

SEVENTEEN JEWS ELECTED TO GERMAN REICHSTAG

Landstorf Party Suffers Complete Defeat Only Fourteen of His Men Elected.
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Seventeen Jews were elected to the new German Reichstag on the three tickets. Herr Haas was elected on the ticket of the Democratic Party; Herr Riesser on the ticket of the Landstorf.

In the Socialist ticket the following were elected: Heymann, Moses, Bernstein, Rosenfeld, Schan, Simon Neumann, Simon Amstung, Levi, Hirsch, Hertz, Landsberg, Frau Sanders, Ruth Light, Scholom Katz and Rosenberg were elected on the Communist ticket.

The Landstorf party suffered complete defeat at the elections. Instead of the former 32 seats, only 14 were elected. Among those anti-Semitic Jews who were not elected are Wulle and Theodor Fisch. The four-men group of the anti-Semitic deputy Kinze was not returned.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Geo. Bernhard, editor-in-chief of the "Vossische Zeitung," was again attacked by anti-Semites near Leipzig on Sunday preceding the election. One wheel was removed from his automobile, causing an accident in which he was slightly injured. Bernhard was not elected.

ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT PROCEEDS AGAINST RESIDENTS DEPRIVED OF CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

Bucarest, Nov. 22.—The Government has issued an order under which all persons whose applications for Romanian citizenship have been rejected must report immediately at the Ministry of the Interior for permits to be allowed to remain in the country. Considerable fear prevails that this is the preliminary to an order for the evacuation of non-citizens from Romania.

The issue of permits is solely in the hands of the Spozanza (Political Police) who have the right of expelling any alien forthwith if they consider him to be an undesirable.

"DAR HAYOM" INCIDENT MAY BE SUBMITTED TO LEAGUE, LONDON CATHOLIC PAPER SAYS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 9.—The decision in the Jerusalem blasphemy trial against the Hebrew daily paper, "Dor Hayom," which was fined £30, may not be the final development in the case. The Catholic "Daily Herald" declares in its issue of today that the incident may be submitted to the League of Nations. The paper, which is closely connected with the circles which were responsible for the conversion of Hans Herzl to Catholicism, states, "The outbreak of blasphemy was the result of the treatment on the part of the Zionist fanatics at the conversion of Hans Herzl."

REPORT OF MANDATES COMMISSION PUBLISHED BY BRITISH PRESS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 9.—The report of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations, published in advance by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was made public today. The press publishes excerpts of the Commission on Syria, Palestine and brief excerpts from the reports on Germany, Togoland and the Pacific islands.

The papers devote most space to the report on

CESSATION OF PALESTINE IMMIGRATION IS OBJECT OF VATICAN AT LEAGUE'S COUNCIL MEETING

British Representative Will Urge Favorable Changes in Commission's Report.
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Rome, Dec. 9.—The cessation of Jewish immigration into Palestine is hoped for by Vatican circles as the result of the deliberations of the Council of the League of Nations, the first session of which was opened here yesterday.

Vatican representatives are very active in their efforts to influence the representatives of Catholic countries to the Council in this direction, the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. It is expected that the Italian Government will support the Vatican's views with regard to Palestine.

The representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency understands that Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary who will represent Great Britain at the Council's session, is dissatisfied with the tone of the report of the Permanent Mandates Commission on Palestine and will introduce a motion to change this report to read in a more favorable tone.

CONSTITUTE "COURT" AND CONDEMN POLES FOR SELLING PROPERTY TO JEWS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cracow, Dec. 9.—Defiance of the principle of equality guaranteed by the Polish constitution to all citizens of the Republic, found expression today in what is termed "a verdict of a citizens court" in the Galician resort, Zakopane.

A group of Poles, constituted a citizens court, and issued a verdict of condemnation on six Polish landowners, because they sold their property to Jews.

The "verdict" of the court reads in part: "To submit to public opinion and to condemn this unpatriotic, disgraceful and treacherous action."

