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IBN SAUD CHALLENGES NEW CALIPH

Jerusalem, March 18 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Ibn Saud, Emir of Nejd, has issued a statement in the Arab press challenging the right of King Hussein to the Caliphate. He charges that Hussein who claims to be a direct descendant of Mohammed, which would justify his claim to the Caliphate, has no grounds for the claim; but that he himself is a real descendant of Mohammed and as such entitled to the honor sought by Hussein. He further charges that King Hussein has achieved his present prestige through unfair, personal intrigues.

In Arab circles, this is considered the most serious blow to King Hussein's claim to the Caliphate, inasmuch as Ibn Saud, who is chief of the Wahabi tribe and has an army equal in strength to that of Hussein's, is a very dangerous rival. It was even rumored in Baghdad that Ibn Saud planned an invasion of the Hedjas territory of King Hussein.

HUSSEIN WILL CONVOKE MOSLEM WORLD CONFERENCE

Jerusalem, March 19 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Before leaving for Mecca, King Hussein announced his intention of convoking a Moslem World Conference, and of establishing a Council of Advisors to the Caliphate. The conference will probably be held in Mecca.

HAMMERLING SUED ON HIS CITIZENSHIP

New York, March 19 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). At the direction of Attorney General Daugherty, United States Assistant District Attorney Morris Streusand yesterday instituted proceedings to cancel the citizenship papers of Louis N. Hammerling, former President of the Association of Foreign Language Newspapers here. Hammerling, who in 1922 became a Polish citizen and is a Senator in the Polish Parliament, arrived here yesterday from Europe on the Rochambeau.

Hammerling, who traveled on a Polish diplomatic passport, was met at the pier by Department of Justice agents, who questioned him, but did not interfere with his landing.

Hammerling said he represented the district of Sanislau in the upper house in Poland and was a member of the Committee on Finance and Foreign Affairs. He was here on a vacation, he added. He denied

rumors that he would solicit funds for a political campaign in Poland.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, March 3 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Correspondence). That each year the value of the imports into Palestine far exceed the value of the exports is the story told by the figures issued by the office of the Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government. The imports for Palestine in 1920 amounted to 5,410,000 pounds, the exports to 1,361,000; 1921 imports 5,872,000 pounds, exports 1,499,000; 1922 imports 5,581,000 pounds, exports 1,542,000; 1923 imports 4,935,000 pounds, exports 1,789,000.

The situation is, however, by no means as bad as this might indicate. Most of the reasons for the preponderance of imports over exports is the artificial circulation of money that is not earned in Palestine. Large sums are sent to Palestine by various organizations having special interests there. The Zionist Executive alone received annually, from abroad, for purposes of education, colonization, etc., a sum which approximates \$2,500,000. Christian religious institutions receive every year large sums for schools, convents and buildings of all kinds. Tourists in Palestine spend in the country amounts which total a considerable sum. All this money passes from hand to hand, and a large part of it is spent in buying goods of various kinds which appear in the statistics of imports without any corresponding entry for exports. In the same way, the British forces stationed in Palestine, to whom 1,500,000 pounds in pay is sent annually, spend most of their money there, increasing the amount of imports, without producing exports.

Another thing that increases the amount of imports is the money spent for the development of home industries, natural resources and up-building. Most of the capital for this comes from abroad, chiefly in the form of goods. It is, therefore, absurd to say that because there is no corresponding exportation immediately that Palestine is the poorer to the extent of the amount of the importation. That a greater import capacity is not always a discouraging economic sign, is evidenced by the example of England where there is now and has always been a large excess of imports over exports. The difference there is accounted for by the value of interest paid on British capital invested abroad and by the earnings of British freighters.

DR. WEIZMANN TO BE GREETED BY MAYOR HYLAN

New York, March 18 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Dr. Chaim Weizmann will be greeted by Mayor Hylan at a mass meeting of the Zionist Organization which will be held this Sunday at Cooper Union.

