

The Jewish Question in Roumania.

Jewish Deputation Complains Against Authorities.

Bucharest, June 21st.

A delegation of the Deputies representing the town of Baltzi in the Roumanian Parliament, Deputy Hoffman, a Jewish member of the Government Party, Deputy Linka, and Deputy Mitza, the Mayor of Baltzi, M. Pirogan, Dr. Kolik, and several other prominent residents came here specially yesterday from Baltzi in order to present to M. Anghelescu, the Vice-Minister of the Interior, a memorandum complaining of the attitude of the local authorities in permitting and furthering the recent anti-Jewish outbreaks in Baltzi.

The Jewish and Christian inhabitants of Baltzi always used to live together in friendly relations, the memorandum says. Even in 1905, when Baltzi was part of Czarist Russia and pogroms were taking place in the vicinity, there were no incidents whatever in Baltzi.

Now, however, a group of Cuzists, with the tacit connivance of the local authorities, are responsible for continuous acts of violence occurring in the town. A band of idlers have taken it upon themselves to pose as the exponents of Roumanian patriotism, and are going about agitating, terrorising, and beating Jews, smashing windows, molesting people in the streets and in the parks, and the representatives of law and order look on and do nothing to stop them and make no attempt to punish them. If the local authorities ever do intervene, it is only when a Jew has been incautious enough to defend himself, and in that case the Jew is promptly arrested and beaten. In the public park, which is only about 15 paces from the office of the Procurator and about 50 paces from the police station, Jewish passers-by are regularly attacked by Cuzists, mostly students of the High School and of the local Teachers' Seminary. The aggressors are very good at showing their bravery when they have women, children and old people to deal with, the memorandum says, and they do not hesitate to use even knives against them. The position is the more alarming as an indication of the kind of instruction the students are being given by certain of their professors, with the assistance of the State. The organisers of the anti-Jewish attacks are a former agent of the Russian Czarist police, named Noviszky, and a certain Lucretianu, and a High School teacher named State, who carries on a fierce Cuzist propaganda both from his chair in the High School and outside. This has been known for a long time to the authorities, yet the Director of the High School and the other authorities have taken no steps whatever to put a stop to the agitation. The result is that Jews are being attacked almost every day, and anti-Jewish incidents have become a regular feature of life in Baltzi.

Adding Insult to Injury.

On June 16th, the memorandum states, a band of about 50 or 60 people broke into one of the Jewish streets and smashed all the windows there. The Jews who ran out of their homes to see what was happening were beaten severely. The devastation continued for several hours, and during the whole time the authorities did not find it necessary even to put in an appearance. But when a group of Jews got together at last in desperation in order to defend themselves, the police were soon on the spot.

The Chief Procurator, Pecuraru, aided by some of the Commissars and policeman, the memorandum concludes, have now themselves taken to beating and insulting the Jews. It looks as if the authorities want to finish what the Cuzists started.

The delegation has presented to the Vice-Minister of the Interior a petition signed by a large number of the inhabitants of Baltzi, declaring that the procurator in person has been beating Jews with a knout, and that afterwards he went over to the leaders of the local anti-Semites, and had a long and friendly conversation with them. At the same time, he sent a telegram to the Ministry of the Interior stating that the trouble in Baltzi had been started by two Jews who had attacked a peasant.

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The Deputies representing Baltzi told the Vice-Minister of the Interior that they could confirm what was said in the memorandum.

The delegation complains that M. Anghelescu's reply is in no way satisfactory. He refused to budge from the official report submitted to him by the local authorities of Baltzi, which says that the Jews had started the trouble. The delegation protested against this attitude, declaring that the Jews who are now being accused of starting the trouble, are the very ones who were beaten. This, they said, is adding insult to injury. Either, one of the members, Deputy Mitza, urged, the Government protects the population or the Jews must have the right to organise a self-defence against the Cuzists.

The delegation has also visited the Minister of Justice, M. Junian, to demand that he should take action against the Procurator of Baltzi, M. Pecuraru, who is supporting the Cuzists. M. Junian promised an investigation into the charges, and said that he would have the guilty persons punished.

JEWISH GUILD (JOHANNESBURG).

One of the Jewish Guild's most interesting and novel events yet arranged will take place on Sunday, 20th July, at 8.30 p.m. A great deal of time and trouble has been taken in the arrangement of the programme, which will eclipse all previous efforts. Each item rendered will be representative of a different nation, and the artistes include Mrs. L. Japhet, Miss Ethel Mann, Mr. William Mathews, Mr. Reginald Warren, Mr. Gaby Peimer, Leo Laden's Nine Symphonators, and other well-known entertainers.

The dates for the presentation of "Our Betters" by the Jewish Guild Dramatic Section are drawing near: Sunday, 27th, and Thursday, 31st July, and Sunday, 3rd August. This play is clever and daring, the author being W. Somerset Maugham, who is also the author of "Rain," now being presented by Olga Lindo at His Majesty's Theatre. The production is in the capable hands of Anita Colman. The settings and effects will be on a lavish scale, and it is anticipated that this play, which deals with the life and morals of Americans who have married into the British aristocracy, will draw very large audiences.

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