

ZIONISTS IN SOVIET RUSSIA AGAIN PERSECUTED

Many Exiled, Are Not Allowed Warm Clothing In Spite of Extreme Cold
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 30.—New persecutions, arrests and expulsions of Zionists, Zeire Zionists, Zionist Socialists and members of the Maccabee are taking place in various parts of Soviet Russia, according to reports received here today from Moscow.

A great number of Zionists were exiled to Siberia. Larger numbers are kept in the prisons awaiting decision of their place of exile. Of the Zionists arrested in the city of Homel, six were exiled to Solovetkin, five to Turafan, one was permitted to proceed to Palestine. Two Zionist leaders were expelled from Moscow, one was ordered to Slavki and the other to Turafan. In the city of Kharkoff fifty-one Zionists are kept in jail awaiting decision of their place of exile.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 30.—Thirty one members of the Zeire Zion party were exiled to Siberia during the month of December, according to a report received by the "Daily Telegraph" from Moscow. Two Zionists, Greenfield and Basevitch, were exiled to remote districts and, in spite of the extreme cold, were prohibited from taking along warm clothing.

The Zionist leader Mikharek was exiled from Elisabethgrad and ordered to spend three years on the Solovetzky Islands in the White Sea.

POLISH ZIONISTS ELECT PRESIDUM INSTEAD OF PRESIDENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 30.—A presidium instead of a president of the Federation of Polish Zionists was elected at the convention of Polish Zionists which concluded its sessions yesterday.

The former members of the resigned Executive Committee were elected to the general council of the Federation.

The convention passed a resolution introduced by former president Deputy Greenbaum, favoring Hebrew or Yiddish as the language of instruction in the Jewish schools of Poland.

MRS. LOUIS D. BRANDEIS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF SOCIAL WORKERS CONGRESS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Louis D. Brandeis, wife of the Supreme Court Justice, was elected vice-president of the American Congress of Social Workers which opened today at the Auditorium Hotel.

Two thousand delegates are attending the Congress.

BOX MANUFACTURE TO COMMENCE IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 30.—A new industry will be added to the industries of Palestine, according to the decision of the Jewish National Fund to manufacture the pence boxes in the country. Four hundred thousand boxes are distributed annually throughout the world.

ARAB MURDERERS EXECUTED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 30.—Four Arabs, convicted of murdering five other Arabs, were executed here last night.

ORGANIZATION OF 3000 JEWISH LAND SETTLING FAMILIES COMMENCES IN UKRAINE

Settlers To Form Companies, Including Workingmen, Farmers, Artisans, and Tradesmen
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 30.—All Jews who wish to settle on the land in the Ukraine are to organize into land settling companies, each of which is to comprise not less than ten families, according to a circular issued by the Ukrainian Agricultural Commissariat with regard to the colonization plans to settle three thousand Jewish families on the land during the year 1925.

Membership in the proposed land settling companies is open to workmen who are employed or unemployed, to former farmers, to unemployed clerks, former tradesmen, artisans, "kustars" and small traders. Each company may be comprised of members belonging to any or all the categories.

The formation of the land settling companies and the division of the land among these companies will be completed not later than February 1st. According to the plan, 900 families are to settle in the district of Podol; 900 in the district of Kieff; 600 in the district of Wolyn; 250 in the district of Tchernigoff; 350 in the vicinity of Poltava. Each family will receive ten desiatin of land.

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PARTIES FIGHT WHEN VIENNA KEHILLAH CONVENES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 30.—Representatives of all the Jewish parties urged the acceptance of their respective programs as the program of the newly elected Kehillah of Vienna at its first meeting held here yesterday.

Professor Pick, assimilationist, was elected president. Dr. Loewenherz, Zionist, and Mr. Ehrenstein, Assimilationist, were elected vice-presidents. Five Assimilationists, two Zionists and one neutral member were elected to the Board of Governors.

A declaration read in behalf of the Zionist members of the Kehillah, demanded that the Kehillah be transformed into a Voelksgemeinde, which should participate in the reconstruction work of Palestine. Representatives of the Assimilationists urged the preservation of its previous character as a congregation. The representative of the Agudas Israel laid emphasis on the religious foundation of the Kehillah. The Mizrahi representative criticized the separatist tendencies of the Agudah.

