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USSWSHKIN ASSAILS WEIZMANN'S JEWISH AGENCY STAND.

Dr. Halperin Tells Zionist ~~Leaders~~ Leaders of American Jewry Contemplate $5,000,000 Credit Fund.

Berlin, June 6. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Menachem Ussishkin, Chairman of the Palestine Executive of the Zionist Organization who arrived here from Jerusalem to take part in the deliberations of the Actions Committee, outlined before the Jewish Telegraphic Agency his program as opposed to that of President Chaim Weizmann's, which he assailed as "immaterial."

The conflict which is expected to arise at the approaching Zionist Congress over the constituting of the Jewish Agency is "immaterial," the veteran Zionist leader said. "Baron Rothschild, the father of the new Jewish settlement in Palestine did not wait to begin his work until he had had the title of member of the Jewish Agency conferred upon him. Others to receive this title may and may not be moved thereby in Palestine."

In contrast with the plan fostered by Dr. Weizmann that the seat of the new Zionist Executive to be elected by the approaching Zionist Congress, shall be in London, and its plenipotentiary reside in Jerusalem, Mr. Ussishkin urges that the seat be in Jerusalem, a political representative residing in London acting under the instruction of the Jerusalem body. Mr. Ussishkin insisted however the question of leadership was not one of personnel. "I welcome everyone who thoroughly and sincerely believes in the maximum of our ideal and not in its present whittled down form, for it is only men of faith who can communicate their beliefs to others."

Characterizing the chasm between Sir Herbert Samuel's intentions and acts as "unbridgeable," Mr. Ussishkin said "the High Commissioner is a tragic figure. His resignation, however, would be a misfortune because today Sir Herbert is the symbol of the Balfour Declaration."

Dr. Georg Halpern, Treasurer of the Zionist Organization and Chairman of the Jewish Colonial Trust, following the report on the Zionist situation to the opening session of the Actions Committee by Nahum Sokolow, Chairman of the Executive, said in reporting on his recent visit to America the willingness of great sections of American Jews for participation in the Palestine task was "boundless." Leading Jews of America are prepared to place at the disposal of Palestine enterprises credit facilities amounting to $5,000,000, Dr. Halperin reported.

HOW FEIW EL BLANKENSTEIN, 68, WAS SHOT AND KILLED.

Warsaw, June 6. (J.T.A.) Details of the shooting and killing of Feiwel Blankenstein, aged 68, are contained in reports from Zovichost near Lublin, where the tragedy occurred. Blankenstein went to the post office to buy stamps, stopping for a chat with Wolchinski, a district official. Standing nearby was Stanislav Koborski, the postmaster's brother-in-law, who told the postmaster's thirteen-year-old boy to bring a bullet with which "to shoot the old Jew." The boy obeyed and Koborski, moving to a window a few paces away, fired the gun, instantly killing the old man. Blankenstein left a widow and six children. The murderer has been arrested.

GERER RABBI LIFTS RAILWAY BAN.

Warsaw, June 6. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The strike against the railways declared by the Chassidic followers of the Gerer Rabbi, of Gera Kalwaria, has been called off, the Rabbi having received assurances that the Chasidism will no longer be molested. The ban on the use of the railways was pronounced by the Rabbi during the Shevueth holiday when Chasidim from all parts of Poland complained of the ill-treatment to which they were subjected by railway officials. The Chasidim returned by boat. Railway authorities subsequently appealed to the Rabbi to sanction railway travel, promising to dismiss the stationmaster who permitted his subordinates to annoy the passengers and guaranteeing courteous treatment for the Jews in the future. As a further inducement the railways reduced the fares, charging an amount equal to that asked by the steamers.

GRAVES OF RATHENAU'S ASSASSINS AS ANTISEMITIC SHRINES.

Berlin, June 6. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). AntiSemites from all parts of Germany are making pilgrimages to Saalfeld where are the graves of the two assassins of Dr. Walter Rathenau, the Jewish Foreign Minister of Germany. The memory of Eischem and Kerns, both of whom committed suicide, is being held green by Jew-baiters who regard the assassins as martyrs. The graves are covered with floral wreaths, and postal cards are sold to the visiting anti-Semites making pilgrimages to the graves, the proceeds being devoted to the purchase of fresh flowers.

SOVIETS SENTENCE, RELEASE RABBIS.

Warsaw, June 6. (J.T.A.) Rabbis Schneersen and Perlov, sentenced at Gomel to six months hard labor following their conviction for performing rabbinical functions which the court held to be properly the jurisdiction of the state, have had their sentences annulled, owing to their advanced age. The court sentencing the two aged rabbis was to have tried all the Jewish ecclesiastical dignitaries of the Gomel province for giving advice and settling cases in Jewish arbitration courts known as the "Beth Din". Rabbi Barashansky, who had previously served a seven months sentence, was a witness at the trial and testified that he and the rabbis arraigned had performed [illegible] functions which are within the province of the orthodox rabbi.

I.O.B.A. ELECTS JUDGE LEVY FOR ANOTHER TERM.

Over 900 Delegates Pledge Support to Palestine, Jewish Congress, Ort and Refugees.

