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## Gen. Smuts, Praising Jews, Attacks South African Bill Restricting Immigration

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Capetown, Feb. 18.—With the new South African quota bill that limits to 50 the number of immigrants to be admitted annually from all but 12 Nordic countries in Europe, the British Commonwealth and the United States, in committee, General Jan Christian Smuts, leader of the South African or opposition party, who has just returned to South Africa after an extended visit to the United States and England, turned his guns on the bill which has been interpreted here as an attack on the Jews, since it curtails most severely the immigration from those countries from which the majority of South African Jews originate.

Asserting that the fact that his party had voted for the bill during its second reading only meant its agreement that some form of immigration restriction was necessary, General Smuts deprecated the method of the bill as "invidious, iliberal and undoubtedly aimed at a certain section of the people. I should be very sorry to see any law placing a stigma on any of our people. They may be unpopular but they are our own people and have done their share, perhaps more than their share, in the past."

General Smuts said that if the bill passes "there would be no place in the country for men like Sammy Marks,

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## Persecution of Clericals on Great Scale in White Russia

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Feb. 18.—Letters received here from White Russia report that the persecution of clericals has begun on a colossal scale. Those expelled from their houses are wandering about and sleeping in the streets because their homes have been nationalized and they are unable to obtain any shelter. The Bobruisk soviet informed a delegation of clericals begging assistance that "the river is not yet frozen," meaning "go drown yourselves."

The Klimovitcher rabbi has been sentenced to six months in prison because he is unable to pay his taxes. All rabbis have left the Witebsk district as a result of the continued persecution.

## HAKENKREUZLER DEFACE KOTTBUSZ SYNAGOGUE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The tower of the synagogue at Kottbusz was found this morning painted twenty metres high with the sign of the Hakenkreuzler. The front of the synagogue was also painted in huge letters with "Juda tot." The police are investigating.

## Rabbi Jung Explains Dietary Laws as Cleveland Kashruth Trial Continues Sessions

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cleveland, Feb. 18.—Rabbi Leo Jung of New York, called to Cleveland by the local rabbis as an expert in the kashruth controversy at the proceedings in the trial of Benjamin Cohen and Swift & Company versus the rabbi's union and the kosher board, gave an interpretation of Jewish dietary laws which may have an important bearing on the outcome of the trial.

A good deal of excitement was created at yesterday's session when one of the witnesses who is one of the two slaughterers of Swift & Co. who banning caused the present trial, attempted to tell the court that he is more of an authority than the rabbis and denied that the slaughterers and butchers must accept the supervision of the rabbis. He also accused the rabbi's union of being in a conspiracy with the kosher board for the purpose of extracting money of Benjamin Cohen, the agent for Swift & Co.

## Many Former Zionists Arrested in Leningrad

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 18.—A large number of former members of various Zionist groups have been arrested in Leningrad. A considerable number of arrests have lately occurred in Moscow among those who long ago severed any connections with the Zionist movement. It is believed that the arrests are due to the work of a provocateur who was formerly active in the Zionist ranks.

## Baron Hatvany Freed from Prison by Regent Horthy

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Feb. 18.—Baron Lagos Hatvany, a Jew and at one time one of Hungary's wealthiest men, will be released this morning from prison, where he was committed over a year ago after being found guilty of "slandering the Hungarian nation," because of articles he had written seven years before in a Viennese newspaper of the Hungarian emigres.

Baron Hatvany, who was one of the supporters of Count Michael Karolyi's short-lived Hungarian republic, returned more than a year ago to Hungary after living seven years abroad as a political refugee. Upon his return he was almost immediately arrested and sentenced to a prison term of seven years. A court of appeal reduced the sentence of imprisonment to a year and a half. Baron Hatvany and his family have now paid the whole fine and a pardon has been granted by Regent Horthy.

