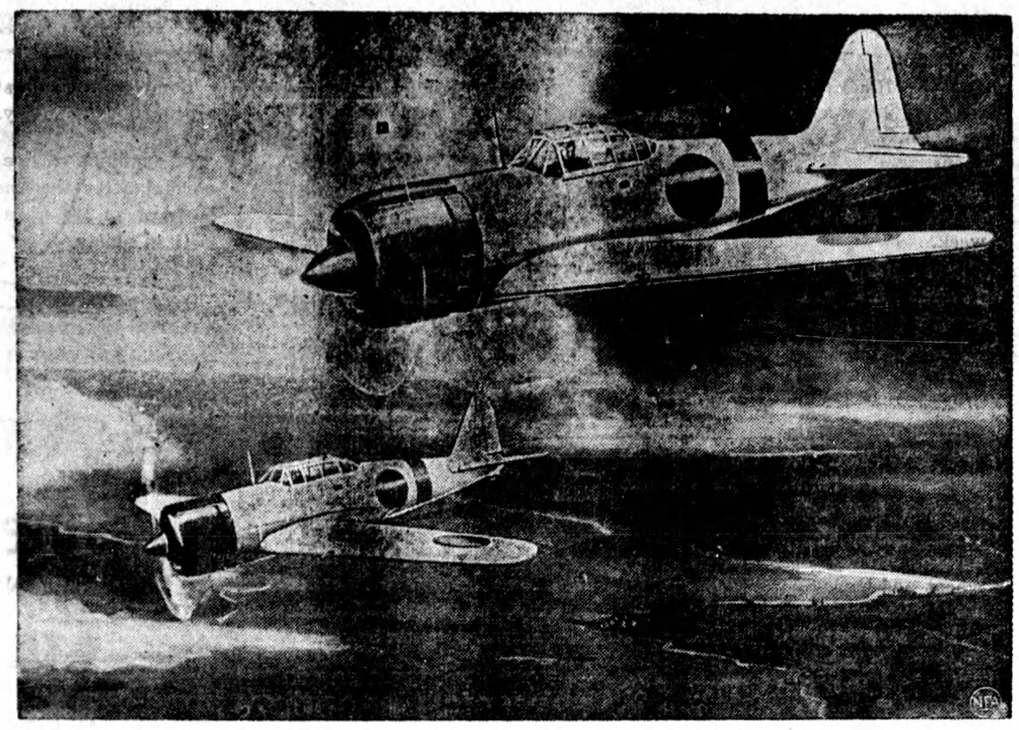
ARTIST PICTURES JAP MYSTERY PLANE



Working from photographs of wrecked planes, Herman R. Bollin, art director "Flying," draws artist's conception of Japs' mystery "Zero" fighter. Ship carries 20 mm. cannon in each wing, two machine guns mounted on engine cowl.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER—Genesis 18
LESSON 32

Printed Text—Genesis 18: 23-33

GOLDEN TEXT—"The supplication of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time: Probably about 1900 B.C.

Place: Hebron, twenty-two miles south of Jerusalem.

First Intercession

23. "And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou consume the righteous with the wicked? 24. Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? 25. That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be far from thee: shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? 26. And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake." Abraham is moved at once to intercede for these cities which God had told him He would destroy, a remarkably accurate prefiguring of the compassion of the Lord.

The friend of God is compassionate even of the sinful and degraded. Abraham did not intercede for Lot, but for the sinners in Sodom. He had perilled his life in warfare for them; he now pleads with God for them. Where had he learned this brave pity? Where but from the God with whom he lived by faith? How much more surely will real communion with Jesus lead us to look on all men, and especially on the vicious and outcast, with His eyes who saw the multiudes as sheep without a shepherd. Indifference to the miseries and impending dangers of Christless men is impossible for any whom he calls 'not serants but friends'. This passage is called 'the sublimest act of human intercession of which Scripture preserves a record'. The object the patriarch contemplated in his intercession was not simply the preservation of any godly remnant that might be found within the doomed towns, but the rescue of their entire populations from the impending judgment.

Second Intercession

27. "And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, who am but dust and ashes: 28. peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I find there forty and five. 29. And he spake unto him ye again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for the forty's sake." Six times Abraham returned to the charge, and as each petition was granted, his faith and courage grew. He did not learn the vast extent of God's righteousness and mercy all at once; as he gained each point, he was inspired to dare another. The Almighty was obliged by the demands of His own nature, to bring out of Sodom the only persons that could, by any possibility be accounted righteous. There were not ten righteous men in Sodom; but Lot and his wife, and his two daughters were saved. And God's righteousness was clearly established and vindicated in the eyes of the surrounding peoples.