Saratoga Springs, June 5. (Jewish Correspondence Bureau). The 37th annual convention of the Independent Order Brith Abraham, characterized by Judge Aaron J. Levy, the re-elected Grandmaster, as the "most orderly and dignified ever held" by the I.O.B.A., adjourned today amidst repeated mutual assurances of "loyalty, amity and harmony," after a three-day session beginning Sunday, 911 Delegates representing 503 lodges having been reported by the Credentials Committee.

Both Convention Hall and the city of Saratoga in general presented a festive appearance in honor of the Convention. The opening sessions were addressed by Governor Alfred E. Smith, Lieutenant-Governor George R. Lunn and Acting Mayor Sherman of Saratoga.

Resolutions were adopted for continued participation in the work of the American Jewish Congress, support of the Keren Hayesod, as well as of organizations having the endorsement of the Zionist Organization of America and which have for their task the purchase of lands in Palestine. It was decided to issue appeals to the lodges and individual members on behalf of the Ort, and for the stranded Jewish refugees from the Ukraine, whose cause was espoused by the Federation of Ukrainian Jews. With regard to the work of the Order in the amelioration of the lot of the immigrant Jew to this country, a resolution was carried, providing for the appointment of committees of ten in every port of entry to the United States, as well as committees of three in other towns having a Jewish population, out of whose midsts shall be elected an Executive of 15, the Chairman to sit as an ex-officio member of the Executive of the Order.

Rumors of opposition to the re-election of Judge Levy, on constitutional grounds, were set to nought by a resolution introduced by Judge Gustave Hartman, providing for enforcement of the law of the two year tenure of office by Grand Lodge officials, excepting the office of Grandmaster which is to be exempted this year from the ruling because of the present Grandmaster's indispensableness to the Order. Amended by Congressman Nathan D. Perlman to include the office of First Deputy Grandmaster, the proposal was adopted.

The officers elected are: Judge Aaron J. Levy, Grandmaster; Max L. Hollander, Grand Secretary; Max Welf, Grand Treasurer; Adolph Stern, First Deputy Grandmaster; Samuel Kalesky of Boston, Second Deputy Grandmaster; William Wahlberg, Philadelphia, Third Deputy Grandmaster; Abraham Stiglitz, Newark, Fourth Deputy Grandmaster; Dr. George Sultan, Chicago, Fifth Deputy Grandmaster; Harry Gipstein, Hartford, Sixth Deputy Grandmaster; Otto Hirsch, St. Louis, Seventh Deputy Grandmaster; Harry Roberts, Baltimore, Eighth Deputy Grandmaster; Jacob Zuckerman, Cleveland, Ninth Deputy Grandmaster; Samuel Brown, Providence, Tenth Deputy Grandmaster; William Rader, Brooklyn, Eleventh Deputy Grandmaster; Samuel Cohen, Bronx, Twelfth Deputy Grandmaster; Max Green, Grand Trustee; Adolph Jablinowski, Chairman of Finance; Moritz Graubard, Chairman of Endowment; Louis Gottlieb, Endowment Treasurer; Judge Jacob Asher, Chairman of Law; Benjamin Steinman,

Chairman of Appeals; Charles Altenberg, Chairman State of Order; Samuel Goldstein, Chairman of Printing; William Bluestein, Bostonl Chairman on Rituals; Adolph Rosenbaum, Chairman of Relief; Nathan Birnbaum, Chairman of Supplies; Louis Slutzky, Chairman of Disability; Jacob M. Steinberg, Treasurer of Disability; Louis B. Siegel, Chairman of Intellectual Advancement; Congressman Nathan D. Perlman, Chairman of Jewish Rights; Isidor Scherer, Counsel to the Order. Judge Gustave Hartman was elected a member of the Executive Board upon motion to make the Junior Past Grandmaster a member of the Executive. Saratoga Springs was chosen as the place of the next convention.

PRAISE BRITISH JEWS' PART IN POLITICS, LETTERS AND SHAKESPEAREAN STUDIES.

New York, June 6. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The achievements of Jews in British politics, in "pure literature" and, particularly, in Shakespearean studies, are praised in an editorial in the EVENING POST today. The editorial is headed "Israel Gollancz" and is, in part, as follows:

"It was perhaps fitting that the testimonial to Shakespeare's universality on the tercentenary of his death in 1916, the "Book of Homage to Shakespeare," with contributions from almost every race, should have been edited by the eminent Jewish scholar now visting us, Israel Gollancz. It is certainly worthy of note that the only two living Englishmen knighted for their Shakespearean studies, Gollancz and Sir Sidney Lee, are Jews.

"Every one is familiar with the achievements of Jews in British politics, from the Hersohels and Disraeli to Lord Reading. The names of some Jews eminent in pure literature, such as the dramatist Sutro and Israel Zangwill, are well known. But in England, as in this country, learning has particularly profited by their activity. There are no English theologians more esteemed than C. J. G. Montefiore, the head of the University College of Southampton, or Israel Abrahams of Cambridge University."

DR. BAER EPSTEIN DEAD.

New York, June 6. (J.T.A.) Dr. Baer Epstein, delegate to America of the Head Office of the Jewish National Fund, died at the age of 48 at 1 a.m. this morning at his Bronx residance, after a brief illness.

Dr. Epstein, a chemist, a native of Vilna, came to the United States in 1914 and visited every Jewish community in behalf of the Keren Kayemeth. The success in recent yearsof the Zionist movement in Argentine and in other South American republics is attributed to Dr. Epstein.

The National Fund envoy made in July last year, his first and only visit to Palestine.