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SIMON WOLF "NESTER OF AMERICAN JEWRY" DEAD AT 86

Atlantic City, June 5 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Simon Wolf, 86, formerly United States Minister to Egypt, and for many years a lawyer active in Jewish affairs, died suddenly at the Paval Palace Hotel.

He came here three weeks ago from Washington accompanied by his wife, intending to spend the summer. He suffered from a severe attack of indigestion a week ago, but it was believed was rallying when he was stricken.

Mr. Wolf, who sometimes was referred to as "The Ambassador of the Jews at Washington", was ^{said to} be the personal friend of every President, from Lincoln to Harding and was one of the best known men in Washington. He took part in the consideration of every problem that affected the Jews anywhere in the world.

He was born in Hinzweiler, Bavaria, and took his law degree at the University of Strassburg. In 1861, he took another degree at the Ohio Law College of Cleveland. Then he moved to Washington to practice law and became the friend of Abraham Lincoln.

President Garfield appointed Mr. Wolf Minister to Egypt in 1881 - the last official act of Garfield before he was killed. His first public office, however, was given him by President Grant, who made him Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia.

On account of bad eyesight Mr. Wolf left the post in Egypt and resumed the practice of law in Washington, which he continued until two years ago. Jewish philanthropies, and the presentation of the rights of Jewish before the Government departments, took up much of his time. It is said that he had prevented the deportation at one time and another of 125,000 immigrants.

Mr. Wolf wrote many books among them a biography of M.M. Noah, a biography of Commodore U.P. Levy, and "The Presidents I have known from 1860 to 1918".

CURZON ATTACKS, ORMSBY GORE DEFENDS, PALESTINE POLICY.

LONDON, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Questions implying a challenge of the policy pursued by the British Government in Palestine were put by Lord Curzon, Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons today. Replies to the questions conveying conviction in the success of the policy were furnished by Major Ormsby-Gore, in charge of the Mid-East Section of the Colonial Office.

Replying to Lord Curzon's question regarding the new Advisory Council, Ormsby-Gore stated the Council, which is temporarily replacing the proposed Legislative Council, consists of 8 Mohammedans, 2 Christians and 2 Jews. Its function is purely advisory and not administrative, he said. Palestine will continue to be administered by the High Commissioner, acting under the instruction of the British Government. He added that an opportunity to consider the government's policy would be given when the Foreign Office vote is taken.

Lord Curzon asked whether the result of the elections has not shown the "complete failure" of the Palestine policy, to which Ormsby Gore replied: "I do not agree. As a matter of fact, Palestine has been more peaceful and has been going ahead much better in the last few months than at any previous time."

IDGESCOM TO FACILITATE EMIGRATION FROM RUSSIA.

NEW YORK, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) An American branch of the Emigration Relief Section of the All Russian Relief Committee (Yidgescom) was opened in New York today, says an announcement by the Idgescom.

The Immigrants Relief Section which has branches in the largest cities of Soviet Russia, White Russia and Ukraine, as well as in border cities are intended to provide information, legal and medical assistance to residents in Russia desiring to join their relatives in America. In this work the Idgescom has the full support of the Russian Government departments concerned, the announcement states.

The American branch of this section of the Yidgescom, it is said, is intended to assist relatives in America desirous of bringing immigrants to this country by supplying them with information and other forms of help. The Idgescom announcement states the Soviet Government does not obstruct the departure of those who are proceeding to join their relatives in America. All Russian citizens can obtain, without difficulty, permission to leave Russia by applying for an "emigration passport".

The American branch of the Yidgescom undertakes to facilitate emigration from Russia and to forward steamship tickets from here to the Idgescom offices in Russia.

A warning against "stealing" frontiers is contained in the Idgescom announcement. Emigrants from Russia choosing this means of departure are exposed to attacks by bandits and swindling agents, it is declared.

ASHKENAZY QUILTS AS POLAND'S LEAGUE DELEGATE.

WARSAW, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Professor Ashkenazy has resigned as Poland's representative to the League of Nations, it is learned, because of the recent change in the government. Prof. Ashkenazy offered his resignation to Prime Minister Witos, who accepted it. Komrad Ilski, commissary extraordinary on profiteering, will be appointed his successor.

WARSAW ARSENAL POINTS TO LEAGUE OF TERRORISTS.

