

THE CITY OF GENOA

Noted Italian Centre Is Now to the Fore.

WAS ONE OF THE PIONEERS IN FINANCE

Great Commercial Gateway for More Than Two Thousand Years—Once Leading Financial Centre of Europe—Ancient Palaces are Numerous

A conference on European finances at Genoa suggests a revival of the city's home industry, remarks a bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society on "Genova La Surperba," as the Italians call their great commercial doorway, a port for two thousand years.

"Genoa was one of the pioneers in European finance," says the bulletin. "It had one of the first full-fledged banks in the Banca di San Giorgio, the rival and for a long time the peer of the great bank of Venice. The Banca di San Giorgio, more than 500 years ago, had such modern trimmings as a 'real estate department' which took charge of conquered territories, administered them somewhat after the fashion of a modern trust company, and after putting them on a sound economic basis, ceded them back to the Genoese government. Later when Spain had its wonderful development of power and came near dominating the world, Genoa served as banker to its kings and as a sort of general manager and outfitter to its armies and navies.

Greatest Italian Port. "Unlike the people of some of its old rival cities, the Genoese have managed to keep much of the financial and business ability which gave their city great wealth and world importance in the Middle Ages. Today its busy harbor with its forest of masts and funnels testifies to its position as the greatest Italian port, the second port of the Mediterranean, and the fifth port on the mainland of Europe. Forty per cent. of Italy's commerce is said to pass through the harbor of Genoa.

"The wealth that the business ability of the Genoese brought to their coffers has been recorded in stone in the city's many palaces, larger and more numerous than those of any other Italian city. From the harbor Genoa sweeps before the observer in a great semi-circle, its buildings rising tier above tier on the slope of hills which extend almost from the water's edge. Beyond the closely built foreground the hillside are studded with gleaming villas set in their terraced gardens. In the background, on the crest of the enclosing hills, are the ramparts that tell of the days when Genoa, supreme at sea, must protect her rear from hostile neighbors on land.

Palaces Drug on Market "Viewing some of the most nobly built streets, the visitor is ready to believe that Genoa had zoning laws and strict building regulations. For block after block the cornice of one palace is on a line with that of its neighbor, giving a consistency most pleasing to the eye. Spacious external marble stairs are features of many of the luxurious dwellings in other streets, due to the steep slopes on which the buildings were erected. In some of the ancient palaces scions of Genoa's famous old families still live, but many have been turned to public and semi-public uses and house municipal offices, museums and schools. The famous old Palazzo di San Giorgio, first residence, then home of the bank now houses the harbor commission, and the Palace of the Doges is a telegraph office.

"Though in the very middle of the

Italian Riviera, winter playground, Genoa is not itself a winter resort. But it is a convenient doorway and transition point for the numerous resorts both to the north and south. The very suburbs of Genoa, reached in a few minutes by electric trams from its squares, are well known Riviera resorts. And the sojourner may find much in Genoa itself to interest him.

Mole-Like Tram Cars. "It is a paradise for the walker and even for his less strenuous fellow sightseer. Roads and paths wind along the shoulders of the hills over the city and afford wonderful views of the palaces, the busy harbor, the blue sea, and far to the south on clear days, the big island of Corsica which little Genoa once owned. Carriages and motor cars cannot negotiate all these vantage points, but tram cars popping in and out of countless tunnels, seem to burrow their way to many of them and funicular railways reach others.

"Genoa lays claim to having given the world some of its foremost citizens. Columbus has long been believed to have been a native of a little village near the city. A stately statue of the great discoverer occupies a square near the harbor from which he is said to have sailed to take up the life of a mariner. Amerigo Vesputchi whose name has been given to the continents of the hemisphere that Columbus discovered was also a Genoese. In late years Genoa produced Mazzini, Italian patriot, who devoted his life to making Italy free. And as a foster son, through force, Genoa lays claim to still another celebrity. Near the portrait of Columbus on the walls of the Municipal Palace hangs a portrait of one of the world's premier travelers, Marco Polo. He was taken prisoner in one of the battles in which the Genoese fleet defeated that of Venice and while in prison in Genoa dictated to a fellow prisoner the narrative of his famous travels."