Third Intercession

30. "And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. 31. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake. 32. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once. Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the ten's sake." The motives that prompted Abraham were twofold: first there was a natural anxiety about his kinsman Lot. Twenty years had passed since Lot had left him and now the strong impulse of natural affection stirred him to make an effort to save Sodom, lest his nephew might be overwhelmed in the overthrow. Real religion tends not to destroy but to fulfil all the impulses of true natural love.

Secondly, Abraham feared that if all were swept away, the surrounding nations might have reason to reproach God and would accuse him of unrighteousness and injustice inasmuch as he destroyed the righteous with the wicked.

The Lord's Departure

33. "And Jehovah went his way, as soon as he had left off communing with Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his place." Abraham did not here pray for Lot, but yet God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow (Chap. 19:29) so that there had been unrecorded intercession for him too. The unselfish desires for others, that exhale from human hearts under the influence of the love which Christ plants in us, do come down in blessings on others. We help one another when we pray for one another.

Is Japan Preparing To Attack Siberia?

Japanese preparations for an attack on Russia's Siberian maritime province and Vladivostock are almost complete and if necessary the Japanese could "press the button and start to move into Siberia", a British source declared recently.

This source said the occupation of islands at the western tip of the Aleutians resulted in a useful strategic situation for the Japanese since it placed them "on the flank of a possible American attack on Japan."

While Japan has massed an army of about thirty divisions in Manchukuo, her military activity in Burma and other areas necessarily has been limited, it was pointed out.

Siberia is the danger point of the Allied strategical situation in East Asia, this source said.

"The Japanese will attack when it suits them, not the Germans," he added.

He predicted that Japan is preparing to throw at least 500,000 men into such an overland onslaught against Russia's Siberian strongholds.

SCOUTING . . .

Flying Lions badges, the "Wings" of Scouting, were awarded eight St. Thomas Boy Scouts and presented by Wing Commander B. H. Rolles before a large gathering of military and training units and the public at Pinafore Park on Dominion Day. The boys were instructed by Civilian Instructor Jack Shepherd of the R. C. A. F. Technical Training School.

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Many thousands of Sea Scouts from all parts of Great Britain have gone into the Royal Navy, and have made a fine record.

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A new Sea Scout "land ship", the Venture, a training centre and central anchorage for Montreal district Sea Scouts, was "launched" with due ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of Scout officials and distinguished guests. The latter included officers of the R.C.N.V.R. The anchorage is located at Valois Bay, on Lake St. Louis.

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The fifth annual Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' Sunday service at Montebello Park, St. Catharines, was this year attended by 600 boys and girls. The parade to the park was led by a band of Scout pipers.

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Some 6,000 Scouts and Guides of Leeds, England, attended a special Scout - Guide service on United Nations Sunday. The parade salute was taken by the Deputy Chief Scout, Sir Percy Everett, who is well known to Canadian Scouts and leaders. With Sir Percy were the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Lord Horewood and Gen. Sir William Bartholomew, the Regional Scout Commissioner. 10,000 people joined in the service and witnessed the march past.

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Like their brother Scouts of other blitzed British cities, the Scouts of Canterbury rendered outstanding service during and following the German air raids on that ancient cathedral town. Authorities in charge of several A.R.P. branches called on the District Scout Commissioner to thank him for the valuable work performed by the Scouts.

Must Not Waste String In Britain

Severe penalties for those who destroy rags, rope or string were ordered by the British government, ranging up to £500 (about $2,225) fine or two years' imprisonment.

The Ministry of Supply said hundreds of thousands of tons of rags were needed as raw material to make equipment for the armed forces.

All rags, rope and string must be kept separately and not only must not be destroyed but must not be thrown into garbage cans or refuse bins.

Reassuring News From Hong Kong

Conditions Improved According to Japanese Report

Japanese-inspired reassurances that conditions at camps where Hong Kong war prisoners are held have improved in the months since the former British colony fell last December brought some measure of comfort to relatives of approximately 1,600 Canadians believed to be prisoners there.

The report of improved conditions made public recently by the External Affairs Department and credited to "official Japanese sources," asserted that prisoners captured at the Far East base are satisfied with their food rations, that disease has been checked and that the number of wounded patients has declined from a total of 1,150 in January to 391 in mid-March.

In less reassuring vein, the report described transport difficulties as "acute" and said it has been "virtually impossible" to bring in large quantities of supplies to Hong Kong.

Food and Clothing

No complaints had been received about clothing, the Japanese account claimed. Officers were required to pay for their clothing, but other ranks were supplied free.

Similarly, officers paid for the food they obtained.

Food rations, while not identical in all camps, were described as similar to the food given Japanese troops in the same locality. Considerable difficulty had been experienced at first in supplying food in adequate quantities but by the end of March each man was receiving 1,139 grams (40 ounces) of rice, 470 grams (17 ounces) of fresh vegetables, 139 grams (five ounces) of meat—including fish and additional miscellaneous food.

