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SALT FROM DEAD SEA

(New York Herald.)
They are about to do great things in ancient Palestine, now that the Turk has been driven from his stronghold and the country is to be opened to those to whom it rightly belongs, although none of the early settlers remain. Not only are they busy cleaning up the land that the Turk left in a rather dilapidated condition, but it is not unlikely that the clang of the trolley car and the rumble of the subway may be heard in the streets of venerable Jerusalem and its adjacent suburbs before very long. Elevated railroad structures will never be popular in that section because of the heat and the unsympathetic reflection from the ground, which is baked to a turn.
The possibility of a subway is not at all remote, however, for already an enterprising engineer, Albert Hiorth, a Norwegian irrigation expert, has put forward the project of constructing a tunnel designed to relieve the Dead Sea of some of its excessively salty and fetid waters and to bring the waters of the Mediterranean into the lower Jordan Valley and thus provide a vast stretch of land that has held no close intercourse



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in it, although its suicide inviting depth in places is as much as 1,300 feet. But the low level of the Dead Sea is what Mr. Hiorth depends upon for the success of his scheme, for the tremendous fall of the Mediterranean waters would provide excellent power for his plant on the shores of the Dead Sea, with turbo-electric machinery transforming the water power into electricity, which is to be distributed as light and power throughout the country.

GIVES JUDGMENT IN LORD CASE

Judgment was given yesterday morning, by Mr. Justice White in the Lord case. The case had been instituted by the executors to determine whether certain lands had been validly conveyed by the testator, James A. Lord, to Mrs. Grace Lord. It appeared that the testator had executed a deed conveying certain land in Prince street, Charlton, to Mrs. Lord, but the conveyance remained in the hands of S. B. Bustin. The testator, however, told Mrs. Lord he had given her the property. Subsequently he negotiated the sale of the property to a third party and executed a second deed of the premises, but it was never delivered as the purchaser failed to complete the transaction. The testator then died, both deeds being in the possession of Mr. Bustin, one of the executors. Mr. Justice White held the conversation the testator had with Mrs. Lord constituted a delivery, and ordered that the conveyance be delivered to Mrs. Lord, and the costs of all parties paid out of the estate. John B. M. Baxter for the executors; John C. Belyea for Mrs. Lord.

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power, part of which latter would be used for the irrigation of the one-time wilderness.

It is a clear stretch of thirty-seven miles from east to west between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, at about 31.15 north latitude. The tunnel that Mr. Hiorth proposes is planned to pass under Jerusalem. The undermining of the ancient and sacred city is one of the audacious and ambitious points

in a generally audacious and ambitious programme.

At the lower point of the Jordan Valley it is proposed to direct the Mediterranean waters through pipes down to the level of the Dead Sea and it must not be forgotten that this most remarkable of all inland seas is 1,292 feet below the level of the Mediterranean, with a percentage of salt so heavy that it absolutely prevents any one from sinking

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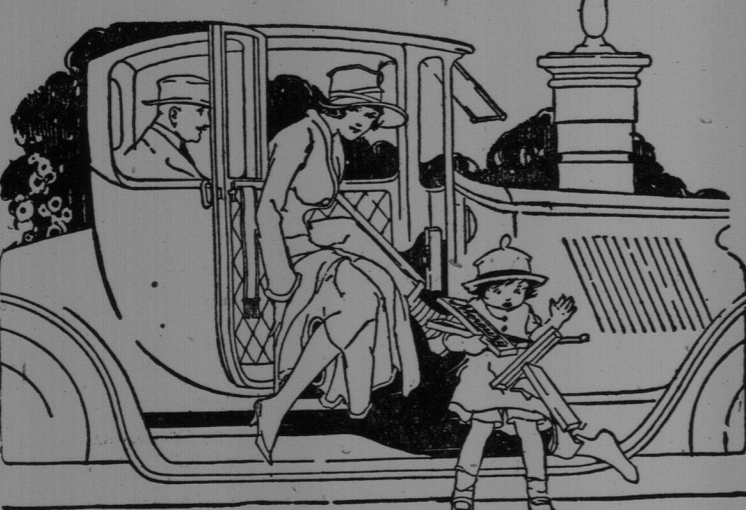


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