

Within the Sacred City.

An extremely interesting and informative article appears in the "Spectator," showing what has been the effect of the British occupation of Jerusalem and what are the plans for its future.

New Life in Its Veins.

"The ancient city, hoary with age, amidst the baked and barren hills of Judaea, feels new life in its veins," says the writer. "Jerusalem is giddy with prosperity. The British 'Tommy' is here, and a factious stream of piastres floods the shops, bazaars, the very gutters. None so meek, so dull, so unenterprising but can divert some of this torrent; and Turk, Jew, and Gentile, shopmen, curio-sellers, restaurateurs, cabmen, guides, photographers, artisans, hucksters, barbers, shoeblacks, and beggars, are enjoying an affluence they have never known of since King Solomon's day.

"Jerusalem in war time has become very much like one of the numerous fertile, army-infested towns of Northern France, and in her streets a thousand allurements, from cheap jewellery to pink ice-cream, appeal irresistibly to the passing thousands of dust-covered soldiers.

What is to Happen?

"I have paid several fresh visits to the Holy Place. One innovation which I remarked is welcome. As there are not enough English-speaking professional guides to go round (and these are reaping a rich harvest), the military authorities have wisely detailed soldiers to the task of escorting their fellows over the chief shrines, and incidentally of recalling Scripture history. I say 'wisely,' for or the whole it has saved 'Tommy' from much imposition. But you can't expect an honest, long-suffering sergeant or corporal to become a Cook's guide at a moment's notice or be guiltless of occasional blasphemy.

"Within Jerusalem is a seething caldron of speculation. What is going to happen? What is to be its political, social, economic, industrial, and architectural future? The inhabitants are dimly aware that Conferences are going on, in which the Commander-in-Chief, General Allenby, the Military Governor, the Chief Administrator of Occupied Enemy Territory, the Mayor of Jerusalem, the Mufti, the Chief Rabbi, the American Commissioner, the English Bishop, and perhaps others are taking part.

"Amongst the more ignorant, strange rumours are afloat. It is difficult to say who are the most exercised—the Jews, who number more than half the population, the Moslems, or the Syrian and Armenian Christians. But there is little doubt that the Jews, ever since Mr. Balfour's pronouncement concerning Palestine, have the most confidence in their destiny. It is astonishing the effect which the Balfourian declaration has produced. You hear the name of the English statesman on the lips of Jewry as if he were one of the ancient prophets and the deliverer of their race.

The Walling Place Deserted.

"The Jews are to have Jerusalem at last; they are no longer to be here on sufferance of the Moslem. The tablets are to be turned; they are at last able to stalk proudly through the streets; it is the Moslems and the Christians who are henceforth to take the wall. The Walling Place is deserted. No one comes there now. For the first time in centuries the spectacle of the crouching Hebrew lifting up his voice in lamentations at the 'lost glories of Israel has wholly ceased. There is nothing lament about the sun shines on Zion.

"A handsome new motor car containing a single swartly figure is familiar in the streets. This is Dr. Weizmann, the British Zionist Commissioner, who is believed to be engaged on an epoch-making Report to the Foreign Office. Of course there is another side of the picture. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Moslems and Syrians and Armenian Christians are nervous. For them the future of El Khuds and of Palestine under Jewish domination is not at all rosy. Many of them will tell you frankly that they will be obliged to emigrate. Already in the manner in which the special trading privileges accorded to the Jews have been exercised indicates what their policy will be when they are given the full power they expect. 'The Jew is clannish—exclusive; he has been kept down so long. Reaction will make him intolerant. We see clearly what is in store for us.'

The Mayor.