Warsaw, Dec. 9.—In connection with the approaching Christian holiday season, the "Dwa Grosze", the organ of the Polish National Democratic party, started agitation against the Poles purchasing from Jewish shopkeepers.

MEXICO FIT FOR JEWISH IMMIGRATION, JEWS IN MEXICO DECLARE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Mexico City, Dec. 9.—That conditions in Mexico are favorable to the establishing of Jewish agricultural colonies was the conclusion reached at a mass meeting of Jewish immigrants held here. The majority of them are farmers or have done some sort of agricultural work, and all are interested in the project. The meeting was held in the hall of the B'nai B'rith House.

It was decided to appoint a publicity committee to make known to Jewish organizations abroad, interested in colonization, the conditions existing in Mexico.

ESTABLISH FREE MASONS LODGE IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 9.—The first Free Masonic Lodge, comprised of Jewish, Moslem and Christian members, was established here, for the purpose of promoting unity and fraternity among the inhabitants of Palestine. The lodge will be conducted according to Scottish Rites.

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BILL FOR REGISTRATION OF ALIENS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Dec. 8.—A bill introduced by Representative Aswell of Louisiana provides that all alien residents of the country shall be required to register every year until they are naturalized and report every change of residence. All immigrants coming for permanent residence would be required to register at the port of entry.

The bill divides the nation into registration districts, each, so far as practicable, to contain a post office or branch postal station, and the alien is required to register within the district in which he lives or in the nearest convenient district. Registration in the main would be conducted by post offices and a fee of \$10 would be paid by each adult alien for the first registration and \$5 for each subsequent registration or renewal.

Should an alien permanently move from the district in which he registered he would be required to report that fact to the post office of his district and within two days after his arrival in the new district report to the post office of that district. In this way the Government would at all times have a complete record of the name, age, place of residence and personal description of every alien.

Certificates of identification would be issued to all aliens immediately on registration. The alien would be required to exhibit this certificate on demand of any agent of the Departments of Justice or Labor or of any police officer. Should an alien become naturalized or depart from the United States he would be required to surrender the certificate for cancellation.

The bill also imposes on hotel and boarding house keepers the duty of reporting to the proper authorities the names of all alien patrons and the time of their arrival. The names of all alien employees must likewise be reported.

The Secretary of Labor and the Postmaster General would have authority to make all regulations necessary for the enforcement of the act. Suitable penalties are provided and \$500,000 is provided for administrative expenses. All fees collected under the act would go to the Treasury.

Representative Aswell went to Europe recently to study the immigration question. There are seven million aliens in the United States who have not taken out their first papers, according to him.

MADAME SNEGOWA, JEWISH ACTRESS, DIES

Madame Esther Sniegowa, well-known Russian Jewish actress, died yesterday in Denver, Colorado, according to word received by the Jewish Actors Club here.

Madame Sniegowa was well known on the Jewish stage. She died after a prolonged illness and her husband, who was filling an engagement in Chicago, was summoned to her bedside.

DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

The "Czarina" and the Daughters of the American Revolution

The "Jewish Daily News", of Dec. 8, says that it was very illogical and incongruous on the part of the Daughters of the American Revolution who are supposed to represent the highest ideal of democracy, to bestow so much honor upon a new "Czarina" who has come here to secure support for her husband, the self-proclaimed "Czar Cyril, whom this country refuses to admit here.

"Apparently it is futile to look for logic among ladies to whom a high title, even if it is self-assumed, means more than all democratic ideals and political convictions! Sometimes it would seem that the love these ladies have for aristocratic titles has actually unbalanced them.

"Still more comical is the fact that the police guarded the pier at which the 'Czarina' landed 'out of fear of an attack on her'. In this way the 'Czarina' received a sort of official recognition. How our city government learned that a 'Czarina' is arriving here and on whose request the great democratic city of New York 'recognized' the 'Czarina' even before Washington and the rest of the world have recognized her—these are questions which the mayor or the police commission should answer."

