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Sunday School Lesson

August 5. Lesson VI—Paul in a Pagan Country, Acts 14: 8-20. Golden Text—I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound.—Phil. 4: 12.

ANALYSIS.
I. THE MIRACLE AT LYSTRA, 8-13.
II. THE DISMAY OF THE APOSTLES, 14-20.

INTRODUCTION.—Eighty-five miles east from Antioch was Iconium, a city of Pro-German sympathies, which was the next centre of mission work. Paul began preaching, as usual, in the Synagogue, and with such excellent results that many Jews and Greeks believed. However, the Jewish authorities were not convinced and tried to oppose. The Christian mission continued for some time, perhaps several months, till the whole city moved by this new preaching, and the citizens are divided into two parties. The Jews seek to arouse the enmity of the local magistrates, and when the Christians learn of the impending attack, Paul and Barnabas depart from the city, intending to return when the disturbance has subsided sufficiently. They pass into a district much less thickly populated, and where the people were more primitive in their habits. The town around is evangelized, probably by natives who had joined the ranks of the apostles; and foundations are laid for small Christian communities.

THE MIRACLE AT LYSTRA, 8-13.
V. 8. Lystra was a town of the high way and less an important commercial and military outpost than the population consisted of Roman soldiers and natives who made use of the Lycian speech. Among the heathens who sat under the shade of the oak temple, was a poor cripple, who, according to one of the old manuscripts, had already taken an interest in the Jewish religion, being a proselyte.

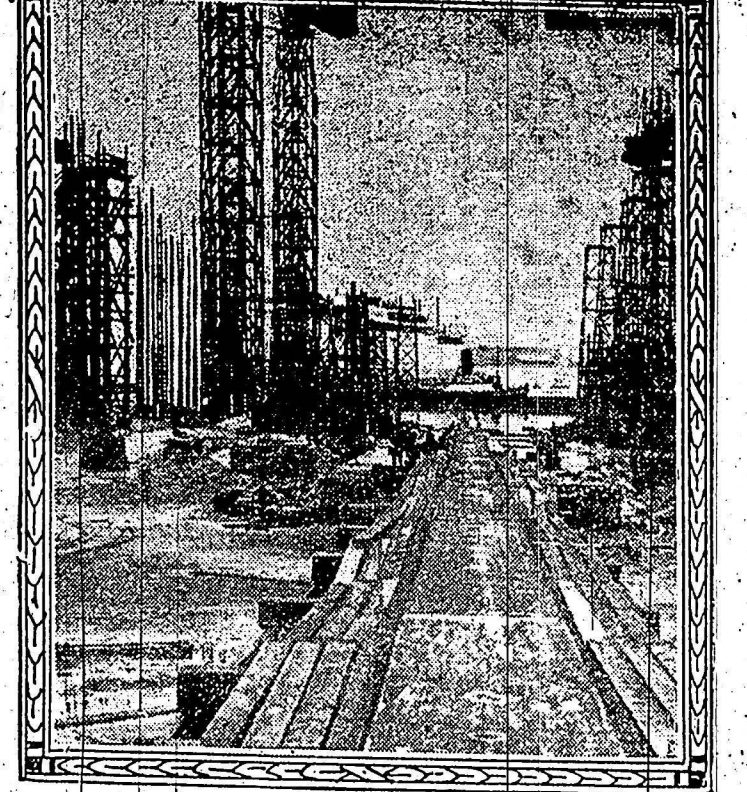
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V. 14. Rent their garments. When the apostles learn of what has happened they are filled with grief and rend their garments as a sign that they regard this as an act of blasphemy. Read the story concerning the high priest at the trial of Jesus, Matt. 26: 65.

THE DISMAY OF THE APOSTLES, 14-20.
V. 15. They address the multitude in the Greek tongue which would be familiar to most of the inhabitants. All commercial and public transactions were conducted at that language. They assure the simple folk that they are only men in like passions or nature with themselves, and then Paul proceeds to give an address suitable to the simplicity of his pagan audience. It was quite different from the sermon which he had delivered to the Jews at Antioch, and shows how Paul suited his words to the understanding of his hearers. Three great religious principles are mentioned which would be within the understanding of these people: (1) He reminds them that God is the creator of heaven and earth, and that he still lives and takes an active control over the world. Thus far, these pagans have not known this truth, but now he is being revealed to them. (2) Paul then states the difficulty which must always occur to one who carries the gospel to the pagans. Why was God so long in coming down to this true light? The only answer which the apostle gives is that it seemed wise for God to permit these natives to walk in their own ways. (3) Yet all through these years God did not leave himself without witness in that he sent them sunshine and rain and fruitful seasons. It was a simple statement fitted for people whose religious education was very backward.

