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FORD CARS PRINCIPAL ITEM IN PALESTINE IMPORTS.

JERUSALEM Feb. 23, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Thanks to the revival of Palestine which is due to Jewish agencies, Palestine is becoming an extensive market for Ford automobiles. Statistics just made public show that of the total of American imports to Palestine during the year 1922 which aggregated two and a half million dollars, the major part of the amount was invested in Ford cars.

Palestine's exports to America during 1922 totaled only \$150,000 of which \$10,000 was for almonds and \$60,000 wine.

ORT PLANS MEDEM MEMORIAL.

WARSAW, Feb. 23, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) At the opening session of the conference of the ORT which is being held here, a recommendation of the Medem memorial committee to erect a "People's House" to be named after Medem, the recently demised Bundist leader was adopted. Representatives will be sent to America, it was decided, to enlist support for the movement. Forty-four delegates representing more than 4,000 members were present.

JEWISH BRIDEGROOM KILLED AT WEDDING BY NATIONALIST.

BUNAU, BAVARIA, Feb. 23, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The bridegroom at a Jewish wedding here was killed and four wedding guests were wounded by a bomb thrown in midst of the marriage ceremony. The bomb was hurled by an 18 year old nationalist, who admitted that he had sought to annihilate the entire wedding party.

SCHIFF, WARBURG GIVE TO FARM SCHOOL FUND.

DOYLESTOWN, PA., Feb. 23. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Felix M. Warturg and Mortimer L. Schiff have donated \$50,000 to the Krauskopf Testimonial Million Dollar Fund being raised for the National Farm School, it was announced here today.

BLAMED AT SUPPRESSION OF "NATHAN THE WISE".

MUNICHEN, Feb. 22, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The suppression of the film production of Lessing's "Nathan, the Wise" has caused great elation among the German National Socialists. Threats are also made that in the event the ban on the scenario is lifted, they will have their revenge in anti-Semitic outbreaks. The Government is giving no attention to the matter.

ROUMANIAN KING PROMISES TO PROBE OUTBREAKS AGAINST JEWS.

BUCHAREST, Feb. 23, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) King Ferdinand will personally investigate the anti-Semitic agitation which has lately taken on most acute form in Rumanian universities and was responsible for the recent anti-Jewish outbreaks there. This promise was given by the King to a delegation of Jews who called upon him.

The students involved in the Jew-baiting persist in their agitation and at a meeting here have demanded that the number of Jewish students at the universities be limited. They also demanded that those responsible for the recent outbreaks be immediately freed and that the ban on the university anti-Semitic publication be lifted.

Cards have been posted by the anti-Semitic students on which such signs as "Roumania belongs to the Roumanians" and "Jews, go to Palestine" are inscribed.

DISTRESS OF REFUGEES UNITES AGENCIES.

WARSAW, Feb. 23, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The order of the Polish Government sending into exile 25,000 Russian and Ukrainian Jews has had the effect of uniting for the first time all Jewish agencies engaged in any aspect of Jewish immigration. The ICA, the Jewish National Council, the JDC, the "HEAS", the Central Committee of Ukrainian Jews, and the White Russian Jews are all working together towards relieving the burden of the refugees.

The problem facing the various Jewish agencies is to find some country which will receive the homeless Jews and to provide them with funds to stave off starvation in the interim.

ASSIMILATIONIST NAMED TO JEWISH POST.

KOVNO, Feb. 23, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Premier Galvanowsky has decided to appoint the assimilationist, Friedman, to the post of Minister of Jewish Affairs in the place of Soloweitchik. Friedman, who was formerly a member of the Central election Commission was identified with its notorious election manœuvre. The local Jewish circles are greatly stirred over the matter.

LOUIS MARSHALL CORRECTS DETAIL IN HILSNER CASE.**Schif Center Explains Position on Elfenbein.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 23, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) A misstatement of one of the details of the Hilsner case in which the recently unfrocked Bronx Rabbi, Judah Tilinger alias Elfenbein figured is corrected in a letter by Louis Marshall to the J.C.B. Mr. Marshall points out that Hilsner was convicted only once of the ritual murder charge, and that the blood accusation was reversed by the Austrian higher court.

Commenting on the J.C.B.' "exceedingly interesting account" Mr. Marshall says "the fact is that Hilsner on his first trial was convicted of murder committed for the purpose of securing blood for ritual purposes. Professor Masaryk, now the President of the Czecho-Slovakian Republic, interested himself in the case and wrote a most admirable pamphlet, in which he demonstrated the impossibility of the charge, and the highest court of Austria reversed the judgement and directed a new trial. THE SECOND TRIAL DID NOT INVOLVE THE CHARGE OF RITUAL MURDER, but was based solely on the theory that Hilsner was engaged in a sexual offense."

Abraham Berman, attorney for the Jacob Schiff Center of which Elfenbein was rabbi, today issued a statement explaining that the accused rabbi was engaged by the Congregation on recommendation of two well known New York rabbis. The Congregation, he points out, had no knowledge of his unsavory past.

Berman also says that Elfenbein at the time of the hearing before the Union of Orthodox rabbis was not connected with the Schiff Center. "On January 15, 1923" says Mr. Berman, "at a regular meeting of the Congregation, a resolution was adopted notifying the Rabbi, that the Congregation was dissatisfied with his services, and that his relations with the Congregation would terminate within four weeks from the Saturday following the date of the meeting, hereinbefore mentioned. According to this resolution his services therefore terminated on Saturday, February 17, 1923, and said Rabbi was not in the employ of the Congregation at the time that these various charges were heard before the Union of Orthodox Rabbis."

A dispatch from Youngstown, O. where Elfenbein was at one time rabbi of the Hungarian Congregation "E'nai Israel" states he was identified there by David Fish, a Youngstown social worker, who knew him from his native town of Zolotov, Galicia. The Congregation at first was not inclined to believe the charges, but when Fish succeeded in gathering further evidence, Elfenbein suddenly disappeared, and nothing was known of his whereabouts until his recent "expose" in New York.

JUDGE RESERVES DECISION ON KU KLUX KLEAGLE.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 23, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Following a hearing of the case of W.M. Cortner, Kleagle of the Ohio K.K.K. charged with riotous conspiracy, Judge Davis announced he would reserve decision until next week.

Cortner, it was testified in a speech had bitterly attacked Catholics and Jews and urged them to mask themselves and burn Catholic property. "The Jews and Catholics were becoming too powerful - 35% of the offices being held by them" he is reported as having said.