

able scene took place. The scientists who form the retinue will have to decide upon archaeological grounds whether this is indeed the place in which Jesus and the apostles celebrated the Passover.

"It has also been announced that the Kaiser will settle the location of Golgotha, the 'place of skulls' where the crucifixion was held. Two different places are now pointed out. Only one of them can be the correct spot; (!) but whether it is the one within the walls of modern Jerusalem, or the other, a barren, rock-strewn plain beyond the walls, perhaps the Kaiser can decide. This is the most important place in the world for Christendom, and yet, strange to say, no one can be sure exactly where that crowning scene in the life of Jesus burst upon the world!"

The *Herald* is inclined to think the Cave of Machpelah is hidden under the Mosque of Hebron, and says of it:

"Should the Kaiser gain permission to have this cave opened, and if the embalmed or mummified body of Jacob be found there, no greater support could be discovered for the correctness of the Bible. It is not impossible that the Kaiser, with his power, his friendship for the Sultan, and ambition to distinguish himself as the head of Protestant Germany, will bring about some astounding results. He can bring sufficient pressure to bear upon the Sultan to gain practically unlimited permission for carrying on excavations all over Palestine. As a practical man of affairs the Kaiser will do on a large scale what has hitherto been done by very slow degrees. Instead of exploring in one or two places he will start a dozen exploring parties at once, and the many mounds waiting for the excavator's spade would yield up their secrets to the world. When the world knows the exact spot where Mary and the infant Jesus were sheltered: when it knows the shop in which the boy Jesus plied the carpenter's trade, and, most of all, when every spot in and around Jerusalem sanctified to Christendom by the presence of its Savior is pointed out, without the least doubt or question, Kaiser William will have gained fame which will not only be world-wide, but world-long as well!"

The Sultan of Turkey may be the head of a degenerate race and a falling empire, but he must sneer at the stupid credulity which could lead one of the greatest rulers of the boastful West on such a wild-goose chase. Even could the story of Jesus be substantiated, how would it be possible to verify the position of a temple which had been utterly and designedly destroyed? How expect to find walls of a temple of which not one stone was to be left upon another? To be sure, Germany is gaining the honorable reputation of being the head-quarters of mummy manufacture, and if the Cave of Machpelah be opened, it is not by any means impossible that a mummified body of Jacob may be found inside. The Age of Forgery, which seems to be coterminous with the Age of Foolery, is not yet at an end, and our lunatic asylums are becoming unpleasantly overcrowded.