

NO IMPORTANT NATION DESIRES REVERSAL OF JEWISH NATIONAL HOME POLICY IN PALESTINE, LORD BALFOUR DECLARES

Those Hostile Will Finally Be Converted, He Predicts.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 19.—“I believe that no important party and no important nation really desires the reversal of the policy with regard to the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine so long as it bears good fruit for the Jews and the world. I understand that this bold and difficult experiment is succeeding. I hope I may shortly have the opportunity of going to Palestine myself,” declared Lord Balfour before a deputation of Leeds Zionists whom he received yesterday.

“Those who come back from Palestine bring me reports that although the movement, like all other movements in their beginning, suffers from expected and unexpected difficulties, the prospects of this great and novel experience give hope to all who, like myself, are deeply concerned in the effort which is being made, that the cooperative efforts of the Jews of Europe and America, combined with the energy and self-sacrifice of the Jews in Palestine will overcome the obstacles. I believe that those who have so far been hostile to the movement for the rebuilding of Palestine, will be converted and will see the immemorial historic connection which exists between Palestine and the Jewish race. Of all the religions in the world, Christianity should be the first to recognize this fact and view with sympathy the growth of the Jewish National Home which the nations of the world, at Versailles, handed over to Britain
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JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS BRING LIBEL CHARGES AGAINST RABBI

Rabbi Scholom Eliezer Rogozin, 70 years old, of 642 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, was arrested on a warrant issued by Supreme Court Justice Lazansky on a charge of libel. The rabbi was held at the Raymond Street jail until midnight, when he was released on \$2,500 bail.

Four organizations brought charges against Rabbi Rogozin. The warrant was issued at the request of Leon Kamaiky, publisher of the “Jewish Daily News” and chairman of the Central Relief Committee, and Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, vice-president of this committee. The complainants demand \$100,000.

The legal steps were taken by the organizations because of a series of pamphlets issued by Rabbi Rogozin during the last seven months in which he attacked the orthodox Jewish leaders and rabbis who were active in the war relief work. It was stated that hundreds of orthodox Jewish contributors to these funds demanded that action be taken against Rabbi Rogozin.

Rabbi Rogozin was called to a rabbinical court several times in order to submit evidence in support of his charges or to withdraw them. However, he continually refused to do so.

Attorney J. L. Holzman is the lawyer for the organizations.

DISCOVER COLUMN OF CAPPER NAUM SYNAGOGUE

Jerusalem, Dec. 19.—Capper Naum, the Palestine village often referred to in the New Testament, was the scene of another archaeological discovery made by the Franciscan Order when a column of an old synagogue bearing Hebrew inscriptions was excavated.

POLISH GOVERNMENT IGNORES PARLIAMENT IN APPROVAL OF BILL AFFECTING 32,000 JEWISH FAMILIES

Jewish Deputies Leave Parliament As Sign of Protest.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 19.—The bill concerning the withdrawal of the concession on monopolized articles, which threatens the existence of many Jewish families, was approved today by the Polish Cabinet without being submitted to a vote in Parliament. The bill will become a law on the approval of the President.

This action of the government was taken in spite of promises given to Jewish and Polish representatives of merchants that the bill would be modified in such a way that it would not immediately affect the present concessionaires.

Deputy Reich, in behalf of the Club of Jewish Deputies, read in parliament today a protest against the decision of the Cabinet and pointed out the fact that the bill will ruin thirty-two thousand Jewish families, who will be added to the number of those Jewish artisans and merchants who were economically ruined by the taxation policy of the present government.

The Jewish deputies will therefore vote against the preliminary budget, Dr. Reich declared.

The Jewish deputies left the meeting as a sign of protest, followed by the laughter of the members of the Right and Left parties.

JULIUS KAHN, AUTHOR OF DRAFT BILL, BRILLIANT FIGURE IN AMERICAN JEWRY, DEAD

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Julius Kahn, for twenty-four years representative to Congress for the Fourth California District, one of the leading figures of American Jewry, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee and author of the Draft Bill during the war, died yesterday at the age of sixty-three.

