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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson B—First Quarter, Feb
uary 24, 1918.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Lesson Text, Mark 4:14-20. Memory
Verse: Mark 4:20. Text, Isa. 11:6. Com-
mentary. This short lesson is the story of
the planting of the kingdom. Most of the
people are blind to the message of Christ.

The first two verses of our lesson find a similar story told by Jesus, to show the bit of
good seed that falls on good ground. But the
worrying to get that will may not be the
same for all. It may be that the worries are
caused by circumstances from heart.

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**ARMY PAY ROLL IS NOW NEARLY A BILLION A YEAR**

**Facts and Figures About Some of the Various Grades of Officers and Enlisted Men.**

**HOW AND WHEN THEY GET IT**

_Washington—The actual pay roll of the fighting forces of the United States is now nearly a billion dollars a year._

This figure is derived from the pay rolls of the armed forces, which includes the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The Army alone accounts for a large portion of this amount, as it has the largest number of officers and enlisted men.

The pay roll is calculated based on the number of active service members, their rank, and the amount of pay they receive. This figure is reflected in the national budget, as the government must allocate funds to support the armed forces.

**WIDE Expansion of the Army Makes More Positions Available to Qualified Officers and Enlisted Men.**

**Difficulties of Quarterings and Just the Issuing of Pay Roll.**

**WASHINGTON—**In a recent statement, the Secretary of War, Mr. Davis, addressed the importance of maintaining a strong military force to protect the nation. He emphasized the need for clear communication between ranking officers and enlisted men to ensure the effective implementation of military orders.

Mr. Davis highlighted the challenges faced by officers and enlisted men in maintaining discipline and order within the ranks. He underscored the significance of proper communication in ensuring the success of military operations.

**The Pay Roll of the United States Armed Forces.**

_About a billion dollars is paid out to Army, Navy, and Marine Corps officers and enlisted men each year._

The pay roll is a substantial amount, reflecting the number of active duty personnel and the levels of pay they receive. This figure is a testament to the importance of the armed forces in national security and defense.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.**

_A new pay raise has been implemented for officers and enlisted men._

The announcement was made by the Secretary of War, who emphasized the importance of attracting and retaining qualified officers and enlisted men. The raise is expected to improve the retention rate and attract more qualified personnel to the armed forces.

**ENTRANCE TO DUTY.**

- **Junior Grades:** The minimum age for entrance to duty is 17 years. Officer candidates may enter at 16 years if they are graduates of high school.
- **Enlisted Grades:** Candidates may enter the armed forces at 17 years of age, provided they are high school graduates.

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WINS HARD FIGHT WITH SUBMARINE

Thrilling Report of Naval Gun Crew's Defense of Steamer Luckenbach

COUNTY NEWS

Capt. C. J. Hager of Portland was again in this city on Monday, on official business.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1918.

The American, Ellsworth, ME., Wednesday, February 20, 1918.
SMOKE AND SMOKE SALE

The fire which destroyed the Bijou Theatre did some damage by smoke and water to our stock in the storehouse. We have made a settlement with the insurance company so we are going to give the public the advantage of it. We will include some of our stock also.

—A FEW OF THE PRICES—
National Springs, all sizes, worth $6, $3.25. Woven Wire Screens, all sizes, worth $4, $1.88. Two Hoosier Cabinets, worth $32.50, $15.00.

Some mattresses, mostly small sizes, cot beds, bed couches, skirt boards, bread boards, ironing tables, cloth dryers, kitchen tables.

These goods are DAMAGED VERY LITTLE. COME EARLY AND GET YOURS.

Sale starts Thursday morning, Dec. 29th, "THE QUALITY STORE.

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COUNTY NEWS

Phillips.

Miss Edith left for Portland Tuesday, where she is to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Hiram Merriam, who has been very ill of measles, is seriously recovered.

The border was reported started by the death of his mother.

Mrs. William Sears died Feb. 6, at an advanced age. She was born in Bridgeport and had lived here for many years. She was a member of the Women's Relief Corps and was active in all its work. She was a member of North Union, was active in its work, and was an efficient worker.

Rev. A. R. Unruh.

WREATH MAKING.

The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are making good progress in the making of wreaths for distribution by the members of the society. The wreaths are being made by the ladies of the various societies in the town.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

Miss Martha Johnson has been elected in charge of the school district.

F. N. MURPHY.

Judge Murphy has been elected as the next school principal.

R. H. WARD.

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SAVED FROM KIDNEY TROUBLE

Mrs. Henry Davis of Ton, N.Y. received a wireless message from her sister, Mrs. Fred Marett of Bangor, Me., saying she was returning from the hospital in obedient to a doctor's order to save her life, which was in a favorable condition.

GORITZ TORN TO PIECES IN LAST GERMAN DRIVE

Correspondent Sees Shell-Battered City, Just Before the Retreat of the Italians Retreatd.

PAINTS PICTURE OF RUIN

Newspaper Man Stares Narrow Escape as Troy, N.Y., City of City Fall There, While From Chicago by Suspension.

ARTIST'S STORY

Mrs. Henry Davis was given $500 by her sister, Mrs. Fred Marett, of Bangor, Me., for the care of her kidney trouble. She has been in the hospital for the past month and a half, and was discharged today.

McCLELLAN

McClennan of Bangor, Me., has been in the hospital for the past month and a half, and was discharged today.

Bridges Montefalcone, a noted Italian artist, has been in the hospital for the past month and a half, and was discharged today.

COUNTY NEWS

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) - Brazil's President deodato has turned in a big box of cigarettes to the hospital for the benefit of the nation.

A baby girl, born on Sept. 21, 1918, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Green of this city.

Mrs. Jane Smith of this city, who has been ailing for some time, was discharged from the hospital today.

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Nature's aid to better Health

BELGIAN FORCED TO AID GERMANS

Kaiser's Officers Showed Open Disregard of International Law.

WORKMEN SEIZED AS SLAVES


Contrary to rules laid down by the Hague conventions of civilized warfare, German authorities forced Belgians to aid Germany in violation of the neutrality and independence and the provisions of the Geneva Act of 1875.

The committee on public information of the foreign relations division of the state department has been informed of the facts and is now proceeding with the investigation.

It is stated that many workers have been seized and held for this purpose.

The working men have been compelled to work on the roads, to tend the machines, and to perform other laborious tasks.

The German authorities have been reported as forcing Belgian workers to perform work contrary to their interests and welfare.

The workmen have been denied the right to assemble, to speak, or to resist the authorities.

The committee is investigating the matter and will take further action as necessary.

The working men have been given no opportunity to protest or to seek redress for their grievances.

The committee has requested the Belgian government to take immediate action to release the arrested workers and to prevent further violations of international law.

The committee is determined to uphold the rights of all workers and to ensure their protection against arbitrary and oppressive measures by foreign powers.

DEATH OF GERMANY'S MINISTER

The death of Germany's minister in Belgium has been announced.

The minister's death is a tragic loss to Belgium and to the cause of international peace and justice.

The committee is deeply saddened by the loss and will continue its work to uphold the rights of all workers and to ensure their protection against arbitrary and oppressive measures by foreign powers.
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Lightning-stormed Sailboats

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