Secretary Davis' Report and Race Discrimination

The report on immigration into this country during the last two years just issued by Secretary of Labor Davis, shows that the number of immigrants in this period has been more than doubled, but there is little cause for gratification in this matter for the Jews and other immigrants coming from Eastern Europe, says Mr. Jacob Fishman in his daily column in the "Jewish Morning Journal" of Dec. 9.

"When the report on immigration is carefully studied it is seen that the opponents of immigration have fully accomplished their purpose. The little over 700,000 immigrants that came here last year, only 150,000 were from Eastern Europe. The number of Jews has decreased to about 10 to 15 per cent of the volume in former years.

"Injustice and open race discrimination are obvious in the report. But, unfortunately, there are few Americans who will stop to think this over. The spirit of restriction has been implanted so deeply that it makes many people blind to such things."

A Sign of Progress

The Jews should not expect too much from the decision of the Federation of Churches to combat anti-Semitism, is the opinion of Mr. E. R. Roman, who devotes considerable space to this subject in his article "Jewish Interests" in the "Forward" of Dec. 6.

"The church in America has enough influence to spread anti-Semitism, but it is doubtful if it has sufficient influence to curb anti-Semitism," says Mr. Rozman.

"It was on the soil of the Protestant church in this country that the Ku Klux Klan developed. It is true that the Protestant church did not create nor organize the Klan, but it is this church from which the Klan draws its stimulus and inspiration and who can tell how many Protestant clergymen are connected directly or indirectly with the Klan. Still, the resolution of the Federation of Churches, though it may not bring great results, must be greeted warmly as a sign of progress."

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OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

Can the Dead Sea Supply Potash for the World's Agriculture?

(By Our Washington Correspondent)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—“The Dead Sea is the sink-hole of the world,” says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society. In no other continent is there such a deep depression in the earth's crust! nor will one find greater desolation or more uncomfortable conditions for man and most other living things even in the hearts of the greatest deserts.

The Hebrew scriptures have thrown an atmosphere of tragedy about this country. There, the chronicle states, were situated the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, destroyed by the wrath of Jehovah; and there the modern reader sees the blasted region, seared by unbearable heat, with its bitter death-dealing waters, to prove the story to his satisfaction.

According to the Biblical narrative the Jordan Valley, and the plain near its mouth on the shores of the Dead Sea where the destroyed cities lay, shared the early good fortune of the Promised Land itself and “flowed with milk and honey.” But an end was put to this pleasant condition by the rain of brimstone and fire.

The story of the region deciphered from its rocks by geologists begins much earlier than the days of the patriarchs whose actions are recorded in the Bible. This record seems to indicate that Palestine and the whole western end of Arabia rose from the sea a million or more years ago in what geologists term the Tertiary era. Shortly after the rise, it seems, a great slice of the land parallel to the coast of the Mediterranean sank to great depth, forming the huge rift valley, “the Ghor,” now occupied by the Jordan River and the Dead Sea.

It is not clear whether there was a connecting channel between the Mediterranean and the great valley; but a well defined ancient beach indicates that in those remote times the great depression held a sea or lake at about the same level as that of the Mediterranean. The Jordan did not then exist; its entire valley as well as the Sea of Galilee was swallowed up in the parent of the Dead Sea, which was some 200 miles long and 10 to 15 miles wide.

The Dead Sea depression having no outlet, all the salts contained in the large original inland sea were retained when evaporation reduced the volume of the body of water to its present dimensions. In addition, for hundreds of thousands of years the Jordan and the other streams and torrents that flow from the desert hills into the basin have been carrying in additional salts until now the waters of the Dead Sea constitute one of the most highly concentrated natural brines in existence. It is estimated that on the average some six million tons of water flow into the Dead Sea daily, and since the level of the sea changes but little, an equal amount is pumped out daily by evaporation.