## Danger of Alien Registration Looms in Bill Calling for Voluntary Registration

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Washington, Feb. 18.—The peril of alien registration through the disguised form of voluntary registration definitely loomed up today when the bill of Senator Blease of South Carolina embodying the latter plan and introduced last May was taken up for consideration by the Senate Immigration Committee. Although the Committee adjourned for lack of a quorum without voting, it is understood the members will be polled and if a majority is found favorable the bill will be reported to the Senate for favorable action.

From reliable sources it is learned that a favorable report is extremely likely, especially because of the outward innocence of the so-called voluntary scheme with which the bill is clothed. It is also known that a majority of the members of the Committee are more or less hostile to immigration and aliens in general.

Senator Copeland of New York, who is the leading friend of immigration on the Committee did not attend the afternoon session of the Committee because of the pending tariff bill but he was present in the morning when no intimation was given that the bill would be considered. He has declared his intention of opposing the bill, term-

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## Jew to Sue Arab for Libel in Mufti Hoax

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haifa, Feb. 18.—Benjamin Moshieff intends suing Mohammed Abu Shem for libel, claiming that Shem informed the Moslem Supreme Council that Moshieff, on behalf of the Zionist Organization, had offered him \$125,000 to arrange for the murder of the Grand Mufti, causing the government to investigate. This libel was the basis of the fake story printed in the "Jama' El Arabia," for which that paper was temporarily suppressed, but the story nevertheless was circulated throughout the Moslem world. Shem is an official of the Arab National Club in Haifa.

## Stalin Orders Arrest of Trotzky's Sons-in-Law

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 18.—The recent publication of the memoirs of Leon Trotzky, exiled Russian Communist leader, in which he severely criticizes the present-day Soviet dictator, Stalin, has so infuriated the latter that in addition to arresting Trotzky's two daughters, one of whom is dangerously ill from tuberculosis, he has also ordered the arrest of both Trotzky's sons-in-law.

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## Stalin Ordered Blumkin Shot for Carrying Trotsky Message

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The German supporters of Leon Trotsky, exiled Russian Communist leader, are publishing today a letter from Moscow which confirms the report that Stalin, present-day Bolshevik dictator, ordered the execution of Blumkin, who had returned from Russia with a message from Trotsky for Radek. Blumkin, who on July 16, 1918, shot and killed the German Ambassador to Russia, Count Mirbach, brought with him the plan of Trotsky to put an end to Stalin's regime in Russia.

When Trotsky's emissary came to Radek, the latter ordered him to report immediately to the "Ogpu" (secret police) regarding his plans; otherwise, Radek warned Blumkin, he would denounce him to Stalin.

Blumkin, who at the outbreak of the Bolshevik revolution, belonged to the Social-Revolutionary party, which fought the Bolsheviks, later became a Communist. But when he joined the Trotsky opposition, he was denounced by the official Communist leaders.

## Cleveland Zionists Reject Special Convention Plea

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cleveland, Feb. 18.—There is neither a warrant nor a reason for convoking a special Zionist convention, declared a resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Cleveland Zionist District called to consider the advisability of convening an extraordinary convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

Other resolutions adopted expressed confidence in the present Zionist administration, declared its conviction that the administration is ready to encourage a united front and denounced Rabbi Hillel Silver's statement to "The Day" calling upon the Z. O. A.'s officers to resign.

## Warburg Greets Hadassah "\$50" Luncheon, Says Peace Chief Aim in Palestine

"We want peace in Palestine, simplicity of life and high thoughts. The people in Palestine know best what is best for them. We of the Jewish Agency shall take counsel with them. We shall endeavor to carry on our work there in the same unselfish spirit that Hadassah represents," said Felix M. Warburg, in his message of greetings from the Jewish Agency to the Hadassah Medical Organization \$50 luncheon held at the Hotel Roosevelt yesterday.

Over 500 Hadassah members and their guests heard Mr. Warburg solemnly pledge that the Jewish Agency would endeavor to live up to the heritage which the late Jewish leader, Louis Marshall, had left by his work for the Jewish Agency.

Mr. Warburg stressed the importance of the Allied Jewish Campaign and stated the drive would require every bit of energy and endeavor. He expressed himself, however, as most optimistic regarding the outcome.

