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CATHOLIC MERCHANT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TOWN ACQUIRES SYNAGOGUE PEW

Seat Sold Because Owner Failed to
Pay Kehillah Taxes

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, Mar. 2.—A wealthy Catholic merchant of Volke Topolcany purchased to the surprise of the Jewish population of the town, a pew in the great Orthodox synagogue of the city, which was sold at auction.

This action was taken by the Kehillah following an order of the Court issued against the pew holder, a prominent Jewish merchant of the city, in default of his payment of the Kehillah taxes. The other members of the Jewish community abstained from coming to the auction sale, because they disagreed with the procedure of the Kehillah board in selling the pew, contending that the merchant had other property which could have been turned into cash.

The Jewish community of Volke Topolcany is now curiously looking forward to seeing what the Catholic merchant will do with his acquisition in the synagogue.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS BOOKS IN RUSSIA HAVE WIDE SALE

(U. T. A. Mail Service)

Riga, March 2.—The demand for Jewish religious books is continually increasing in Soviet Russia, according to a report published in a Communist magazine.

The magazine, "Der Junger Arbeiter," published in Minsk, states that in White Russia 35,000 copies of Jewish religious books were sold by one publisher, Ginsberg of Bessarabia. Fifty thousand copies of the Jewish calendar were distributed by the same publisher.

SUNDAY CLOSING BILL IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, March 2.—A bill aiming at temporary Sunday observance by all shopkeepers in England will be introduced in the House of Commons, according to a report of the "Manchester Guardian" today.

A similar law now exists, but it is not being enforced. In several cities 95 percent of the stores are open on Sunday. The new bill was submitted for criticism and approval to various religious and commercial organizations.

80,000 JEWISH FARMERS IN U.S. FROM 1000 IN 1900, REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SAYS

Jewish Farm Movement Gains Impetus; Jews are Tilling a Million Acres Worth \$150,000,000

"The interest of the Jew in farming is unabated" says Gabriel Davidson, General Manager of the Jewish Agricultural Society in its twenty-eighth annual report just issued.

The Jewish farm population in the United States has grown from barely a thousand in 1900 to an estimated population of eighty thousand in 1928. One million acres are today being farmed by Jews and the real estate and personal property value of their holdings is over \$150,000,000.

The report gives the year 1927 as the most active in the Society's history. "Large numbers of city Jews have their minds on the farm." More Jews are giving up their city occupations and are turning to the farm for a livelihood. The Society came in contact during the year with 30,000 people, the largest number in its history.

The report gives many details showing the progress of the various departments and branch offices through which the Society operates.

The Society's Farm Loan Department has since 1900 granted a total of 8,933 loans aggregating \$5,710,689.00. Loans have been made to Jewish farmers in 40 states. Last year loans were made to

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DAVID E. KAUFMAN NAMED BY PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AS MINISTER TO BOLIVIA

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, March 2.—David E. Kaufman, lawyer and student of international affairs, was nominated by President Coolidge to be the American Minister to Bolivia. He will succeed Jesse S. Cottrell, who resigned.

The nomination caused surprise as Mr. Kaufman previously had been considered for Minister to Egypt. He has been active in Pennsylvania politics for several years although he never held political office. During his travels, Mr. Kaufman passed much time in Europe, the Near East and South America.

It was pointed out in Washington that the new Minister to Bolivia may be helpful in settling the fifty year old Tacna Arica boundary dispute between Chile and Peru, in which Bolivia figures as the possible beneficiary in the gift of a port on the Pacific.

EATING RYE BREAD CAUSES ERGOT POISONING AMONG THE JEWS OF MANCHESTER

British Medical Journal Reveals
Starting Results of Investigation
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Mar. 2.—The eating of rye bread, widely prevalent among Jewish immigrants coming from Eastern Europe, is causing ergot poisoning which produces numbness of the fingers, headaches, depression, gastric disturbances and twitching of limbs, according to an investigation the result of which was described today in an issue of the British Medical Journal.

The investigation was made in connection with the spreading of this disease among the Jewish population of Manchester, where a large number of persons are now suffering from this condition.

The investigation showed that the symptoms of this disease are to be found only among those persons who eat rye bread and never among those who eat white bread only. The Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe the majority of whom eat rye bread, suffer the most.

