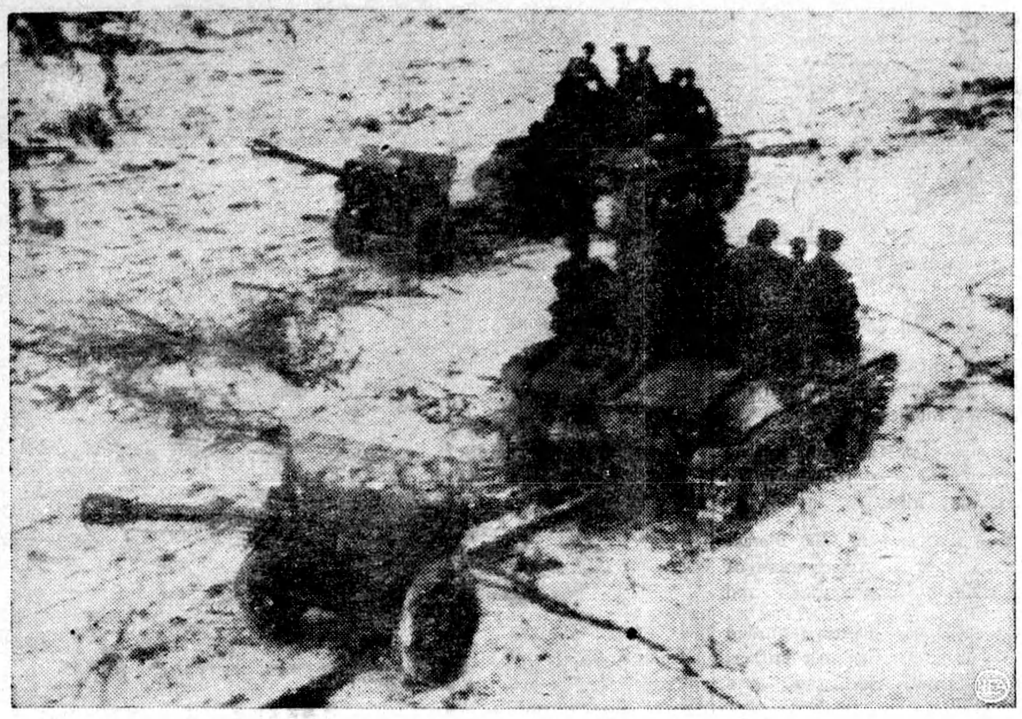
RUSSIANS—LOOKING FOR NAZI TANKS TO BUST



Red Army artillery, particularly anti-tank guns like those pictured above, played an important part in the smashing Russian offensive against the Germans. The photo above, radioed from Moscow, shows a team of motorized anti-tank gun crews on the central front, where the Red Army continued its relentless sweep west of Velikie Luki, toward the Latvian frontier.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON III
JESUS WINNING SOULS
John 4:1-42
PRINTED TEXT
John 4:27-42

GOLDEN TEXT. — He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal. John 4:36.

Memory Verse: Let us love one another. I John 4:7.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—December, A.D. 27.

Place.—Jacob's well, near Sychar, in central Palestine.

"And upon this came his disciples; and they marvelled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why speakest thou with her?" The expression, 'No man said,' seems to imply that no man ventured to question our Lord's reason for talking with the woman. There is a lesson for us in this. When we cannot understand the reason of our Lord's dealings with souls, let us hold our peace, and try to believe that there are reasons which we shall know one day. A good servant in a great house must do his own duty and ask no questions.

The Woman's Testimony

"So the woman left her waterpot, and went away into the city, and saith to the people, Come, see a man, who told me all things that ever I did: can this be the Christ?" It is almost a universal experience in every age, and among every type of people, that as soon as they have found the Saviour they must go and tell others about it. Thus, our Lord's command to go into all the world preaching the gospel rests solidly upon the natural, normal urging of the Holy Spirit in the regenerated life. Some people are drawn to Christ by His teaching; some by His holy character; and some by His sacrificial death; some by the hope which He offers; others in other ways. This woman marveled at Christ because of His knowledge of all that she had ever done.

