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DR. WEIZMANN AND OTHERS TAKEN ILL WITH PTOMAIN POISONING AT
KEREN HAYESOD BANQUET IN DURBAN: DR. WEIZMANN AND DR.
GOLDSTEIN CONVALESCENT AND MRS. WEIZMANN RECOVERING
THOUGH STILL CONFINED TO BED.

Durban, Apl. 12th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Ch. Weizmann, Mrs. Weizmann, Dr. Alexander Goldstein, and a number of other guests, 30 people in all, were taken ill with ptomaine poisoning while attending a banquet held here last night on behalf of the South African Keren Hayesod campaign.

Dr. Weizmann and Dr. Goldstein are already convalescent, and Mrs. Weizmann, though still confined to her bed, is recovering.

Dr. Weizmann has told the J.T.A. representative that the illness occurred as a result of food eaten at the banquet.

A sum of £3,250 was raised at the banquet for the Keren Hayesod.

DR. MELCHIOR AWARDED RATHENAU PRIZE FOR GREATEST SERVICE
RENDERED TO GERMANY THIS YEAR.

Berlin, Apl. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Walter Rathenau Society founded to perpetuate the peace and conciliation ideals of the great Jewish statesman who was murdered by antisemites in 1922 when he was German Minister for Foreign Affairs, has awarded its annual prize for the most meritorious service rendered to Germany during the year to Dr. Carl Melchior, the Jewish banker, who presented the German case to the Basle Conference of Financial Experts, which in its report adopted unanimously accepted his conclusions that Germany is unable to continue to pay reparations.

Dr. Melchior has accepted the medal that goes with the award, and has handed over the money prize to writers in need.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF YIDDISH PRESS IN AMERICA CELEBRATED: FUND
CREATED TO HELP JEWISH WRITERS UNEMPLOYED OR INCAPACITATED.

New York, Apl. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Golden Jubilee of the Yiddish press in America, founded with the beginning of the big stream of Jewish immigration from Eastern Europe which started fifty years ago, was celebrated last night at a banquet given at the Astor Hotel here under the auspices of the Peretz Organisation of Yiddish Writers and Journalists.

About 400 people, prominent in Jewish social and intellectual life in America, attended. Dr. Abraham Rongy, the well-known gynecologist, presided; and the speakers included Dr. A. Coralnik, the President of the Peretz Organization, Mr. Peter Wiernik, editor-in-chief of the "Jewish Morning Journal", Dr. Margoshes, editor of the Yiddish daily the "Day", Mr. B. Vladak, the manager of the Yiddish daily "Forward", Professor Morris Raphael Cohen, the famous philosopher, and Mrs. Irvin, representing the American Authors' League.

The purpose of the banquet, Mr. Vladak, the Treasurer of the Organising Committee, said, is to create a fund to aid unemployed, and aged members of the Jewish writing profession. It is, I believe, a very laudable enterprise; he said, and one that merits wide support from all groups regardless of what their theoretic or practical differences may be.

A number of contributions to the fund were received at the banquet, among them two sums of 500 dollars from the Menischewitz Latzoth Company, and from Mr. Israel Matz, the proprietor of "Ex-Lax", who in 1925 created the Israel Matz 100,000 dollar Foundation Fund for the Relief of Aged Hebrew Writers.

Dr. Rongy said that a publication will be issued in connection with the celebration which will record Jewish accomplishment during the last fifty years in America, and will help to crystallise Jewish values, as they correlate to American life. The publication, he said, will show that Jewish life is gradually becoming integrated into American life, but at the same time that it is maintaining its identity as the life of a people whose aspirations are to lead a normal life unharrassed and unhampered by prejudice. Every Jew interested in the dignity of the life of the Jewish people in this country must give his wholehearted support to the Jubilee celebration of Jewish literary effort in this country, Dr. Rongy urged.

SOROCA JEWS LIVING IN AMERICA HOLD MEETING TO PROTEST AGAINST SOROCA SHOOTING OUTRAGE AND RAISE FUND FOR VICTIMS OF SOROCA FLOOD CATASTROPHE.

New York, Apl. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A mass meeting of Jews born in Soroca, who are now living in America, was held here last night at the Hennington Hall, to protest against the recent shooting outrage there. Dr. Strachstein, the Chairman, and other speakers related the details of the Soroca tragedy, and the meeting stood in tribute to the victims.

The speakers also described the terrible floods which are now ravaging Roumania, and several hundred dollars were raised at the meeting for the relief of the flood victims in Soroca.

TERRIBLE FLOOD HAVOC IN ROUMANIA: THOUSANDS OF JEWISH FAMILIES REPORTED HOMELESS IN JEWISH TOWNS: REFUGEES CAMPING OUT IN HILL DISTRICTS: MILITARY CALLED OUT TO RESCUE VICTIMS GOVERNMENT ASSIGNS RELIEF FUND.

