

# WALKING ARSENAL OF PALESTINE.

## HUNT FOR NOTED DESPERADO.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

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British officers in charge of a posse of local police are engaged in the biggest man hunt in the history of Palestine. They are looking for Abu Jildeh, the notorious desert desperado, who is accused of seventeen murders. He is known as the "King of Highwaymen," and he has a gang of four followers. Wireless is being used in the hunt, and regular police and specials, disguised as Arabs, are operating in the Nablus district. So anxious are the authorities to capture the elusive bandit that it is understood that East African police dogs are to be imported, and two officers of the local constabulary are to be sent to Kenya Colony to study latest methods of canine tracking.

Abu Jildeh is literally a "walking arsenal." He carries some German rifles, a revolver, a dagger, and a considerable amount of ammunition. He has sworn never to be captured alive, and boasts that he will commit suicide first. He never eats unless someone has first tasted the food. He is afraid that the villagers whom he has levied for food may poison him to obtain the large reward on his head.

Abu Jildeh murdered two mounted native Palestinian constables this summer.

Mr. S. van Vrigsland, Dutch Consul-General and general manager of the Dead Sea Potash concession, who was recently shot at and slightly grazed on the shoulder while motoring at Jericho, gave a description of one of his Bedouin assailants that closely corresponded to Abu Jildeh.