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200 Years of Marching on Jerusalem

A Christmas Story of the Crusades

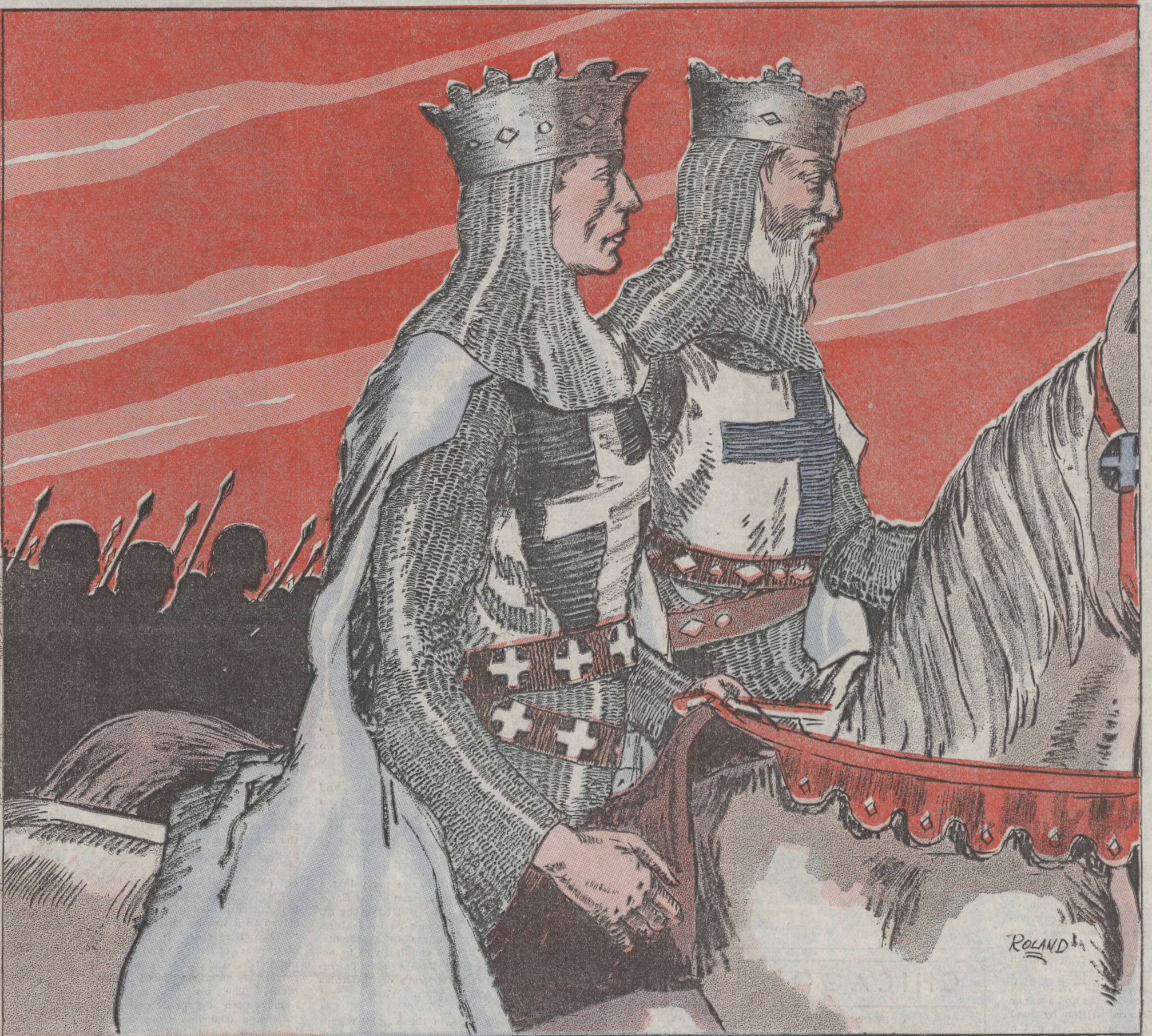
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DAY after tomorrow all Christendom will observe its holiest of holy days. Throughout the world voices will be lowered in prayer and lifted in rejoicing song to mark again the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Youth will recall the simple lessons that were given to the world nearly two thousand years ago by the humble teacher from Nazareth. Mature minds will meditate upon the golden promise of an everlasting serenity beyond the frontiers of strife and woe. Rich and poor, high and low, all people everywhere born within the sound of church bells or influenced in any way by that wonderful faith in the kingdom of heaven and the brotherhood of man will feel noble stirrings in their breasts, will pause for kindly thought toward all mankind.

Sound reason for rejoicing next Tuesday. Is not the world, after all, a pleasant place in which to live?

There can be no doubt in the matter—men are growing more sensible with each generation. True, they have lapses, in which they abandon the divine law for the code of the jungle, but in the main they are growing more tolerant. On the subject of religion, for example, they are quite different today than they were a hundred years ago, far different than they were in the dark and gloomy abyss of the middle ages, when religious zeal meant a hysterical craving to bathe the world in blood.

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KEY

- ROUTE OF 1ST CRUSADE
- ROUTE OF 2ND CRUSADE
- ROUTE OF 3RD CRUSADE
- ROUTE OF 4TH CRUSADE
- CHILDREN'S CRUSADES
- ROUTE OF 5TH CRUSADE
- ROUTE OF 6TH CRUSADE
- ROUTE OF 7TH CRUSADE
- ROUTE OF 8TH CRUSADE

ROUTES OF CRUSADES
FURTHER MARKED BY
NUMERALS IN CIRCLE

CITIES OR MILITARY
CENTERS

ESTIMATED FORCES OF CRUSADES

1 ST CRUSADE	
PEOPLES' ARMIES	300,000
PRINCES' ARMIES	150,000
	450,000
2 ND CRUSADE	420,000
3 RD CRUSADE	175,000
4 TH CRUSADE	33,500
CHILDREN'S CRUSADE	30,000
5 TH CRUSADE	?
6 TH CRUSADE	200,000
7 TH CRUSADE	50,000
8 TH CRUSADE	36,000

THESE FIGURES INCLUDE ONLY THE ARMIES
NOT THE MILLIONS OF OTHERS INVOLVED