Bucharest, Apl. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Terrible floods are sweeping over Roumania, and in Bukovina, Moldavia, Bessarabia, and Transylvania many of the Jewish townships and the Jewish quarters in the city are under water, with thousands of Jewish families and others rendered homeless.

In Soroca, in Bessarabia, there are over a thousand houses under water, about three-quarters of the town being submerged. Some of the principal buildings, including the Artisans' School, the Lyceum and the High School for Girls, have collapsed. There are four dead and many injured. The water is about five metres high. The population have taken refuge in the hilly districts outside the town where they are spending the night in the open. Furniture and the stocks left in the shops are floating on the water. Boats are out taking off the inhabitants who are still in their houses. The entire town is in danger of being swept away.

In Kishineff, the capital of Bessarabia, there are terrible flood scenes. About 100 houses are under water. The fire brigades are out, rescuing the inhabitants. Many houses are collapsing, and many families are homeless. Women and children are being evacuated by way of the roofs.

The town of Bender is completely submerged. In Belce, the entire lower part of the town is flooded, and the fire brigade is working incessantly trying to pump out the water.

In Transylvania many villages are submerged, and the population is fleeing panic-stricken to the mountains. The floods are most serious in the districts of Marmorosz and in the Bukovina. There is havoc in the Jewish towns of Wiznitz and Washkeutz, in the Bukovina.

The Jewish quarter of Jassy and the outlying parts of the city are under water.

About 800 families are homeless in Jassy. The fire brigade and the 13th. Regiment are doing rescue work.

In Cluj the factory district has suffered severely from the floods, and the Poale Zedek Synagogue in the centre of the town is submerged.

Alarming reports of floods are arriving here from all parts of the country. The Government has decided to assign a new credit fund of several million lei for the relief of the flood victims. The military has been ordered everywhere to take an active part in the rescue work, and to build dams wherever possible. Railway communication in many parts of the country has been stopped because of the floods, and many of the roads also are submerged so that a great many places are isolated.

VIOLENT ANTISEMITIC AGITATION IN CONNECTION WITH AUSTRIAN ELECTIONS: MOTOR CARS WITH LOUD SPEAKERS PLAYING ANTISEMITIC SONGS RUN THROUGH VIENNA STREETS.

Vienna, Apl. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

There is a violent antisemitic agitation being carried on by the Nazis in Lower Austria, where the elections to the provincial Parliament take place on April 24th.

Even in Vienna there are Nazi motor cars travelling through the streets fitted with loud-speakers bawling antisemitic songs.

Seven Nazis have been arrested in Vienna for attacking Jews in the streets.

THE SALONICA POGROM: POLICE COMMISSARY REBUKED BY PRESIDENT OF COURT FOR SUGGESTING JEWS MIGHT HAVE WOUNDED GREEK AIRMAN WHO PROTECTED THEM AGAINST MOB: NOT IMPROBABLE TO SAY THAT COMMUNISTS INCITED THEM TO BE ABLE TO BLAME NATIONALISTS AFTERWARDS.

Salonica, Apl. 11 th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Police Commissary of Salonica, M. Payadakin, was sharply rebuked to-day by the Public Prosecutor and the President of the Court at the continued hearing at Verria of the trial of the Salonica pogromists, when he declared that he had made enquiries as a result of which he did not think it had been Nationalists who had injured the Greek airman Koutsomiris, who had described in his evidence to the court how he had been attacked and wounded by rioters while he had been trying to protect Jews.

He thought that it was not improbable, the Police Commissary said, that K. Koutsomiris had been wounded by the Jews themselves, who had been incited by Communists to attack him in order that they should afterwards be able to put the blame on the Nationalists.

The Public Prosecutor drew attention to a number of inconsistencies in the Commissary's present evidence as compared with what he had stated in his evidence on Saturday, and reminded him that he was under oath.

PASSOVER DISTRESS IN AMERICAN JEWRY.

New York, Apl. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Fourteen hundred Jewish families in Los Angeles will have to depend on charity for matzoth and other Passover foods, it is stated by Mr. Philip Stein, the pioneer Jewish resident of Los Angeles, who has for more than ten years been in charge of the Passover food distribution for the poor.

The Mount Sinai Home for Chronic Invalids in Los Angeles is in danger of closing down, it is announced, because of the lack of funds. The creditors are pressing for money, and in several cases merchants have discontinued credit for food, and other necessities. A membership campaign has been started to raise a sum of 15,000 dollars which is needed immediately.

In Cleveland the Jewish Carpenters' Local Union has raised a sum of 4,000 dollars at a benefit performance to provide Passover food for one hundred and fifty impoverished Jewish families in Cleveland. Among those to be aided are unemployed members of the Union and their families, and others who have been affected by the adverse economic conditions.

A report from Newark states that more than two hundred additional Jewish families have had to be provided for in Newark in 1931 than in 1930, involving an additional expenditure of about 37,000 dollars.