

have much in the way of back ~~gran~~ country it had a tremendous advantage in its relation to the Mediterranean Sea. I don't know whether this map will show you I think on any one of these you can get a little idea of the difference ^{between} in the coasts. You see this coastline of Israel ^{Philistia,} down here--how straight it is--almost absolutely straight. You have ^{your} headlands coming right down to the edge of the water. You have practically no bays or harbors. It is a region here beside Palestine beside Philistia here, where it is very difficult to launch a ship of any importance or to land a ship. I remember when I landed at the port of Jaiffa, which is just at the northern edge of Palestine there. The big liner on which I came to Palestine stopped about three miles out in what is called the harbor of Jaiffa; it's really just a sort of a large bay that is very little enclosed and very rough. No one would ever think of using it for a harbor if there was a descent harbor anywhere near it. It is the best thing to be found in northern Palestine. They have built somewhat of a breakwater to try to improve it. We landed our ship about three miles out and I went to shore and found that one of my suitcases had been misplaced in the course of the customs so I thought it might be back on the boat. In order to get back to the boat I ~~brought~~ got in a small motorboat and went out for three miles and we came to the side of the big liner where there was a long wooden ladder hanging down the side of the boat and our motorboat came up to the edge of that and I stepped off the boat and grabbed the ladder and the wave came and swept the boat off and it was fifteen or twenty minutes before they were able to get near enough for anybody else to climb on to the boat. It gives you an idea of how rough it is there--how rough the sea is and what a poor harbor it is. But it is one of the only two places that can only be called a harbor in Palestine. The other is Joppa further south. That is the best harbor of Palestine. It is down from Jerusalem and is the only descent place for a harbor ~~and is very close to~~ in this whole coast of Palestine except Jaiffa and that is even worse than Joppa. Palestine then was not a place where it was natural to go sailing on the sea.