Referring to the Washington Conference on Palestine Mr. Warburg stated that it was the aim of the Jewish Agency to carry out in Palestine the policy of the eminent Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, "a policy which recognizes achievement as resulting through work and improvement of industry, with little charity and politics involved." He stated he was satisfied that once the safety of life and property is assured, Palestine, as a result of the Washington conference, would find plenty of men of capital willing to invest money in enterprises on a business basis.

Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, who presided over the luncheon, paid tribute to the late Louis Marshall and his work for the Jewish Agency. Mrs. de Sola Pool told of Hadassah accomplishments in the past year. Mrs. Irma Lindheim brought greetings from Palestine and urged Hadassah to continue to strengthen their organization there.

Mrs. Felix Warburg, hostess of the luncheon, stated that "Hadassah is a non-controversial ground on which we whose politics may differ should unite in dedicating ourselves to the great cause of a new generation."

Rev. John Haynes Holmes and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver also spoke. The Stradivarius quartet, including Wolfe Wolfsohn, Nicholas Wolfsohn, Alfred Pochon and Gerald Warburg, rendered musical selections.

## Palestine to Grant Visas to Suffering Russian Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 18.—It is learned here that the Palestine government has granted 950 immigration certificates, 800 to men and 150 to women. Beginning in April the government hopes that as many as possible of these may be assigned to Jews from Russia in view of the persecution suffered there.

## 100 Immigrant Societies Joint Ort in Building of Workshops in Native Cities

Dr. Leon Bramson, president of the International Ort, told representatives of 100 Jewish immigrant societies that in erecting cooperative workshops in the cities of their birth, they were taking the most practical means of alleviating the poverty of their former townspeople in Eastern Europe.

The world leader of the movement for creating opportunities for self-support for destitute Jews abroad, was guest of honor at a reception given by the "Home Town" Department of the American Ort. Through it, societies of immigrant Jews have undertaken the industrialization of the birthplaces of their members. Such organizations all over the country have affiliated themselves with the department, Gerson Zybort, manager, reported.

Dr. Bramson was congratulated upon his recovery from the injuries he received in an automobile accident when en route to the first reception of the department arranged for him two weeks ago, when the taxi bringing him to the meeting collided with another machine.

"A census which the Ort took in Russia," said Dr. Bramson, "revealed that 700,000 Jews there are unemployed while in Poland 800,000 are dependent upon the Jewish community for charity. In all the countries of Eastern Europe, the Jews suffer because they cannot adapt themselves to the rapidly changing economic life. In building factories in the towns from which you came, you are helping in this terribly difficult process of adaptation."

Other speakers were Judge Jacob Panken, chairman of the American Ort, Dr. Henry Moskowitz, executive director, and Louis P. Boudin, chairman of the "Home Town" department.

## Pro-Jewish Arab Publishes Pamphlet, Explaining Riots

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 18.—Mohammed Tawil, of the Arabs who testified for the Jewish side at the Inquiry Commission hearings, has published a pamphlet in Hebrew called "The True Causes of the Palestine Outbreak."

## ARAB PAPER REPRINTING DR. MAGNES'S PAMPHLET

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 18.—Under the heading of "Magnes, Chancellor of the Hebrew University, Replies to His Zionist Adversaries," the Arab paper "Felestin" today commences publication of Dr. Magnes's pamphlet, "Like All the Nations?"

Here in New York, the Weekly Information Service of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America for February 8 also quotes from Dr. Magnes's pamphlet as reprinted in the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

## Says Percentage of Children Receiving Jewish Education in U. S. Higher than Thought

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Baltimore, Feb. 18.—The percentage of Jewish children in America who receive some sort of Jewish education is much higher than it is usually thought to be, declared here yesterday Dr. Julius B. Maller of Teachers' College, New York City, in an address before the conference of the Religious Education Association, which was attended by leaders in Jewish, Catholic and Protestant education.