The Japanese report asserted that officers and men received a weekly ration of 30 grams (one ounce) of tobacco free, along with such necessities as soap, small cotton towels, socks and tooth paste.

Plan Airport In Heart Of London

A great airport surrounded by a spacious war memorial park may rise from raid ruins in the heart of London, according to reports circulating in the metropolis.

Already, those devastated areas are being examined by government suveyors with a view to their development in this war, according to The Daily Mail air correspondent, who says there is believed to be sufficient ground available for an airport provided that certain building restrictions are applied in the immediate neighborhood so as to ensure a safe aproach for aircraft.

A proposal made some years ago for the roofing over of railway wards to provide a landing ground will also be considered.

A central airport is unlikely to be large enough to serve the huge airliners which will maintain a world-wide service from Britain after the war. Large air junctions for these monsters will probably be distributed in various parts of the British Isles.

The London airport would act as a "feeder" to the main junctions, but it would also be large enough for fast, light planes running to Paris and other nearby European capitals, the correspondent hears.

Obeying Hitler With Pleasure

According to one of the tales carried from Europe and reprinted in The Canadian Unionist, Hitler and Goering were visiting an armaments plant and Goering told Hitler that German workmen were losing faith in their Fuehrer. This Hitler denied and going up to a workman, handed him his own revolver, and said:

"To prove your loyalty to me, shoot five of your comrades."

The man obeyed immediately and killed five Germans. Hitler was delighted, and smiling at Goering said:

"Well done, my good man. Where do you come from?"

Swiftly the man answered: "Warsaw."

RADIO REPORTER

DIALING WITH DAVE:

Claire Boothe, the globe-trotting author, actress and war correspondent, who recently gave a vivid "LIFE" story on the Battle of Egypt, is heard quite frequently on the air these days — as guest, special commentator, and war analyst!

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"Curlilocks" Phil Harris, or, as Jack Benny would call him, "Corny Joe of the Wilshire Bowl" —is about to be a military bandmaster. He might even be waving a baton over an Air Force or a Coast Guard band by the time you read this. At any rate, Harris, who is caught short right between the first and third draft with a self-supporting wife and a baby, feels that it is about time he does his stuff for the services. Who'll be Benny's Maestro in the fall when the series re-opens, is still a question. Perhaps Phil's band, with a proxy bandleader, might be a good idea.

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The stage, the screen and probably radio, will be all joining hands in making a gigantic national revue of Irving Berlin's great hit "This is the Army." Already a sell-out as a stage play, using army talent and men exclusively, Warner's have paid $250,000.00 down payment for the screen rights, and will turn all profits from the technicolor production to the Army Emergency Relief. Present weekly air dickers indicate that it will soon be heard via the air-lanes, at something like $10,000.00 a week cost. Truly an inspiring show, packed with fun, and with Irving Berlin in person singing his famed old song of his World No. 1 Revue, "Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," "This is the Army" is destined to a great and healthy life, via the stage, the screen and radio.

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Charlie McCarthy recently sold a Bomber load of Bonds for Uncle Sam in his tour of Airplane Manufacturing Plants.

Jimmie Fidler gives a $25.00 Victory Bond away each week on his Sunday night 9.30 Hollywood Commentary, heard from CKOC and CKCL.

Brother Bob is again at helm of Music Hall on Thursday nights while Bing keeps an eagle eye on his golf, his fishing, his swimming and his HORSES — some folks call that a holiday.

Musical sensation of the year is young twelve year old Lorin Maazel, who has been doing some top-flite summer conducting of such august organizations as the Blue networks summer symphony orchestra, and others. Somewhat reminiscent of 19th century brilliance as exemplified in the Mozart's, Schubert's and Wagner's —all of whom produced and performed works of miraculous merit during their early years.

Popular hits of the week include a little jingle called "Jingle, Jangle, Jingle," and another one that starts out "put, put, put . ."

Goslings Save Gas By Cutting Grass

Goslings have replaced motor mowers at the Norwich Greyhound track for the duration. The mowers ate precious gasoline while trimming the grass. The goslings trim the grass and satisfy their appetites in the same gulps.