JEWS LIKE MILK

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Jewish families drink more milk than any other nationality. Italian and Negro families have the lowest milk consumption of all racial groups. Fifty-five per cent of persons drinking milk explained it was because "they Eked it."

This was disclosed by a survey completed in Philadelphia by the United States Department of Agriculture, announced Herbert C. Hooks, secretary of the Evaporated Milk Association here.

EX-SOLDIERS KILL JEWISH PASSENGER

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Julius Simon, 30 years old, was beaten to death by three anti-Semites, members of the German Ex-Soldiers' Association, at the railway station in Tilsit.

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JEWES HAVE BEEN LIBERAL TOWARDS BUILDING OF CHURCHES, CATHEDRAL COMMITTEE STATES

Historical Records Cited in Connection with Mortimer Schiff Donation

In connection with the recent gift of \$25,000 by Mortimer L. Schiff to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, the Committee for Completing the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in a communication to the "Jewish Daily Bulletin", calls attention to the fact that American Jews have always displayed a generous attitude towards the erection of edifices of other religious denominations.

The communication of the Committee refers to a number of contributions by American Jews in 1711 towards a fund for building the steeple of Trinity Church, another Episcopal edifice.

"The following is an extract from the Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society Number 3, constituting papers presented at the third annual meeting held in Washington, December 26 and 27, 1894", the communication continues.

"This article may fitly be brought to a close by a reference to a very striking incident in old New York history. Among the most interesting incidents referred to in the last number of this Society's proceedings was that of the subscription list circulated in 1788 among non-Jews of Philadelphia on behalf of the synagogue of that city, to which the names of Benjamin Franklin, Charles Biddle, William Bradford, David Rittenhouse and others were signed.

"It appears, however, that the Jews of New York more than seventy-five years before them, had exhibited a similar liberal spirit and apparently without any such direct appeal to them as was resorted to by the Jews of Philadelphia to the Christian subscribers. In a work entitled "Historical Sketch of Trinity Church" by the Rev. Wm. Berrian, we learn that a subscription was started in 1711 toward building the steeple of that church, as a result of which \$312. 13s. 7d. were collected, the Jews' contributions aggregating \$5. 12s. 3d. The list of Jewish donors is as follows:

"Moses Levy, 11s.; Jacob Franks, 41; Rodridge Pacheco, 21; Mordecai Nathan, 11s.; Lewis Gomez, 120; Moses Michael, 8s. 3d.; and Rabbi Abraham D'Lucena, 21. The above donations were recorded by Church Wardens David Jamison and John Crook.

"Considering the time at which this subscription was started, the insignificance in point of numbers of the Jews in New York at this period, and the financial condition of the donors, this act of generosity and religious liberality, which recognized no bounds of sects and creeds, is indeed remarkable," the communication concludes.

DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

An Optimistic View of Jewish Activities in America

"Whatever may be said of the future of American Jewry, it must be admitted, however, that we are passing through an epoch of great energetic constructive work in all phases of Jewish life," says the "Jewish Daily News" in an editorial of December 28th.

"A perusal of the Jewish press of one week will show a great many activities in all Jewish sections of New York, an energetic work of money raising for Jewish purposes to strengthen and improve Jewish life here.

"We will not exaggerate in saying that from two to three thousand sermons, speeches and lectures are being delivered every week on Jewish subjects. These sermons, speeches and lectures are delivered to millions of listeners which shows how the great percentage of Jews are eager to listen to anything that pertains to Judaism and where there are people who are willing to lend their ear, there are also many who are ready to lend hearty support.

"Most of these speeches are calculated to bring the Jewish public nearer to Jewish thought and sentiment. No matter how much the speakers may differ in their opinions, the great majority of them agree that Jews should maintain their national life and traditions. This is something that should not be underestimated, in discussing the Jewish situation in America.

