

Inevitable Division

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TEXT—So there was a division among the people because of him.—John 7:43.

The division referred to in the text was one caused by Jesus of Nazareth—there was a division of the people because of him. To this day, men divide on personality—one is for Roosevelt, another for Bryan, one for Wilson and another for Hughes, and probably more than ever before, are men and women as voters in the passing years considering men rather than parties or party platforms.



In the case of Jesus Christ, it was not a question as to the truth or falsity of his teaching, but as to his personality—Who was he?

Law of Christ's Life.

As we study Jesus Christ in the brief three years of his active public life, we find the law of division prevailing. Now and then, there would be an outburst of almost universal favor, but immediately there would be an outburst of almost universal opposition. Quite literally, he seemed to have come to divide men, even members of the same family, father against son and mother against daughter.

At this point, we may inquire as to the purpose of his coming. The popular view of the angels' message that a Savior had come to bring peace to the earth, is to be modified by the Savior's own words that he came to bring a sword, and while the ultimate result of the Savior's coming will be universal peace, the road to that peace is one of conflict and human division. Jesus did not come to originate division or to instigate it, but to make clear the actual division that already existed between men, but which was obscured. Jesus Christ simply caused the elements in humanity, that were really antagonistic, and which were so mingled that the lines of division were not clear, to become more distinct. As a bringer of judgment then, we must not look on Jesus Christ as he has been caricatured as coming, "with overmastering rage, bent on revenge."

The text is very clear that the discussion was as to whether Jesus Christ was the prophet predicted in Deuteronomy 18:15, 18, or not. To put the matter broadly, was he the fulfillment of prophecy? That might be questioned by the Jews today, but with the Gentile world the question is rather, is that historic Jesus who he claimed to be after he came to this earth? There is practically universal consent to the character of Jesus of Nazareth—the old-established and orthodox churches, and indeed, many of the modern religious faddists proclaim the perfect character of Jesus Christ, but the bone of contention is not reached by these. The bone lies at the point where man asks, is this Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, not mystically, not potentially, not morally, but essentially and really the Son of God possessing divine attributes and manifesting true deity? Ultimately, that is the question that must be decided, and it is the dividing line.

Division Will Continue.

The New Testament contains many figures of speech that indicate two classes of men regarding Jesus Christ. There are the wheat and the tares, the sheep and the goats, the good and bad fishes, the company on the right hand and the company on the left, the just and the unjust, the clean and the filthy, the man who confesses and the man who denies, Dives and Lazarus, Abraham's bosom and hell. This abounding of contrasts is not without meaning and men should heed it. Many of these, of course, belong to the hereafter and indicate that the division will continue. Whether it is properly named or not, essential universalism is a popular doctrine of today.

Fortunately, if the man is not a believer in the deity and Saviorhood of Jesus Christ, he can accept that belief and go over to the other side.

It is no difference what may be one's prejudice touching Jesus Christ. He must take sides, he must act as the people of Jerusalem acted in answer to Pilate's question, "This man or Barabbas?" It is, theoretically, a choice between two opinions, practically a choice between taking Jesus as brother or Satan as master—in short, it is a choice ultimately between life and death.

Makes a Difference.

If a man falls down a stairway in his home and breaks a leg he figures that the damage is two weeks in bed and the doctor's fee. If the same man stubs his toe and falls down in a street car he figures that the damage is easily \$10,000.

Good Breeding Necessary.

The most familiar and intimate habits, connections, friendships, require a degree of good breeding both to preserve and cement them.—Lord Chesterfield.

SCENES DURING THE FUNERAL OF ADMIRAL DEWEY



Above is shown the caisson bearing the body of Admiral Dewey from the capitol in Washington to Arlington cemetery. Below, Admiral Dewey's immediate escort is seen draping the caisson with the American flag. The ranking officers of the navy are descending the capitol steps. In the center of the picture, nearest the camera, are Admirals Badger (left) and Fletcher (with black mustache).

SOON TO LEAVE THE MEXICAN BORDER



Gen. H. A. Allen, head of the Iowa brigade on the Mexican border, and his command in a musical drill.

INVESTIGATING THE ALLEGED PEACE NOTE "LEAK"



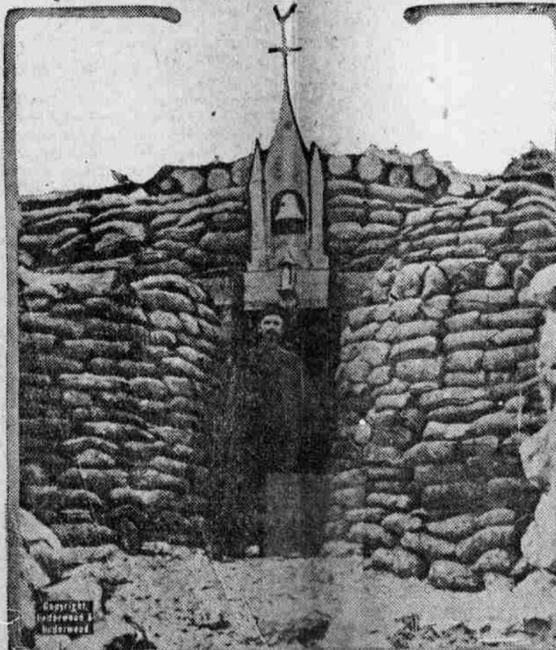
A specially posed photograph of the committee investigating the "leak" charges, made in the New York customhouse. Front row, right to left—Sherman L. Whipple, the counsel; J. C. Cantrill of Kentucky, Flais Garrett of Tennessee, Robert L. Henry, chairman of the committee; Philip J. Campbell of Kansas and Irvine L. Leproot of Wisconsin. Rear row, right to left—H. D. Foster of Illinois, Byron P. Harrison of Mississippi, William S. Bennett of New York and Burnett M. Chipfield of Illinois.

