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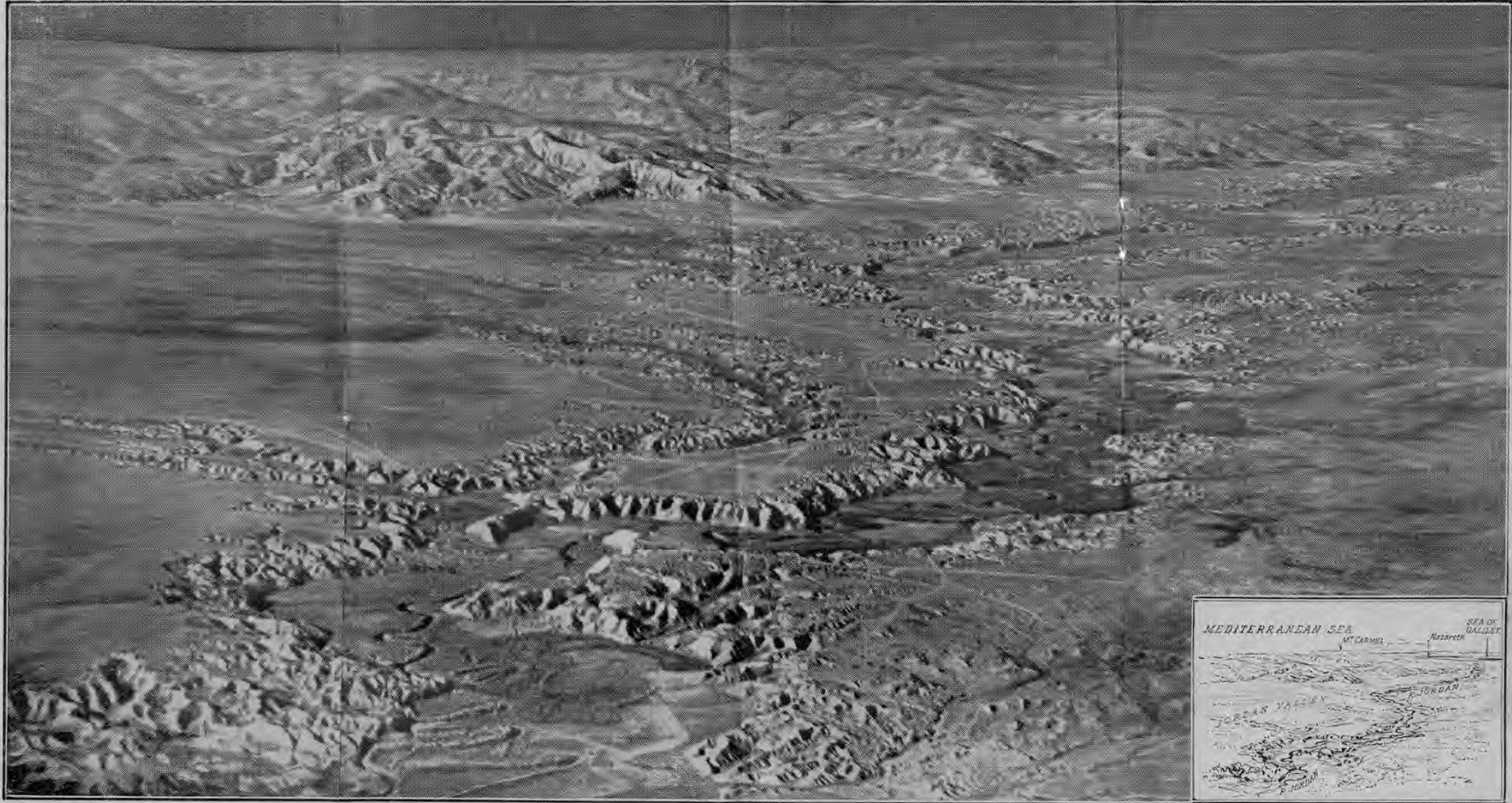
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FLYING EAST : PALESTINE PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE AIR



To see Palestine from an aeroplane flying at a great height is one of the remarkable features of a journey to the East by air, as may be realized from this infra-red panorama. It was taken from an Imperial Airways machine and shows almost the whole of the Jordan Valley. In the distance on the extreme right is the Lake of Galilee, nearly 70 miles away. To the left of the lake and beyond the Plain of Esdraelon lies Nazareth, and farther left is Mount Carmel. Beyond the lake are the mountains of Galilee, on which stands Safed, "the city which is set upon a hill." This picture is of unusual interest, for it indicates at a glance the dominating influence that the Jordan has had on the country throughout history. The river is seen winding sinuously through the valley, which is generally believed to be part of an old sea bed. Inset is a diagram in which approximate positions of some of the features of the panorama are indicated. (Taylor-Hobson-Cooke lens).