The sequel to this shows us how fierce were the Galatians. For a time Paul and Barnabas continued to preach to these people, and with success, as we know from the fact that Timothy was among the converts, one who did so much for the church in after years. But ere long enemies from Antioch came in, and sowed seeds of discord and the crowd which a short time before had fallen down to worship these preachers now take up stones to kill them, and he is dragged out of the city as one dead.

From Lystra they go to Derbe, a frontier town fifty miles away. Here they have no unusual experience, and after a short visit they decide to leave. They could have gone back by the highway that led from Derbe to Tarsus through the Cilician Gate, a distance of one hundred miles, but they felt it necessary to confirm the faith of these converts, and in spite of the danger, they return by the same route by which they came, organizing churches and appointing elders. And so they get back to Antioch in Syria, and relate to a deeply interested church the great things which God has done through them, and now he opened the door for the Gentiles.

Controlling Sea Trade



HERE IS THE LONGEST KEEL IN THE WORLD
The keel of the new White Star \$9,000-ton liner laid down in the shipyard in Belfast. A true giant of the waves.

Preserving and Restoring Our Historic Sites
Marking of Sites of National Importance Carried Out by Department of the Interior
Pioneer Days Recalled
Canada's historical background contains some of the most romantic and interesting episodes in the history of North America. In many districts throughout the Dominion there still remain visible evidences of our history in ruins which have been preserved, but there are scenes of other and often important actions and events which are unmarked by any physical reminder of what transpired at those places. The Department of the Interior has been carrying on a valuable work in preserving and restoring the ruins and suitably marking the sites of national historic importance. As a result along many of the main motor highways of the Dominion artistically designed markers and tablets give motorists and tourists a peep into our romantic past.

On the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board, the Department of the Interior, through the National Parks Service, has marked 118 sites by the erection of suitable monuments. Each year at the annual meeting of the Board the suggestions of the various members are reviewed and a number of sites are recommended for marking. During 1927 tablets were placed on twenty-five sites and one of the most picturesque monuments in this connection was the unveiling of the cairn and tablet at Blackfoot Cross, near where the Chazy-Milo section of the Alberta Provincial Highway crosses the Bow River. This memorial commemorates the signing of September 22, 1877, near this point, of Treaty No. 7 by which the white man and peace and security was assured to the Indians. The unveiling took place on the fifteenth anniversary of the signing, the principals in which were: Hon. David Lord and Lt.-Col. James F. Macleod, representing the Crown; and the famous Indian leader, Chief Crowfoot, and other chiefs and councillors of the Blackfoot, Blood, Peigan, Stoney, and other Indians. The Red Men rolled up their claim to the 50,000 square miles of fertile prairie in southwestern Alberta by this treaty. The site of the memorial is also near the grave of Chief Crowfoot.

FINANCING OF CHINA
T. V. Soong, Nationalist finance minister, who presided at a meeting of 80 Nationalists and bankers in Shanghai for the consideration of the new 800-million type which the Government desires to substitute for the larger 10,000-ton cruisers hitherto favored.

British Launch 8000-Ton Cruiser
Government Builds Vessel Smaller Than Washington Treaty Maximum
London.—The cruiser York, one of the new ships authorized by the British Navy estimates of 1926-27, has been launched by the Duchess of York at Tarrow-on-Tyne. It is the first of the new 8000-ton type which the Government desires to substitute for the larger 10,000-ton cruisers hitherto favored.

Charged With the Leviathan Mail Robbery
Official in Steward's Office Said to Have Secured \$6,000
New York.—Archibald Chapman, assistant linen keeper in the steward's department, was charged recently with theft of registered mail from the United States liner Leviathan, between June 16 and June 22, while the vessel was on the high seas.

The Empire's Knight of the Keen Eye
Lance-Sergeant, E. Poulton of the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards was presented with the championship cup by Field-Marshal Sir George Milne.

Sherlock Holmes Wins Victory in Slater's Appeal

Scottish Court Unanimously Sets Aside Murder Verdict

NOVELIST JUSTIFIED
Edinburgh, Scotland.—Sherlock Holmes won his latest victory over his rivals, the police last week, when the Court of Criminal Appeal, presided over by Lord Clyde, unanimously set aside the conviction of murder as the result of which Oscar Slater had spent 18½ years in prison.

Jewels Were Stolen
In 1908 all Glasgow was shocked by the brutal murder of Miss Marion Gilchrist, eldest spinster, who lived alone in a flat with one maid servant. One evening, while the servant was being sent to bed, she was suddenly seized and her jewelry stolen. About three weeks later Oscar Slater was arrested in New York. He had left Scotland shortly after the murder. Certain witnesses identified him as the man they had seen leaving the Gilchrist neighborhood. He had pawned a brooch in Scotland, but proved it was not the property of Miss Gilchrist. None of the dead woman's possessions ever was traced to him.

