

JERUSALEM IN THE NEWS AND IN THE BIBLE

The International Sunday School Lesson For April 29 Is "Jesus Welcomed as King."—John 12:12-16

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Perhaps the news dispatches will have secured a "beat" on this Sunday School Lesson, for it is written three weeks ahead of the date of publication, and within that time it is altogether likely that the British troops will have captured Jerusalem, the most obvious of comments upon this story of the Triumphal Entry will have been rendered unnecessary. At the present moment the British troops are approaching, apparently in two columns, one from Gaza and one from Hebron—to mention the two Bible towns, which they were last reported—the ancient city of Jerusalem. Until now the Turks have been in command, as for centuries past. The holy city is a garrison town.

Now we may imagine the panic that prevails. As always in war, the country folk have thronged to the city. Jerusalem almost resembles the old Passover throngs. Rumors are rife in every bazaar and at the markets for the advancing Christian army. Dead bodies of the starved litter the streets of Jerusalem, and the imagination has time to pay attention to them. The wailing of the mourners is heard from many homes. The faces of the people are emaciated with hunger. Furtively they tell one another tales of the oppression of the Turkish troops. Most of the present dwellers in the ancient city of David long for the arrival of the British forces. That is the burden of their prayer, day by day. Surely the spectacle of the young men of Canada and Australia and New Zealand marching over the hills and Great Britain marching over the hills, to make a triumphal entry into the city of the great King. Dramatically, the new is penetrating the old; the West is winning the East. And beneath the banner of the Cross of St. George (who himself, it may be recalled, was a Palestine figure), the spirit and Gospel of the Cross of the Son of Man, whose entry into this same old city, nineteen centuries ago, was the beginning of the day by millions of Sunday School members. To consider the present lesson without regard to the present news would be to neglect the part of any alert teacher.

Some Other Triumphal Entries Many and great triumphal entries has this old city seen. It was in a few years ago, in 1898, that Emperor William II, of Germany, made his spectacular entrance into the world's spiritual capital. For that occasion new roads were built, and part of the Tower of David torn down, and other extraordinary preparations made, so that it is a common remark in the Holy Land that the visit of the Kaiser was the most momentous event in the history of the Holy Land since the Crusades. It was at this time that the ambitious young Emperor made his compact with the Jews, which is now being such fruitful fruit as the death of a million Armenian Christians.

We recall, too, the entrance of the "Crusaders, with all that lies behind that romantic enterprise. Omar's capture of the city is its high date in the minds of the Moslems. We cannot forget the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, only forty years after our Lord trod the city's streets, passing over the return of the Hebrew exiles from captivity to the city they loved, we have in mind the terrible tale of its fall to Babylon. Before that, and the greatest date of all, next to the one we are studying today, was the capture of the city by King David from the Philistines, having gone northward from his old capital at Hebron, where the British now are.

Authentic non-Biblical records of Jerusalem were unearthed in the Tell el-Amarna tablets, of the date of 1450, B. C. Always the city has been a high place of strategy. And throughout its various epochs—Amorite, Jebusite, Hebrew, Jewish, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Moslem, Crusader and Turkish—it has been first of all a religious center.

faith; its melodies have been carried into earth's remotest and darkest places. Recently a college professor has expressed great despair of his attempts to "revise" and "modernize" the great hymns of the Christian Church. An editorial in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram satisfactorily summarized the situation thus: "Maybe the faith of our fathers is out of date. We don't know. Maybe advancing knowledge has made much of the body doctrine untenable. It is not for us to say that either. But the faith of our fathers inspired them to sing. They burst forth into hymns of praise and petition, of love and loyalty with such boldness of voice as to set them ringing down the ages. If these hymns are out of date for the moderns, they are not out of date for the millions who still adhere to the old time religion, and if the moderns must sing then let the new hymns come from the fullness of their faith, if it hath fullness, and let them not set new-fangled rhymes to the tunes which have been made sacred by years of association with expressions of the old faith. If theirs is really new wine, they should not try to put it in old bottles."

A World-Winner As that jubilant procession made its slow way into the City of David, there could be seen on the walls, on the roofs of houses and in doorways, many men whose black looks showed that they had no sympathy with this outbreak of popular enthusiasm. Their dress betrayed them as aristocrats and ecclesiastical officials. It was the common people who received Christ gladly. These jealous critics were angry and dismayed. The demonstration seemed the nullification of all their plots. To one another they confessed: "Behold, how ye prevail all things; to the world is gone after Him." Though entirely out of accord with the spirit of the occasion, the Pharisees were forced to acknowledge, "The world is gone after Him."

That world is truer now than then. What means this world war, on a new plane of justice and democracy and freedom and brotherhood, but that, all unwittingly, mankind is following in the train of Christ, all the triumphs of efficiency in social service, all the spacious consideration of human welfare, all the new wonders of war surgery and medicine, all the socialized administration of governments, are but footprints of "the stately steppings of the Son of God." The new spirit behind the times is nothing less than the Spirit of Christ. Ten thousand straws show which way the wind is blowing. Government has assumed authority to keep war profits of private concerns down to a proper level. The war-grafter is coming in for greater contempt than the war slacker. The welfare of the greatness of men is to-day the goal of nations, as it is the law of Christ. So clear are the triumphs of the Spirit of Jesus in this our time that our battlements will well be.

"His Day is marching on." 14,000,000 EGYPTIANS Cairo, April 27.—The decennial census of Egypt took place on the night of March 6. In Egypt the census is always taken simultaneously throughout the country, and the hour was fixed this year for midnight. The count is expected to show about the normal rate of increase in the population, giving a total of about 14,000,000.

WILL CENSOR FILMS Brisbane, Australia, April 27.—Institution of an official censorship of cinema films is expected here shortly. Now there virtually is no censorship, although films are subject to examination at the custom house, where the officials often refuse to pass any which they consider morally objectionable.

DR. SHAW HEADS DEFENSE WORK

Penna. Suffragists Endorse Appointment and Promise Their Support

"The greatest woman in America" has been appointed, chairman of the committee on Woman's Defense Work by the Council of National Defense in the person of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.

This is the opinion of officers of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association, who, for many years, have been intimately associated with Dr. Shaw in suffrage work, when interviewed concerning dispatches from Washington and Progressives from the East and Middle West.

Dr. Shaw is known in every State in the United States and in many foreign countries, and as a propagandist has few equals. She has a remarkably clear mind and rare oratorical attainment. Dr. Shaw has made suffrage what it is in this country, and she will remain as she always has been, and is—an ardent suffragist, but as chairman of the committee just appointed, she will work as a patriotic American woman.

Knife Freely Used by British Film Censors

London, April 27.—The British board of film censors last year rejected 500 out of 5,300 films submitted to them for inspection.

Incidents tending to disparage England's allies or to disturb friendly relations with them. Propaganda films of German origin; incidents calculated to afford information to the enemy; scenes depicting too realistic horrors of warfare.

Germans Are Building Many Immense Liners

Berlin, April 27.—A summary of the steps which German shipping

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companies are taking in preparation for peace appears in the Vossische Zeitung. The Hamburg-American has at present under construction at Hamburg one ship of 56,000 tons, the Bismarck; a turbine steamer of 20,000 tons, the Tirpitz; and three other vessels of an aggregate of 22,000 tons. The same company is building at Bremen nine ships of an aggregate of 47,000 tons for the Panama trade.



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