Julius Kahn was born in Kuppenheim, Grand-duchy of Baden, Germany, February 28, 1861. He was brought to America in 1866, when his parents settled in San Francisco. After leaving school he went on the stage and acted with Edwin Booth, Joseph Jefferson and Clara Morris. In 1890 he returned to California where he studied law and in 1892 was elected to the California legislature. He was elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress on the
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PALESTINE IS IDENTIFIED WITH RISE OF CIVILIZATION, PRINCE OF WALES WRITES TO HIGH COMMISSIONER

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 19.—The opinion of the Prince of Wales on the importance of recent developments in Palestine is contained in a letter from the Prince to Sir Herbert Samuel, which was made public today by the Palestine Government.

In his letter, which was written on the occasion of the opening of the Palestine Pavilion at the Wembley Exposition, the Prince congratulates Palestine on “the splendid manner in which the history and the natural resources of the country are represented in the Palestine Pavilion. I hope the people of Palestine will receive a great practical advantage from the Wembley Exposition. I am sure that the people of England will benefit from learning of the industries and the history of Palestine which is identified with the rise of civilization”, the letter concludes.

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JEWISH CLASSICS COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—The Jewish Classics Committee which is in charge of the preparation of the volumes forming the Schiff Library of Jewish Classics held a meeting at Dropsie College. The members of the Committee present were Dr. Cyrus Adler, Dr. Louis Ginzburg, Dr. Israel Davidson, Dr. Alexander Marx, Rev. Dr. Samuel Schulman, Rev. Dr. H. G. Enelow, of New York, Rev. Dr. David Philipson, Dr. Jacob Z. Lauterbach of Cincinnati, Dr. Henry Malter, of Philadelphia and Mr. I. George Dobseve, Secretary.

Announcement was made that the second volume of the series, a selection of the Poems of Ichudah Halevi, translated by Nina Salaman, of London, would appear in a few days.

The forthcoming volume will contain the Hebrew Text, printed with vowel points, as well as an introduction and notes. Other books going through the press at present are the volume containing the text and translation of the tractate Taanit from the Babylonian Talmud, edited and translated by Dr. Malter; a collection of Ethical Wills, edited and translated by Dr. I. Abrahams and a translation of the unique folk-lore work known as the Maase Book by Rev. Dr. M. Gaster of London.

The funds for the publication of this series of Jewish Classics were provided by the late Mr. Jacob H. Schiff who created a trust fund for the purpose, designating the Jewish Publication Society of America as the publishers. It is expected that during 1925 three additional volumes will be issued.

ALTMAN FOUNDATION GIVES \$50,000 TO CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AND \$10,000 TO JEWISH SEMINARY

Fifty thousand dollars was donated by the Altman Foundation to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for the fund that is to be devoted to the completion of the new Cathedral, according to the announcement of Colonel Michael Friedsam, in accordance with the usual custom at the holiday season. The following special contributions have been made in addition to those during the year: Twenty-five thousand dollars to the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

Ten thousand dollars to the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

Ten thousand dollars to the United Hospitals Fund.

Ten thousand dollars to the Jewish Theological Seminary for the Library Fund of that institution, and as a memorial scholarship in honor of Benjamin Altman.

Besides the present distribution, the Foundation recently made a special contribution of \$25,000 to the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies.

DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

Immigrants Kept Judaism Alive in America

The "Canadian Jewish Chronicle," of Dec. 12, dwelling on a statement made recently by an American Jew to the effect that the restriction of immigration will be beneficial to the Jews in America because it "will help release the resources in effort and money that can well be spent in religious and cultural work", expresses its indignation that Jews should hold such a point of view.

"The money that American Jewry spent on Americanization work amongst immigrants and even the vast sums contributed to the relief of European Jewry, has not made any very serious dent in its resources. There was still enough money to be raised in America to supply the needs of American Jewry for a Jewish education. The great need for Jewish knowledge in America was not so apparent while the Jewish stream was kept from drying up by the constant influx of Jews from Europe.

"By this stream of European immigration, Orthodox Judaism was kept supplied with manpower to carry on its work. Reform Jewry depended for its members upon those Jews who were beginning to be somewhat assimilated and who stepped into the breach created in the ranks of Reform by those Jews who had become wholly assimilated. European Jewry was keeping Judaism in America alive", says the "Jewish Chronicle".

Assimilation vs. Americanization

Recurring to Professor Charles W. Eliot's address before the Harvard Zionist Society, of which it treated editorially a few days ago, the "Jewish Daily News" of Dec. 17, dwelling on the protest of the Irish against Professor Eliot's statement that they and the Jews do not assimilate in this country, says:

"So far no Jews have protested against the famous educator, though we are certain there are some Jews who are displeased with his statement. Many will assume that Professor Eliot's assertion that the Jews and the Irish do not assimilate was an implication that they are not as good Americans as others are. This is certainly not what Professor Eliot meant. Americanization and assimilation are two distinct terms which are frequently, and regrettably, confused. Professor Eliot employed these terms in their true conception, the conception which liberal minded persons should have."

