

## ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES IN BUCHAREST, JASSY, KLAUSENBURG AND CZERNOWITZ

King Ferdinand Witnesses Scenes—Instructs Troops to Restore Order—Guilt of Cusa and Other Professors Established—Barricades Erected in Bucharest Jewish Quarter.  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 18.—Alarming news of anti-Jewish excesses were received here today from Roumania. At the Universities of Bucharest, Jassy, Klausenburg and Czernowitz excesses against Jewish students have been going on for several days. Four Jewish students were wounded at the University of Bucharest.

King Ferdinand is reported to have witnessed some of the excesses personally and issued instructions to restore order. Nevertheless, excesses continue. Jewish students are being driven out of the lecture halls at the universities. Deputy Busor introduced an interpellation in Parliament today and read a letter of Prof. Cantacucina, according to whom Prof. Cusa of the Jassy University was the initiator of the disturbance. The Minister of Education admitted the guilt of several professors.

It was stated that Prof. Cusa delivered a lecture urging the Roumanian students to commit the excesses. Similar disturbances are reported from Temesvar, Oradeamara, Czernowitz and Klausenburg. The Dean of the University of Jassy has resigned because of the passivity of the authorities in not suppressing the disturbances.

Bucharest, Dec. 17.—Serious street fighting, in which many persons were wounded, occurred in the Jewish quarter of Bucharest yesterday, when about 700 students, after cutting the telephone wires at the university, attacking the Jewish students and breaking windows of Jewish shops, came downtown and invaded the Ghetto.

The inhabitants, warned of an approaching pogrom, barricaded the streets and offered resistance to the invading student army, a sharp struggle resulting.

## HARBOR WILL BE BUILT AT HAIFA, SAMUEL SAYS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haifa, Dec. 18.—The government of Palestine will soon commence work on a harbor in Haifa, Sir Herbert Samuel declared today when he arrived here on a tour of the country.

The High Commissioner visited the nearly completed power house which is part of the Rutenberg electrification plan.

## URGES ABANDONMENT OF ANTI-JEWISH POLICY IN HUNGARY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Dec. 18.—Thomas Kallay, member of the government party, during the discussion on the budget, urged the Hungarian politicians to abandon their anti-Jewish attitude and revise the policy of restricting the number of Jewish students at the Hungarian Universities.

## EIGHT THOUSAND DECLARED ALIENS IN CZERNOWITZ

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Czernowitz, Dec. 18.—Eight thousand persons, the majority of whom are Jews, were stricken from the list of citizens by the city authorities here. Their status was declared to be that of aliens.

## ISAAC BEN AMRAM, HIGH PRIEST OF SAMARITANS, CALLS ON PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Head of "Zion Proselytes" Proceeds to London to Write History of Ancient Sect.  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—Pictures of ancient Jewish history, through the periods of Assyrian, Persian, Roman, medieval and modern times came back to life vividly when Sir Herbert Samuel, British High Commissioner of Palestine, today received in audience Isaac Ben Amram, the High Priest of the Samaritans.

The Samaritans, an Israelitish sect which came into existence in the eighth century, B. C., following the separation of Israel from Judah, were comprised partly of Palestinian natives and partly of Assyrians colonized in Samaria by Shalmaneser, King of Assyria, in 722 B. C. Because the vicinity in which they settled was frequently attacked by lions, they accepted the religion of the country. Since then they were known in Jewish religious history as the "lion proselytes."

While retaining the principles of the Jewish religion, the "lion proselytes" recognized only the five books of Moses and refused to accept the teachings of the prophets and severed connections with further Jewish religious development.

Although living in the center of Palestine, considering Mount Gerizim in the vicinity of Nablus as their holy place, where they erected their Temples, they were in constant political and religious (Continued on Page 4)

## PALESTINE JEWISH CONFERENCE PROTESTS AGAINST MANDATES COMMISSION REPORT

Demands Abolition of Immigration Restrictions; Creates Aid Organization.  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—A protest against the attitude of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations with regard to Jewish immigration into Palestine was adopted today by the conference of representatives of the Jewish settlements and communities in session in Tel Aviv for the purpose of creating better facilities for the arriving immigrants.

The conference also adopted a resolution demanding immediate abolition of all restrictions on Jewish immigration into Palestine. An organization for extending aid to the immigrants is being created, according to a decision of the conference. A Central Bureau, with local committees in the various towns and colonies will be established. Another resolution adopted by the conference urges the Zionist Organization to assign a fund for the purpose of building cheap houses to accommodate the new arrivals.

## CONGRESSMAN JULIUS KAHN DYING

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Special Despatch)

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Unconscious of fighting a losing battle Congressman Julius Kahn was in a critical condition at his home here early today, after a relapse which occurred yesterday.

