

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Beginnings of Solomon's Reign. I Kings 1:1-3:15-3:4-15.

Commentary—1. Solomon becomes king (1:1-2:3). In David's declining years his eldest son, Adonijah, plotted to secure the throne of Israel for himself, although David, by divine direction, had promised to Solomon.

When David came to know of this attempt, he arranged for Solomon to be anointed and proclaimed king, and he was accepted by the people. Solomon's reign commenced under favorable conditions.

Peace had come to prevail throughout the borders of the nation. Adonijah, who had plotted to acquire the throne was still alive, as also were Abiathar, the priest, and Joab, the commander of the army.

Early in Solomon's reign Adonijah began a course to gain the throne and was promptly exposed, and Abiathar was deposed and banished. Joab was slain for his part in Adonijah's plot.

Zadok was made high priest in Abiathar's place and Beniah was placed at the head of Solomon's military forces. By these measures the kingdom was firmly established in Solomon's hands.

He, a little while after he began to reign, made an alliance with the king of Egypt and married his daughter. This was the first relation of the Israelites with the Egyptians after the exodus.

The children of the Israel were directed forbidden to intermarry with the Canaanitish nations, but other foreign nations were not specified in the taking an Egyptian wife, although prohibition; hence Solomon did not act contrary to the letter of the law.

He transgressed the spirit of it. A religious assembly at Gibeon (v. 4). 4. To Gibeon—Gibeon was five or six miles northwest of Jerusalem, and was a sacred place because the tabernacle and brazen altar were there (2 Chron. 1:3-5).

The great foe, as well as in what to pray for. The words of Jesus in Matt. 6:33 are called to mind by Solomon's choice and what came of it.

Solomon's choice. "David, the man raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet sealist of Israel, after a prosperous reign of forty years, died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honor, and Solomon, his son, reigned in his stead."

Solomon's choice (v. 5-9). 5. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream—There are many instances in the Scriptures of the Lord's appearance to individuals in dreams.

Such dreams are to be carefully distinguished from ordinary dreams, for the ordinary dream has no significance. It can reasonably be supposed that Solomon realized the wish, and the responsibility that was upon him as king of Israel, and his prayer had been that the Lord would grant him the needed help to meet that responsibility.

ask what I shall give thee—The offer made by the Lord to the youthful king was comprehensive and unlimited. The Lord, in this instance, laid his resources at Solomon's disposal. All that the human heart could rightfully desire is included.