The Late Professor Neumark

The death of Professor David Neumark is being commented on editorially and in feature articles in all Jewish papers. The "Day" of Dec. 18 considers Professor Neumark's passing a national loss to the Jewish people.

"Professor Neumark gave his whole life to the work of research in the realm of Jewish spiritual life, of Jewish philosophy and Jewish religion. It is more than the work of a scholar. It is the work of national culture. If with other people research work in the field of culture is merely an addendum, a beautifying of the actualities of life, it is a necessity, an absolute prerequisite for us Jews.

"We do not possess too many great men of spirit in American Jewry, we are not blessed with too many builders of culture. The place occupied in American Jewish life by Professor Neumark cannot be filled."

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Medical Society gave a dinner to Dr. Abraham Strachstein, the retiring President, at the Hotel Commodore, New York. The incoming President, Dr. Nathan Rarnoff, was the toastmaster and speeches were made by Dr. Joseph Saphir and Dr. M. J. Robinson. A gold watch was presented to Dr. Strachstein.

OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

The Comedy of Prince Bibesco's Portrait

(By Our Bucharest Correspondent, J. Evin)

Bucharest, Dec. 8.—Prince Antoine Bibesco is a very charming and popular young man. He is widely known and liked in English and American Society. In England he is the son-in-law of the famous Liberal ex-Premier, Mr. Asquith, the husband of Mr. Asquith's very witty and accomplished authoress daughter. In America he is the wide-awake, anxious-to-please Roumanian Minister at Washington, a pleasant-mannered, clever young diplomat with democratic ideas and the ability to make himself at home and loved in all circles.

But here in Roumania Prince Bibesco is a symbol. The Roumanian newspapers have all of them got in stock a good cut of his portrait, and the first thing we know as soon as an anti-Semitic disturbance has taken place anywhere in Roumania, every newspaper in the country is carrying Prince Bibesco's portrait on the front page, with a report at its side telling us that Prince Bibesco has been at a meeting of Roumanian Jews in America and has assured them that everything will be all right, that the Government is taking steps or is going to take steps to put a stop to the anti-Semitic agitation.

As soon as we hear that there has been trouble anywhere in Roumania in which Jews are involved, we rush off to get a look at the paper, and sure enough, Prince Bibesco's portrait is there, smiling as usual, with the customary reassuring message at the side. One day we read that Prince Bibesco has attended a service at the Roumanian Synagogue in Chicago or Washington or New York, and has delivered a sermon there, another day he has attended the wedding of the daughter of a prominent Jewish resident somewhere in Philadelphia, etc., and always and everywhere he has been pitching the same yarn about the good times coming in Roumania, and always the yarn seems to have gone down great. Things have come to such a pass that if ever a Roumanian Jew picks up a newspaper nowadays and sees Prince Bibesco's portrait about, he begins to scratch his head and wonder how he has happened to miss the report of an anti-Semitic disturbance somewhere. That portrait helps us to keep count.

But there are times when we ask ourselves what may possibly be a very rude question. Why is it, after Prince Bibesco has been going about for so many years assuring the Jews of America that the Roumanian Government is going to put down the anti-Semitic agitation in Roumania with a strong hand, that it is still necessary for him to go about assuring us that the Roumanian Government is going to put down the anti-Semitic agitation in Roumania with a strong hand? It is getting to be a bit of a comedy this portrait of Prince Bibesco's.

The Jews who came from Roumania who are now citizens of the United States must be able to recall what conditions in Roumania are like. It was not for nothing that they fled from Roumania. The fear of the pogrom, the whip which drove them from their Fatherland cannot have been eradicated from their minds so quickly. They have not forgotten the great wave of emigration which swept over fifty thousand Jews away to America, eager to get out of the country in which they were born, rushing to escape from the anti-Semitic brutes who were making their lives in their native country a hell. The Roumanian Jews in America have not forgotten.