Earnestness and Humility

"They went out of the city, and were coming to him." We are astonished at the immediate effect of the woman's words. However, three causes may have, in a secondary sense, been at work. Her honest, enthusiastic, solemn manner; the circumstance that she felt the matter so important as to humble herself by alluding publicly to her sinful life; and lastly, the desire which many of them felt for the coming of the great Deliverer. Earnestness and humility are the two great requisites in an evangelist; and often where we least expect it, God has prepared the way for the reception of His truth by creating in a soul a hunger and thirst after His righteousness. Think it therefore not useless to speak to Samaritans about Israel's Messiah.

Christ's Teaching

"In the meanwhile the disciples prayed him, saying, Rabbi, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not. The disciples therefore said one to another, Hath any man brought him aught to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work." In these words we have a revelation of the true meaning of what He had been doing in connection with this woman. He had been doing the will of God and accomplishing his work. He had dealt with her as to bring her face to face with the reality of her past, and leading her forward had given to her the water of life. This was the will of God; this was His work. Having said this, He indicated to His disciples that this also was their work.

"White Unto Harvest"

"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest." These words suggest victory, reward, accomplishment. The ploughing and preparing all over, the sowing and the long vigil done, and at last the fields ready for the reaper. Two notes merge in them, those of opportunity and responsibility. Fields white to harvest constitute a call and a challenge. Is there any greater calamity in agriculture than harvest ungathered? Is there any greater tragedy in the redemptive purpose and process of God than harvest ungathered?

Joy of Harvesters

"He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." 'To receive wages' describes the joy with which these harvesters are to be filled when gathering all souls and introducing them into the kingdom of heaven.

Sower and Reapers

"For herein is the saying true, One soweth and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye have not labored: others have labored, and ye are entered into their labor." Christ is the sower; His apostles are the reapers. As compared with His labors, theirs might be esteemed as none at all.

Belief of Samaritans

"And from that city many of the Samaritans believed on him because of the word of the woman, who testified, He told me all things that ever I did." Just this one woman had brought all this about. She had brought it about for the reason that she herself had been radically changed in character by the power of Christ, and filled with a high enthusiasm for souls. By her simple timeliness and activity in witnessing, she set a marked religious movement on foot, and led many souls out of darkness into light, and out of death into life.

Request of Samaritans

"So when the Samaritans came unto him, they besought him to abide with them: and he abode there two days." In reading this passage, we cannot but be reminded of a similar incident, not long before this, when John and Simon asked the Lord, "Where dwellest Thou?" with the result that "they abode with him that day." Our desire to abide with Christ is only the echo of His desire to have us abide with Him.

Saviour of the World

"And many more believed because of his word. And they said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy speaking: for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world." It is a great hour when a young man, brought up in a Christian home to believe in Christ as the Son of God, and the Saviour of the world, because of his faith in the testimony of his father and mother, finally comes to know Christ in a very personal way, not because of what some one else has said, but because he has heard the Lord speak out of His own Word, and knows whereof he believes by a personal experience.

AMERICAN INDIAN

HORIZONTAL
1 Famous 16th century Indian.
8 He belonged to the —— tribe.
12 Pattern block.
13 Less common.
15 English coin.
16 Tree.
18 Metal.
19 Warble.
21 To hurry.
23 Mental state of an army.
24 Exists.
25 Grieved at heart.
28 August (abbr.).
29 Sleeper's couch.
30 Greek letter.
31 Finish.
33 Two plus two.
35 Ream (abbr.).
37 City.
39 Label.
40 Pomeranian dog.
42 Crazy.
43 Preposition.
45 Fold of string.
47 Sun god.
48 Compass point (abbr.).
49 Male relative.
51 Want.
53 Extortioner.
55 Tenant of the crown.
59 Antiquated.
60 —— or wonderful powers were ascribed to him.
61 He was the —— of a poem by Longfellow.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL
2 Notions.
3 Helps.
4 Climate.
5 Transposed (abbr.).
6 Derby.
7 Bristlelike tip.
8 Mister (abbr.)
9 Standing erect.
10 Operatic melody.
11 Fellow.
14 Half an em.
16 He was a —— or tribal leader.
17 Long grass.
19 Lacerated.
20 Fabulous.
22 North America (abbr.).
23 Volume (abbr.).
26 Right (abbr.).
27 Excess.
29 Beetle.
32 Church title.
34 Grain.
36 Lunar orb.
38 Strife.
41 Variety of coffee.
44 Middle mute.
46 A puddle.
48 To scorch.
50 Gaelic.
52 Biblical prophet.
54 Through.
56 Red Cross (abbr.).
57 Dutch (abbr.).
58 Look.
59 Postscript (abbr.).

