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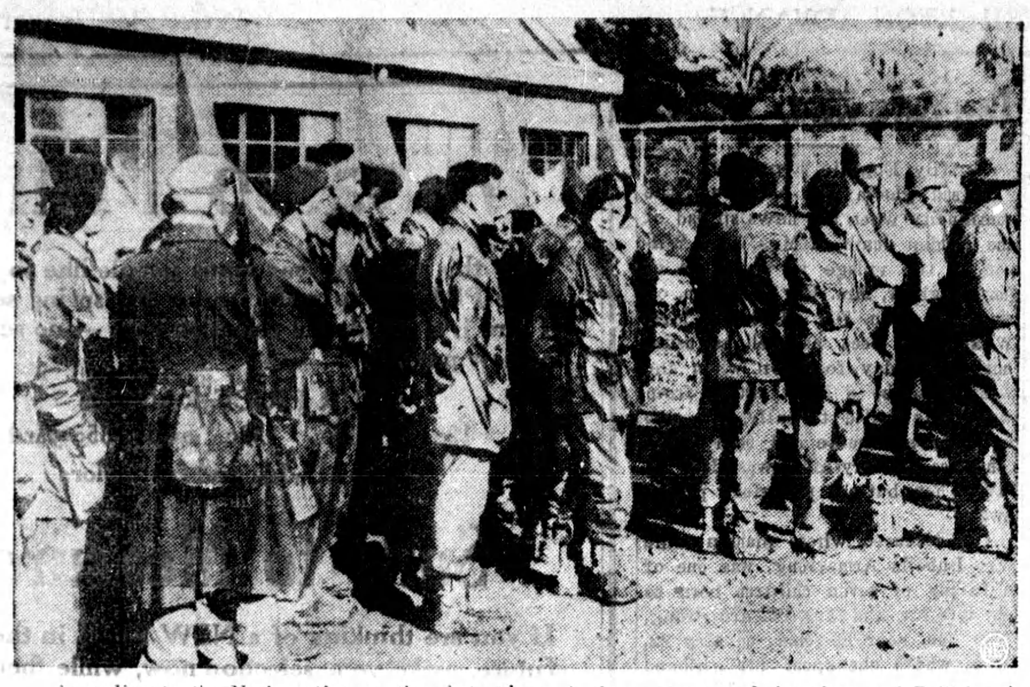

According to the Nazi caption on the photo above, it shows a group of American and British prisoners, captured during fighting in Tunisia, waiting under guard to be taken to the rear. Picture, passed by censor, reached U. S. through neutral sources in Portugal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

January 24
JESUS THE GREAT PHYSICIAN
John 5
PRINTED TEXT
John 5:2-17

GOLDEN TEXT. — Wouldest thou be made whole? John 5:6.

Memory Verse: The Lord is my helper. Hebrews 13:6.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time. — The Passover, April A.D. 28.

Place.—The pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem.

"Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a multitude of them that were sick, blind, halt, withered." When so many sufferers are brought together they impress us much more than when we meet them singly; we then see more adequately all the wretchedness, the misery, the broken lives that form the result of sin among men.

Those In Need

"And a certain man was there, who had been thirty and eight years in his infirmity. When Jesus saw him lying, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wouldest thou be made whole? The sick man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me." Into this place, where only the helpless came, but never one strong and well to encourage them, to investigate their cases, to attempt to heal them of their ailments, where none of the great of Jerusalem ever entered — into this group of forgotten men came, this day, the Son of God. It was He who had announced at the very threshold of His ministry that He had come down to preach the gospel to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised (Luke 4:18). Why our Lord centered His attention upon one man in the group rather than upon all the men, or some other man, we do not know. This is the way of God's dealings; some are chosen, some are not. One reason, no doubt, why our Lord focused His attention this day on this man was because he was the worst case of all those who were there, and, if men were convinced He could deliver this man from his infirmity, they would know the Lord could save any man from whatever disease or affliction possessed him.