TENANT FARMERS NUMEROUS

They Occupied 37 Per Cent. of the Farm Lands in 1920.

Tenant farmers in the United States "rent land equal to the combined area of Texas, Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas, Michigan, Wisconsin and Florida," Dr. C. L. Stewart, land economist, declared today in analyzing figures issued by the department of agriculture, showing that farm tendency is increasing more rapidly than census figures indicate. Tenants, he said, operated 37 per cent. of the farm lands of the country in 1920, representing forty-two per cent. of the improved acreage and 44 per cent. of the total valuation of the improved and unimproved land. Improved land under lease alone equal six times the area of Illinois, he added; and the unimproved land rented is equivalent to more than the entire area of France.

Economists of the department emphasized that if all the half billion dollars borrowed through the federal farm loan system in the last five years had been used to finance tenants in buying farms, instead of the five per cent. of this amount used for land purchases by renters, the loans would have covered with first mortgages less than five per cent. of the \$28,000,000,000 worth of land under lease. The 1920 census figures, it was stated, showed that acreage rented had increased 20 per cent. since 1910 with 14 per cent. in the preceding decade. The increase in the value of land rented was given in these figures as 111 per cent. in the last decade compared with 135 per cent. in the ten years ending in 1910, while the number of farms rented increased four per cent. in the 1910-1920 period compared with 16 per cent. in the 1900-1910 period.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 19

ELISHA AND NAAMAN THE SYRIAN

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 5:1-7. GOLDEN TEXT—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases—Ps. 103:3. REFERENCE MATERIAL—Luke 4:16-20; 5:12-16. PRIMARY TOPIC—A Little Girl Helping. JUNIOR TOPIC—A Young Girl's Service. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Elisha Helping a Foreigner. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—How to Overcome National and Racial Prejudices.

I. Naaman's Fatal Defect (v. 1). He was a great man, but a leper. He was held in high esteem by the king, because through him the Syrians had been delivered from their enemies. He was not only a capable general, but was a very brave man—valorous. Every unregenerate man, regardless of his gifts and possessions, has this one fatal defect. He may be a mighty warrior, a great orator, a gifted writer, a man of profound learning, an honorable statesman, but if he is an unbeliever in Christ, he is a lost sinner—a leper. Leprosy is a type of sin. Note its characteristics: Loathsome, hereditary, infectious, separating, destructive, deceitful, incurable by man.

II. The Faithful Witness (vv. 2-4). This was a Jewish maid who had been captured by marauding Syrian troops who made frequent incursions into Israel's land for the purpose of plunder. Daniel at a later date was carried away captive, and he likewise was used of God to bless many. Joseph is another example of one who was put into a hard place, but became a blessing to others, even to the saving of his brothers, who sold him. This Jewish maid pointed out to this great man the one who could heal him. Many are the persons who have been pointed to Christ as the Healer of souls by children.

III. Naaman Seeking the Healer (vv. 5-9). 1. He goes with a letter of introduction and great gifts (v. 5). In the East valuable gifts are taken along when in quest of some favor. In this case the value was perhaps \$80,000. 2. He goes to the wrong place (vv. 6, 7). The maid did not suggest that if Naaman would be with the king he would be recovered of his leprosy, but with the prophet of God. We should be very careful that we go to the right place with our troubles and sin. Neither the king's power nor Naaman's money could avail anything in this case. The prophet of God can bring greater blessing than kings and rich men.

3. Naaman at the door of Elisha (vv. 8, 9). Elisha, upon learning of the king's embarrassment, sent to him, saying, "Let him come now to me." Naaman appeared before Elisha's door in great splendor. He did not come as a suppliant, but as one who could pay a goodly sum for healing.

IV. Naaman Healed (vv. 10-15). 1. Elisha's message (v. 10). Go wash in Jordan seven times. 2. Naaman's anger (vv. 11, 12). He thought that Elisha should have shown deference to him. People today think that their rank and wealth entitle them to different treatment by God. They turn away from the humble way of the Cross, God's method of salvation. Rich and poor, high and low are alike in God's sight. Reasonings of the flesh must be supplanted by the obedience of faith.