On the basis of questionnaires filled out by children in a large number of schools in New York City, Dr. Maller found that 69.6 percent of the Jewish boys and 37.2 percent of the girls receive some form of Jewish education.

Dr. Maller made public the results of an extensive survey he conducted on juvenile delinquency among Jewish children of New York City, based on the records of the Children's Courts of Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn. Of this total some 21% came from Jewish homes. The proportion of Jewish delinquents, however, was found to have decreased from 31% in 1909 to 14% in 1929. The proportion of Jewish children arraigned decreased consistently, in spite of the increase in the proportion of Jews in the city. If this differential rate of decrease continues, he said, the proportion of Jewish young delinquents will be practically negligible within a decade.

Dr. Maller also found a significant difference in cause of arraignment. The outstanding causes for which Jewish children were arrested were: peddling, begging and disorderly conduct. There were few arrests for offenses against the person or property, such as burglary and robbery, and a negligible number were arrested for truancy or desertion of home. Dr. Maller thought that the efforts of the Jewish educational agencies for the past two decades had contributed somewhat to the decrease of juvenile delinquency among Jewish children.

## Hinkis More Cheerful as He Gets Greater Comforts

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 18.—Repeatedly protesting his innocence, Hinkis, the Jewish police constable sentenced to death for the murder of five Arabs, is now somewhat more cheerful as he is allowed to have visitors, a supply of reading matter and cigarettes. Starting today the prison authorities are furnishing him with a mattress and other facilities and he is also allowed daily exercise, things to which he is entitled as a Polish citizen.

## Plan Central Organization For Orthodox Girls' Education

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Feb. 18.—The Conference of the Beth Jacob Orthodox Girls' Schools closed here today. It was decided to establish a central Orthodox school organization for girls' education.

## "EMES" DEMANDS LIQUIDATION OF ORT UNLESS IT SEVERS RELATIONS WITH AMERICAN BRANCH; B. C. VLADECK REPLIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 18.—A strong demand to liquidate the International Ort in Moscow appears in today's "Emes," the organ of the Moscow Jewish Communists. The paper says that the Comzet, government department for settling the Jews on the land, should annul its agreement with Ort if the Berlin Ort continues to associate itself with the Ort in New York.

By this demand the American Ort is accused of utilizing its relief activities for the declassed Jews as anti-Soviet propaganda. The "Emes" says "if the Comzet could reject an agreement with the London Jewish Federation because it is headed by a counter-revolutionary rabbi, why can't it do the same thing with the Ort if the Berlin Ort will not sever relations with the American Ort headed by the 'Forward'?"

The paper also attacks the Agro-Joint, charging it with being to blame for the serious situation in the Jewish colonies of Crimea with regard to the Spring sowing. The "Emes" points out that the Agro-Joint promised to bring 55 tractors from the U. S. for the Spring sowing but that thus far they have not arrived and also that the Agro-Joint refuses mechanical aid to the Jewish collectives.

A. Merezhin, a leader of the Jewish Communists, siding with the Agro-Joint, admits that the situation in Crimea is serious but he says the Agro-Joint is not to blame. He declares that the promised tractors are now on their way and that it is the government and not the Agro-Joint which furnishes the Jewish collectives with mechanical assistance.

After having seen the above cable, B. C. Vladeck, vice-president of the American Ort and chairman of the People's Tool Campaign, as well as general manager of the "Forward," issued the following statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

"From the excerpt from the 'Emes' it is not quite clear what is meant, but I don't know of a single case where our activities could be interpreted as hostile to the Soviet government. The resolutions of our two conventions, as well as the official instructions from our officers are proof that we were always strictly impartial in every way.

"It is true that the Jewish Communists in America have repeatedly attacked us, but we know that the reasons for these attacks are not based on any principle or on love for Russia. They have been called forth only because of the fact that we conducted the People's Tool Campaign with much less expense and with much better results than the 'Icor,' which tries to utilize the sympathy felt by the Jews of America for the Jews in Russia for purposes which have nothing to do with relief.