RADIO REPORTER By REX FROST

"Outside the wind is howling . . howling . . howling. Flakes of snow driven by the icy blast of winter pile in gently curved undulations around that lone cottage in the wilds of nature. The roaring of the storm drowns out the stealthy raising of a latch and the quiet tread of a masked figure as, dagger in hand, Jaspar sneaks up behind his unsuspecting victim. There is a quick flash of steel . . an unearthly shriek which sets the shivers running up and down your spine . . and all is still except for the howling of the wind. Suddenly . ." If you like that sort of a story, a real spine tingler, your station should be CFRB, Toronto, and your time 10 to 10.30 Sunday night. "The Hermit's Cave." You've no doubt heard the series before. These stories are back on the air once again, exciting, hysterically dramatic and thrilling as ever.

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"This is London calling." There will be few owners of a radio receiver in Canada who have not heard those words with their English intonation. The now familiar identification of broadcasts originating in Great Britain was first heard at 9.30 a.m. London time, December 19th, 1932, and came from a small studio in the heart of the British capital, as a little studio audience of five people listened. That audience consisted of five men . . . two secretaries, a studio pianist, a news-reader and the well known commentator Vernon Bartlett. This was the prelude, so to speak, of the first of the series of international transmissions of the B.B.C. which was to be heard six days later and which carried the voice of His Late Majesty, King George Vth to five continents . . Dec. 25th, 1932. The transmissions were directed at that time to the members of the British Commonwealth, were picked up by short wave receivers at strategic points, and then rebroadcast over the standard wave lengths. Today "This is London calling" is a phrase rebroadcast either directly or by means of recordings by over three hundred stations in the American sphere . . . in Canada, the U.S.A., Puerto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii . . . as well as by stations all over the world where English is spoken or understood. The tremendous expansion of fighting fronts in which soldiers of the United Nations face the enemy has necessitated an ever increasing scope of B.B.C. transmission service abroad. Thus is radio playing its important part in co-ordinating the step of those who march along the Road to Victory.

Last October marked the beginning of a new era in the Canadian educational system. Following the lead given by the networks of the United States, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, three months ago, began a co-operative series of school programmes which found educational authorities collaborating officially to provide classroom lessons over the air. With the completion of the experimental period, the plan is being considerably expanded in the New Year. Every Friday morning at ten o'clock over the coast to coast network, school children will be entertained and instructed by the "Heroes of Canada" series. You might call it an easy way to study history. Many and many a boy or girl in Canada to whom the text-book pioneers of this Dominion have remained until now nebulous figures, will find these builders of the past emerging as living, vital people, current day radio voices to interpret the courage and accomplishments of the heroes of yesteryears. . . . in a modern dramatic setting. As part of this series, the last Friday of every month will be devoted to "Canadian horizons' dealing with national events, or with special achievements of man, as they affect the Canadian way of life. Then again, Canadian children are to participate in two of the Columbia "School of the Air" series, Mondays and Thursday mornings at 10 o'clock in which young Canada will exchange with young America stories of exploits and people who have contributed to the building of North America. Yes, History made easy. Makes some of us grown-up folk wish we had had the chance to do likewise in our own days of the little red school house, way back.

Wanted—A Camel Dye

The Soudan was a supply base for four armies, the British, the Indian, the Soudan Defence Force and the Ethiopian. Among the more unusual activities was an attempt to find a fast dye as camouflage for white camels.

