SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON 23
FRIDAY: THE DAY OF SUFFERING
(II) (Christ's Words on the Cross.)
Luke 23:33-46; Mark 15:33,34
(Compare John 19:25-30)

GOLDEN TEXT. — He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—Friday, April 7, A.D. 30.

Place.—The place called Calvary.

The Crucifixion

33(a.)" And when they came unto the place which is called the skull, there they crucified him. 33(b). And the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left." Some have thought that the place was so called because it was a low, rounded eminence in the shape of a skull. Others have thought that it was given this name because there dead bodies were thrown. The two men crucified on each side of our Lord were robbers, persons of very evil character.

Prayer For Forgiveness

34(a). "And Jesus said, Father forgive them: for they know not what they do." We must surely suppose that the prayer was uttered, not only for the Roman soldiers, who were the mere instruments of the executioners, but for all His enemies.

34(b). "And parting his garments among them, they cast lots." Selfishness here seems concentrated — out of this terrible event, they were determined to personally profit, in the acquisition of property, no matter how insignificant its value.

The Gazing People

35(a). "And the people stood beholding." Jesus had spoken of them as being without a shepherd, and many of them had come to hope that perhaps He was their Shepherd. Could they but see, He was indeed the good shepherd and in the mystery of the Cross, he was laying down His life for them.

The Scoffing Rulers

35(b). "And the rulers also scoffed at him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God his chosen." The very fact that these supposedly religious men, the rulers of the Jews, members of the Sanhedrin, could cast such words at one who had never done anything but good, offers adequate evidence that these men were not seeking justice. Notice that they did not insult the wicked malefactors but were casting these words at One who never did anything but that which pleased the Father.

The Mocking Soldiers

36. "And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, offering him vinegar. 37. and saying, If thou art the King of the Jews, save thyself." It was the duty of these solders to watch him because sufferers sometimes lingered alive on the cross for days. All these insults took place during the earlier part of the crucifiction, and before the awful darkness came on. The soldiers would delight in these taunts, because like the ancients, generally, they detested the Jews. Tumults of the most violent kind often arose from the brutal insolence of hatred which they shewed to the conquered nation.

The Superscription

38. "And there was also a superscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews'." We hear nothing about inscriptions for the malefactors. Not, however, till Jesus was crucified did the inscriptions appear and were the Jews aware of it and of the writing it bore.

The Dyeing Thief

39. "And one of the malefactors that were hanged railed on him, saying, 'Art not thou the Christ? Save thyself and us.' 40. But the other answered, and rebuking him said, 'Dost thou not even fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41. And we indeed justly; for we receive the due award of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42. And he said, Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom". Here is one of the most remarkable passages of all the Scriptures. This one malefactor, called the 'repentent thief' believed in God. Most criminals cry out in the day of their condemnation that they are innocent, but this man said he was guilty. He believed Jesus to be innocent. This thief had real faith in Christ: did not plead any merit of his own. He flung himself utterly on the mercy of Christ.

Promise Of Salvation

43. "And he said unto him, 'Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise'." In our Lord's gracious response to the thief's request we have a striking illustration of how Divine grace exceeds human expectations. The thief prayed that the Lord would remember him in his coming kingdom, but Christ assures him that before that very day had passed he shoud be with the Saviour in Paradise. Not only does Christ's reply signify the survival of the soul after death of the body, but it tells us that the believer is with him during the interval that divides death from the resurrecton.

The Darkness

44. "And it was now about the sixth hour, and a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. And the veil of the temple was rent in the midst." The darkness served as a mantel for the sufferer, to cover him from the scoffing and violence of His enemies.

Cry From The Cross

34. "And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which is, being interpreted, 'My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me'? 46. And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit', and having said this he gave up the ghost." The loud voice with which Christ spoke indicates that Christ did not die of exhaustion, but that he maintained fullness of strength and power to the very end. The word "Father" shows that Jesus' soul has recovered and the darkness is gone.

FUTURISTIC FIREMAN

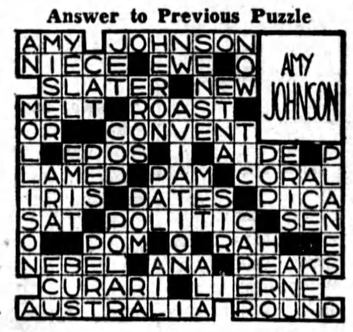
Looking like something out of a tortured dream, asbestos-clad fireman fights blaze somewhere in Britain. Suits were gifts to English from Americans.