ACCUSER OF HARRY THAW



Frederick Gump, Jr., Kansas City high school boy, on whose charges a warrant for the arrest of Harry Thaw of Pittsburgh was issued. Thaw is now in Philadelphia recovering from self-inflicted wounds.

QUEER CHURCH ON THE SOMME FRONT



This French priest is rector of the quaintest sort of church on the Somme front. The church is built in a firing trench near Comblès and is protected from enemy attack by bags filled with earth. It is comparatively bombproof.

WESTERN CANADA LEADS AS WHEAT PRODUCER

342,000,000 Bushels Wheat in 1915; In 1916 Many Farmers Paid for Their Land Out of Their Crop.

That Western Canada is indeed "Mistress of Wheat" to the extent that its 1915 crop exceeded, acre for acre, the production of any country on this continent is a striking fact proved by the following figures:

In 1915 the Dominion of Canada produced 376,000,000 bushels of wheat, which represented an average yield of 29 bushels to the acre. The United States produced 1,011,505,000 bushels, yield of 17 bushels per acre. The only serious competitors in wheat production in South America were Argentina, with 178,221,000 bushels, or less than 12 bushels per acre, and Chile, with 19,000,000 bushels or 13 bushels per acre.

The three Western Canadian prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta produced between them 342,000,000 bushels out of the total Canadian 376,000,000 bushels. It will be seen, therefore, that, outside of the United States, Western Canada produced considerably more than the combined production of North and South America. Canada is of course a new-settled country, and the fact that the crop of the United States was practically three times as much is no discouragement. The United States has at present more than twelve times the population of Canada in approximately the same area.

To illustrate further the greater productivity of Western Canadian land, we submit the following figures, showing the 1915 yields per acre in the three provinces of Western Canada and in the states which in that year produced the greatest quantity of wheat. The figures are taken from the U. S. department of agriculture's annual report and from the figures of the Dominion census bureau:

	Bushels per acre 1915
All Canada	29
Western Canada only	29-1-5
Province of Manitoba	28-4-5
Province of Saskatchewan	28-1-2
Province of Alberta	32-4-5
United States, all	17
Montana	26-1-2
Washington	25-1-5
Wisconsin	22-3-4
Ohio	20-2-5
Iowa	19-4-5
Illinois	19
Pennsylvania	18-1-2
Nebraska	18-2-5
North Dakota	18-1-5
Indiana	17-1-5
South Dakota	17-1-10
Minnesota	17
Texas	15-1-2
Virginia	13-4-5
Kansas	12-3-10
Missouri	12-3-10
Oklahoma	11-3-5

In 1916 the crop was not as heavy, but the yields in many districts were very large. So large, indeed, was the acreage under cultivation in 1915 that the resulting crop proved too large to be all threshed the same fall. It over-loaded railroads, and made marketing slow. A less amount of fall plowing was done than would have been done in a less heavy year, because the average farmer was too busy with his threshing. All these conditions necessarily reacted upon the acreage seeded in the spring of 1916. Add to this that labor last year, owing to the great number of Canadians who have enlisted, was scarce and high-priced, and one factor in the decreased yield—smaller acreage under crop was evident.

Another factor is that this year Western Canada has experienced, in common with the entire North American continent, conditions that have been less favorable to the production of big crops. The conditions have resulted in smaller yield per acre and reduced grade of grain in certain localities.

The average yield of wheat in the three western provinces is estimated by the government at about 16 bushels per acre, oats 43 bushels, and barley 27 bushels.

The financial value of their crops to Western Canadian farmers has been greater this year than ever before. Owing to the high prices of grain that are prevailing, returns have been received that are extremely profitable. With wheat standing at the present time at over \$1.90 per bushel at the Great Lakes, a wheat crop at present figures would pay the farmer, even supposing he had only the average of 16 bushels per acre, over \$30.00 per acre. A large number are receiving \$50.00 per acre—some have received \$75.00, and a few even more than that.

This price, of course, is not all profit; it represents the gross return, and the cost of operation must be deducted. But it does not, even at the highest figures, cost more than 65 cents to raise a bushel of wheat in Western Canada, so that the profit can be figured accordingly. It must be emphasized that the acre which produces a \$30.00 crop costs in the first case, probably less than that. In the United States the same class of land would cost in many districts from \$100 to \$200 per acre, and even then a return of \$30.00 would be considered extremely satisfactory. In Western Canada the best class of agricultural land, capable of producing crops that in size compare with any country in the world except, perhaps, some European countries, can be ob-

tained at, on the average, from \$20 to \$30 per acre, with irrigated lands somewhat higher. It is no exaggeration whatever to say that a number of Western Canadian farmers have paid for their land entirely from the proceeds of last year's crop, and this includes men who last year began for the first time.—Advertisement.

The Beautiful.

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