

Mr. Sykes' journey.

Action taken to ensure safety.

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Decypher Mr. Blech Jerusalem 16 Feb. 1909.

Mr. Sykes left here Feb. 10 for Petra and the Southern region with an adequate escort, Mulissimif having assured us that country was safe. Hearing this morning that the Arabs had destroyed the Railway up to Maan to which Sykes is going I induced Nazim ^{Pasha} to telegraph orders to Kerak and Maan to take every possible step for his safety.

13 Jan.