The present Dead Sea is 47 miles long and about 10 miles wide. Its surface lies approximately 1,300 feet lower than sea level and at its deepest point its bottom lies another 1,300 feet down. This great rift in the earth's crust, therefore, lies 2,600 feet below sea level and is the deepest hole in the land anywhere in the world. Because of the intense heat and dryness and the presence everywhere of salt the land immediately about the Dead Sea is a region of desolation. On some of the flats a few straggling, thorny desert plants grow and in some sheltered wadies where the springs are fresh, small groups of palms struggle for ex-

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JEWISH MASS IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE IS URGENT NECESSITY, AB. GOLDBERG ADVOCATES

Zionism Does Not Meet Emergencies of Jewish Life, He Says.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 9.—Jewish mass immigration into Palestine is an urgent necessity of the moment. Without this, the creation of a Jewish majority in the country is an impossibility, declared Abraham Goldberg, member of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, in an article published today in the “Wiener Morgen Zeitung.”

Mr. Goldberg reproaches the Zionist leaders, stating in his article that the Zionist movement has not endeavored to meet the present emergency of East European Jewry.

“Zionism must bring the solution of the Jewish emigration question. Palestine must be turned into a center for Jewish immigration. No obstacles should be placed in the way of Jewish immigrants. No selective system should be introduced. All who are in need of a refuge should be admitted to Palestine. Zionism must return to the idea of a Jewish state which is the lifeblood of the Zionist movement. A Jewish majority in Palestine must be created within the shortest possible time. Action on a larger scale has to be undertaken with the League of Nations,” Mr. Goldberg states in his article.

PALESTINE HAS MILITARY VALUE FOR ENGLAND, GENERAL THOMSON DECLARES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 9.—“The obligations entered into during the War by responsible British statesmen must be kept, unless extraordinary reasons compel a revision of their commitments,” General Trevelyan Thomson, Air Minister in the former Labor cabinet, who returned from a flying tour over Iraq, Palestine and Transjordan, declared today in an interview with the representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

“Palestine has a certain military value for Great Britain,” he stated. General Thomson, who served in Palestine during the World War, stopped there for two days during his present flying tour.

RATHENAU WAS GERMANY'S NOBLEST HOPE, GERHARDT HAUPTMANN STATES

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

Berlin, Nov. 25.—Gerhardt Hauptmann, the great German author, who is now in Italy, sent a letter for the meeting which was held yesterday at the Rathenau Villa by the Democratic leaders in connection with the election campaign. “I am too far away,” he writes, “to be able to attend your meeting at the house which I know so well, the home of my dear great friend, Walter Rathenau. It was one of the saddest days in German history when Germany's noblest hope fell—the victim of blind hatred.”

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CONGRESSMAN DICKSTEIN INTRODUCES BILL FOR ADMISSION OF RABBIS'

FAMILIES

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Dec. 9.—Two bills regarding immigration will be introduced in Congress today by Congressman Dickstein of New York: One to exempt from quota wives and children of Rabbis who were admitted into America before July first, as the present law exempts only wives and children of Rabbis who were admitted since that date. The other bill provides that steamship companies who maintain hotels or other places of abode for immigrants awaiting their departure should submit semi-annual reports to the Secretary of Labor of the number and length of residence of immigrants at such places. Congressman Dickstein stated that the steamship companies have been guilty of wrongful conduct in encouraging immigrants to live in these quarters for excessive periods, thus creating a great evil. Both bills will be referred to the Immigration Committee.

ROUMANIAN MINISTRY OF TRADE RECOMMENDS BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH PALESTINE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

Bucharest, Nov. 21.—The Roumanian Ministry of Trade has sent out a circular to all Roumanian manufacturers and exporters urging them to pay particular attention to the development of trade with Palestine. There is a good field in Palestine for Roumanian products, the circular points out, quoting in support from a letter received at the Ministry of Trade from a Roumanian merchant now in Palestine. Roumania can export to Palestine timber, cement, cheap furniture and petroleum products.