The Lord never performed healing miracles in the Gospels automatically. He could have laid His hand on this man without a word, lifted him up and sent him home. He did not choose to do so. He first asked him a question. Then He commanded him to do something, and then, later, He gave a warning. He does not want this man automatically healed of a physical deformity. He desires that there should be an act of faith, an exercise of will, a transformation morally and spiritually as well as physically. So he asks him a question, 'Wouldest thou be made whole?' The man's answer showed that he was hopeless. It had become the established order of things with him that some one anticipated him. He speaks of it as regularly happening — 'another steps down before me.' He has no friend — not one who would spare time to wait beside him and watch for the welling up of the water.

Meeting Our Needs

"Jesus saith unto him, Arise, take up thy bed, and walk. And straightway the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked. Now it was the sabbath on that day." There is no commandment in the Word of God for the obedience of which Christ will not give strength in the hour of need. And there is no case of such long standing, so apparently helpless, but that Christ is able to deliver from whatever bondage, whatever habit, whatever doubt, whatever evil may have taken possession of any individual. Why did our Lord ask this man to take up his bed and walk, rather than to leave the bed there? Probably, as some one has said, that he might remove from the place of his long and fruitless waiting the very vestiges of a life of impotence and despair, so that he would never be tempted to go back again to the place where he had spent so many wasteful years. This man, walking out with his bed, proved to all others who were assembled there that he was completely and instantly healed. In like manner, one newly saved by Christ is to reveal the reality of his salvation by living that kind of a life which before was impossible for him — a life above the level of the world, a life manifesting divine strength, a life in which the power of God will be manifest.

"So the Jews said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for thee to take up thy bed. But he answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. They asked him, Who is the man that said unto Thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? But he that was healed knew not who it was; for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in the place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing befall thee. The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him whole. And for this cause the Jews persecuted Jesus, because he did these things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh even until now, and I work."

Spiritual Soundness

The man's bearing of his bed was not a work by itself; it was merely the concluding act of his healing, that by which he should make proof himself, and give testimony to others of its reality. It was lawful to heal on the Sabbath day; it was lawful then to do whatever was immediately involved in, and directly followed on, the healing. Our Lord is interested, first of all, in a man's inner life, then his physical welfare. Healing him of his bodily infirmity, he wanted this man in all the days to come to reveal a spiritual soundness like to that of the soundness of the body which had now been given to him.

Final punishment for one who persists in sin is a worse thing than long years of weary miserable life.

H. A. LEE

H. A. Lee, who has been appointed general passenger agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway at Toronto, joined the company in 1913 at Boston, Mass.; serving with the United States navy from 1918 to 1919. After working in the United States for 27 years, he was made assistant general passenger agent at Montreal in 1940. Mr. Lee will have jurisdiction over the Algoma district of the company as well as the Ontario district.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

ANSWER: Salt Lake City. . . . Approximately 150,000.

NEXT: Do Buffaloes have humped backs?

Old-Time Winter A Tough Problem

But Folk Were Tough Too and Could "Take It"

The spell of below-zero weather was hard on the coal bin, on father and father's account at the bank, truly says the London Free Press. It tested the plumbing and the furnace. It made housekeeping an all-day chore but it served to remind the old folk of the Winters they knew when they were young.

In those "good old days" our homes were cooler than they are now. We had not come to the stage of specialized insulation nor had we yet departed from the Quebec heater and the wood box. We wore heavy underwear and now and then we slept in our socks and slipped a sweater on when we got out of bed to tend the stoves.

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Our houses in those far-away days showed wide differences in temperature. Beside the stoves it was as high as 80 or 90. Close to the walls it was down to 40. In bedrooms it may have been lower. Going to bed was an adventure comparable with Hudson's explorations in the Northwest Passage. The bed was the coldest thing at night and the only warm thing in the house first thing in the morning. Winter came in about December 15 and stayed until April 1.

Yes, the old-fashioned Winter was a tough proposition. But so were the old-fashioned folk. They had to "take it" and they could "take it." They came out in the Spring pretty spry and began to store away wood and woollens for the next Winter. They would not have thought anything about our cold spell. Maybe we have grown soft. Maybe we are older. Anyway it was almighty cold and in our estimation, distinctly old-fashioned.

Marine "Fed Up" On Carrot Diet

Mahlon G. Kastick, aged 18, ate his way into the U. S. Marines, and is "fed up" on a vertain vegetable. Turned down when he tried to enlist because of color blindness, Kastick ate carrots for four months until he was able to pass the visual test.