The medical investigators also declared that gangrene is possibly due to this cause. The investigators are also assuming that the eating of rye bread is particularly harmful to expectant mothers, as the ergot poisoning often results in a miscarriage.

The investigation disclosed that tailors and other hard working persons have often found their fingers growing numb. This condition is considered to be one of the earliest symptoms of the disease.

In publishing the results of the investigation the British Medical Journal comments that ergotism was the scourge of Europe during the Middle Ages but was believed to have been banished by civilization.

JEWISH IMMIGRATION EVENS EMIGRATION IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 2.—Jewish immigration to Palestine nearly balanced with the emigration during the month of January, according to figures made known today.

During the month 259 persons arrived in the country, including 176 Jews. Of the 217 who left the country, 185 were Jews.

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SOL M. STROOK IS REELECTED PRESIDENT FOR THIRD TIME OF NEW YORK FEDERATION

Sol M. Stroock has been elected president of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies for the third year and Dudley D. Sicher has been named chairman of the Business Men's Council of the Federation, according to an announcement yesterday by Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the board.

Mr. Stroock is the fourth president named to lead the organization since the local Jewish community chest was founded in 1917, his predecessors in office being Felix M. Warburg, Arthur Lehman and Joseph L. Bittenweiser. Mr. Sicher succeeds Percy S. Straus, who presented his withdrawal as chairman of the Business Men's Council, but who will continue, with Frederick Brown, as honorary chairman. The Business Men's Council is the organization responsible for the money-raising activities of the Federation and is composed of representative men from business and the professions who voluntarily solicit funds in their respective fields.

Other officers of the Federation for 1928 have been named as follows: Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the board; Arthur Lehman, associate chairman; Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, Benjamin F. Feiner, Henry F. Samstag and

ANGLO-JEWISH BODY REPORTS ON SITUATION IN ROUMANIA, SEES PATIENCE WARRANTED Expulsion in Turkey Stopped by In- tervention of Ica and American Jewish Committee

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Mar. 1.—The position of the Jews in Roumania is taken up again in a report of the Joint Foreign Committee, representing the Board of Jewish Deputies and Anglo-Jewish Association.

The Committee, the report said, had considered a number of reports relating to various aspects of the Jewish question in Roumania. Except for one riot in the University of Bucharest, and two raids on Jewish cemeteries, there have been no antisemitic disorders in Roumania during the past month. The Government acted promptly after the University outbreak by forbidding all meetings of students. The action of the Bucharest University in suspending a large number of students implicated in the recent anti-Semitic riots also had a pacifying effect. Of the two hundred students sent down by the police for trial by court-martial at Bucharest, Jassy and Cluj, only twenty-eight have been so far convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from six months to ten days. Nine appeals to the supreme military tribunal have been rejected, and in four cases sentences have been reduced. Notwithstanding the small number of convictions and the moderation of the punishments, they seem to have caused great indignation among the general body of students, and the Roumanian Students League has published an insolent manifesto demanding the immediate release of all prisoners and threatening the Government with reprisals. Nothing has been done by the Government to deal with the more deep-rooted causes of the anti-Jewish movement. The great majority of the Jewish students still abstain from

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Jacob Sperber, vice presidents; Col. H. A. Guinzburg, treasurer; Walter E. Baer, associate treasurer; Edwin H. Stern, comptroller; Herman Lissner, secretary and Solomon Lowenstein, executive director.

Announcement was made that the Business Men's Council, which includes 134 trade and professional groups, will hold a dinner at the Hotel Roosevelt on Wednesday evening, March 21. The dinner meeting will be held to welcome the council and his associate officers, whose names are to be made known next week. The purpose of the dinner meeting also will be to present a report of the expenditures in 1927 by the 91 constituent societies of the Federation, and to submit the findings of the Distribution Committee on the allotment of funds to the affiliated societies for 1928.

JOHN BARRYMORE AND MOVIE PRODUCER IN FIST FIGHT OVER SLUR TO JEWISH RACE Stage and Screen Idol Confined to His Room as Result of Battle With Selznick

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Hollywood, March 2.—Remarks derogatory to the Jewish race, made by John Barrymore, idol of the stage and screen, were the cause of a fist fight between him and Myron Selznick, Jewish motion picture producer.

