received definite word that he has made an allotment in their favor through the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. The letter, written by class A or class B relatives should be as follows:  
Private John Howard Smith, Serial No. 85634, Co. L, 125th Field Artillery, Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. Age, 26 years. Entered service October 20, 1917.  
Bureau of War Risk Insurance,  
Attention of Allotment and Allowance Section.  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.  
Gentlemen:  
My son, the above-named enlisted man, has now been in the service for more than 60 days and I have not received the allotment and allowance due me under the war-risk insurance law, although he has informed me that he made an allotment in my favor and requested an allowance. I am solely dependent upon him for support. Please inform me when I may expect payment.

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## LARGE AUDIENCE LISTENS TO REV. J. B. LITTLE

"IS KAISER BILL, THE BEAST OF HERLIN, THE BEAST SPOKEN OF IN REVELATIONS?"

Scattered about the town last week were some patriotic appearing cards announcing the "Big Meeting" to be held in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening and promising to answer "Five Great World War Questions." The big meeting surely occurred. Whether drawn by the unique title or lured by such a promise as "Five Questions Answered"—they came, and old inhabitants knew it was a most intelligent crowd that gathered to hear Pastor Little.

The Girls Choir and Men's Quartette, unabashed by so many faces, did their best, and the appealing music softened and soothed the weary minds of those who attended.

The Pastor in his usual genial heart to heart style introduced his subject and himself for friendly consideration. While possessing views of his own he was, he said, glad to hear those of others. He confessed to being six feet, three inches Baptist, and if he should grow any more that would be Baptist too! And all the time his lurking boyish smile assured his hearers of being altogether their friend. In a most congenial mood the audience began to hear terse remarks concerning One—Kaiser Bill, the Beast of Berlin, and no one objected to the term.

In an easy, sketchy, story-telling fashion all his own, he laid how this title had been seen by him used as advertisements for a movie, how hideous, startling and crude the colored flames depicted and the terrifying face. The artist had surely determined to excite and arouse the imaginations of all passersby. The thought arose: "To the Spiritual eye the Beast described in Revelations, would be as startling, hideous, terrifying." What does the Beast in Revelations mean to me?

"Kaiser Bill" would need no introductory sketch! What man's today is most commonly known. He explained the term "Beast" as a brute void of reason and gave Peter's description of men who are like beasts, as cruel, unreasoning men who are led by their natural inclinations.

"Revelations" is a book of the Bible too little read and there is given in its pages a promise of special blessing to all who do read it. It reveals truth and such truths as were of the past and the future. Past truth we call history and future truth we call prophecy. There is an excellent detailed description given in Revelation of the Beast and the Pastor read it to the audience. A few years ago, none, it may be, of his hearers would feel its phrases especially striking and most would say what peculiar stuff; but today all readers or thinkers must feel a peculiar connection exists, but the Pastor merely inquired:—Is Kaiser Bill the Beast of Berlin, the same as the Beast of Revelation? He followed the description given there by its corresponding description given in Daniel 7:7 and anyone could see they were alike. Daniel's Beast possessed ten horns so too in Revelation and God has declared these to be Ten Kings and that the whole vision is of the Last Form of Gentile World Power, or a Confederated Ten Kingdom Empire which should cover the sphere of the authority once usurped by ancient Rome. Rev. 13:1-5, he declared refers to the Ten Kingdom Empire and verses 4-10 to the Emperor of that Kingdom—who emphatically is the Beast.

But—is Kaiser Bill the Beast of Berlin as the movie posters declared him to be the same as this Beast of Revelation?

Quite a few of the audience felt convinced already! But all straightened up in their seats in intense interest. Not once did an eye seek the clock. No one coughed. Would the description fit?

A peculiarity of the description is the Holy Words own term—Blasphemy. Few could compare with Wilhelm of Germany in that act! The Pastor remarked most fittingly that in finding criminals we always require a thorough description. In this in Revelation he noted following points: The Beast was to be a man. He was to be an Emperor who had Great Trust in Himself! He would speak Great Swelling words! He shall exalt himself above every God! And he shall do according to his own Will.

