

Sunday School Lesson

THE IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

Second Quarter: Lesson XIII: 1 Peter V 1-11 June 26 1927.

Golden Text: Come ye after me and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew IV 19.

REVIEW: LIFE AND LETTERS OF PETER.

Nero did not kill Peter. He could not! That day of crucifixion, head downward, Peter became more alive than when alive. His influence took on immortality and universality. His Epistles characteristically abrupt, hortatory became the "go with me" hand book of his disciples and his disciples' disciples. They are a radio picture of Peter. He carried all the skill he had acquired in his trade, all the traits of the fisherman, persistence, watchfulness, endurance, into the craft of casting the gospel net. He probably made more converts than all the rest of the apostles except Paul. It was in his house that Jesus worked his first miracle. It was in his person and through him that Jesus continued to perform his wonders.

In this incident, the attempted walking on the sea the contradictory traits of the apostle appear. A certain audacity, the attempting of anything and the swinging of the pendulum to the other extreme of abject fear leading to humiliating failure.

To Peter belongs the high honor of discovering Jesus' identity. And he was the first to announce in explicit terms the Messiahship, but with the same breath he undertook to advise and correct the Master. Jesus matches his contradiction by calling him at once "Stone" and Satan.

If great characters are built out of their faults as is affirmed, Peter had no lack of building material. His cowardly denial of his Master that last tragic night seems unforgivable. One moment he is defending the Lord with a sword, the next he is swearing to a servant girl that he never knew the Galilean. But his after-thoughts are matched with tears. There was a tear on that account not in his eye as tradition says but in his heart to his dying day.

It is Peter the audacious who thrusts himself into the tomb of Jesus the first Easter morning. It is he who describes the minute circumstances of the location of the napkin, proving Jesus' orderly exit from the sepulcher. It is he who receives the significant re-ordination from the risen Christ on the shore of Galilee.

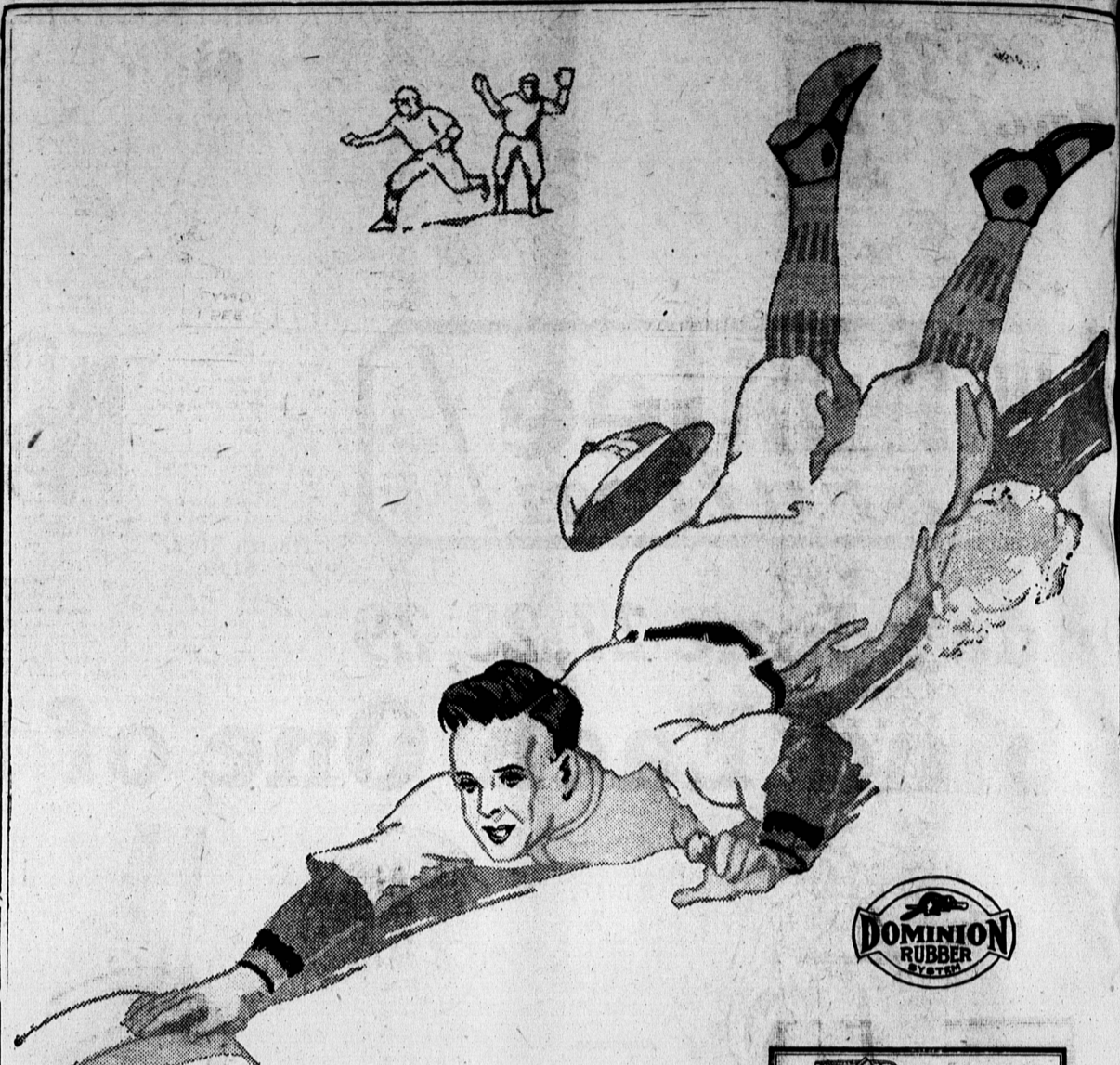
Peter reaches the climax of his career on Pentecost. In well-chosen language he defines the meaning of that unparalleled event. All trace of cowardice is gone. He gives one of the finest examples of moral courage when he casts it in their teeth "Whom you killed on the cross, God raised from the tomb." Yet there is also the consummate skill of the trained advocate for out of their own Scripture he condemns them. The "Fisher of Men" got three thousand in his net that day.