3. Naaman's obedience (vv. 13, 14). Through the earnest entreaty of his servants his pride and prejudice were overcome, and he did what the prophet commanded. The result of his obedience was that his flesh "came again as the flesh of a little child." 4. Naaman acknowledges Jehovah (v. 15). After his cleansing he came again to the prophet and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel." The vital point of teaching in this lesson is how nearly Naaman missed being healed. The three enemies which almost kept him from being healed were: (1) Pride (v. 11). He was insulted because the man of God did not come out to such a distinguished man as he was. (2) Preconceived opinion (v. 11). "I thought." Many sinners procrastinate because they have preconceived opinions as to how God ought to save. (3) Prejudice (v. 12). Rivers of Damascus are better than Jordan. Countless thousands are lost by these enemies. God has provided only one way to save men from their sins—the way of the Cross.

MODERN "ANTIQUES"

Many Are Being Purchased Wholesale in Germany. Modern "antiques" are being purchased wholesale in Germany for sale to unwary foreigners and newly rich Teutons who have been prompted to seek objects of real art by the news that a number of princely families have been compelled to market family heirlooms and rare treasures, according to investigation of some clever buyers.

The business of dealing in imitations has been so profitable that hundreds of new "antique" stores have been opened, and representatives with choice lists of things "old families"

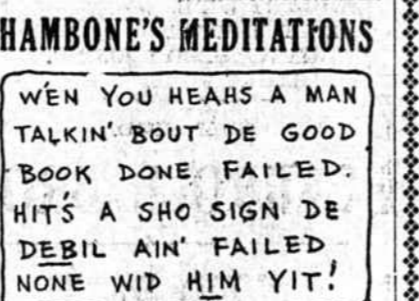
have to part with are encountered at every turn. One way of attracting the interest of a prospective buyer has become so common it has almost lost its value. The "antique" artist maneuvers for an introduction and in the course of conversation mentions an old friend who once stood high in the favor of the former emperor, who must now sell his priceless heirlooms for a mere song to buy his breakfast rolls and sausages. The man's name, of course, cannot be divulged, he is so proud, and it would be such humiliation. Arrangements may be made, however to view the antiques in the dwelling of an acquaintance, or they can be transported to the shop of some antique dealer. This method is more successful with the newly rich Germans, who appreciate the part pride may play in the situation, than with foreigners, especially Americans, who have learned that pride does not often prevent a prince or even a former king from talking business when a few hundred thousand marks are in sight. Prices for genuine antiques, owing to the keen competition among purchasers, have reached staggering proportions and marketing now, either under the press of necessity or for business reasons. Some pieces belonging to a former king of Saxony, whose heir is said to have disposed of his entire house furnishings, brought as much as 1,000,000 marks each.

Out of Order—Jimson had barely taken off his coat when his mother-in-law, pale of face, rushed up to him and grabbed his arm. "Oh, Arthur," she gasped, "that great, heavy grandfather clock in the hall has just crashed down on the spot where I was standing only a minute ago!" Jimson did not seem to be greatly agitated at the news and only muttered: "H'm! I always said that clock was slow!"

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This coming spring, I think, we are to see Spanish and mid-Victorian elaborateness and bouffancy pale out and disappear before the slim and austere beauty of the Greek silhouette. The majority of the evening frocks for Southern wear are Greek in tendency, as are many of the elaborate negligees.

In the sketch is a new evening dress that is purely and unmistakably Greek. There is absolutely no trimming, nothing to mar or detract from the perfect grace of the lines of the drapery. It is of cream white crepe, after the French mode, and girdled with a narrow belt of jet and ivory disks.

There is one very serious disadvantage, in the Greek influence, it may not be attempted save by the master hand. The drapery so beguilingly and deceptively simple may be utterly ruined by one false touch. But he who runs may read its history and feel the charm of this frock.

