

The Free Press Short Story

WHEN SECONDS COUNTED

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It is nothing more and nothing less than an attempted murder, declared Mr. Sawyer, owner of the Sawyer shipyard, speaking to his eldest son, a young man of twenty-two years.

"I am afraid he means to make trouble for you, Father," remarked John, after he had read the lawyer's letter which his father handed him.

"I have thought of that. It may be merely a coincidence, but I am more inclined to think that there is some dirty work being done here."

Ten minutes later the boy was on his way to the city. On the way he read and re-read the letter which he was to deliver.

"AUGUSTUS B. NILES" "There are all kinds in an office building," John muttered to himself.

"Yes, I think that will be a wise move." "I want you to stay there until he comes, even if you have to wait up to noon."

The following morning dawned bright and clear, and eight o'clock found John on the way to the city.

up a magazine and tried to interest himself in it, but his thoughts continually reverted to the shipyard, and to the "Mary Ann."

At twelve o'clock sharp that gentleman himself, unknown to John, walked briskly out of his office.

"No, sir, he will not be here until about the middle of the afternoon," replied the girl.

"The driver needed no further urging. In less than a minute he was out of the heaviest of the traffic."

"Step on her!" shouted the occupant of the car. "If you are pinched, I'll settle your fare!"

"Father, we've got to work like wild men!" yelled he as he reached the "Mary Ann," near which were seated a dozen more carpenters.

"What are you trying to do?" roared the man in the car.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ZACCHAEUS THE PUBLICAN (A BUSINESS MAN CONVERTED)

Golden Text.—The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19: 10.

Lesson Text.—Luke 19: 1-10. Study also Mark 10: 32-52.

Exposition.—I. Zacchaeus Seeking Jesus, 1-4.

Jesus was on His last journey to Jerusalem—a journey which meant for Him, Calvary and the Cross.

There were many things that He, and He alone, must do, and He was straightened until they be accomplished.

It is a hard thing to save a rich man (ch. 18: 24, 27), but not impossible. Nowhere does the Bible teach that a rich man cannot be saved.

At that instant came to the speaker's ears the sweetest sound he had ever heard in his life—the grinding of the "Mary Ann" as she shot down the ways.

"I should like to break this over your head!" snarled Lawyer Niles. "You fouled my dory on purpose."

"That was my intention, Mr. Niles!" said back the other, grinning. Then he pulled in toward the shipyard through the waves raised by the "Mary Ann" when she struck the water.

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Jesus: "For TO-DAY I MUST abide at thy house," because it was the Saviour's last day in Jericho, and Zacchaeus was one of the lost sheep to be found and gathered into His fold ere He depart thence, for ever.

Zacchaeus would not have dated in His life to his home, yet that home was, possibly, one of the leading houses in Jericho, seeing that its owner was "chief among the publicans and a rich man."

Not all men are so prepared to receive Jesus so readily as did the publican of Jericho. Indeed, the vast majority of mankind refuse to receive Him at all.

Zacchaeus, the sinner, who in this instance found his Saviour, was rich, dishonest, disaffected yet withal a man of considerable earnestness, resource and decision.

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