Doctor Moses Herzstein announced that "the end is only a matter of hours".

## COL. KISH ON WAY TO UNITED STATES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 18.—Col. Kish, the political representative of the Zionist Executive in Palestine, arrived here today. He sailed immediately for the United States.

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## UNIFORM MINORITY LAW JEOPARDIZING SPECIFIC MINORITY CLAUSES DISCUSSED AT RECENT MEETING OF LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

Secretary of Anglo-Jewish Joint Foreign Committee Reports on Activities in Geneva—International Court of Justice Will Hear Appeal Against Hungarian Numerus Clausus.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 18.—Specific clauses of the international treaties, resulting from the Versailles Peace Conference, for the purpose of protecting the national minorities in Eastern Europe were in danger of being abolished during the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations in its last session at Geneva. This was made known with the publication today of the report of Mr. Lucien Wolf, Secretary of the Joint Foreign Committee, concerning his work during the Assembly as representative of the Jewish organization.

It appears that in leading circles of European statesmen a plan was discussed by which new international agreements concerning the national minorities were to be proposed for the purpose of introducing a uniform international minority law. Prof. Gilbert Murray took the view that the minorities question is a matter of internal law, it is not of international concern and states have no right to interfere with each other.

Although the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations was a memorable event, due to the participation of the British, French and Belgian Prime Ministers and the discussion of the problem of world peace, "the League's obligation towards the minority treaties, which is of such great importance to the Jewish communities of Central and Eastern Europe was discussed only as a secondary matter. The specific Jewish questions were not discussed before the Assembly itself, but were largely dealt with in private conversations and negotiations with the League's Secretariat and the delegations of the various governments concerned," Mr. Wolf's report stated.

The report of the Joint Foreign Committee further deals with the representations made by Mr. Wolf concerning the compulsory Sunday Closing Law in Greece, the Numerus Clausus in Hungary, the nationality laws in Roumania and Poland. With regard to the numerus clausus in Hungary, the report states that notice has already been given that the matter will be appealed before the Permanent International Court of Justice at The Hague. With regard to the Roumanian Nationality Law, which threatens to depatriate large numbers of Jews, particularly in Bukovina, the report states that the Roumanian Government has appointed a commission of inquiry, but this commission has not yet concluded its investigations. A similar situation exists with regard to the Nationality Law in Poland.

The Committee of Jewish Delegates in Paris has obtained the opinion of the eminent French

## DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

### Gompers' Shortcomings

The "Jewish Daily News", in an editorial of Dec. 15, while eulogizing the late leader of American labor, Samuel Gompers, points out his shortcomings, particularly in reference to his attitude toward the immigration problem.

"Gompers shared with the American workers their shortcomings as well as their virtues. American labor was always narrow-minded in its attitude to immigration. Even in the 18th century American workers protested against immigrants for fear that the new arrivals would take their jobs. This attitude was wrong. Immigration did not hurt American labor; on the contrary it has expanded American trades, but the labor organizations maintained a narrow-minded stand even before Gompers became the leader of the American workers. And Gompers, unfortunately, did not have a broader vision; and once he accepted this opinion, he fought for it with all his might. Thus he became the severest opponent of immigration that America has ever had."

### Good Show, Says Heywood Brown

In yesterday's "World", Heywood Brown has the following paragraph on the Duchess Cyril:

"The Empress has gone home on a free ticket and everybody is bitter about her and the promoters of her trip. I don't see what was wrong with the show. As to whether society is more fastidious than when she came, I am not prepared to say. The tides of fastidiousness in society could race this way and that without wetting my feet. That issue is academic as far as I am concerned. But out of the visit of the lady from Russia came at least half a dozen excellent first page stories, jokes for the comedians of the theatre and a few paragraphs for the columnists."

### Between Two Grindstones

The anti-immigration and anti-alien activities of both Republican and Democratic politicians at Washington is likened by the "Hebrew Journal" of Toronto, in a recent issue, to a race between them to see which of them can excel in persecuting and hounding the foreigners and immigrants.

"The alien in America now finds himself between two heavy grindstones," says the "Hebrew Journal." "The Republicans and Democrats are competing with each other and the alien will emerge all beaten up from this competition. It is a struggle not for a short period. Whether the Republicans or the Democrats are in power the aliens will be hounded for a long time to come."

## "JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN" WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FRANCE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Dec. 18.—The "Jewish Daily Bulletin" will be published here beginning December 26. It will be known as "Bulletin D'Information Juive". It will be similar to the New York paper.

jurist, Lapadelle, that the Polish Nationality Law is contrary to the stipulations of the Polish Minority Treaty. Mr. Wolf also intervened with Count Skrzynski in the matter. Nothing has resulted as yet.