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RADIO REPORTER

By REX FROST

Here's something for boys and girls who are studying or otherwise are interested in music . . . in fact here are two "somethings." The first is the new Toronto Conservatory of Music programme heard every Sunday afternoon over CFRB, Toronto from 2.30 to 2.45. The objective of the programme is to help music students in their examinations by demonstrating and describing the manner in which musical examination numbers should be interpreted. The programme is under the personal direction of Norman Wilks, Principal of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and should be of great assistance to music students the Province-wide.

The second is a special series of ten musical programmes for young folk commencing on Wednesday, January 20th, and continuing every consecutive Wednesday thereafter until March 24th, 3 p.m. over a CBC network, which includes CHML, Hamilton, CKTB St. Catharines, CFCO Chatham, CKLW Windsor nad CBY Toronto. This special radio design of Music for Young Folk has been announced in response to an emergency call. War time restrictions of transportation have prevented the resumption of the regular winter series of Toronto Symphony Orchestra School Concerts in Massey Hall, Toronto, but Sir Ernest McMillan and his associates interested in continuing these programmes, asked that radio should undertake the happy task of bringing these periods of fine music not to Toronto youngsters alone, but to school children throughout the province. Six will be studio presentations with leading soloists and instrumental groups demonstrating various forms of music and describing the types of instruments played. There will no doubt be much of interest also to adults, particularly music teachers, in both of the series of programmes previously mentioned.

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Should tomato vines be pruned? . . . Will houseplants bloom better on a sunny window sill, even though the window must be kept closed? . . . Is it possible to raise an orange tree from orange seeds? . . . Many of you gardeners who have listened to the Columbia radio series, "The Garden Gate," heard Saturday mornings 9.30 over CFRB Toronto will have been interested in the discussions which have been presented over a period of 9 years by a radio personality who calls himself "The Old Dirt Dobber." It is now announced that in about a month's time he will offer . . . "The Old Dirt Dobber's Garden Book," based on the Garden Gate radio series in which publication he will deal with a thousand and one questions which puzzle the mind of the amateur home gardener. No doubt he'll tell you on the air when the book is published and how you can obtain your copy.

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Sooner or later it seems that the armed forces get them . . . Recently such prominent radio personalities as Geoffrey Waddington, Vic George, Rai Purdy, Jimmie Shields, Frank Schuster and Johnny Wayne have joined the services. We also hear that CFRB's announcer, Jack Dawson, is slated for the Air Force at an early date. Also among the recent recruits is Fletcher Markle, young Vancouver writer, whose recent series "Baker's Dozen" attracted nationwide attention, is now an aircraftsman in the R.C.A.F. Markle turned aside a writing offer from the movies to join up, and soon will be providing some of the Air Force scripts for "Comrades in Arms," currently being heard on the CBC network Fridays at 10.15 p.m. Wishart Campbell, remembered as the Golden Voice of the Air, is now a pilot officer in the R.C.A.F. Truly radio is doing its bit.

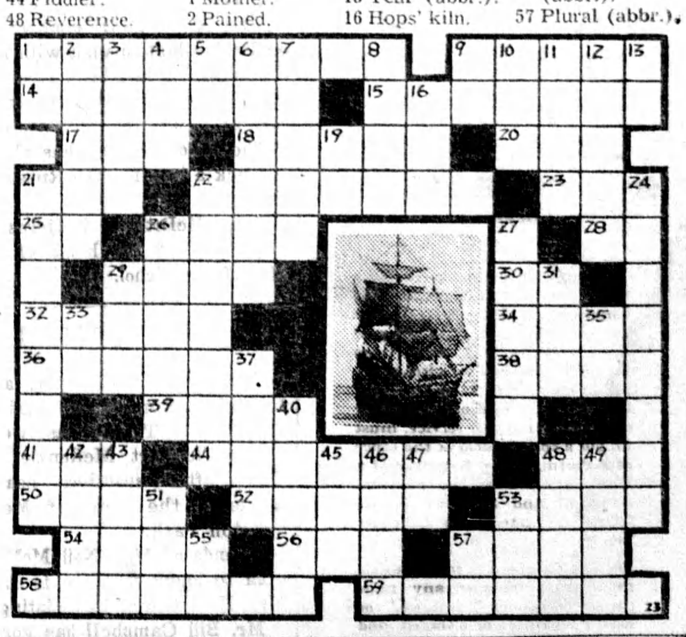
At the end of the First Great War there were 6,000,000 automobiles in the United States. When the present war started the number had increased to 32,000,000.