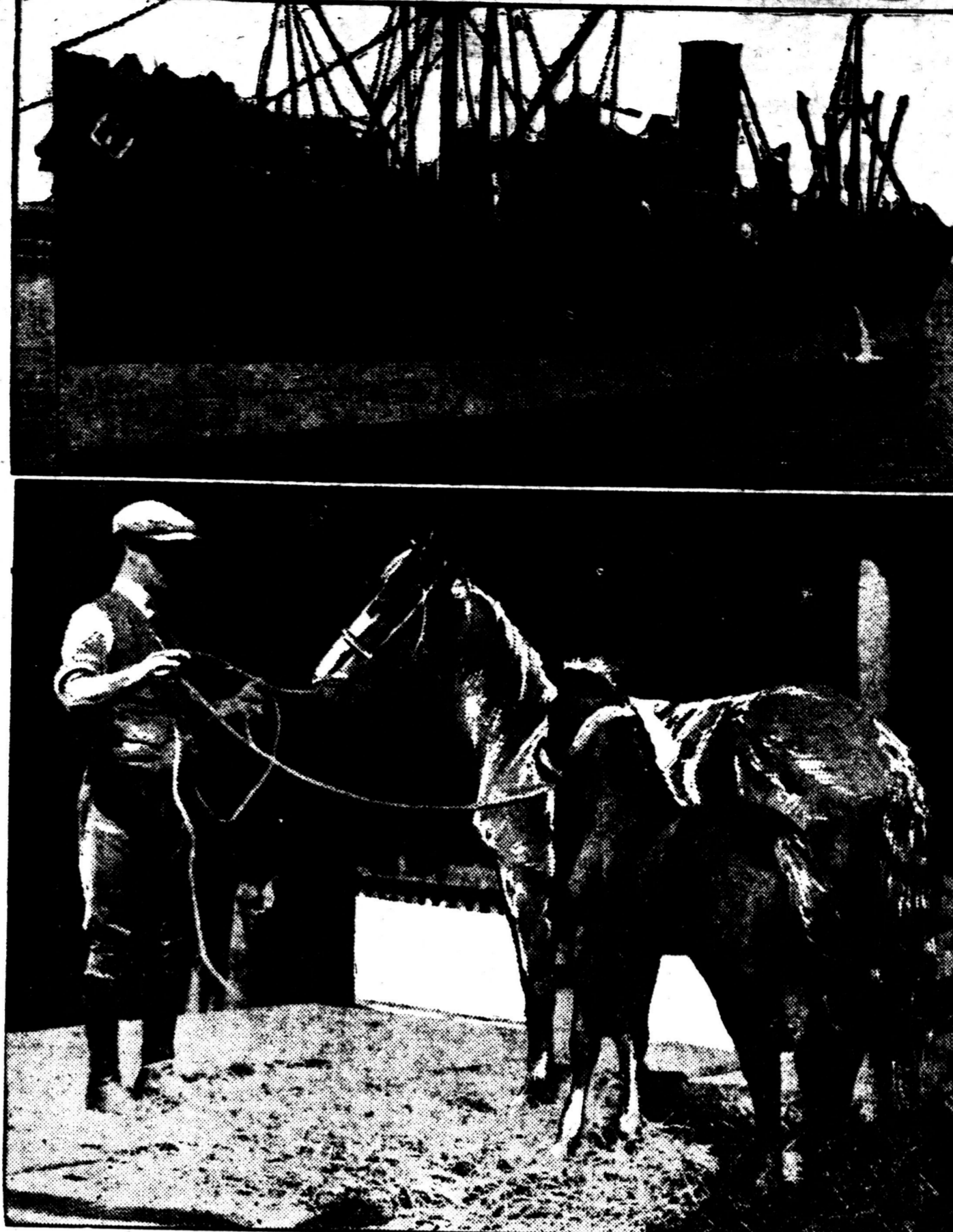
He said this in his dream, hastened, ... great mercy—Solomon preface his choice with humble acknowledgments to God for mercies bestowed and a confession of his own inability to fill the position in which he had placed him.

David throughout his eventful career, in uprightness of heart—David's course for the most part was right, and for the sins into which he fell, he had deeply and fully repented, and he had given his heart to God.

He had chosen God for his throne—David had several sons in all, but the Lord definitely declared that his son Solomon should be king. 7. I am a little child—Solomon was probably about twenty years of age at this time. He humbly acknowledged this, and then he said—God had chosen Abraham, and the people of Israel were his descendants, that cannot be numbered—Israel had come to be a great nation.

According to David's numbering there were 1,300,000 men of war (2 Sam. 24:9), and upon that basis there were possibly 6,000,000 inhabitants of Israel. 9. An understanding heart—This was a noble choice. It was unselfish. He might have chosen popularity, wealth, vast dominion or long life, but he left himself out of the consideration to the extent that he chose for the highest welfare of his subjects.

THE PRINCE'S HORSES ARRIVE



(1) C. P. O. S. Montcalm arriving at Montreal, having on board horses and ponies for the Prince of Wales' Stock Ranch near Calgary, Alta. (2) Prince of Wales' ponies for his Canadian ranch. A Dartmoor pony and her foal about to leave the hold of the C. P. O. S. Montcalm, upon her arrival in Montreal.

MARKET REPORTS TORONTO MARKETS

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various goods such as Dairy Products, Live Poultry, Fruits, Vegetables, and Meat. The table includes item names and their corresponding prices per unit.

SUNDAY AT HOME

KINDLY WORDS AND DEEDS. If we sit down at set of sun And count the good things we have done, And counting find One self-denying act, one word That eased the heart of him who heard;

that deliberately puts its own interests first and declines to help in promoting the common welfare of the nation is not an honest working member of the body corporate of the Church of Christ. Yet we know that unfortunately instances are not few where the inclination has been to hinder rather than help, solely from the fear that something might be done or said that might detract from their importance in the eyes of the world.

PALLID CHEEKS MEAN ANAEMIA

NEW HEALTH CAN BE OBTAINED BY ENRICHING THE BLOOD SUPPLY.

When a girl in her teens becomes peevish, listless and dull, when nothing seems to interest her and dainties do not tempt her appetite you may be certain that she needs more blood than her system is capable of.

