

## WHAT IS BURIED IN JERUSALEM

(Minneapolis Journal.)

Jerusalem is a city of the Moslems as well as the Holy City of the Christians. Having been in Islam's possession, except for brief intervals, since the sixth century, it has been closed to Christian pilgrims except under restrictions and has been virtually denied to modern research. Now that it has passed, definitely apparently, into Christian hands, or under Christian protection, research will be allowed and much knowledge of the early years of Christianity and perhaps, even of the life and character of its founder may be won.

Jerusalem, moreover, is a very ancient city, older than Rome or Athens, and if younger than Egyptian Memphis and Thebes, still contemporary with them and with Babylon and Nineveh. So that from it much may be learned of the civilization preceding the Roman and Greek conquests of what we now call Palestine.

Excavation at Mycenae in the Peloponnese, in Crete, in Egypt, and in Mesopotamia, has revealed a new ancient history. The story of civilized mankind has been carried back perhaps to 6000 B. C. A vast prehistoric age has been reconstructed out of potteries, inscriptions, utensils, foundations and the like. What Babylon, Nineveh, and cities before them were, we now have some intelligent notion.

Soon after peace is declared the excavators will be at work in Jerusalem and the region roundabout. They will pierce below the modern city, below the Saracenic and later Roman cities, through the city of Herod of New Testament times, through the city that Assyria sacked to the city that Solomon rebuilt and beneath even the city of Solomon to the city of David, of the Judges of Israel, and, perhaps, finally to the Canaanite stronghold which the invaders under Joshua overthrew.

City lies below city on that site, as is the case with every very ancient municipality. Did not Schliemann find seventeen or more Troys buried one under the other on the plain where Homer's heroes fought? Are there not a papal Rome, a medieval Rome, a Rome that Alaric and Genseric sacked, an early Christian Rome, a Caesarean Rome, a later and earlier republican Rome, and a Rome of Numa Pompilius and the first kings? Yet beside Jerusalem even Rome is young, while Paris and London are more upstartish than is Seattle to them.

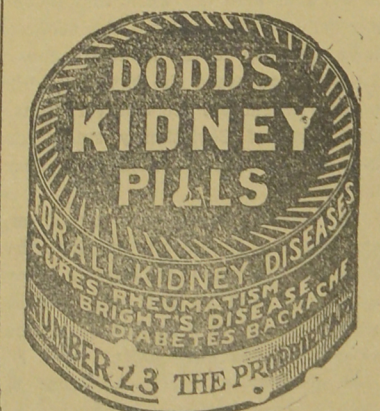
The blight of Islam which has sealed Jerusalem for centuries, which has reduced Mesopotamia to a desert, Syria to desolation, promises to be lifted at last over all that region that was the cradle of civilization and the first garden of the world. "The crescent of fertility" stretches from old Judea and Philistia along the Mediterranean littoral curving eastward to the upper Euphrates and Tigris and then continuing southward to the Persian Gulf. That zone between the sea and the desert, and again between the mountain and the desert, will be redeemed as Egypt has in our own day been redeemed, provided the Turk be forced back northward and westward behind the Taurus and the anti-Taurus barrier.

For the future, for the race, for the sake of all that can be discovered by modern research, it is to be hoped that this war will not be ended until the British armies of Jerusalem and of Bagdad join at Aleppo and secure beyond the Cilician Gates. Western Christianity in that event will have rescued the region of the early church and will have promise of new knowledge concerning their faith.

## CIGARETTE PRICES GO UP

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, May 3. — A new scale of prices for cigarettes was issued this morning by the Imperial Tobacco Company as a result of the new budget taxes. Ten cent boxes will hereafter sell for fifteen cents and fifteen cent boxes will retail at twenty-five cents.



## A HISTORIC HOUR!

EVERYTHING that we have, and are, and hope for, hangs upon the welfare of that human wall of the bravest of the brave—battling "over there" for us at home.

Remember, the flower of Canada's youth is in the midst of danger! Canada's future rests upon the shoulders of those boys—to us they are priceless!

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**Red Triangle Fund**  
\$2,250,000, May 7, 8, 9  
Canada-Wide Appeal

Into that storm of shells *you* cannot go. The Y.M.C.A. can and will—even unto death. For Y.M.C.A. men penetrate into the midst of danger and have given their lives to serve the soldiers!

Out of the hell of battle, Canadian soldiers stagger—and are thankful to meet with the aid of the Y.M.C.A.

Be Generous!

Will *you* help the Y.M.C.A. to meet them with the succor that may

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We ask it in the name of Canada's sons—will you join in the most heartening message that the folks at home could possibly send, the message that we are behind them heart and soul—with our dollars—giving till it hurts!

Theirs the sacrifice! Yours the gain. Boundless *your* debt to them. Will *YOU* help generously? *YOU?*

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