"Meanwhile the Moslem is lying low, as low as Brer Rabbit or the Dead Sea. The Mayor, a brother of the late Hussein Hussein, who surrendered Jerusalem and died three weeks later, is shorn of nearly all his powers, the city being still under martial law. He is an amiable, enlightened man, and honestly desirous of promoting the welfare of the community. The Mufti views the British invasion philosophically, and he, like the Sheikh of the Mosque of Omar, finds comfort in the present tide of prosperity. Also do they find comfort in the assurance given them by the British authorities that in the town-planning scheme now afoot the

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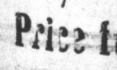
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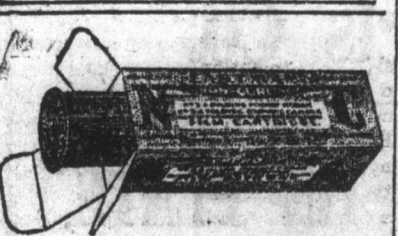
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Town Planning Outside.

"Perhaps this same town-planning scheme is rather a fly in the ointment of the local Jew's felicity. For it involves the destruction of hundreds of the hideous erections which have arisen outside the walls of late years—shops and dwellings which have ruined the approach to Jerusalem. For the Jew, with all his artistic temperament, is not very studious of architectural symmetry, and centuries of Ghetto life have not inspired him with much domestic taste. The Germans and the Russians have been in their way but little better. One measure of Turkish official taste is the breach in the wall made close to the Jaffa Gate on the occa-



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The New City.

"The plans for the new city have been drawn by Mr. McLean, the Chief Engineer of Alexandria, who was responsible for the Khartoum improvements. Amongst their chief features is a splendid boulevard running from the south-west towards the old city, intersected by an arboreous round-point containing the British War Memorial. In future all buildings are to be in keeping with the local character; no more red roofs, no flaunting gilded domes and other Neo-Byzantine atrocities.

"The Holy City is hereafter to preserve her architectural soul secure from outside violation, and with this security may become one of the most beautiful, as it is the holiest, the most ancient, and the most interesting, city in the world. On the industrial and educational side, Mr. Ashbee, the English artist-metal-worker, is here giving his advice as to the various artistic activities which are shortly to be set afoot, of which the Bezalot Workshops and those of the American Colony are pioneers.

"On the whole my impressions of Jerusalem are of a 'live' town full of newly-awakened interests and special problems which will be watched absorbingly by the whole world. It is hardly likely that British guardianship and oversight will be relaxed even on the conclusion of peace and the formal announcement to the Jews of Palestine that their destiny is henceforward in their own hands."

Baron Michelham, formerly a member of the firm of Herbert, Stern and Company in London and Paris, died in London recently of pneumonia. Baron Michelham, who was born in 1851, was well known as a philanthropist. In 1915, during the German Zeppelin raids on London, he offered \$5,000 each to British airmen for the first ten dirigibles destroyed.

A well known British Admiral, when addressing his men on their relations with the Germans after the great surrender, remarked: "You must not be too friendly with them. If you feel inclined to smack them on the back, do it with your foot!"

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Queen Victoria, who had a great dislike for the typewriter, and always demanded hand-written communications, even from her Ministers, was presented with a magnificent "Bar Lock," similar to the Remington made for the Czarina. It was possessed of ivory keys and gold-plated throughout. It may also be added that the machine, beautiful though it was, did not reconcile Queen Victoria to the new style of writing.

Two other costly machines were presented to the Duchess of York and the Khedive of Egypt, the former receiving hers on her wedding-day. The Hammond Typewriting Company have had the distinction of making the most extraordinary typewriter in the world. The machine was designed and built for Li Hong Chang, the great Chinese Ambassador. It was fitted with twenty sets of Chinese characters, comprising a collection of no fewer than 1,800 keys; no dies were available, so the engraving of the type had to be done by hand. The typist that used the machine would be well worth seeing, for to remember such a number of keys is not easy.

An enterprising Celestial who was permitted to view the machine at once proposed to form a company for the manufacture of similar typewriters to be put upon the Chinese market. The size was to be five times that used for typewriters in England, and which, he asserted, would have a ready sale in China at \$1,000 each. Capital, however, was not forthcoming for such an enterprise, so China is still "pen-pushing."

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