"We cannot imagine that the Soviet

government should not allow the Jews of the world to help the Jews of Russia, whose condition is worse than the condition of any other class or nationality in Russia. The Soviet government, which has itself contributed considerable sums of money and granted great tracts of land will not, let us hope, share the attitude of the Jewish Communists, who have so many times in the past been giving advice to the Soviet government which it refused to take."

## B'nai B'rith May Build \$54,000 Tubercular Home in South

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Feb. 18.—Establishment of a new tuberculosis sanitarium to cost \$54,000 at Asheville, N. C. by the Independent Order B'nai B'rith, is recommended in a report of the special committee of District Grand Lodge No. 5 of the Order, made public here by Julius Reis of this city, Chairman of the Committee.

The report of the Committee states that the movement for the establishment of the sanitarium was initiated by the Asheville B'nai B'rith Lodge a number of years ago, and traces developments in connection with the movement up to the present time. According to the report, the Asheville Jewish community is daily subjected to appeals of tuberculosis victims of the Jewish faith who come there penniless to seek relief and medical assistance, and who become charges upon the Asheville Jewish charities. The sanitarium has been projected as a constructive plan to deal with the increasing difficulties of this problem.

According to the plan proposed by the committee's report, besides the \$54,000 cost of the building, an annual budget of about \$20,000 per year is provided, excluding a medical staff, since it is felt that for the first year or two, the medical attention would be furnished gratis by the physicians of Asheville.

The report recommends "an intensive and intelligent" campaign, with the lodges within the territory of the District Grand Lodge No. 5 as the nuclei of the machinery for the campaign to establish the sanitarium. The report also declares that the District Grand Lodge of B'nai B'rith is the only medium through which such an institution as the sanitarium can be founded at Asheville.

## Bentwich Stays Proceeding Against Bernard Goldenthal

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 18.—Norman Bentwich, attorney-general of Palestine, has decided to stay the proceeding against Bernard Goldenthal, manager of the Palestine Syndicate at Haifa, who had been charged with firing into an Arab crowd during the riots. The stay is due to contradictory evidence.

## Gen. Smuts, Praising Jews, Attacks South African Bill Restricting Immigration

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men by the score who helped build the country. It ill becomes us," he continued, "a young people, who owe so much to every section of the white races and who in South Africa have preached universal friendship and equality, to single out one section and say 'we have had enough of you, we want Nordic people.' We Dutch people in this country have not been hostile to these people. Why now declare war against them?"

Premier Hertzog, defending the bill, attacked General Smuts and his party. He declared that the country was already faced with four national problems, the Native, Colored, Indian and European, and it did not want to add a fifth, immigration. Morris Kentridge, a Jewish member of parliament, attacked the Premier's insinuation that the Jews constituted a fifth problem and reminded him of his recent eulogistic remarks about the Jews. Mr. Kentridge also accused Dr. Daniel Malan, minister of interior and father of the new immigration bill, of hypocrisy and harshness and resented the suggestion that the Jews' standard of living is lower than that of any South Africans.

On a division of parties an amendment to the quota law making the basis of admittance all nationalities and not merely the restricted countries, was lost. The amendment of the Nationalists to bring the quota law into operation May 1 instead of July 1 and that only 33 immigrants should be admitted from the restricted countries instead of 50 was carried by a vote of 55 to 47.

## Synagogue Music Committee Ends Union Hymnal Revision

The Committee on Synagogue Music of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which has been at work on a revision of the Union Hymnal, met recently in New York and practically completed the work of verse selection. Out of a great mass of material, chiefly by Jewish poets, sixty-six poems were selected for the new Union Hymnal. The Musical Editor, Abraham W. Binder, organist and musical director of the Free Synagogue, a Professor of Music at the Jewish Institute of Religion and a well-known composer and musician, has already set many of these poems to music. Many other well-known Jewish composers, including Joseph Achron, Rubin Goldmark and Pincus Jassinowsky, were invited to contribute to the Hymnal.