These then being the points given in Revelation do we find points that are similar concerning Kaiser Bill? He is a Man, an Emperor. His trust in himself is a marvel. He surely indulges freely in great swelling words. He dreams of world dominion. He claims divine rights; see his expression "Me undt Gott," and he proves his self-confidence by his Throne already built on Mt. Olivet. Did he not dream of World Dominion when a Council he wrote on

the map of France the word he desired—"Germania"? Or when he dared write it upon the map of England? Was there nothing significant in his words "When we do begin, in two weeks we will be in Paris," and more than significant to students of History of Prophecy headed, In three months we shall be in England," and "In three years we shall be in America."

The palace is prepared for the Great "King of kings"—on Mt. Olivet. Will Kaiser's hope be realized? This description is from Dr. Clarence Ussher, the famous Medical Missionary to Turkey. He writes:

In 1913 on my way to a meeting of the Medical Missionary Association of Turkey held in Jerusalem, I visited Jaffa. From Jaffa I saw in the distance a high tower and on inquiring what it was I was informed that it was a tower of the German Hospice on the Mt. of Olives. I gained access to the building and found it was a magnificent and palatial structure covering several acres of ground. There was in it a large throne room, with a raised dais, and behind this a beautiful mosaic picture of Frederick Barbarossa with his beard grown thru the table as told in the legend. On the right hand wall was the portrait of the Empress of Germany and on the left hand wall was the Royal Arms of Prussia.

There was a powerful searchlight in the tower which commanded a view of the Mediterranean the Dead Sea and the River Jordan. It was whispered to me that there were cannon in the basement, smuggled in as machinery. From the tower was pointed out to me a double row of entanglements of wire about the building.

Surprised and puzzled by all this I said, "Tell me truly for I cannot believe that so elaborate and costly a building is meant simply as an Inn for Pilgrims—Who built it and what is the ultimate purpose?"

They had informed me that it had been built and paid for by the Kaiser and was dedicated by the Crown Prince a few months previously. When I again inquired as to its ultimate purpose I was told it was to be first the palace of the German Governor of Palestine. "And then," I inquired, "And then of the Kaiser himself from which he shall rule his World Kingdom." Here I laughed and got no further information. I considered their final statements so absurd that I did not even discuss it with my English friends in Jerusalem and ridiculed it in my letters home—of which fact I have been reminded since I came to America, but I thought of it differently when two years later, I read "Rohrbach's German World Policies" in which he argues that the Turks and Germans are the same race and ought to be together! And in which he outlines Germany's plan for Turkey.

From perusal of this and from Bernhard's "Britain as a Vassal of Germany," and "I Accuse" by a German, and Van Foutte's, "The Pan-Germanic Crime," I was persuaded that the cry "Berlin to Bagdad" did not mean a railroad but—Prussian Rule from Berlin to Bagdad as a preliminary to World Rule!

Do I definitely know whether Kaiser Bill is this Beast? He smiled. His quaint humor adds great charm and never overleaps reverent bounds. He explained that in another pastorate he had been Scout Master, therefore, the boys called him Chief. A small boy inquired whether the Chief could answer a question that he desired to ask. "O sure!" he replied, "I can answer any question you ask." But on asking the Chief his question he replied, "I don't know!" Frankly then as to whether Kaiser Bill is or is not the Beast of Revelation—I don't know. But I feel that there is a sufficient amount of prophecy being fulfilled to cause all of us to watch and pray.

The one thing I do know, whether Kaiser Bill is that Beast or not is this, that the Beast of Revelation will arise—some day. Some where. Anyhow he is a good forerunner.

When God hath said it shall be—it is the same as done. I know God's Word is the Truth and I believe if not already risen the Beast must rise soon. The Pastor spoke tenderly of his hope and faith in the Coming of Jesus to be King adding "Some who sit here to-night may witness his coming." Not a pessimistic statement by any means! And all these happenings tragic and grim though they be are assurances that our Lord will come soon.

Here again the mild sally of humor played. "Now if anyone quotes me as saying Kaiser Bill is the Beast and is to rise with ten horns and any amount of teeth, don't believe it! I don't know."

Sad souls mournfully wonder today. "Why does God permit such powers to be?" Let us remember that there is a Personal Devil who is the Prince of this World. It has been in vain that the people have sought to argue away the facts of Sin and Satan for results have proved both. In a recent speech Secretary Daniels referred to the necessity for us to reinstate the word "Sin," which cannot be disregarded for Sin is a reality

and the Devil is still alive. Civilization apart from the Gospel is a failure. It has reached its zenith of glory only to beat out its own brains by a cudgel of its own making.