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istence. Most of the area, however, is a dry rocky waste encrusted with salt, or nearer the sea, with slimy salt mud flats.

It is quite possible that even six or seven thousand years ago, in the era to which the Biblical chronicles reach, the then relatively moist climate of Palestine made the plain near the mouth of the Jordan a rich land such as that which Lot found. It is also quite possible that the "Cities of the Plain"—Sodom, Gomorrha, and the others—perished in a cataclysm brought about by a modern secondary adjustment in this region of tremendous earlier geologic disturbance.

Because the intense heat and pressure are almost sure to prove fatal to others than the few hapless Arab nomads that manage to survive in the region, this area has not been intensively studied by scientists. It was at first thought that there is no evidence of recent volcanic action and that the traditional destruction of the cities by a rain of fire and brimstone may have referred to the explosion of pockets of crude petroleum. A scientist who visited the region in 1919, however, reported a small extinct volcano near the north-eastern corner of the Dead Sea near the reputed site of Sodom and concluded that a shower of ashes from this vent may have caused the catastrophe so vividly described in Genesis.

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15,000 JEWS PAY TRIBUTE TO RABBI OF SADIGORA

Rabbis Decide Between Claims of 'Congregation on Place of Burial.

Fifteen thousand Jews attended the funeral of Rabbi Isaac Friedman on Monday afternoon. Rabbi Friedman, the Rabbi of Sadigora, who came to the United States at the invitation of his many Chassidic followers, died just before his planned return to Europe.

The funeral was conducted according to the rites of the Chassidic Rabbinical families. Many Chassidic Rabbis were among those who paid tribute to the memory of the Chassidic leader.

The throng grew so dense in front of the house where the Rabbi died, that traffic had to be diverted and even street cars were unable to get through for half an hour before the coffin was borne to the street on the shoulders of eight Rabbis. As the Rabbis reached the door with their burden, a great wail rose from the multitude.

Burial took place at Mount Zion Cemetery.

Several hours before the burial a Din Torah arbitration court proceedings, were held by two Rabbis, Rabbi Israel Gutman of Kamienietz Polesk and Rabbi Halperin of Denver, Colorado. Two congregations, the Roumanian Synagogue of Brooklyn and the Tifereth Israel Congregation demanded the Rabbi be buried on their plots. The Roumanian synagogue offered \$5,000 in cash for the family of the dead Rabbi and a reservation of eighty plots around the grave in order that it might be assured that no one unworthy, should be buried near the Rabbi. The congregation Tifereth Israel undertook to insure support for the family and to make a reservation of thirty-two graves. The demand of the latter congregation was supported by its claim that they were the actual Sadigora Chassidim who invited the Rabbi to America. The Rabbinical court decided that Rabbi Friedman should be buried on the grounds of the Tifereth Israel Congregation.

A committee of Rabbis was appointed as trustees of Rabbi Friedman's estate.

Before the body was interred the Rabbis declared that this was being done on the condition that should his family so desire, the body will be exhumed and transferred to Europe.

WILL RAISE ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Joe Leblang and David N. Mosessohn Heading Campaign.

One million dollars for the purpose of stimulating the erection of several new school buildings for Jewish religious instruction, and repairing a considerable number of the 150 schools already in existence, will be raised before the turn of the year by the Jewish Education Association.

This decision was reached last night by fifty leaders in the Jewish community, who were gathered at a workers' dinner given by the President of the Association, Mr. Israel Unterberg. Mr. Felix M. Warburg, Mr. Louis Marshall, Hon. Nathan Straus and Judge Otto A. Rosalsky are among those who have lent their moral and financial support to this movement.

At the head of these fifty workers is Mr. Joe Leblang, well-known theatrical magnate, who is acting as Chairman of the Campaign Committee. Mr. David N. Mosessohn, a leader in the dress and waist industry, is the Associate Chairman.

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