

PALESTINE FREE FOR FIRST TIME IN 1900 YEARS

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UPRISING OF YOUNG TURKS BRINGS LIGHT Great Rejoicing by Members of Every Faith When All Can Enter Holy of Holies.

By Frederic J. Haskin. Washington, Dec. 21.—"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

This, the first Christmas greeting, finds echo this week in the hearts of millions of Christians in all parts of the world, who celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Savior.

Light of Liberty Appears. Within the year since last Christmas the light of freedom has broken upon this distressed Holy Land and for the first time in all the centuries its people have known the spirit of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Young Turks Bring Freedom. Then came this year 1909 of the Christian era, 5669 of the Jewish era and 1327 of the Mohammedan era, and the light of liberty for the first time broke through the clouds of religious intolerance and illumined the churches and synagogues and mosques of the city of Jerusalem.

Americans Should Be Thanked. At this Christmas season every American Christian, Protestant and Catholic, and every American Jew should rejoice that it was the American influence, more than all else besides, that made possible these "good tidings of great joy."

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then the depressed river valley leading down into the abyssal horrors of the Dead Sea; and beyond that the purple peaks of the mountains whose steep slopes when he was vouchsafed that one glimpse of the promised land, which was to him forbidden.

Looking Backward. It is difficult for the twentieth century man, be he Jew or Gentile, to realize how small was the stage upon which were enacted those great events which have shaped religious belief and which have moulded political action in all the Occidental world for nearly 2000 years.

It is difficult for Christians in America, hearing at this glad Christmas season that the great empire announcing the birth of the Prince of Peace, to realize that in the Holy Land it is necessary every hour of every day for Mohammedan soldiers to stand on guard in Christian churches to prevent the rival sects of the followers of the lowly Nazarene from cutting each other's throats, and from slaying the Jews in their own city.

It is difficult in this modern day, to realize why the physical misery and degradation of the Holy Land should not be overcome and alleviated by the hosts of Christian pilgrims who annually flock to the Holy Land to witness the everyday life of their Savior. It is difficult to realize that in this country, where was revealed the religion of cleanliness, mortal men should be more dirty than in any other place on earth.

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JESSIE MORRISON MAY BE FREED Kansas Murderess, Serving 25 Year Sentence, May Get Pardon This Week.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 21.—A pardon from Governor Stubbs may be received as a Christmas gift by Jessie Morrison, the Kansas murderess, who is serving a sentence of 25 years in the penitentiary.

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HEIRS GIVE LAND TO PORTLAND BOULEVARD Strip Thus Donated Assures Construction of First Link in Great System.

Obstacles to the construction of the first link in the Portland boulevard system as planned by Artist Olmstead were removed yesterday afternoon when the Terwilliger heirs, represented by James P. Moffett, deeded to the city a strip of land 200 feet wide and more than a mile long in South Portland, extending from the Slavin road to Hamilton avenue.

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IRISH HOME RULE CAUSE IS AIDED New York, Dec. 21.—Loyal sons of the Emerald Isle and other sympathizers with the Irish home rule cause packed the New Amsterdam theater this afternoon and vociferously applauded the "turns" of the score or more vaudeville and legitimate actors who contributed their services to the monster benefit arranged in aid of the fund that is being raised here for the Irish patriots to take part in the election campaign on in Great Britain.

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SEEK CHAIN THIEVES ON COLUMBIA RIVER For Several Days Gang Has Been Systematically Stealing From Log Rafts.

Armed watchmen are patrolling the banks of the Columbia river in several places watching for sneak thieves who have a particular liking for log raft chains and cables. During the past several months a number of operators have lost great quantities of chains and cables.

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RETURNERS FROM VISIT Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 21.—John Schorer of this city, who sold his timber claim in the Wilson river country last spring for a comfortable fortune, has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Michigan.

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