There was a digression here to discuss the "Five Great World War Questions."

1. Does not this awful war justify the fear that there is no God?  
"No!" thundered Pastor Little and surely it warmed the very cockles of the heart. Assurance and trust blazed like fire upon his face and lit his eyes like lights set upon a hill. Instead it is a proof for if it had not occurred His word would not have been true. Not understand me, that He willed such woe or decreed it but that He, knowing human hearts, has forewarned us. He hath done nothing secret. Aye the destructive critic of the Holy Word, as the pacifist were dreaming dreams of peace. They cried "Peace, Peace" contrary to God's Word even going so far as to erect a great peace monument—I hear its top is blown off! But, there shall be wars and rumors of wars until Jesus comes—thus saith the Word.

2. If there is a God who is all powerful why will he not intervene?  
He will—his face lit up expectantly. He will, in His own time and way. Now friends, just why do most of us desire the end of this war? Isn't it to preserve our cash and our sons? By the way how many are praying "Lord if it takes all my cash" and all my sons and myself too let the war continue until Jesus Christ is exalted King and God's Name is glorified. Yes wars will cease when Jesus comes and one foot shall rest on Mt. Olivet.

3. Is it not an awful thing for Christian nations to fight one another?  
"No!" The powerful voice startled a few out of the idea he would say yes, this is an awful sin, etc. No for there are no Christian nations! The sheer folly of saying a Christian nation when we do not even have Christian states or towns nor even Christian churches! Do you expect to do better than our Lord Jesus who chose Twelve Apostles and one was a devil? There are Christians in every nation, in every town, in every church; but a nation altogether Christian is not found. As nations control is by civil powers which may or may not be Christian.

4. Will it not hinder God's work?  
"No." Surely all ladies present who labor for missions felt cheered. "It will aid God's work—in a three fold way." First, by punishing the wicked in every nation. Second, by completing and preparing the church for the coming of the Lord. Third, by putting the Jew back into his own land, now a year ago even to say this marked one as a fanatic. But current events are in evidence to-day. A report appeared in a Pittsburg paper of the National Zionist Convention and the actual founders of a Jewish Republic are named men of influence and wealth and the First National Tax in 2000 years was levied for the work of the nation. I remember reading comments and doubts about the capture of Jerusalem. The questions were first, can they take Jerusalem? But on this being done the query at once became, what will they do with it?

"Reminds me," said Pastor Little in his droll humorous manner so like a Lincoln story, of an old couple who watched the first train go by his farm. They stared amazed. Old Collie Dog, a good watch dog, tore after it until it went out of sight. Said the old farmer to his wife, "Do ye expect he can catch that train?" Wall, she replied, "What bothers me is what will he do with it if he does catch it?"

5. Does it not prove that Christianity assurance. Everyone felt better for has failed? No! That was a goodly Pastor Little's glowing words. It shows the utter failure of cold church profession, of dead formalism, of any civilization apart from the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRESIDENT WILSON  
ASKS FOR MONEY  
(By President Wilson.)  
Again the Government comes to the people of the country with the request that they lend their money, and lend it upon a more liberal scale than ever before, in order that the great war for the rights of America and liberation of the world may be prosecuted with ever increasing vigor to a victorious conclusion. And it makes the appeal with the greatest confidence because every day it knows that it is becoming clearer and clearer to thinking men throughout the nation that the winning of the war is an essential investment. The money that is being held back now will be of little use or value if the war is not won and the selfish masters of Germany are permitted to dictate what America may or may not do. Men in America, besides, have from the first until now dedicated both their lives and their fortunes to the vindication and maintenance of the great principles and objects for which our Government has set up. They will not fail now to show the world for what their wealth was intended.

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Fifty-Fifty.  
Nat Goodwin is blamed for the following: John's wife never knows where he is after nine in the evening, but neither does he.

Daily Thought.  
Patience and gentleness are power  
—Leigh Hunt.

Proverbs Circulate.  
Proverbs undoubtedly have a tendency to travel. They are carried from one land to another by emigrants, tourists, missionaries, tradesmen and seamen; but many which are closely similar doubtless owe their origin to no common stock, but to the common experience of mankind.