BRITAIN LEADS. Has Regained Old Shipbuilding Supremacy.

Ottawa, Aug. —Mr. Harrison Watson, chief Canadian Trade Commissioner in the United Kingdom, in a report to the Government, emphasizes the success of the United Kingdom in resuming her former place of supremacy in shipbuilding held in pre-war days. He states that, owing to the uninterrupted increase of tonnage of merchant vessels under construction in July the United Kingdom has almost reversed her position of a year ago in comparison with the United States.

MY CROSS OF TO-DAY.

What is my cross of to-day? It is a person whom Providence has placed before me, and whom I dislike; who humiliates me constantly by her disdainful manner, who wears me by her slowness, in the work which I share with her; who excites my jealousy because she is loved more than I; who irritates me by her chatter, her frivolity, or even by her attentions to me.

REACTION FROM IDEALISM.

There is little doubt that the present wave of materialism which is hindering the religious progress of the country is greatly the result of the reaction from idealism of the great sacrifices of the war, or a wave of indifference which was the result of exhaustion. Whatever the cause, it must be met by united efforts on the part of all Christian communions, and one of the greatest weapons that can be used against it will be the practical evidences of concord among us.

New York's First Railroad.

The first railroad in New York state was one of the first passenger railroads in the United States. It was constructed of wooden rails from Albany to Schenectady, a distance of 17 miles, in 1831. Ten years later the Erie railroad was opened from Piermont to Goshen.

OTHER MARKETS

WINNIPEG QUOTATIONS. Oats—Open, High, Low, Close. Dec. 11 0.81 0.82 0.81 0.82. May 11 0.75 0.76 0.75 0.76. Barley—Oct. 11 0.80 0.81 0.80 0.81.

WARM DAYS DEMAND THESE ON THE MENU.

A refreshing supper can be prepared by placing hard-boiled eggs in aspic mixture in gelatine. Make a plain gelatin mixture, seasoning it well with lemon, salt and paprika. Pour a little in a custard cup or mould, place the egg, then cover it with more of the gelatine and allow to become firm.

Good Quality takes away harmless, a USA nce, and y A J T Well, I'm going to away. I leave it to y persuade her to stay. out. A second later they h roofs going up the m the cabin. You can have my r ere at the floor," re The girl got up. "No," she said, in h one. "I'll stay if yo here on the floor, or I turn you out of your bed I will not." "Go home you can't, n an equally decided make up a bed here he stove." Katrine, left alone, whiskey and gazed ro It was not at all in sior, and had not the fa of artistic taste that bot's. A few printf walls, seemingly cut papers, and principally views of cathedrals an ings, which Katrine's over without interest, t that end from her th stout shelves nailed an and on these rested a pans; between the pane one or two books, and among them his Greek rose and strolled over standing on tiptoe, pans. As she though d thin layers of gold, standing there looki when Stephen returned behind her. "The look fine, do said. "That's a thir Katrine turned, and started by the eager i and the greed writte on. "For herself, she lucky gambler that she gold had little valu to toss by the handfu to buy half an hour. With a sudden moven the fullest pan by t and and the Greek t it in the other, and d him to the other sid Stephen turned with ery, and followed he eyes. "Now, which wou lose?" His eyes were fixe which was heavy and could support wout a second ago minute, and its golden treasure the floor. "Oh, I don't know, ish," he said in a vex Katrine sidled up to "Answer, or I'll—" Stephen turned white was capable of doing when he met those m ling eyes. "Oh— I— would ra book," he stammered, and the gold saddle could replace that, you Katrine advanced to the pan as if weighing. "Stephen, this is ve said, looking him stru "Let me take it fro eagerly stretching out "Do you know what she said, still balanc looking at him, and she gave it back to Stephen. Stephen reddened at both the book and the and replaced them sul Katrine had turned her ed over to the fire. "What a royal cou me!" she remarked, ward silence that fol lowing down on the pie he had spread in fro He had, in fact, str bed and collected bla corner to make a com place for her. Before answer he was summi Talbot looked in upon not come inside. "I've sent 'em off, swears like anything, No, thanks, Steve. I I'm tired and going n now. See you at t night!" and before think him he was go The two thus left the deep quiet of the night together looke a moment with a sha embarrassment. But the ed as she was to tak in all sorts of situatio tags, and ended with clarity of nat, r