PIONEERS' BOAT

HORIZONTAL
1 Vessel which brought colonists to America.
9 It could —— a burden of 180 tons.
14 Needle-shaped.
15 Native of Indiana.
17 Horse food.
18 Surfeits.
20 Quoits' pin.
21 By.
22 Bearing cirri.
23 To card wool.
25 Low Dutch (abbr.).
26 To challenge.
28 Liliaceous tree
29 Homelike.
30 Exclamation.
32 Rodent.
34 Graduated set of bowls.
36 Mien.
38 Small ox.
39 Knife wound.
41 Soft cap.
44 Fiddler.
48 Reverence.
50 To cure.
52 Pertaining to sound.
53 Murmurs as a cat.
54 Regretted.
56 Opposite of in.
57 To peal.
58 It brought the —— fathers to America.
59 Some of these colonists had lived in ——.

VERTICAL
1 Mother.
2 Pained.
3 Twelve months.
4 Offspring.
5 Behold.
6 To change into bone.
7 Fatigued.
8 Genus of ostriches.
9 Company (abbr.).
10 Tree.
11 Public disturbance.
12 To contradict.
13 Year (abbr.).
16 Hops' kiln.
19 Transposed (abbr.).
21 This boat landed at —— Rock.
22 Causes to cohere.
24 Errors.
26 Portions of medicine.
27 Mercenary.
29 Cabin.
31 Female fowl.
33 Bone.
35 Therefore.
37 Diplomacy.
40 Sweeping tool.
42 Pertaining to air.
43 Heavy club.
45 God of sky.
46 Footway.
47 Ell.
48 Epilepsy symptom.
49 Small bird.
51 Limb.
53 Chum.
55 Doctor (abbr.).
57 Plural (abbr.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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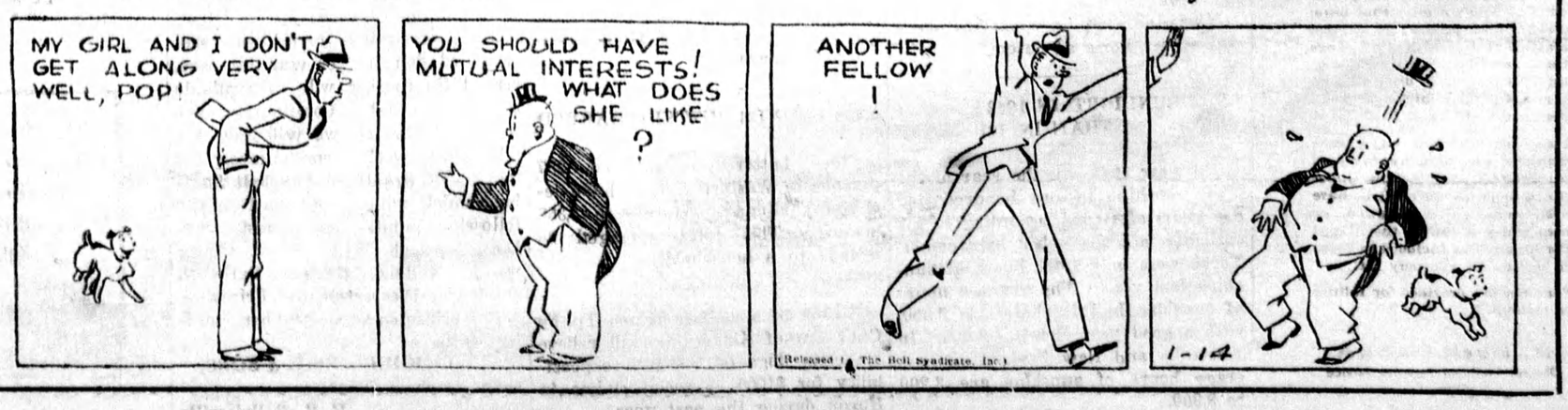
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