FINALLY GOT LIFE
Slater waived extradition proceedings and went back to Scotland. In 1909 a jury convicted him. The death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and Slater was sent to Peterhead prison. That seemed the end of Slater.

REDS GAIN UPPER HAND IN AUSTRALIA
Sydney, New South Wales.—With an overwhelming majority, the Red element, by a snap vote, carried a resolution at a recent session of the all-Australian Council of Trades Unions supporting affiliation with the Pan-Pacific secretariat.

RESOLUTION AGREES TO AFFILIATION WITH PAN-PACIFIC SECRETARIAT
The resolution, which was moved by J. Garden, secretary of the Trade Labor Council of Sydney, and an avowed Communist, was that the Australian Council of Trades Unions should unite to combat the dangers of a Pacific war, and also to assist the workers of more backward countries to improve their position.

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Laxity of Law Aids Murderer

Doctors Issue Certificates Without Seeing Patients After Death

SUICIDES HIDDEN
Diadvantage of Cremation That It Prevents Criminal Investigation
London.—There are probably a considerable number of murders and suicides hidden away, said a London doctor in criticizing the present regulations under which death certificates are issued by medical men.

SECRET SUICIDES
Supporting the coroner's criticism, a London doctor said: "Under the 1926, a doctor has to send the death certificate to the registrar, at the same time handing to the relatives a notice saying that he has done so. The doctor has to state on the certificate not only the cause of death, but the last occasion on which he saw the patient." "He is not compelled to see the patient after death, but if he has not seen him within 14 days before death the registrar will automatically communicate with the coroner."

DR. WALDO'S WARNING
Another aspect was mentioned by Dr. F. J. Waldo at a Southwick in-quest recently. Though there was no authentic case of any individual having been buried alive, he said, stoppage of the action of the heart, such as occurred in a fainting fit, or in electrocution, drowning, and gas poisoning, might easily simulate death.

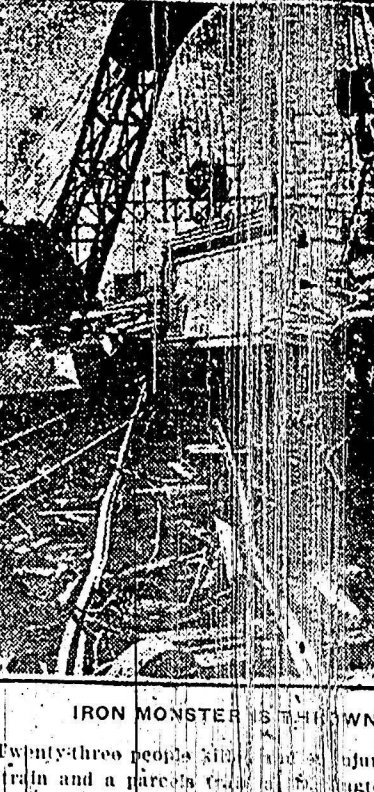
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A View of the Very Unusual



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KILLED IN A COLLISION BETWEEN AN EXCURSION TRAIN AND A PASSENGER TRAIN. USUALLY SO EFFICIENT THAT IT IS AGAINST SUCH A HAPPENING.

Europe Is Bitter Over Disclosures on Nobile's Wreck
Demonstration of Cooperation Turns to Outburst of Ill-Will
MALMGREN'S FATE
Swedish and Russian Press Voice Gracious British Silence
London.—With the outbreak of the war, and hints of more disclosures injected into the lives of the grim Arctic drama, all is swelling tumultuously with the rapid transformation from sympathy into an outburst of international ill-will.

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The Love of a Dog
Most boys and many girls, and ten thousand times ten thousand men and women, love dogs. We don't know how this loyal, unflinching friend of man first met him, but he learned to find his flock, his shepherd, his lion, and the lives of those dear to him, but wherever we have this we have found his faithful friend and companion, the dog, always willing to follow him through thick and thin, ever seeking to care for his master, whether his master was rich or poor, when beaten, starved, cruelly patted, ready to lick the hand that has hurt him. A good man once said, "My own father and mother forsake me, but the dog will follow me." Light but one says that when a man fights for the sake of every earthly good, he would still be looking up to his face the gentle, trusting eyes of his devoted dog, saying by every look and sign, "Where thou goest I'll go, my lot shall be thy lot, nor will I leave thee, nor will I forsake thee, nor will I leave thee, nor will I leave thee."

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