PROFESSOR FINDS PROOF PENTATEUCH WRITTEN IN HEBREW BY MOSES

Baltimore, March 19 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Professor Robert Dick Wilson of Princeton University has declared here in a lecture that he has found new evidence that the Pentateuch was written in Hebrew and by Moses.

Certain critics of the Bible have claimed that the Pentateuch could not have been written in Hebrew and by Moses because at the time when Moses is supposed to have lived, the Hebrew language was not known and in any event was not developed to the literary excellence that is shown in the Pentateuch.

These assertions have been weakened, he stated, by the recent discovery of clay tablets in Babylonia representing letters and official papers sent by the Palestinian rulers to the kings of Egypt during the period of Moses. The language used on these tablets is known as the "Sumarian dialect" which was the official language of Babylonia before its conquest by the Semites. Some of the Sumarian expressions, however, are translated into Hebrew in parenthesis, thus proving, Prof. Wilson declares, that it was assumed by the writers of these tablets that Hebrew would be better understood by the Egyptians for whom they were intended than Sumarian. This, according to Prof. Wilson, is conclusive proof that the Pentateuch could have been written in Hebrew and by Moses.

JEWISH COLONIAL TRUST WILL CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

London, March 19 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Zionist circles here are preparing to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish Colonial Trust. Tomorrow will be twenty-five years since the Jewish Colonial Trust, which is the official bank of the Zionist Organization, was founded under the leadership of the late Dr. Theodore Herzl.

RUTTENBERG CONCESSION TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE WORLD COURT.

London, March 19 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Ruttenberg concession for the irrigation and electrification of Palestine will shortly be brought before the World Court at the Hague. The rights to this concession have been challenged by a group of capitalists who claim a prior right.

The Ruttenberg concession has met with considerable opposition in certain English quarters, many interpellations on the subject being made in the House of Commons. A few days ago, a member of Parliament, Becker, asked Colonial Minister Thomas whether Ruttenberg had succeeded in fulfilling the condition of the concession that he raise a certain minimum of capital necessary for carrying on the work. Thomas replied that the condition attached to the Ruttenberg concession was that he raise within a certain time a minimum of 200,000 pounds sterling, and that the previous government had satisfied itself that this sum had been raised

LITHUANIA ABOLISHES POST OF JEWISH MINISTER IN CABINET

Kovno, March 19th (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The final step in the abolishment of the Jewish national autonomy in Lithuania has been taken by the Government with the abolishment of the post of the Jewish Minister in the Lithuanian Cabinet. The special Ministry for Jewish Affairs was recently liquidated, but the Jewish Minister remained in the Cabinet without portfolio. Now that the post in the Cabinet has been abolished, there is no recognition of the Jews as a separate nationality.

ACCUSATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC SILLY, BUT IN GOOD FAITH, SAYS GERMAN COURT

Berlin, March 19 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The court characterized as "silly" an accusation made by Major Muellenhausen, the publisher of the German edition of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. The accusation in question is a statement by Major Muellerhausen that the statues of headless birds decorating the villa of Walter Rathenau were intended as a mockery of the German monarchy.

Frau Rathenau, the mother of Walter Rathenau, brought suit for libel against the Major for this statement, and the court in handing down a decision, acquitting the Major of libelous intent, said that the accusation was silly, but made in good faith.

RABBI KOOK ARRIVED TODAY IN NEW YORK

New York, March 19 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The city of New York paid its tribute to the three great Jewish leaders, Chief Rabbi Kook of Palestine, Rabbi Schapiro and Rabbi Epstein who arrived today on the Olympic, as the representatives of the Central Relief Committee in its campaign for \$1,000,000 for the support of institutions of learning abroad. The delegation was escorted from the Olympic by the Mayor's boat to the Battery where it landed to the accompaniment of cheering crowds and flag-vedecked streets. An auto procession several miles long, accompanied by a squad of cycle police, conveyed the guests to the City Hall where they were accorded an official reception by the Mayor and officials of the city.