A sub-committee, with Rabbi Freehof as chairman, is at work composing new services for the use of the religious schools as well as for the small congregations in rural communities.

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## International Maccabee Sports Meet Arranged for Antwerp

An international Maccabee sports meet has been arranged by the Makkabi Weltverband for Antwerp, Belgium this coming July 4th to 7th, in connection with the International Exposition that will be held in Antwerp at that time. All Maccabee affiliations have been asked to enter teams for the meet. There will be contests in gymnastics, light athletics, swimming, waterball, chess, basketball, soccer-football and tennis.

The Maccabee Sport Club of Brooklyn has been asked to send teams from America, but it is unlikely that the Brooklyn club will be able to be represented. Officials of the club believe, however, that a movement may be started shortly to send Jewish teams to the meet from America under the American Maccabee banner. If such a movement is contemplated, it will probably be the first time that America will have been represented in European Maccabee meets.

According to an announcement from Makkabi headquarters in Berlin, the Belgian government has undertaken to actively cooperate with the Jewish organization by making a reduction of fifty percent in railroad fares to those attending the meets and offering other privileges to the organization. The Berlin headquarters of the movement will also attempt to obtain reduced railroad fares from other European governments. It is also asking followers of the various Makkabi branches and those otherwise interested in the movement to visit Antwerp during their vacation next summer and attend the meet.

## HADASSAH RAISED \$55,000 SINCE FIRST OF YEAR

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has raised close to \$55,000 since January 1 for the non-sectarian medical and health work maintained by the organization in Palestine, it was announced at the national Hadassah headquarters. The women Zionists are raising their own funds for their Palestinian projects pending the opening of the Allied Jewish Campaign in the Spring, which will be conducted by the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Hadassah's independent campaign was launched with the approval of Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the administrative committee of the Jewish Agency Council. In his letter approving Hadassah's plans he urged "full speed ahead." When the Allied Jewish Campaign opens Hadassah will participate, and funds for the Hadassah Medical Organization will then be provided by the Campaign. The money now being raised by Hadassah will be credited to the Allied Jewish Campaign.

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ing it "a wolf in sheep's clothing" and saying that it "represents the first entering wedge of compulsory registration of all aliens."

The Blease bill authorizes the commissioner general of immigration to issue registration certificates to aliens who entered lawfully for permanent residence upon making application to the Secretary of Labor. The bill contains no compulsory clause, simply stating that any alien who registers shall be issued a registration certificate which would contain such information as name, country and date of birth, nationality, physical identification, port of admission and date of admission.

It is known that scheme in the Blease bill was adopted as a temporary substitute by Secretary of Labor Davis following the storm of opposition against his simon pure original compulsory registration plan put forward several years ago and that he has long hoped for the adoption of this substitute as preparatory to resurrecting the compulsory plan.

## Industries Census Shows What Jews Have Done for Palestine

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Jan. 21—The results of a census of Palestine industries, undertaken by the government in 1928, have just been published. Of especial interest is the comparison of the number of industries which existed in Palestine before the war and after. Before the war there were only 166 clothing shops, while in 1928 there were 647. The number of food shops rose from 178 before the war to 295 after the war. The number of printing shops rose from 27 to 76 and lumber factories from 90 to 307. Some 73% of all the industries were conducted by individuals, 23% as partnerships and only 1% as limited corporations.

Throughout Palestine there were in 1928 only 12 industries (besides public works) which employed more than 100 people, and only 15 which employed between 50 and 100 workers. In most of the shops the owners themselves worked without hiring any one.

The number of employed women in 1928 in Palestine was 1,764, that is, less than 10% of the entire number of workers in the country; the number of employed boys and girls under 16 years of age was 1,086.

Nearly 70% of all industries made use only of manual labor, 16% used motor power and 14% used animal power. Altogether there were in May, 1928, 3,505 industrial shops and factories, in which 17,955 persons were employed. The capital invested in all of these undertakings was estimated at 3,500,000 pounds and their products were valued at 3,886,000 pounds. Nine establishments possessed a capital of more than 50,000 pounds.