WELL-KNOWN STAR

HORIZONTAL

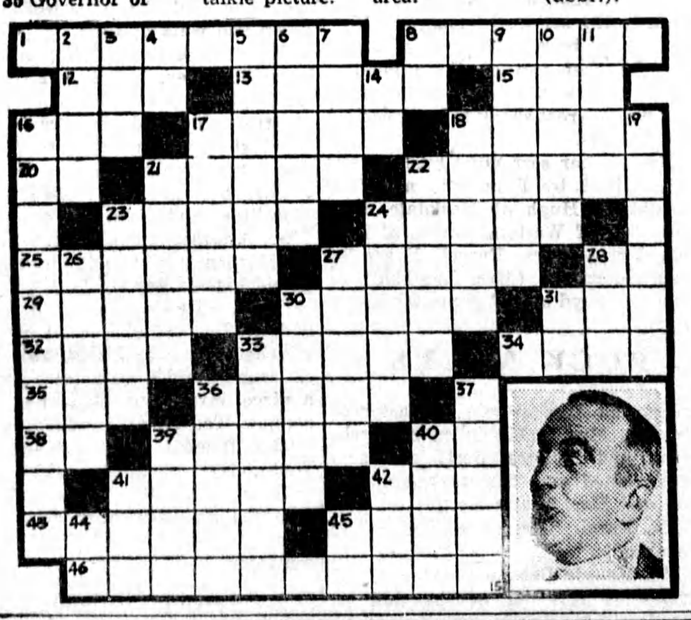
1 Stage and radio star.
8 He specializes in ——.
12 Rowing tool.
13 Fold.
15 Native metal.
16 Distinctive theory.
17 Threadlike.
18 Dewy.
20 New England (abbr.).
21 Oriental coin.
22 Crystalline substance.
23 Melts.
24 Fell clumsily.
25 Entrances.
27 Vanished.
28 Jumbled type.
29 Bottles.
30 Made fluid by heat.
31 Twice.
32 Writing fluids.
33 Carved gem.
34 Grasslike reed.
35 Governor of Algiers.
36 Started suddenly.
38 You and me.
39 Those that sue
40 Volume (abbr.).
41 Sports.
42 Over (contr.).
43 Parrot fish (pl.).
45 Window part.
46 He starred in the first —— talkie picture.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

2 Not to win.
3 To obstruct.
4 Either.
5 Backbones.
6 Jars.
7 Close.
8 Court (abbr.).
9 Discussed.
10 Made a mistake.
11 School official.
14 Measure of area.
16 He has an —— style of singing songs.
17 Closed hands.
18 Feast.
19 One skilled in law.
21 Sword combats.
22 He is heard frequently on the ——.
23 Flakelike.
24 Inclosed.
26 Baseball teams.
27 Reeks.
28 Brooch.
30 Festivals.
31 Common verb.
33 Food.
36 Tree.
37 Edible fungus.
39 Ketch.
40 Food list.
41 Antelope.
42 Simpleton.
44 Like.
45 Postscript (abbr.).



Farm Experiment Achieves Success

Pool Labor and Equipment To Save Time and Money

Three farmers in Biddulph Township have solved farm problems so successfully they deserve more than passing mention, claims the London Free Press. They have put into practice the best laid theories of the economist and the "Co-Ops" publicists, and made them work. By pooling their labor and equipment they have found success in farming. They have discovered a way to save time, money and effort. They have produced new crops and new cash revenues.

What began as an experiment born of continuous hard times and years of lean earnings, has developed into profits and satisfaction. They are independent farmers, each on his own land, each growing the crops he wishes, yet by teamwork they have proved how successfully farm co-operation can be practised. This is the very kernel of democracy, the solution of problems from the ground up.

This trio of farmers near Granton—Joe Kelly, Delbert Morley and Charlie Jones—have built a mutual trust association on the lines of the old-fashioned farm "bee." If they had a business title it might be something like "Neighbors Ltd." They have made the good, solid word neighbor mean something in terms of better living.

The story of this achievement shows that Charlie Jones cleared more than $1,000 from turnips, that Del Morley found time to go into turkeys "in a big way." The three have been neighbors for almost a quarter of a century but it was only a year ago they decided to be partners as well. They seed, cultivate and harvest as one. They till larger acreage and work it better. Out of mutual confidence and labor, by using one another's horses, tractors and equipment, they have built a profitable farming business. What they have done thousands of other Canadian farmers could do.