The philanthropic phase of Christianity is in evidence in the first miracle worked by the chief of the apostles. It is scientifically correct in spirit and method, a model for all subsequent effort of that kind. It did not make a mere alms box of the lame man. It put him on his feet and in the way of making his own living. It gave him not charity but a chance.

Peter reaches the height of heroism when he tells the august court of the Sanhedrin "We must obey God rather than man." It is his hat of irony his mark when he says most courts arraign for evil deeds, but this court is unique in that it arraigns for a good deed.

It remained for Peter the ultrajew to break down the middle wall of partition and carry the gospel to the Gentiles. Providence furnished a singularly fine representative Gentile to be the recipient of the blessings of the Gospel. The double preparatory vision takes the incident out of the category of illusions.

The angelic jall delivery as a picture abounds in fine psychological strokes that command attention and reward study. All one knows of Peter's experience in prison is that he slept. What composure and confidence is in that little word of five letters! How utterly the bloody expectation of his enemies was frustrated! How strong the evidence of the utility and power of mediatorial prayer! One can see the face and heart of Peter in his Epistles. Out of his own shameful lapse he sees the pearl of his converts and cries "Be-ware lest you fall from your steadfastness." He bids them arm themselves with the mind of Christ, to be sober and watch, commit the keeping of their souls as to the Creator of their souls. He says "It is my business while I still alive to keep stirring you up," and advises and reminds them that it



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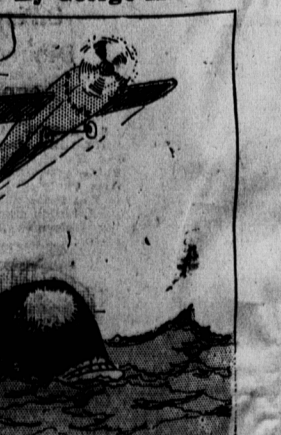
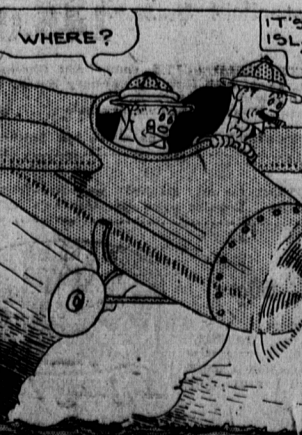
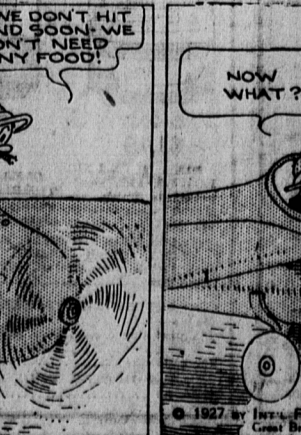
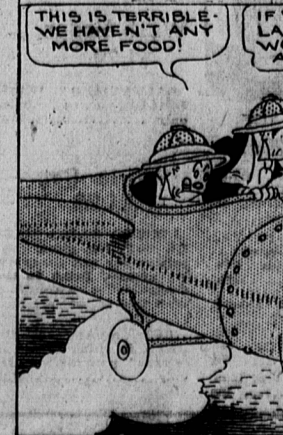
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Bringing Up Father



—By George McManus

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

January 28, 1927 Matthew XVIII 11-14. Motto: "The Church's marching orders 'Discipline all nations.'" Duke of Wellington.

WHERE ARE MISSIONARIES MOST NEEDED: ASIA OR AFRICA?

Asia vs. Africa? Oh no! To pit one country against another as a field of missionary endeavor is manifestly to contradict the "marching order" of the Divine Commander. Yet the element of expediency must be allowed. Time and other conditions may be taken into account. Paul's experience at Troy is in evidence. After Phrygia and Galacia the apostle thought he would go to Bithynia but he found it best to leave Asia for Europe. His first convert on the new continent was a native of the very region he omitted. Possibly through her influence her home country was finally evangelized, for the apostle afterwards salutes the saints in those parts. In this very way history has several times repeated itself.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—All need teaching, Matthew 23: 16-20.

Tuesday—All in sin, Romans 3: 10-13.

Wednesday—All need salvation, 1 Corinthians 1: 18-21.

Thursday—Ancient countries, Acts 16: 19-24.

TO THINK ABOUT:

Friday—Where opposition exists, Acts 19: 23-41.

Saturday—Where people call, Acts 16: 9-13.

What principles should guide in the choice of a field? What field do you think the hardest? India or Africa? Why? What constitutes the need of people for missionaries?

An automatic radio tube tester that has been installed in an eastern factory has a capacity of 30,000 tubes a day.

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