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THE extraordinary versatility of Mr. M. Shertok in Western and Eastern languages has caused surprise among the London press columnists. He is described as interpreting English into Arabic and vice versa without notes at the Palestine Talks. He has a remarkable combination of languages at his fingers' tips — Hebrew, Arabic, English, Yiddish, Turkish, Russian, French and German. All the requisites of a diplomat. Mr. Shertok, who was born in Palestine, was an officer in the Turkish army. Later he studied at the London School of Economics. He not only knows his languages but is a master of them. But in London there seem to be many tongues and little mutual understanding. There is lacking a common language in more than the literal

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