The Alliance Israelite Universelle and the Joint Foreign Committee, representing a number of Jewish deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association, will not permit the matter to be dropped, the report states.

Mr. Wolf has also taken up the matter of the proposed calendar reform and urged Jewish representation in the League's Commission dealing with this. It is probable that this request will be granted.

## OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

### The "Sacramental-Wine" Case

(By Our Chicago Correspondent, B. Smoliar)

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The season of sensational trials in which the Jews of Chicago and the rest of the United States, have been interested, directly or indirectly, is not yet over. Following closely on the heels of the cases of Leopold-Loeb, Bessie Gensselin and Leo Koretz, cases in which Jewish names figured prominently and frequently, comes a new case in the outcome of which not only the Jews of Chicago but of the entire country, will be intensely interested. I am referring to what is called here the "sacramental-wine" case.

Over seventy persons, among them some twenty or thirty Jews well known in local synagogue activities are indicted in this case. A number of high government and prohibition enforcement officers are likewise involved.

At present this case is in a stage of investigation, which is being conducted by the Federal government, not by the state. However, there has been so much publicity in connection with it that when the trial of those indicted will begin, sometime this month maybe, it will attract no less attention than the several sadly-famous cases which occurred here recently.

I can say that neither the Leopold-Loeb case nor the Koretz case caused the Jews of Chicago so much embarrassment and discomfort as the present "sacramental-wine" case. In regard to the Leopold-Loeb and Koretz cases all the efforts of the newspapers to impress on the public mind the fact that the criminals were Jews failed to create an anti-Jewish sentiment. But in regard to the present case it is to be noted that even before the trial has begun and ere the public knows the details of the scandal, the general impression is taking root that this is a specifically Jewish case, and this in spite of the fact that the majority of those indicted are non-Jews. The knowledge that it is a case of the misuse of the privilege of "sacramental-wine" and that the Jews are the only ones to enjoy this privilege under the prohibition laws, is sufficient.

The average newspaper reader does not know that the "rabbis" and "congregations" mentioned in connection with this case are not real rabbis and congregations but ordinary criminals and non-existent synagogues. He does not know that it is one big ring of swindlers and crooks, among whom there are a few Jews, who are organized for the purpose of carrying on an illicit liquor trade on a large scale and employing the "sacramental-wine" provision as a means of deceiving the government. He does not know, furthermore, that the most guilty ones in this case are a number of the very prohibition agents who are supposed to see that the law be properly observed. He assumes that this is a Jewish swindle, perpetrated by rabbis and synagogues and based on a gross misuse of the "sacramental-wine" privilege.

It must also be added that the manner in which the press reports this case is certainly not too conducive toward a clarification of the true facts in the minds of the readers.

Sometime ago Mr. Julius Rosenwald and other prominent Jews urged that the "sacramental-wine" clause be erased from the prohibition statutes, but their move met with a great deal of opposition. If these Jews had succeeded in their purpose at that time we would not now be faced with the "sacramental-wine" case.

## "MY COUNTRY MEANS MESOPOTAMIA, SYRIA AND PALESTINE," ARAB PRINCE DECLARES

### Anti-Zionist Propaganda Is Defense Argument.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 18.—The anti-Zionist propaganda of certain Arab leaders was mentioned frequently in the British High Court today, when Lord Darling presided in a suit brought by Prince Habib Lotfallah, Minister of Foreign Affairs in ex-King Hussein's government and now diplomatic representative of Hedjas in Europe against Engineer Walker A. Harper of the Westminster Construction Company.

Prince Lotfallah invested £10,000 in shares of the Westminster Construction Company. The Company, which was engaged in reconstruction work in France, suffered a loss of 340,000 Francs. The Prince claims he bought the shares of the company on the understanding that it would start operations in the Near East, which it failed to do. He therefore demanded the return of his investment.

Prince Lotfallah, who spoke French, explained that he had made the investment with the intention of improving the commercial and diplomatic relations between the Near East and England. He claims the Westminster Construction Company obtained the money from him on fraudulent representation.

Sir Leslie Scott, conservative member of Parliament and pro-Zionist, who was counsel for the defense, in cross-examination of the complainant, said to Prince Lotfallah, "You claim that your motive was the creation of better relations between England and the Near East, while in reality you wanted to drive the English out of Palestine and Syria."

Prince Lotfallah in reply at first denied that he expressed political views against the English or that he was in any way hostile to England. Upon further cross examination, however, the Prince admitted that he was "hostile to all who come to our country to dominate us." Asked for an explanation of what he understands by the words "come to our country", he stated that he referred to the English and the French. As to the meaning of "our country", he stated that he implied Syria, Palestine and Mesopotamia.