The fist fight, which took place on the lawn of the Ambassador Hotel, last Saturday night, it was disclosed yesterday, lasted about 10 minutes. As a result of the fight it was stated that Mr. Barrymore will not be seen in public for a number of days.

Mr. Myron Selznick, when interviewed by the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, declined to make any further comments on the incident. Mr. Barrymore could not be reached, and his friends and representatives issued a denial of the account current in Hollywood circles.

The Associated Press gave the following account of the incident:

On the night when the Wampas ball was being attended by filmdom's elite at the Ambassador, Selznick said he was holding a supper party when Owen Moore, also of the screen, called for him. Moore told Selznick he was wanted by Lionel Barrymore to discuss a business matter. Lionel's brother, Jobst, also was at the hotel bungalow, where Selznick declared he made the slurring remarks about his nationality.

"I felt I had been insulted," Selznick said, "and I asked him like a gentleman to refrain from making more remarks. He wanted me to fight him and I told him I respected his age. This seemed to anger him very much, so when I left the bungalow he followed Moore and me."

"He struck me before I walked out and on the lawn he struck me again. Then we had a real fight which lasted about ten minutes. Moore tried to separate us but was unable to do so. That probably is the reason we fought so long. Then I returned to the supper party and Barrymore went back to his bungalow."

WAHABIS ARE REPULSED ON TRANSJORDANIAN FRONTIER

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 2.—An attack of the Wahabis on the frontier of Transjordan was repulsed by the British military forces.

A strong group of Wahabis equipped with modern arms appeared in the neighborhood of Maan. It was believed that the Wahabis contemplated conquering Akaba and Maan. An auxiliary of 7 tanks and 22 aeroplanes was employed in the battle against the Wahabis.

MOSCOW MARCH 4, 1928 WELCOMES SETTLEMENT PLAN IN BUREYA, SIBERIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 13.—At a mass meeting held here last night, addressed by Messrs. Merejinn, Bruk, and Raabke, the following resolution was adopted on the subject of the Jewish colonization project in the Bureya region, Siberia.

"This meeting of the Moscow Jewish workers welcomes the decision of the Comzet (Government commission for Jewish land settlement) to set aside the Bureya region in the Far East for a mass colonization of the Jewish urban poor. This decision has a historic significance for the development of the Jewish working masses, for it provides the opportunity of transferring tens of thousands of the Jewish population to productive work in agriculture and industry, will help them to organize their economic and cultural life and with the proper development of the trans-settlement work will lead also to the creation of an autonomous Jewish centre.

"This meeting also welcomes the decision of the Jewish Colonization Society (Ozet) to assume the heavy pioneer task of carrying through the Jewish land settlement in the Bureya region. This meeting calls upon both Jewish and non-Jewish workers to assist the Soviet Government in every way to realize the work of rebuilding the economic foundations of the life of the Jewish masses, which is part of its national policy and of the Socialist construction of the country. This meeting expresses its conviction that the Jewish poor who have the will to build up a new life in consonance with the Socialist development of our country will not hold back because of the distance of the region and that they will fertilize the land with their toil and sweat and build up in that region a new and flourishing corner of our many-peopled Socialist Soviet Federation."

NEW PIONEER ORGANIZATION BEARS NAME OF JOSEPH TRUMP- PELDOR, PALESTINE HERO

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 2.—The memory of Joseph Trumpeldor, Jewish labor leader and hero of the New Palestine, who died in defense of a Jewish colony against an Arab attack, was honored today on the occasion of the anniversary of his death.

Many Jewish workers made a pilgrimage to his grave which is located in Tel Chai, where he died, placing wreaths on his grave.

At the close of the memorial exercises, a "Brith Trumpeldor," a pioneer organization, was formed.

DR. SOLOMON SOLIS-COHEN IN NEW POST AS MEDICAL HEAD

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Mar. 2.—Dr. Solomon Solis-Cohen, eminent physician and professor emeritus of the Jefferson Hospital, one of the largest hospitals in this country, has accepted the position of medical director of the new Jewish Convalescent Home about to be erected at Willowgrove, according to an announcement made by Mr. Maurice Steppacher, president of the institution. This acceptance on the part of Dr. Cohen is considered a step forward in the development of the Jewish Convalescent Home, a constituency of the Federation of Jewish Charities. Dr. Cohen is known as one of the leading exponents of the convalescent idea in this country.