We are not questioning Prince Bibesco's sincerity. We have to take at all that he would wish the position of the Jews in Roumania were like that of the Jews in England and America, where he is himself so much at home. But his soft words will not improve matters for the Jews of Roumania. They may make them worse, for if he lulls the Jews of America into a belief that everything is for the best in the best of possible Roumanias, and that the Jews are safe in the hands of a paternal Government whose only interest is to punish those who do them harm, the Jews of America will fold their arms and they will not do what they would otherwise do to come to the aid of the Jews of Roumania and to use the influence which they possess on our behalf. Prince Bibesco, as Roumanian Minister to the U. S. does not visit the American Jews in their synagogues and at their wedding feasts and at their meetings because they are an insignificant body whose opinions are of no account. He is at so much pains to set them at ease only because they are an important body, because they are able to do things and because he is anxious to retain their goodwill. Their intervention, therefore, if they are convinced

THE LATE MARTIN GLYN, FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK—AN APPRECIATION

Martin Glyn was an American in a very high sense of the term. He was a public servant of gifts and a publicist of rare power. As a publicist he excelled alike in writing and in public speech. His attitude to the problems in the life of Israel is a test of his quality. I have observed for many years that Governor Glyn acted finely and understandingly whenever he dealt with Jewish questions. He did not discuss Zionism as if it were some fugitive panacea of unseasoned philanthropists. He encompassed the vision and statesmanship that lay back of it. No man spoke out more truly and generously at the time when the Protocols were published in America,—largely at the instigation of the gentleman who has recently acted as intermediary between the Grand Duchess Cyril and the Monday Opera Club. We of the House of Israel forgive them that wrong us. It is truly our metier as Heine believed it to be the metier of God. We are mindful of the friendship of those who stand up and stand out as defenders of the Jew,—because they are men of truth, men of honor and men of chivalry. Mr. Glyn was such a man. The memory of this righteous American leader be blest!

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CLAYTON WILL BE INDUCED TO REMAIN IN OFFICE; BENTWICH WILL RETIRE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 19.—Sir Gilbert Clayton, Civil Secretary of the Palestine Government left for London today. It was stated that the Colonial Office will endeavor to induce Sir Gilbert to remain in office for another term.

Norman Bentwich, Attorney General of Palestine, who intends to retire, will lecture on philosophy at Cambridge University, according to a report published today in the "Yarmouk".

POLICEMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR MISTREATING SELF-DEFENSE DURING BERLIN RIOTS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Policeman Schreiber, who participated in the cruel mistreatment of the members of the Jewish Self-Defense during the anti-Jewish riots in Berlin in November of last year, was sentenced today to six months' imprisonment.

SCHEINMAN APPOINTED TRADE COMMISSAR IN RUSSIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 19.—Aaron Scheinman, formerly director of the Russian State Bank, was appointed Commissar for Internal Trade.

Construction of the \$5,000,000 Jewish seminary and college, the Yeshiva of America, which will be built on Amsterdam Avenue between 186th and 188th Streets, New York, will be in charge of a committee of leading real estate operators and builders, Samuel Levy, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Building Fund announced. Harry Fischel has been chosen chairman of the Building committee.

that the situation in Roumania is not as rose-colored as Prince Bibesco pictures it, will be of great value to us and may succeed in improving our conditions. If Prince Bibesco, the Roumanian Minister to America, and the Roumanian Government are so anxious to retain the good opinion and the goodwill of the Roumanian Jews in America that good opinion and goodwill must be of value to them and they will make efforts to make conditions better for the Jews of Roumania, if it becomes clear that the only way of retaining that good opinion and goodwill is to do things and not only to talk.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF CITY, STATE AND NATION PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL GOMPERS

Representatives of the City, State and Nation, and of many foreign countries, paid tribute to the deceased labor leader, Samuel Gompers, late president of the American Federation of Labor. The funeral services were held at the Elks Club on West Forty-third Street, where tens of thousands lined the streets as the funeral cortege passed.

Fifteen hundred seats in the lodge room were reserved for the honorary pallbearers, comprising Governor Smith, Mayor Hylan, Acting Secretary of Labor E. J. Henning, Rear Admiral Charles P. Plunkett, Major Gen. Robert Lee Bullard and distinguished men from all fields of the nation's activity.

Rabbi Wise opened the services by reciting the Twenty-third psalm in Hebrew and then in English. He unfolded an impressive Eulogy.