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Canada Plans Cut In Wheat Acreage

Lowest Mark Since 1918 Objective For 1943

Acreage reduction is no guarantee of smaller wheat crops, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics states in a report on the wheat situation, but crop conditions next year are not likely to be as favorable as this season and if acreage reduction is carried out next Spring the 1943-44 crop year should see an improvement in the statistical position in North America.

The objectives for Canadian agriculture in 1943, including wheat, were outlined at a Dominion-Provincial conference early in December. The Bureau said Canada's wheat acreage reduction program next year will be "quite drastic."

The Bureau said Canadian farmers have been asked to reduce wheat acreage to its lowest level since 1918 and if this goal is reached it will mean a reduction of more than 11,000,000 acres or 39 percent from the peak level of 28,700,000 acres attained in 1940.

All efforts to curtail wheat crops through the medium of reduced acreage were frustrated in 1942 by the unpredictable weatherman. A brand of weather was served up in Canada and the United States which resulted in record yields per acre and the production of enormous crops.

Edison Forecast Rubber Shortage

Thomas Alva Edison was a prophet as well as a great inventor, his son, Gov. Charles Edison, has learned.

A magazine article quoting the inventor as predicting the war and the rubber shortage was received by the Governor from a friend. The article, written in 1927, stated:

"The United States never has had and never will have on hand enough rubber to run the country for more than a year.

"Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and I have been considering what this country would do in case of a war which would cut off our rubber supply.

"Don't make any mistake about that war. It will come. We may run along for a good many years without it, but sooner or later nations of Europe and Asia will combine against the United States. The first thing they will do will be to cut off our rubber supply."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

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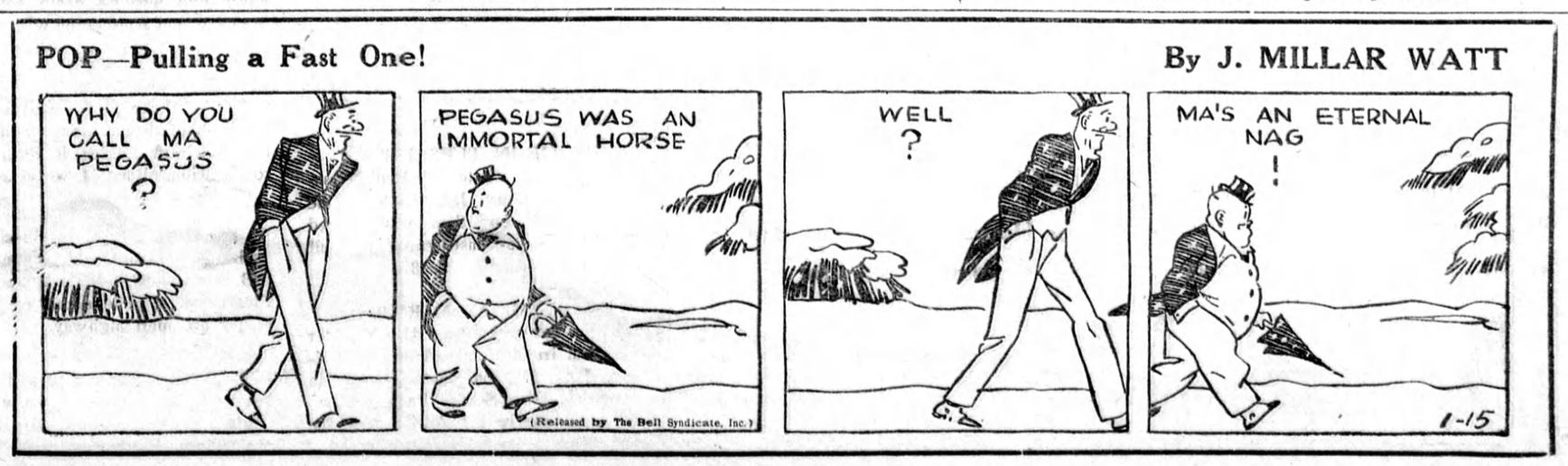
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