The new Convalescent Home is being erected at a cost of \$350,000.

Dr. Solomon Solis-Cohen is not to be identified with his late brother, Jacob D. Silver Solis-Cohen, who died Dec. 22, 1927.

TO NAME ATHENS STREET IN HONOR OF MAX NORDAU

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Salonica, Feb. 5.—One of the main streets in Athens will be renamed the Nordau Street in honor of the late Dr. Max Nordau, according to a decision of the Athens City Council. The Lord Mayor of Athens has presented a parchment document recording the decision to Dr. Max Nordau's daughter, Maxa, who is now visiting Athens. The Lord Mayor, in making the presentation, said that in the most difficult hour of the Greek people when the philo-Hellenes of Western Europe had kept silent, Dr. Nordau had proclaimed to the world the power of vitality of the Greek people and had foretold their renaissance. It was fitting that the capital of Greece should honor his memory.

HADAR HACARMEL SOCIETY, LTD. IS TO BE LIQUIDATED

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Haifa, Feb. 2.—The District Court has given judgment under which the Hadar Hacarmel Cooperative Society, Limited, is to be liquidated. It is established in court that the company's liabilities amount to \$16,000 and its assets amount only to \$1,000.

The court has appointed Mr. Shirley Dale as liquidator, instructing him, however, not to sell anything belonging to the company before the company's appeal is lodged.

A victory dinner was held in Perth Amboy, N. J., Wednesday evening, in celebration of the completion of the \$200,000 fund for the amortization of the mortgage on the community center erected three years ago. The mortgage was burned at the dinner. Several hundred attended the celebration.

GERMAN JEWISH BODY IN RESOLUTION DISAGREES WITH ZIONIST POSITION

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Berlin, Feb. 14.—The following resolution on the Zionist question has been adopted by the Biennial Conference of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith by 97 votes against 62.

"The public propaganda carried on by the Zionists has resulted in the idea previously held only by the enemies of the Jews that there is a distinction between Germans and Jews, gaining ground continually among the general public.

"The impression is being spread abroad as if the German Jews do not belong to the German nation but that they belong to a Jewish nation which is scattered all over the world and has its home in Palestine. This state of affairs is placing in grave danger that which has been won in over a hundred years of fighting for emancipation. The Central Union must therefore oppose more effectively than hitherto the Zionist conception, according to which Judaism is presented as a national and cultural community of all Jews with Palestine as their national and cultural centre. The task of the Central Union is to strive to obtain an understanding in public opinion for its conception of Germanism and Judaism, as against the effects of the Zionist propaganda."

The thesis presented by Dr. Hol-laender, director of the Central Union, on the question of Zionism and the German Jews which was adopted unanimously by the conference, was formulated by him in the following manner: I hold the national Jewish Palestine work to be false and damaging. Only practical work in Palestine is to be promoted, in so far as it contributes to the alleviation of Jewish distress. We are in favor of Jewish settlement work and settlement work can be carried on also in Palestine. The decisive point is the rejection of the national Jewish idea. But here too the conflict of opinion ought to be carried on in an un-objectionable manner and in a brotherly spirit. In the Palestine question, it is possible from our standpoint to hold differing opinions. Everyone must act in this question in such a way that he can reconcile it with his conscience. This is not a cardinal question. In the principal questions there is no compromise. In the other questions, however, there should be every possible elasticity.

A resolution which sought to declare that membership of the Central Union is not reconcilable with membership of the Pro-Palestine Committee was rejected with only a few votes in favor.

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534 individual farmers located in 18 states, and 2431 persons were directly benefited. The financial service extended by the Society is based on business principles, though loans are made on marginal securities and their repayment is spread over a long period of years. There is no exaction of bonus or commission or payment of renewal charges. This department had aided many farmers to obtain a firmer foothold and has also helped numerous persons to take up agricultural pursuits.

The Society's Farm Employment Department has secured farm employment for 15,981 Jewish young men since 1908. Last year it placed 471 men as farm workers. This department affords young Jews the opportunity of acquiring practical agricultural training. Records show that many bought farms of their own after a period of service.

