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BUDAPEST JEWS ACCUSED OF RITUAL MURDER

Budapest, December 21 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). During a Parliament session, the Jews of Budapest have been accused of ritual murder by the anti-Semitic deputy Lendvai, who declared that a soldier named Tremmel had been attacked by Jews in the Budapest Ghetto and slaughtered, for ritual purposes. Jewish deputy Fabian interjected that the accusation was a lie.

Minister of Interior Rakowsky replied that the affair is being investigated, and that a Jew named Loebel had been arrested and will be tried. He refused, however, to make any statements on the merits of the case.

The Jews of Budapest are greatly alarmed that the Government should not have refuted the ritual murder charge which is being spread by anti-Semitic circles with the purpose of inciting the masses against the Jews.

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J.D.C. OFFICE IN POLAND TO LIQUIDATE.

Warsaw, December 21 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Owing to the decision of the Polish Government not to allow foreign organizations to do work in Poland, the offices of the American Joint Distribution Committee will be closed December 31st.

Local officials have received notice, while the American officials have already left the country.

BRITISH AIR PILOT KILLED

Cairo, December 21 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Joseph Catz, British air pilot was killed near Cairo. The airplane crashed.

Mr. Catz was a lieutenant in the Jewish Legion which fought ~~maxim~~ in Palestine during the war. He was later secretary to Vladimir Jabotinsky.

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SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE GRANTS VISAS IN RETURN FOR ANTIZIONIST STATEMENT

Constantinople, Dec. 21 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Twenty-eight families who are proceeding from Palestine to Russia have applied for Russian visas and have been informed by the Soviet representative here that they will receive visas if they write to NAKANUNE, the Soviet organ in Berlin; that they are leaving Palestine because they are dissatisfied with the Zionist situation and with the administration of the country. If they make this statement, the representative declared officially, and if they undertake not to participate in Zionist activities in Russia, visas will be granted to them.

REVOLUTIONARY CONSPIRACY SUPPRESSED

Munich, December 21 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The opera singer Hans Bartell from Sazohy has been arrested here on the charge of conspiring against the life of Dictator von Kahr, of Bavaria. Bartell has confessed.

The performance of La Tosca which was scheduled to be held in the National Theatre of Munich, has been postponed because of rumors prevailing that during the second act of the performance the orchestra would play a revolutionary hymn which was to act as a signal for a Bavarian revolution.

TWO YIDDISH TRADE-SCHOOLS INSTALLED IN ROUMANIA

Bucharest, November 22 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency by mail). A technical school was opened in Benderi, which is the first in that city, and its opening aroused great interest among the entire population. Representatives of all Jewish organizations as well as representatives from the local government, were present.

Another "Ort" school for the making of ladies garments was opened in Jassy on November 18th. Forty girls attend this school.

WILLIAM JENINGS BRYAN GREETES JTA

New York, Dec. 21 (J. T.A.) The Jewish Telegraphic Agency received the following message from William Jennings Bryan:

"I beg to extend greetings to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and congratulate them upon the effort which they are making to give information on the special subject which they have in mind, namely, the facts in regard to the treatment of Jews throughout the world. Facts are the apostles of reform; they must be known before any needed remedies can be applied.

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HOUSE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE DECIDES ON 2% QUOTA

Will Hold Hearings Only For the Sake Of Form.

Washington, Dec. 19 (J. T.A.) As a result of the second Executive Committee session today, all the main features of the immigration bill to be reported to the House are practically decided upon. Though decisions and votes taken officially are only supposed to be tentative yet judging from the attitude revealed, it is very unlikely that the Committee will change its mind when the final vote is taken. It has been decided to embody the decisions in forms which the tentative committee will print for the use of its members when the final vote is taken. These decisions are as follows:

A two per cent quota based on the 1890 census for all immigrants except relatives of citizens, as a husband or a wife. A father or mother over fifty-five years of age and unmarried children under eighteen will be exempt from all quota restrictions.

Congressman Samuel Dickstein, Democrat, of New York, a new member of the Committee made a strong fight against the ~~xxxx~~ 1890 census, urging at least the retention of the three per cent. quota based on the 1910 census. This plea being without avail, he proposed the three percent quota based on the 1890 census to be operated as follows: Preference up to one per cent is to be given to the wife, husband and unmarried children under eighteen years of declarants, resident in the United States for two years; the remaining two percent to be allotted to all other aliens.

Conflicting statements were made to your correspondent regarding which plan was accepted. Congressman Dickstein declared the Committee adopted the latter scheme whereas a spokesman for the Committee who usually makes official announcements of the Committee's decisions, stated that the tentative vote was simply an acceptance of the two percent. quota based on the 1890 census. In any event, Dickstein will make a strong fight in the final voting for his compromise proposal and there is probably some likelihood if its adoption.

The Committee also decided in favor of immigration certificates by consuls, the possession of which will admit an alien as a matter of right so far as quota restriction is concerned thereby avoiding hardship of excess quota upon arrival here. The Committee rejected the proposal of a physical inspection abroad on the ground of international objections despite Congressman Raker's unceasing efforts to obtain its acceptance.

Congressman Dickstein was the only friend of immigration fighting in the Committee today as Congressman Sabath left Washington for Chicago at this most crucial time. Dickstein made strong effort enlarge list of exempt relatives but failed to budge Committee which for most part was solidly in favor of increased restriction.