WARSAW, May 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The discovery of a small size arsenal containing five bombs, a pound of dynamite, a number of rifles, revolvers and cartridges has led to the arrest of a number of alleged terrorists. The police have under observation several suspected places and many fresh arrests are expected in a few days.

Although the names of those taken into custody are being withheld, the police say they are satisfied the local terrorists are in league with others in Berlin and Kowno.

The recent bomb outrages in Krakow and Warsaw are understood to have been traced to the group under arrest. Information leading to the arrest of the terrorists is said to have come to the police through the fiancée of a member of the gang who was tempted by a 20,000,000 marks reward.

EX-GOVERNOR ALLEN SAYS BRITAIN MUST STICK TO PALESTINE.

LONDON, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The hope that Great Britain will continue to administer Palestine, the abandonment of which would be "a great set-back of one of the world's hopes", was expressed by ex-Governor Allen of Kansas, who arrived in London from a tour of the Near East in behalf of the Near East Relief Committee.

"Palestine is the most hopeful spot in the Near East", the former Governor stated in an interview with a TIMES representative. "I am convinced of the absolute impartiality of Sir Herbert Samuel's Administration who is giving Palestine the best government the country ever had. As Churchill, the former Colonial Secretary, clearly explained the intention underlying the establishment of a Homeland for the Jews does not mean that Palestine will be turned over to the control of the Jews.

"Jewish thought is gradually readjusting itself to the realization that British residency in Palestine is giving all races equal justice. Palestine's progress has been somewhat checked by misunderstanding. Nevertheless the Jewish colonies, where modern farming equipment is used are showing satisfactory progress. The land is capable of sustaining a goodly population, as is proven by its history. There would be a great set back to the world's hope if Britain should abandon the Palestine Mandate".

MC BRIDE SEES ONLY SALVATION FOR UKRAINIAN JEWS IN FOOD DRAFTS.

NEW YORK, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Isaac McBride, well-known writer, author of "Barbarous Soviet Russia", lecturer and newspaperman, recently returned from an extensive trip through the Ukraine, the Donetz basin and the Crimea, paints a picture of pathos and horror of conditions as he found them in the territory which was the battle ground of Denikin, Wrangels, Petlura and the Poles, during the past four years.

"The idea that all need for relief in Russia is suddenly over is fantastic," Mr. McBride declared. "People talk about the improvement there as if some magician had waved a wand over the country and brought prosperity to everyone, over night. It only shows how little people have gasped real conditions and the suffering that the inhabitants of southwestern Russia - especially the Jewish inhabitants - have been through.

"The destruction carried out by the invading armies was wanton and almost incredible. There is no city, no factory, no railway station, no farm that has not suffered. And the unhappy Jews, when the invading "Whites" arrived, suffered not only in their property, but in their families as well. Thousands are fugitives, having fled before the invaders, and those who remained have paid a terrific price.

"With all the relief that has gone to Russia from the United States, outside of the food drafts that were sent to individuals by their relatives here, few Jews have received anything. They are in a desperate case today, and will be in worse case when next winter comes. Thousands are dying from all sorts of illnesses induced largely by insufficient food and lack of proper clothing.

"Money will not buy these essentials in most of the country, as there is nothing to buy with money. The only salvation of tens of thousands of Jews in Russia is through the Nansen food drafts and the relief packages that may be sent by Jews of America to help their families in Russia."

AMERICAN KEREN HAYESOD OFFICERS ELECTED.

NEW YORK, June 5, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Headquarters of the American Keren Hayesod, 214 Fifth Avenue, announces that at the meeting of the Board of Directors on May 23rd, officers were elected to make up the Administration of the Keren Hayesod for the present term.

Samuel Untermyer, who has headed the Keren Hayesod since its organization in this country, was elected President. Morris Rothenberg, for many years a leader of American Zionism, a member of the Joint Distribution Committee, former Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, with Rabbi Meyer Berlin, President of the Mizrahi Organization, Vice Chairman. Herman Conheim was reelected Treasurer. As General Secretary, the Board reelected Mr. Emanuel Neuman.

In addition to the above, a Finance Committee was chosen, with Jacob Siegel of New York as Chairman. The other members of the finance Committee are H. Leonard Simons, Michael Rabit, Boris Grabelsky, Abram E. Liebowitz, Willy Levy, Nathan Turell, Jacob Cecil, and Meyer Brown.