

Eighteenth Zionist Congress

SOUTH AFRICA'S REPRESENTATIVES.

THE exact personnel of South Africa's delegation to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress is not yet fully known, owing to the fact that practically all the persons concerned are overseas and considerable cable communication with them has to take place before it can be definitely ascertained which of the candidates on the various lists will actually be attending Congress as South Africa's nominees.

So far, we are informed, the position is as follows:—

General Zionists.—Dr. Weizmann, who headed the poll on this list, is unable to represent South Africa, having been already elected by England. Dr. Goldstein and Mr. A. M. Abrahams, who came second and third, have accepted their election. For the remaining place, confirmation is now being awaited from Mr. Isaac Ochberg, who came fourth on the list.

Working Palestine.—No reply is yet to hand from Messrs. Baratz and Harzfeld, who came first and second respectively on this list, and who are therefore entitled to the two seats which this Party has won.

Zionist Revisionists.—Mr. Jabotinsky, who headed the poll on this list, has accepted the South African mandate.

Mizrachi.—Rabbi Berlin and Mr. Weinronk being unavailable, Mr. Jacob Gesundheit, the third and only remaining name on the list, has been communicated with and, we understand, has intimated his acceptance of the mandate.

We hope that by next week we shall be in a position to publish the exact and final composition of the South African delegation.

South African Chalutz Scheme.

STEADY PROGRESS BEING MADE.

THE Chalutz scheme, initiated by the South African Zionist Youth Council, continues to make steady progress, and it is, in fact, expected that the first batch of Chalutzim will be sent out to the training farm very shortly. The enthusiasm of the Youth is unparalleled and support is being received from young people who have never before been associated with any form of Zionist organisation. The Transvaal has already raised £250 (which constitutes half its pledge), about £100 has already been raised by the Cape, which is now conducting a steady drive, and Rhodesia has already sent in the first instalment of its contribution to the Chalutz Fund.

In view of the fact that the applications received from prospective Chalutzim will be considered within about a week's time, it is essential that all those who desire to become Chalutzim should send in their applications immediately.

It is hoped that all Jewish farmers who are interested in the Chalutz scheme and desire to assist will undertake to send to the training farm implements, cattle, or seed, and thus facilitate the work of establishing the farm on a self-paying basis.

"SUSAN LENOX" AT PALLADIUM.

Perhaps there is no living star more capable of portraying the heroine of David Graham Phillips sensational and once-banned novel "Susan Lenox—Her Fall and Rise" than Greta Garbo. With her delicate and sensitive beauty, combined with intelligence, she resembles the lovely Susan, and plays the part with superb artistry. The tale of the woman who walked alone, unafraid, undaunted, uncrushed by her tragic experiences until she rose to glamorous heights of fortune and power, is presented with sincerity and understanding. Greta Garbo is supported by Clark Gable, Jean Hersholt and John Miljan.

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EASTERN DISTRICTS JUDEAN SOCIETY.

On Sunday, the 30th inst., at 8.15 p.m., Mr. A. Getz, of Pretoria, will address the Johannesburg Eastern District Judean Society on "Modern Immigration and Colonisation in Palestine," at the Communal Hall, corner of Browning and Marshall Streets, Jeppe. This is one of the series of lectures on Zionist subjects which the Society has organised, and should prove most valuable. Mr. Getz has made a special study of the above subject.

"YEOMAN OF THE GUARD."

The Gilbert and Sullivan Opera season at His Majesty's Theatre is meeting with tremendous success. One of the most delightful of the operas "Yeoman of the Guard," is to be the attraction this week. In view of the great rush for seats, it is essential that those desirous of attending the performance should book well in advance. The story of "Yeoman of the Guard" is one of the most delightful of all the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, and the present company is likely to give a magnificent performance.

"LETTY LYNTON" AT THE METRO.

The attraction at the Metro this week is the joint work of those fine artistes, Joan Crawford and Robert Montgomery in "Letty Lynton." The story is adapted from the famous novel of social intrigue by Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes. Besides the two main stars, there is an elaborate cast, including Lewis Stone, May Robson and Neils Asther, the Swedish screen hero. There are some fine newsy reels and a number of comedy items in the Metro programme this week.

Obituary

MRS. ESTHER BERKOWITZ.

The death occurred under tragic circumstances on the 20th ult. of Mrs. Esther Berkowitz, widow of the late Mr. Marcus Berkowitz, of Witbank, who was one of the early pioneers of South Africa and one of the founders of the Witbank Jewish community. He was for many years President of the Witbank Hebrew Congregation and was well-known as one of the early Zionist workers in this country.

The late Mrs. Berkowitz was born in Riga, and was the daughter of the well-known late Mr. Chanoch Switgall, who was famous for his charitable work. It was this charitable disposition which was well inherited by his daughter, for Mrs. Berkowitz was throughout her life an active and staunch charity worker. During the last few years of her life, she resided in Johannesburg and was one of the most loyal worshippers at the Yeoville synagogue. She never missed attending a service and no opportunity of performing a good deed was lost by her. She was a most pious woman and represented a type of old orthodox and aristocratic Jewish lady, which is gradually passing away.

The late Mrs. Esther Berkowitz is survived by her three sons, Messrs. Emiel, Nicolai and Simon, and six daughters, Mrs. S. Esakov, Mrs. N. Goldberg, Johannesburg; Mrs. Ralph Measroch, Piet Retief; Mrs. M. Luntz, Witbank; Mrs. H. Pope, Pretoria; and Mrs. P. Weinberg, Durban.