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Malcolm MacDonald May Succeed Dr. Shiels.

Mr. James de Rothschild to be Secretary for War?

London, Thursday.

It is understood that Mr Malcolm MacDonald the Prime Minister's son, is succeeding Dr. Drummond Shiels as Colonial Under-Secretary in the new Coalition Government, and that Mr. James de Rothschild will become Financial Secretary for War and Sir Boyd Merriman Solicitor-General.

Lord Cecil is heading the British delegation to the forthcoming session of the League of Nations, as Lord Reading's presence in London is essential in connection with the economy decisions. As the result, the League will not discuss controversial issues, but merely deal with routine matters.

Zionist Executive Issues Manifesto.

London, Wednesday.

The Zionist Executive has issued a Manifesto in which it declares that political work remains of supreme importance, and that it is watching the rights safeguarded by the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate.

Confidence in the sense of justice of the Mandatory Power and in the sacredness of international obligations is not destroyed by the disappointments of the past two years. Jewish claims, with no artificial restrictions upon immigration or access to land, and unhampered economic, political and cultural development, must be the basis of further negotiations with the British Government.

THE BENEVOLENT BALL.

Successful Function at the Carlton Hotel.

The ball organised in aid of the Johannesburg Women's Benevolent Society, held on Wednesday evening last at the Carlton Hotel, proved a brilliant success. Sir Ernest and Lady Oppenheimer, who kindly acted as host and hostess, welcomed the guests. Johnny Jacobs' Orchestra supplied the music.

Among those who came during the evening were the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Dr. J. L. Landau (Chief Rabbi) and Mrs. Landau, and Sir Michael and Lady Oppenheimer. The novelty still was in charge of Mrs. C. Lewis, the Misses E. and T. Delmont and Mrs. M. Cohen.

During the evening exhibition dances were given by Mr. Murray Leslie and partner. A cabaret turn by the "Helter-Skelter" girls was much enjoyed, as well as some excellent syncopated music by Miss Bertha Egnos and Mr. Gaby Peimer.

The function proved a great success and the highest praise is due to the joint hon. conveners, Mrs. E. Solomon and Mrs. R. Jochelson. As a result of this ball a substantial sum of money will be raised to enable the Benevolent Society to carry on its good work.

Sir John Chancellor Leaves Palestine.

Jerusalem, Wednesday.

Sir John Chancellor left Palestine to-day. Dr. Arlossoroff and Mr. Ben Zvi took official leave of him at the station.

At a farewell given to him by the Jerusalem municipality, Sir John Chancellor said:—"I was stirred by my appointment to Palestine, but I cannot congratulate myself on having done anything to make the country more prosperous. The three years I have spent here have been years of stress and trouble, in which little has been achieved."

Dr. Arlossoroff's Policy.

Dr. Arlossoroff, in a statement to the Jerusalem press, said he would conduct not a Party but a national policy in the interest of all classes, Sephardic and Ashkenazic alike. He would give all assistance to middle-class colonisation. In the political field, he would seek co-operation with Great Britain, though the Development Scheme might compel a resumption of the struggle. He would strive for an Arab-Jewish understanding on a parity basis.

Mr. Harry Viteles is not accepting his election as a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, as the Anglo-American bodies he represents in Palestine are unable to release him.

A Legislature Shortly?

Sir John Chancellor told the Arab lawyer, Abu Gazla, at a farewell given by the Jaffa municipality, that Palestine would have a Legislature shortly; and he advised the Arabs to participate therein so as to alleviate their position. He promised that he would give his help to Palestine in England.

Shawkat Ali is spending a week in Palestine en route to the Indian Conference in London, after which he will tour Moslem countries on behalf of the Palestine Arabs.

Achad Ha'am's widow has died in Haifa and was buried on Tuesday in Tel-Aviv beside her husband.

"HAY FEVER" AT THE GUILD.

A distinct success was scored by the Dramatic Section of the Jewish Guild on Sunday evening last, when "Hay Fever"—a delightful play by Noel Coward—was produced. The whole conception of the dramatist was to produce a satirical study of an ultra-modern group of people. He has succeeded excellently in the writing of a biting satire. It needed delicate work indeed on the part of a group of amateur players to get such clever humour over the footlights. That they succeeded is a credit to the producer, Miss Anita Colman.

The main character of a bored modern woman, who refuses to recognise that she is getting old, was well portrayed by Miss Hetty Feitelberg, who showed the possession of genuine histrionic ability as an actress. She was ably assisted by the other players, who were all word-perfect. Altogether the production went with a swing, which gave the whole performance an almost professional touch. The play will be repeated on Sunday evening.

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