

Supplies and Troops Continue to Roll In



Stunning panorama of the French invasion beach was made by a coast guard combat cameraman as a hillside cut with trenches, in foreground, by ousted Nazi defenders. The channel is black with ships and reinforcements and supplies pour ashore to reinforce the troops to continue their advance southward. Barbed wire balloons float overhead to protect the landings. Until captured harbors have been repaired, and long piers later, the beachheads are being utilized to land men, supplies, munitions and food as well as heavy and caisson supplies now being furnished the invaders.

Nazi Collaborationist Loses 'Crowning Glory'



The French patriots made the punishment fit the crime (as any female who has had her "crowning glory" sheared will attest). Grande Guillotte, 23-year-old French girl was taken from her home by force and shaved of her long hair for collaborating with the Nazis. Many French patriots have joined together and designated a large number of collaborationist suspects. While they have not announced the punishment to be given to all the men on the list, it looks as if the women will soon be missing their hair.

First Marines to Land in U. S.



The first marine division, with 2,743 happy members, arrived in San Diego after 26 months in the South Pacific. This unit struck America's first land blow at Japan at Guadalcanal. Their most recent action was on New Britain island where they drove out the Japs.

Marines Flush Out Japs



Saipan marines attacking a Jap position, flush the enemy out with demolition charges, and pick them off with rifle fire as they try to escape. The moment the photo was made marines had just killed a Jap who had tried to escape from his foxhole. Seven-eighths of the Saipan American losses were marines.

German Nurse Talks



Press interview is given by this German nurse, taken during fighting around Cherbourg. With other nurses she was later transported back to her home while hostilities ceased.

Chief in Hospital



Injured while rescuing an enlisted man during the fierce fighting at Saipan, Marine Lieut. Col. F. F. Carlson, winner of navy cross, C. O. of the Carlson's Raiders.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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GIDEON'S FAITHFUL FEW

LESSON TEXT—Judges 7:1-7, 15-21. GOLDEN TEXT—There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.—1 Samuel 14:6.

Man power is said to be the secret of victory. Our nation is concerned about the shortage of man power in critical manufacturing centers. The armed forces are calling for more and more men and women.

That will all make it a little strange to study and teach the lesson for today, for here is the story of a crucial military campaign in which the leader, Gideon, was told by God to cut down his forces. This happened again and again, until he had less than one per cent of his original force, which was none too large, humanly speaking.

What singular thing was going on? God was at work and He did not want Israel to look to the arm of flesh, but to Him.

Three questions are raised and answered in this interesting story:

I. Quantity or Quality? (7:4-7). The Lord is looking for men to do His work, but He cannot use men who are afraid or careless. This was the lesson Gideon learned, and it applies to our day as well.

When Gideon started out he had 32,000 men (Judg. 7:3). Not willing that they should glory in their own strength and knowing that many of them were cowards at heart, the Lord told Gideon to let those who were afraid, go home. When the mob had left there were only 10,000 left.

How sad it is that so many are "fearful and afraid" (v. 5) when it comes to going into battle for the Lord. They sing cheerily, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; let courage rise with danger," etc.; but when the bombs of Satan begin to fall, or the bugle calls for an advance into the enemy's territory, they have disappeared to places of comfort and safety. What good are such soldiers? The Lord told Gideon to send them home; perhaps the church should do the same.

Then came the second test which appears in our lesson. Those who took the comfortable and easy way to drink (v. 6), were not alert and ready. Down went the number to 300; but these were men who were ready to obey, who were alert and courageous.

The church needs to learn that large numbers are not the answer to her problems. God is interested in numbers, be sure of that, but He is more concerned about quality than quantity. Let us get more people who are truly regenerated into the church, and not just more people.

II. Man's Power or God's Power? (vv. 15-18).

Strange as was the plan for recruiting, the plan of battle was even more unusual. Lights, broken pitchers, and trumpet blasts are hardly the accepted weapons of warfare, nor does the method sound like military strategy.

This was no time for questions, for logical arguments, for the usual organization of war, for now God was about to work. He was ready to show His power quite apart from the ability of man, and He had a right to work as He would.

Wise and blessed is the church which knows that there comes a time when the thing to do is to put plans aside and let the Lord work. No one will question the value of organization and proper church "machinery," but we need to ask ourselves whether we have not become so organized that we impede the work of God.

Observe on the other hand that it was "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon"—not just the sword of the Lord. God is all-powerful. We must not hinder His glorious working. But He works through men, do not forget that! He used Gideon, and He used Gideon's little band.

God's power must accomplish God's work, but that power flows out to the world through yielded and obedient men.

III. Running or Standing? (vv. 19-21).

The enemy "ran and cried and fled." The sword of the Lord and of Gideon had put them to rout. Well may the enemies of God be terror-stricken when He begins to work through His servants.

All this was done "by faith," for we find Gideon's act of turning "to fight the armies of the aliens" listed among the exploits of faith (Heb. 11:34).

Now, see what Gideon's host was doing while the enemy ran (v. 21). "They stood every man in his place." No need for frantic hurry with them, no fear, no excitement.

God works that way. Remember the children of Israel at the Red Sea? The water ahead, and Pharaoh's host to the rear. What to do? "Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." (Exod. 14:13).

Perhaps the word is coming to us just now—Trust God rather than the power of man! Stand still and see what He will do, for His own glory!

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