"It is difficult to appraise the great effort of the Jews of America to maintain their talmud torahs, parochial schools and various other educational institutions, synagogues, centers, Y. M. H. A., etc. The Jews of America are not idle spiritually. There are many active workers, many supporters, and many preachers and, above all, the Jews of America are vitally interested in Jewish affairs. Let us hope for good results."

Jewish Federation Held Up As Model

The N. Y. "Times" of Sunday lauds the work of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies and recommends that this organization be taken as a model for the better administration and coordination of the private charities of New York City. The "Times" says:

"The Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies has in the last few years presented a model of successful cooperation in the distribution and use of funds for the support of all phases of social welfare maintained and administered by Jewish agencies in this city. These include hospitals, child-caring institutions, schools and societies for the handicapped and organizations for helping families. The entire amount required has been raised as a common fund and apportioned to the several agencies, with the result that there has not only been a complete covering of the field through cooperation, but also elimination of waste through the avoidance of overlapping. It is an admirable model for a wider administration and coordination among the private charities of New York City.

"The Jewish Federation is giving a lesson in scientific charity that yet maintains the finest humane spirit."

Jewish Baker Gives Life To Save Others

Cleveland, Dec. 30.—Abraham Newman, 21, who worked as a mixer in a bakery, gave his life in an attempt to prevent an explosion which might have caused the death of others.

He had left the burning building after turning in a fire alarm, but returned later to shut off a valve of the machinery to prevent explosion. He never came out again.

OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

Young Jew Who May Soon Control Germany's Financial Destinies

(By Our Berlin Correspondent)

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Some time ago, when the late. Hugo Stinnes was at the zenith of his tremendous financial power in Germany, rumors were spread that he was of Jewish origin and, while there were no reliable proofs to that effect, the supposed Semitic aspect of his physiognomy led many people to believe in the truth of these reports. But if it was not substantiated that Stinnes was a Jew, it is well known that the new financial wizard of Germany, who is today the strongest contender for the place which Stinnes occupied, is not only a Jew, but an orthodox Jew to boot. Jakob Michael is his name. Although he is but 32 years of age, they call him here the "King of the Boerse."

The story of Jakob Michael's rise to power reads like an absorbing novel. Like that other Jewish financial prodigy of this decade, Castiglioni of Austria, Michael started out as a comparatively poor boy who ventured into big enterprises during the war and multiplied his first small investment into millions of dollars. From an article in a magazine here we learn that Michael is the son of a Jewish merchant on a small scale. When still a young boy he worked as a clerk in a counting house in Frankfort. As he has a great dislike for publicity it has been impossible to find out where he was born. Some say he came from Galicia, others claim that his parents lived in Frankfort itself. Anyway, he was in Frankfort at an early age. He learned a great deal about the metal and iron industries at the counting house where he was employed for some years. Later, spurred on by ambition, he ventured into business on his own with the 15,000 marks which his father and kinsfolk contributed. That was several years before the war.

At that time most of the important commodities were already controlled by large interlocking trusts. But there was one commodity which had not yet been cornered by the big money men, and that was radium. Young Michael dealt in radium. Before long he was supplying radium salts to laboratories as far apart as Paris and Tokio.

It is said that he was the first man in the business. If so he certainly has accomplished a big thing and fully deserves his success.

When the war came he took advantage of a breach in the system of organization of raw materials and got another running start. Rathenau's round-up of raw material had overlooked one metallic substance, tungsten, which is found in conjunction with chalk and lead oxide, and was required for the hardening of steel and the production of electric lights. It was indispensable when the sea was blockaded and the supply from abroad cut off. The trader in radium saw his chance while others blindly passed it by. He bought for a song accumulations of ore waste in the Erzgebirge. From this waste he got the needed tungsten, which presently was of great value.

With the end of the war and the sudden ending of contracts and the fall of prices he seemed to be ruined, but the inflation period saved him by wiping out his debts.

Michael now set about getting a foothold in the chemical industry, at the same time consolidating his financial standing by setting up a bank and holding company for his interests.

In this way he began to weave a net of banking combinations and, by buying up block after block of shares in chemical and financial organizations, he became, according to the accounts given here, master of the money market.

