

Possible for trade and travel to move freely within these areas. Now the territory is broken up into various divisions, which make travel and trade between them difficult. For an American to visit Asia Minor, Syria and Palestine requires a ten dollar visa apiece, or did two years ago. To visit Egypt another ten dollars had to be paid. We rented an automobile in Jerusalem with a chauffeur to drive us north to Beirut - a two day trip, ^{then a day} east to Damascus, and a two day trip from there back to Jerusalem. When we entered Phoenicia we had to pass through the French customhouse and have everything examined, even paying duty on the gasoline in the tank of the car. It was necessary to do this over again ^{on reentering} in Palestine a few days later. In Beirut we visited the American University and then planned to start out in the middle of the morning for the day trip north along the coast. When we came out to our car we found that it had disappeared. French officers had ^{seized} it and taken our driver to jail. We rushed to headquarters and after considerable search, managed to find someone who could explain to us what had happened. Our chauffeur, being a Palestinian, was not allowed to drive a car in Syria unless he paid the French Government a special fee of five dollars for each trip. They claimed that he was trying to drive in and out again without paying his fee. The chauffeur claimed that he was going to pay the fee in Damascus, where we wished to make a longer stay, instead of in Beirut where we wished to stay only over night. On our insistence he was released from jail and allowed to pay the fee and drive us further, but the regular official procedure which he had to go through in ^{paying the fee} ~~being able to~~ ~~do this~~, required his calling on various officials and spending several hours waiting in line at each place, so that we had to spend most of the day in Beirut before we were allowed to proceed.

The end of the war saw a great increase in the activities of the Zionists. The total number of Jews in Palestine before the war was approximately eighty thousand. In 1929 the number had increased to approximately 150 thousand. A great number of these are in the cities, Jerusalem, which has now about 70,000 people is said to include fifty thousand Jews in the number. Tel Aviv, which was a small suburb of Jaffa before the war, has now grown to a city of 45,000 inhabitants and is of great interest as the only all-Jewish city in existence.