Sir Leslie Scott submitted evidence to the court that Prince Lotfallah was in Washington in November 1922, demanding the territories of Mesopotamia, Transjordan, Palestine and Syria for King Hussein under the Treaty of 1915 and that he represented King Hussein in Genoa, Geneva, Rome and London, and that he was actively associated in London with the Anti-Zionist National Political League. The defense contended that the promised directorship in the Westminster Construction Company was withheld from the Prince because of his political expression against England.

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## MONDAY OPERA CLUB DENIES USING RUSSIAN RELIEF FUNDS FOR GRAND DUCHESS

The Monday Opera Club has abandoned the intention of bringing over the Queen of Roumania, sister of the Grand Duchess Cyril.

Several members of the organization vigorously declared themselves to the effect that the Monday Opera Club would continue as a place of dancing and social relaxation, if it continued at all, and was not to continue along the lines of an arbiter of New York society, which was to be divided into a "fastidiously selected Five Hundred".

In this connection a statement was issued by Ethan Allen, Treasurer of the Monday Opera Club, denying that the organization had taken any part in defraying the expenses of the Grand Duchess' visit. The statement which was sent to the members said nothing as to the disposition of the money that had been raised, which on the two occasions of the Grand Duchess' appearance at Sherry's was said to be around \$40,000.

## DR. WEIZMANN HONORED AT BANQUET IN FRANCE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Dec. 18.—A banquet in honor of Dr. Chaim Weizmann was given here yesterday at which large subscriptions were made to the Keren Hayesod. Deputy Leon Blum was toastmaster. Dr. Weizmann is leaving France today.

## AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKER KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Miss Rose Davidson, an active member of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

## Isaac Ben Amram, High Priest of Samaritans, Calls on Palestine High Commissioner

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strife with the Palestine Jews. The sect, in the course of its history, gradually diminished and is now reduced to 150 souls living in and near Nablus.

Characteristic of the Samaritans is that they still believe in the offering of sacrifices, which they perform on Passover on Mount Gerizim on the site of their former Temple.

With long white beard, crimson headdress and flowing black robe, looking like an Old Testament patriarch, Isaac Ben Amram, High Priest of the Samaritans, petitioned the High Commissioner for permission to proceed to London, where he intends to conduct research work in the British Museum for the purpose of writing the history of the Samaritan sect.

Plans for a new Synagogue to be constructed for the Congregation Abayath Sholom, Scranton, Pa., have been completed.

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## PROBLEM OF NATIONAL MINORITIES IN LATVIA BECOMES ACUTE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Dec. 18.—The problem of the National Minorities in Latvia became more acute with the coming into power of the new government which was formed by the parties of the Right.

No mention is made, in the statement of the new government to parliament, of the National Minorities in the Republic.

Deputy Professor Lasersohn, representing the Zeirei Zion and Rabbi Nurok, representing the Miz-rachi, declared their opposition to the Government. Deputy Dubin, representing the Agudas Israel refrained from making any statement on the matter.

The problem of the National Minorities in Latvia has recently become graver in view of the ordinance issued by the government that on new passports issued to citizens, the nationality of the bearer must be given. His own statement is not considered sufficient; it must be supported by two witnesses belonging to another nationality.

The situation in the Latvian parliament, consisting of one hundred members, is such that the Right and the Left parties are equally divided and the fifteen representatives of the National Minorities, six of whom are Jewish, play the part of the fulcrum during the voting. Recently, Deputy Wirzicki, representing the Polish National Minority in Latvia was charged with treason on account of his activities with regard to the rights of the Polish minority.

The question of the National Minorities in Latvia was a subject of discussion before the Council of the League of Nations in July 1923, but it was removed from the agenda in view of the fact that Latvia did not sign the International Minority treaty and her adherence to the principle of National Minority rights was voluntary.

## PALESTINE DEBT QUESTION SUBMITTED TO LEAGUE BY BRITAIN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Dec. 18.—The Secretary General of the League of Nations received a note today from the British Government, dated December 15, in connection with the sums imposed on Palestine, Transjordan and Mesopotamia, as their payment of the public debts of the former Ottoman Empire.

The British Government, in the note, informs the League of Nations that Palestine, Transjordan and Mesopotamia are dissatisfied with the sums imposed on them and announces the intention of bringing an appeal against this allocation before an arbiter to be appointed by the League's council.

Rabbi Wolf Raman, who came to America recently to raise funds for institutions in Palestine, died in Des Moines, Iowa, from injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile.

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