FREE MASONRY GIVES ENDORSEMENT TO PALESTINE RECONSTRUCTION MOVEMENT

New York Masons Will Raise \$100,000 For Palestine Foundation Fund

A letter placing the stamp of official endorsement of Masonry on the rebuilding of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine, was addressed by William A. Rowan, Grand Master of the New York State Masons, to Louis A. Sable, Chairman of a special committee organized by Jewish Masons to obtain encouragement for the Zionist movement from Free Masonry.

"My opinion having been asked as to the proper attitude of Masons toward the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine", the Grand Master writes, "I have no hesitation in stating that I warmly approve of the movement which was initiated by the Balfour Declaration and endorsed by the Joint Resolution of the Congress of the United States and approved by the President.

"As establishing a place of refuge for the oppressed Jews of Central and Eastern Europe in a land enriched by the memories and traditions of the past and regarded as holy ground by Jew and non-Jew alike, it should appeal to the humanitarian impulses of all mankind, particularly to the Masonic Fraternity which traces its legendary origin to the Holy Land."

In March 1924, a special reception by Masons was tendered to Dr. Chaim Weizmann and since then the interest among Masons in the cause continued to grow until it culminated in the official approval by the Grand Master. Other Masons who have been active in this effort are: Moses Altman, Past District Deputy; Arthur Arkin, Grand Representative; Anthony W. Klein, Grand Representative; Harry N. Simon, Grand Representative and others.

Judge Arthur S. Tompkins, Past Grand Master of New York, has also indorsed Masonic cooperation in the Zionist movement. New York Masons as a group expect to contribute the sum of \$100,000 to the Palestine Foundation Fund this year, according to Mr. Sable. He stated that the opening of the first departments of the Hebrew University on the Mount Scopus has had a marked influence in stimulating interest among Masons in cooperating in the rebuilding of the country.

\$30,000 for a new synagogue was pledged by the members of Machezkeh Hadas Congregation, Scranton, Pa., at a banquet in observance of Chanukah. Harry Harris, president of the Congregation, was toastmaster.

The list of the enterprises which he owns or controls is very impressive, including some half a dozen banks and twice that many industrial concerns. The banks include the Deutsche Vereinsbank, Hannoverische Boden Credit Bank, Textile Credit Bank and Mitteldeutsche Credit Bank. It has been said that he was particularly busy accumulating influence in this last. It has also been said that he has been buying heavily with a view to getting entrenched inside the Stinnes concerns, especially the Rhine-Elbe Union, but his most profitable investments are in the metal and chemical industries.

Many people here regard Michael as the coming big man in German industry and finance. At 32 he is well on the way to taking the place of the late Stinnes.

Some who know him assert that he is an orthodox Jew and go even so far as to state that in his own immediate concerns he employs only people who are orthodox Jews.

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LOUIS MARSHALL POINTS TO PATRIOTISM OF SAMUEL GOMPERS AND JULIUS KAHN PLEADING FOR ADMISSION OF JEWISH REFUGEES

The figures of Samuel Gompers and Julius Kahn, emigrant Jews, who rose to great eminence in this country because of their patriotism and devotion, were painted by Louis Marshall, Chairman of the Emergency Committee on Jewish-Refugees in an appeal to members and worshippers of the Central and Free Synagogues on behalf of the 15,000 Jews stranded in various European seaports and in Cuba. In response to this appeal the sum upward of \$5,000 was contributed immediately.

"We are seeking now to reach the hearts and to touch the consciences of men who have the making of our laws in order to induce them to clean the official slate of our immigration department, to honor the passports or the visas upon passports lawfully issued under due authority, so that it may not be said that what is in effect the signature of the United States has been dishonored," Mr. Marshall declared. "We hope to succeed. We may not. We hope that public opinion may be aroused to ask this act of justice. It may not. We cannot believe that those whose actions were shaped in reliance upon what they had the moral right to regard as official permission to enter the United States if they were mentally, morally and physically fit, will be condemned to die in despair," he stated.