BOOK SHELF

BRIGHT TO THE WANDERER

By Bruce Lancaster

Into the turbulent Canadian Rebellion of 1837 young Gil Stensrood plunged, with the conviction that the corrupt clique (known as the Compact) then representing the Crown must be crushed. With a price on his head, Gil could only rely on the girl he loved and his Yankee cousin Josiah. But he played his part with full vigor—as soldier, spy, prisoner of the Crown, and scout for William Lyon Mackenzie.

But Gil was only part of the grand and colorful Stensrood family. Grandfather Barnabas and Gil's father were United Empire Loyalists from New York State. They and Gil, and all Stensrood men, were big and gentle, and tough when aroused. And as Barnabas said, "They always did marry pretty women."

The Canadian Rebellion was carried forward by the same driving force which had been behind the American Revolution — the same fundamental urge which cements North America today. And from it, slowly came Canada's Dominion status. Alive with romance, action, and scenes shifting from Toronto to Buffalo, Albany, and Quebec, this exciting novel expresses in concrete terms the jealousy with which free men eternally guard their rights.

Bright to the Wanderer . . . by Bruce Lancaster . . . McClelland & Stewart, Ltd. . . . Price $3.00.

B.C. Fishing Bears Scoop Up Salmon

Bears "fishing" on a British Columbia stream destroyed an estimated 10 per cent of salmon trying to reach their spawning ground, Fisheries Department officials said following reports on a study made in British Columbia.

The study was made in the Bowron River area in the Quesnel district, and officials checked on the losses caused through salmon being scooped out of the stream by bears. Dead salmon were found littered along the bank near the spawning ground where the bears had been "fishing"

"The bears are a decided menace to spawning salmon," the department said. "They prefer the fresh-run fish and pay little attention to spent salmon which have already spawned."

Some bears are destroyed by fisheries officials, "but it is impossible to maintain a check on all of the animals with a taste for salmon fishing," the report said.

Dealing with another enemy of the fishermen, the department said officials had destroyed 183 sea lions in 47 days along the British Columbia coast after severe damage had been caused by these marauders in the Nanaimo harbor area. The sea lions destroyed or damaged fishermen's nets.

The slaughter was carried out under the careful supervision so that no threat of extermination of the species was involved.

RADIO REPORTER

DIALING WITH DAVE:

Wartime Prices and Trade Board:

From this mightily important department comes a Monday through Friday radio message plus mightily fine radio entertainment. At 10.30 a.m. E.D.S.T., the program "Soldier's Wife" comes on the air on the National Network of the CBC. It reaches into every War-time Canadian home with a story that is as up-to-the-minute as today's headlines, and a message that will WRITE TOMORROW'S headlines of victory! The story is a serialized dramatization of a soldier's wife's life in Canada 1942—her problems, her family, her in-laws. It touches deeply on one's emotional make-up, and provides action, pathos, comedy and general interest of a high order. It is for women — dedicated to the woman in the home, and her contribution to Victory! During it's first two weeks on the air, the program was broadcast at 10.30, but now is being heard in the spot held by "Dr. Susan" — 11.30 a.m.

The Optimist Club

Perhaps there is one in your community — or if not, there is a representative, who journeys to a local centre for regular meetings. There are some seventeen Optimist Clubs in Ontario, and they have dedicated themselves to providing the children of Britain, with as large a supply as possible of chocolate in the edible bar form. Radio is going to play its part in helping the campaign along. The Bandwagon shows across Canada, are going to stage the Optimist Club to some program publicity. CKOC now airs it's Bandwagon show Wednesday night at 8.30, as does CFRB in Toronto! Give an Optimistic listen — to some new Optimistic ideas!

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News notes from here and there

Boris Karloff will again appear as guest on the Sunday night 8.30 Inner Sanctum Mystery Play —this Sunday, and on June 21st, also. Outstanding Mystery yarns are selected for each Karloff appearance on this top-ranking Blue network feature, heard in Canada over a network of stations arranged by the CBC, including CKOC in Hamilton.

Sunday on CKOC — inviting you to listen to the Songs of Joe Petersen, at 12.45; "The World's Most Honored Music" at one o'clock, and the Golden Gate Quartet at 5.15! They are just three of the great Sunday on CKOC programs, which also include Charlie McCarthy at 8.00 p.m., Inner Sanctum Mysteries at 8.30, and the Fred Allen Show at 9.00 p.m.

Interesting side note on one of Radio's great: Kate Smith will soon be seen on the screen in a series of short features, under the title "America Sings with Kate Smith." All proceeds from the Columbia Produced Pictures will be turned over to the USO!