MAP PUZZLE

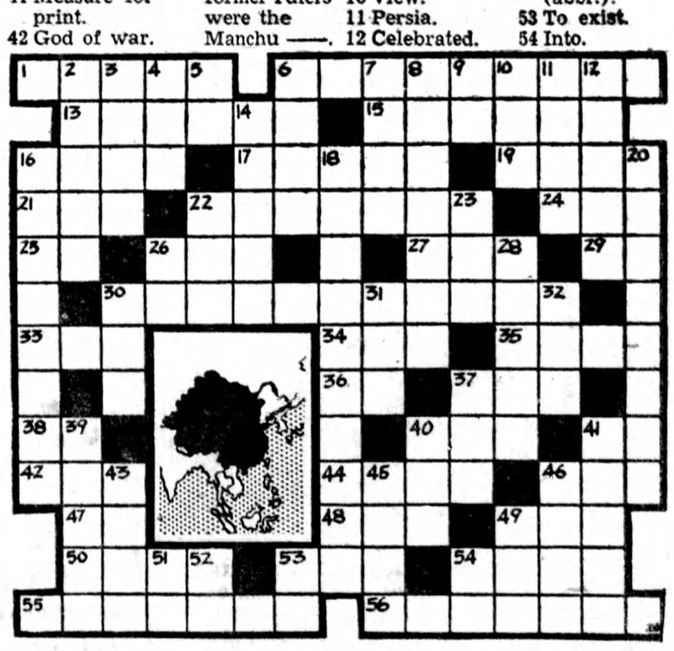
HORIZONTAL

1 Map of Asiatic republic.
6 Its temporary capital.
13 Visual.
15 Bullfighter.
16 Long aperture.
17 Bathes.
19 Spirits of streams.
21 Female fowl.
22 Compendiums.
24 Born.
25 Like.
26 Male child.
27 Smart knock.
29 Doctor (abbr.)
30 Explicit.
33 Gazelle.
34 Sickness.
35 Protrusion of the lips.
36 Upon.
37 Ugly old woman.
38 Paid publicity.
40 Nothing.
41 Measure for print.
42 God of war.
44 To halt.
46 Adam's mate.
47 Common verb.
48 Eyelid.
49 Sooner than.
50 Ray.
53 Secondary.
54 Pressing tool.
55 Important river in this land.
56 This land's former rulers were the Manchu ——.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

2 Pits.
3 Portrait statue
4 Almond.
5 Indian mulberry.
6 Steep rugged rock.
7 Indians.
8 Nose opening.
9 Grain (abbr.).
10 View.
11 Persia.
12 Celebrated.
14 To place in line.
16 Huge commercial city in this land.
18 Poisonously.
20 Brown bat.
22 Period.
23 Baglike part.
26 South America (abbr.).
28 Pertaining to the Pope.
30 Beret.
31 Hastened.
32 Ship's record book.
37 Side bone.
39 Genus of herbs.
40 To bow.
41 Occurrence.
43 To sanction.
45 Bound.
46 Cupid.
49 Epoch.
51 August (abbr.)
52 Mountain (abbr.).
53 To exist.
54 Into.



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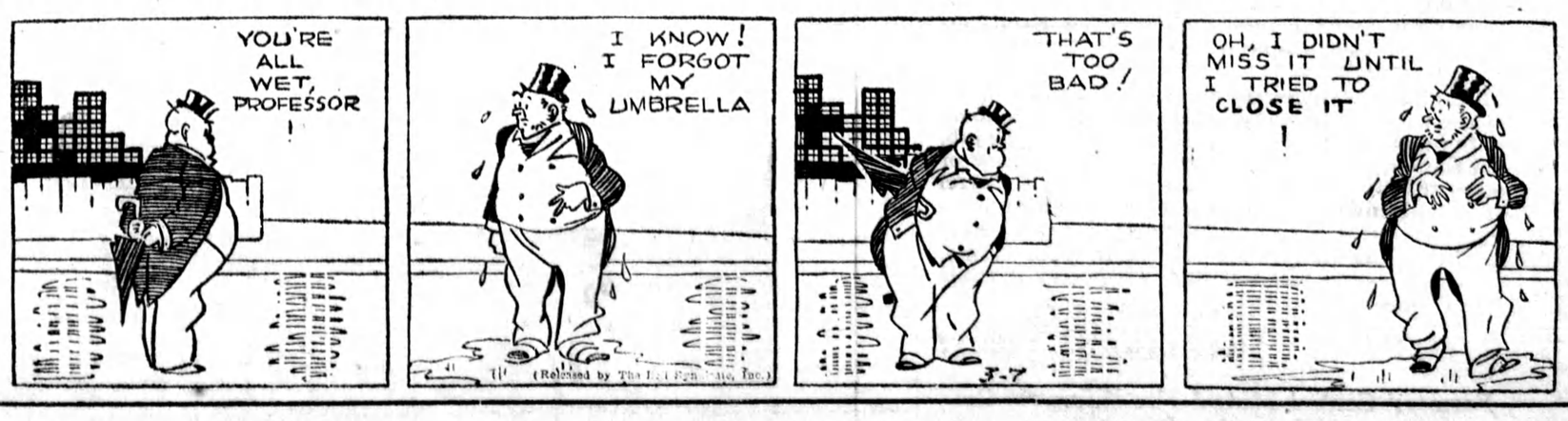
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