"At all events there are those who must be cared for. Whether these unfortunates may be permitted to sail or not, we feel that we need Five Hundred Thousand Dollars to deal with this urgent situation," Mr. Marshall said.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN

Dear Sir: Rabbi Silverman acts on the German motto: "The best defense is attack." It has pleased him to speak of my peculiar logic but in his answer to my letter he has skillfully avoided reference to my points. Does Rabbi Silverman actually think that nothing but the cap at the marriage ceremony distinguishes the orthodox rabbi from his reformed colleague? (although the removal of the cap in itself is a definite breach of tradition). Does Rabbi Silverman not know that the four pillars of Judaism: Kashruth, Hinech, Shabbat and Tahara (the Dietary Laws, Jewish training, the Sabbath and the Jewish Laws of family purity) have been abrogated or reduced to an absurd minimum by reformed rabbis?

Rabbi Silverman has now, instead of deciding, asked the question of Jewish Law and that indicates a change of attitude which is to be welcomed.

I gladly refer him to the codes of Jewish Law in which he will find an answer to his question.

Sincerely yours,

(RABBI) LEO JUNG.

JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

The Jewish community in Guelph, Ontario, has purchased a residence which will be converted into a synagogue which will seat a hundred persons. There are at present thirty Jewish families in Guelph.

BREVITIES

The Jewish Cultural Society of Houston, Texas, has started a movement for a library of books pertinent to Jewish life dealing with current and historical topics.

Fifteen Jewish labor unions were represented yesterday at the funeral of Benjamin Witaschin, a labor organizer and lieutenant of the late Samuel Gompers, who died on Saturday in Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. The funeral was held at an undertaking chapel in 312 East Fifth Street. Cantor Israel Breeh conducted the service. Eulogies were delivered by union delegates.

Rabbi Hyman Sharfman was convicted of selling liquor in Boston and sentenced to a month's imprisonment and a fine of \$200. He appealed and was released on bail.

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22,384 TOURISTS VISIT PALESTINE DURING SUMMER MONTHS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—Twenty-two thousand, three hundred and eighty-four tourists, excluding immigrants, visited Palestine during the months of May, June, July, August and September, a good number spending over two months, according to a report published in the official Commercial Bulletin for December.

It is expected that the coming winter tourist season will be a record one, the estimated number of tourists who will visit Egypt and Palestine according to tourist agencies, far exceeding those of any pre-war winter. The official report for October shows that 4,327 travellers in transit, tourists and pilgrims, entered the country during that month.

In order to cope with the large number of tourists, many of them Jewish, expected in 1925, a non-commercial Jewish Information Bureau is being opened in Jerusalem to give information about tours, hotels, antiquities, etc.

DUARTE SANITORIUM FOR JEWISH CONSUMPTIVES FACES DEFICIT OF \$75,000

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—The Hospital for Jewish Consumptives at Duarte in the foothills of Southern California, housing 150 patients, is facing a deficit of \$75,000, according to an appeal issued by Los Angeles Rabbis for support of the institution.

The sanatorium, which cared for 315 patients last year, is maintained through the Jewish Consumptive Relief Association of California and was founded ten years ago because two Jewish consumptive youths committed suicide when stranded in Los Angeles. This incident aroused the Jewish population and a meeting of workmen laid the foundation for the institution which now occupies thirty modern buildings on vast grounds. Admission is restricted to penniless patients.

Organization of 3,000 Jewish Land Settling Families Commences in Ukraine

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No misunderstandings with local communities are likely to arise and no claims by neighboring peasants can be made in connection with the settlement of the 3000 families, because all the land has been allotted from state colonization reserves.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 30.—A number of prominent economists, agricultural experts and practical workers in the field of colonization, including U. Larin, Abraham Bragin, Professors Fabricant and Margolin, experts on agriculture, and representatives of the Government Committee for Settling of Jews, as well as representatives of the Ort, participated in the conference held here last Monday with regard to the Jewish colonization plan.

The conference unanimously recognized the urgent necessity to take a census immediately and complete an economic investigation of the Jews in the small towns of the Union of Soviet Republics. Further work towards the solving of the Jewish economic problem will be based on the data procured by the census.

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