"Knowing Gompers as I did, I felt and feel that his idealism, his unflinching courage, his love of his fellowmen, were nurtured by his Jewish past, emerged out of that background of centuries of high moral purpose and unwithstandable spiritual resolve, to which heritage he gave conscious loyalty. We know but that he might have been a steadfast worshipper within the walls of the synagogue had he found within church and synagogue alike less of social timidities and more of unquenching courage dealing with industrial inequity and social oppression!

"Of Lincoln it was said that he was such a man as freedom knows how to make. We name Samuel Gompers such a man as America knew how to re-make, how to re-fashion to its lofty uses. America re-made this immigrant lad even as America has taken multitudes of immigrant sons and daughters and won them by virtue of its kindling genius and their eager hearts to the uttermost devotion of service to American purposes.

"What romance and wonder in his story! It is in truth an American career, an American epic", Dr. Wise stated. "Gompers died a poor man. Yet, his nearest, will have no inheritance taxes to pay. But he has left you, his very own, and you, his comrades of the cause, rich indeed. His work is done, neither to be done over nor to be undone. Great was his pioneering achievement; it is to be honored not as a goal or ultimate achievement but as incentive and inspiration. How better summarize the life work of Gompers than by reminding you that too long had men said before his day 'now therefore ye are cursed, for none of you shall be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water in the house of my God'. Gompers so lived and wrought and fought that you, who now take up the task and burden he laid down, shall yet behold it come to pass that all men shall be blessed and all of them freed from being bondmen, even the hewers of wood and drawers of water. He had a high and honorable part in freeing men from being bondmen."

When the coffin was lowered to the asphalt vault at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery at Tarrytown the Masonic commitment service was delivered by the Very Rev. Oscar F. R. Tredar, Dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, and Chaplain of the New York Grand Lodge of Masons, assisted by Archie Ralph Kerr, Past Master of St. Cecile Lodge.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH STUDIES WILL BE OPENED 'CHANUKAH (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 19.—Preparations are under way for the opening by Chanukah of the Institute for Jewish Studies, the first of the "humanities" faculties to be established on Mount Scopus as part of the Hebrew University. The University conference held in London in July agreed on the professors to be invited for the first term and authorized Dr. J. L. Magnes, now in Jerusalem, to take all necessary steps for the opening of the Institute.

According to the provisional syllabus, the Institute will include the following departments: Hebrew Aramaic Philology, Arabic Culture and Civilization, Talmud, Archaeological Study of Palestine, Jewish History, Hebrew Literature, Sociology, Jewish Philosophy. The following professors have agreed to teach the first term: Professor M. L. Margolis, Professor Guttman and Dr. S. Klein.

During the second term, Ch. N. Bialik, the Hebrew Poet Laureate and Dr. Leib will lecture. A number of other scholars will soon be added to the present staff.

No Important Nation Desires Reversal of Jewish National Home Policy in Palestine, Lord Balfour Declares

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in trust for proper government of its inhabitants. You may look forward with hope and confidence to the future of this great experiment", Lord Balfour further declared before the Zionist deputation.

As to his Zionist sympathies Lord Balfour stated, "I am a Zionist of long standing. I first became interested in the project when Chamberlain sponsored the plan of settling the persecuted Jews under the British flag in Africa. Later, Dr. Chaim Weizmann convinced me of the impossibility of a plan for settling the Jews anywhere except in the historic land of the Jewish people. Since my conversations with Dr. Weizmann I have been a Zionist and consider lamentable any attempt in this direction in Africa, South America or elsewhere. When the results of the war indicated that Palestine would finally be in the hands of the Allies, I was not least forward among those who were anxious to make it a home for the Jews. The Balfour Declaration embodies an aspiration to which the Jewish people have always remained faithful. This reason for the declaration is more important than the fact that it bears my name", Lord Balfour stated.

Julius Kahn, Author of Draft Bill, Brilliant Figure in American Jewry, Dead

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Republican ticket in 1899, when his national activities began.

During the war he went to Europe as representative of Congress and made a tour of the American Front.

Although devoted mainly to national politics, Julius Kahn took an active part in Jewish affairs. Twenty-five years ago he was one of the charter member who, with Rabbi Jacob Vooranger of Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco, established the Jewish Educational Society of San Francisco, the first of its kind on the Pacific Coast. In 1919 he was a member, together with Henry Morgenthau, of the commission of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which attempted to have a universal religious liberty clause introduced into the Covenant of the League of Nations.

During his long residence in Washington he was ever ready to serve any Jewish cause and occupied a position similar to that of the late Simon Wolf.

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