OUR RADIO LOG

TORONTO STATIONS
CFRB 800k, CBL 740k
CKCL 580k, CBY 1010k

U.S. NETWORKS
WEAF N.B.C. Red 600k
WJZ N.B.C. Blue 770k
WABC (C.B.S.) ..880k
WOR (M.B.S.) ...710k

CANADIAN STATIONS
CFOS Owen Sd. 1400k
CKOC Hamilton 1150k
CHML Hamilton 900k
CKTB St. Cath. 1550k
CFCF Montreal.. 600k
CFCH North Bay 1230k
CFCO Chatham .. 630k
CFPL London ...1570k
CJCS Stratford ..1240k
CFRC Kingston 1490k
CKAC Montreal 730k
CKCR Waterloo 1490k
CKCO Ottawa .. 1310k
CKGB Timmins ..1470k
CKSO Sudbury .. 790k
CKPC Brantford 1380k
CKLW Windsor 800k
CKNX Wingham 920k

U.S. STATIONS
WEBR Buffalo ..1340k
WHAM Rochester 1180k
WLW Cincinnati 700k
WGY Schenectady 810k
KDKA Pittsburgh 1020k
WEBM Chicago .. 780k
WBEN Buffalo .. 930k
WGR Buffalo ... 550k
WKBW Buffalo 1520k
WJR Detroit ... 760k

SHORT WAVE
GSB England 9.51m
GSC England 9.58m
GSD England 11.75m
GSE England 11.86m
GSG England 17.79m
GSP England 15.31m
EAR Spain .. 9.48m
RAN Russia .. 960m
RNE Russia 12.00m
RV96 Russia 15.18m
WGEA Schenectady 15.33m
WCAB Phila. 15.27m
WRUL Boston 15.15m
WCBX N. York 11.83m

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

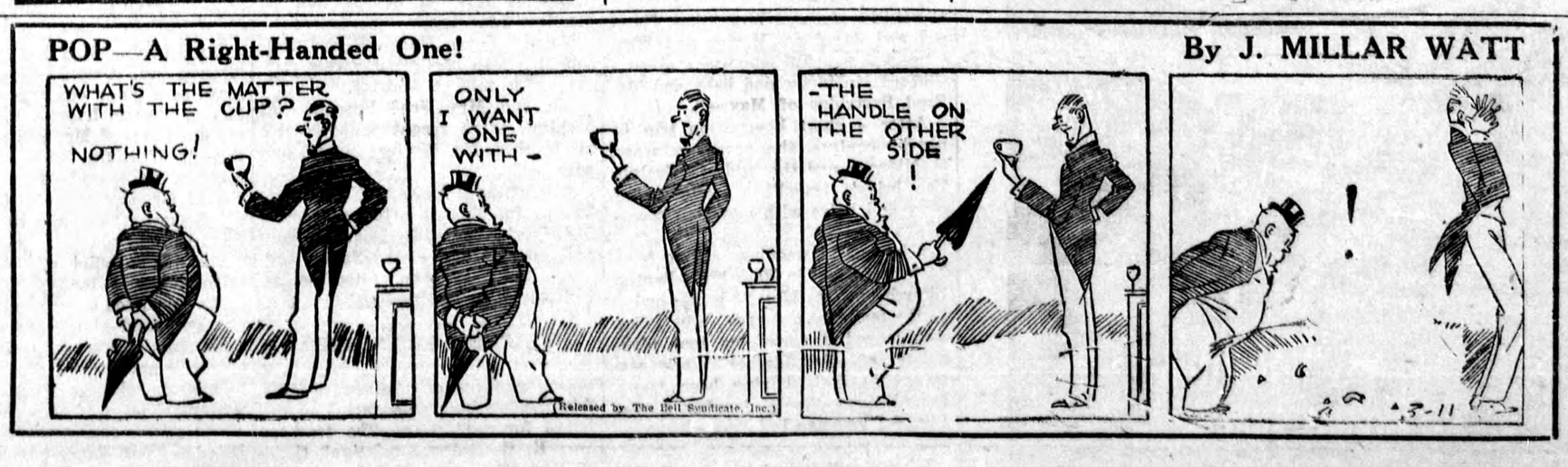
By William Ferguson

ANSWER: A dory is a flat-bottomed boat . . . a lory is a type of parrot . . . and a Tory is a member of certain political parties existing at various times down through history.

NEXT: How the katydid sounds its name.

POP—A Right-Handed One!

By J. MILLAR WATT



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