During the past ten years 10,137 Jewish men and women desiring to buy farms applied to the Society's Farm Settlement Department—for advice and guidance. Farms were found for 947 families of whom 453 received loans to help finance their purchase. This Department is responsible for the establishment of the Toms River—Lakewood (New Jersey) Settlement. It helped place there more than one hundred Jewish families, all of whom developed into successful farmers. Recently new Jewish farming centers were established in Farmingdale, New Jersey, and in Bound Brook, New Jersey. Through this Department the Society is also carrying on fraud prevention work and is waging warfare against dishonest farm agents.

The agricultural experts of the Society's Extension Department visited 1679 Jewish farmers during 1927. Through this system of itinerant instruction, the farmers received up-to-date and scientific information in the various branches of farming. During the period 1920—1927, these extension experts visited 12,498 farmers in 45 counties of 12 states. They held 1040 meetings, demonstrations, field days and extension schools. In addition, advice and aid were given to 12,502 farmers who sought individual consultation at the Society's central office. This Department also gave scholarships to the sons and daughters of Jewish farmers 309 such scholarships were granted for Winter Courses held at the State Agricultural Colleges in 12 states. The Department also maintains a Purchasing Service Bureau, which saves the farmers considerable sums in the purchase of supplies and material.

The Agricultural Night School conducted by this Department is the only one of its kind. The School's attendance has

PALESTINE TEACHERS IN DIFFICULT PLIGHT, FIVE MONTHS' SALARIES UNPAID

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, March 2.—Admitting that the situation of the Hebrew teachers in Palestine is "cruelly hard", the Zionist Executive issued today a statement in which it is declared that the teachers did not receive their salaries for five months. The amount owing to teachers is about £30,000.

The Executive declares that it finds it impossible to arrange for a special loan to meet these obligations. It promises however, to pay this debt proportionately to the further income of the educational budget. The debt includes unpaid salaries for August and September.

more than doubled since it was opened three years ago, and its enrollment for the 1927 session numbered 178.

The extension Department also publishes "The Jewish Farmer," the pioneer Yiddish agricultural magazine in the world.

In 1927 the Society's Sanitation Department inspected 942 farmers in Jewish farming districts in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. It has promoted higher standards of rural sanitation—safeguarding farm water sources, teaching sanitary disposal methods and protecting food supplies.

The Society also made loans for the erection of synagogues and community houses, and has promoted and supported rural religious education. The Society cooperates with the National Council of Jewish Women and with the United Synagogue of America in advancing the social and religious phases of rural life.

The officers of the Society are, Percy S. Straus, President; Lewis L. Straus, Vice-President; Reuben Arkush, Secretary; Francis F. Rosenbaum, Treasurer.

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attending lectures at the Universities, owing to the want of adequate police protection. On the other hand the Government continue to make reassuring declarations, and in this respect they find a large measure of support among the party leaders and in the press. In view of this hopeful situation, and the advice received from leading Jews in Roumania, the Committee are of opinion that the continuation of an attitude of patience and watchfulness is warranted. They will, however, continue to urge upon the Roumanian Government the policy of reform indicated in their last letter to M. Titulesco. Meanwhile, they have communicated their correspondence with the Roumanian Government to the Foreign Office and the League of Nations.

In consultation with the Refugees Section of the League of Nations, the Jewish Colonisation Association and the American Jewish Committee, the report proceeds, steps have been taken to allay the anxieties of the Jews in Turkey caused by recent events in that country. The Turkish Government has consented to suspend the proposed expulsion of the Russian refugees, of whom 750 are Jews, for another year, on condition that an effort is made to evacuate a certain proportion of them. In order to carry out this agreement, an Advisory Committee has been established in Constantinople, to which the Jewish Colonisation Association has been invited to send a delegate. It is estimated that the cost of emigrating and re-settling the refugees will be at least £36,000. Towards this sum £20,000 has been raised in the United States. The estimates for dealing with the Jewish refugees are on a somewhat larger scale, but it is hoped that as the majority of them are old settlers in Turkey, and consequently not strictly refugees, it may be possible to deal with this aspect of the problem by an outlay of about £10,000.

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