

News from Eretz Israel

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New Head of Agudath

ARRIVAL OF RABBI DUSHINSKY

Jerusalem, August 28th.

RABBI JOSEPH ZVI DUSHINSKY, the new Chief Rabbi of the extremist Orthodox Jewish Community organised in the Agudath Israel, and standing outside the officially recognised Jewish Community, represented by the Vaad Leumi, and headed spiritually by Chief Rabbis Kook and Jacob Meir, arrived here to-day from Czecho-Slovakia to take up his post in succession to the late Rabbi Chaim Joseph Sonnenfeld.

He was accompanied by Rabbi Blau, one of the leaders of the Palestine Agudath, and by ten of his pupils.

He was welcomed at Jaffa Port and in Tel Aviv, Motza and Jerusalem. Delegations arrived from all parts of Palestine to greet the new head of their Community, and messages were received from Germany, Slovakia, Austria and Hungary.

Fostering of Jewish Music

ASSISTANCE OF FAMOUS COMPOSER

Jerusalem, August 28th.

MR. S. ROSOVSKY, the Palestinian composer, has received a letter from Arnold Schoenberg, the famous German Jewish composer (who recently returned to Judaism), telling him that he entirely approves of his plan to establish in Palestine a higher musical institute with a view to furthering the development of Hebrew musical culture, and that he is prepared to assist him in this aim.

Oskar Fried, Darius Milhaud and Ernest Bloch have likewise announced their willingness to help in the realisation of the plan and have promised to secure the assistance of Gabrilovitch, Huberman, Heifetz, Ellman, Godowsky, Schnabel, Bruno Walter and other eminent musicians.

Immigration — the Vital Question

Jerusalem, August 27th.

"PUT the immigration question into the centre of the discussions at the Zionist Congress—is the demand made at a series of mass meetings held last night in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, on the initiative of the Labour Councils.

Resolutions were adopted expressing indignation at the policy pursued by the Mandatory Power in restricting immigration to Palestine at this period of Palestine prosperity, when there is a great demand for additional Jewish labour, and also in placing difficulties in the way of tourist immigration to Palestine.

Tel Aviv Improvement Postponed

Tel Aviv, August 14th.

IT is learned there is disappointment in Tel Aviv that notwithstanding the Government's and Jaffa Municipality's decision to lengthen Herzl Street until it joined the Jerusalem highway, in the year 1933, the project has now been indefinitely postponed.

Large sums have been invested in the vicinity on the strength of the earlier announcement.

Sabbath Observance

PROMULGATION OF AN ORDINANCE URGED

Jerusalem, August 23rd.

THE promulgation of an Ordinance regulating the observation of the Sabbath in Palestine, was urged to-day on the High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Wauchope, by a delegation consisting of Mr. Isaac Ben Zvi, Chairman of the Vaad Leumi, the Executive of the Palestine Jewish Community and member of the Palestine Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Meyer Dizengoff, Mayor of Tel Aviv, Chief Rabbi Kook and Rabbis Uziel and Aaronsohn of Tel Aviv.

The delegation urged that it should be made compulsory for shops in Jewish areas to close one day in the week, especially in Tel Aviv. The High Commissioner expressed himself very sympathetically to the suggestion.

TROUBLE WITH THE POLICE

Jerusalem, August 28th.

MR. POLLOCK, Assistant District Commissioner of Jaffa, has, in his capacity as Magistrate, had before him eight members of the Sabbath Observance Society, on a charge of illegal assembly in the street, resisting the police, and causing disturbance on Saturday, August 19, when they tried to prevent all movement of vehicles in the Allenby Street, near the Great Synagogue, during the time of the morning service.

The accused were arrested on Saturday, but were released on bail. There are two Rabbis among them, Rabbi Jacob Berman and Rabbi Scheinin. The hearing has been adjourned.

Film Company Launched

THE OBJECT OF "KEDEM"

Tel Aviv, August 19th.

THE Kedem, a new film company, was formally launched on Thursday with a tea to Press representatives in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Irma Lindheim and a dinner in the evening at the Ritz Hotel. Mayor Dizengoff spoke at the dinner which was attended by numerous Tel Aviv artists and Press representatives.

The advantages of Palestine for filming purposes and the interest of the world in Palestinian subjects were pointed out by Mrs. Lindheim and M. Halevy, who, with J. Benor-Kalter, are managing the company.

The pictures, upon which operation will be begun in the near future, will be made in Hebrew, and will be high-class films, from an artistic viewpoint, the groups were told.

Government Receipts Rising

Jerusalem, August 15th.

THE Government's revenue figures continue to be maintained and even surpassed. While April customs receipts amounted to £126,015, the figures for May is £141,656. Licenses, Taxes, etc., have also increased from £58,270 in April to £67,617 in May, while Fees of Court, etc., have jumped from £18,307 to £35,189.

The total receipts for the two months are: April £234,947 and May £275,440, an increase of some forty thousand pounds for May.

First Steamer in Haifa Harbour

NEW ERA FOR PALESTINE SHIPPING

Haifa, August 15th.

ALTHOUGH the official opening of the Harbour will not take place before October 31st, the *Italia*, of the Lloyd Triestino, docked alongside the quay to-day and, according to the authorities, made a most perfect berthing. The *Italia*, a 5,000-ton steamer, runs between Trieste and Haifa, and is captained by Captain Umberto Steindler, a Jew well known to Palestinian travellers.

At the port to meet the boat were the Resident Harbour Engineer, Mr. Thompson, the Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. Perowne, Mr. Scrivener of the Palestine Railways, the Italian Consul, and a large crowd of onlookers. The *Italia* berthed opposite Customs Shed No. 1, flying the Italian and British flags.

As the gangway was lowered, the Doctor and his staff went aboard, and in a short time formalities were over and passengers, for whom conveyances were able to wait close to the Customs shed, disembarked. The entry and docking of the *Italia*, which occupied fifteen minutes, was photographed.

The first cargo steamer to use the new Harbour to-day was the *Dobruta*, a Roumanian steamer of Constanza, which brought timber.

Safed Revival Scheme

£100,000 MAY BE AVAILABLE

Jerusalem, August 15th.

A SCHEME for reviving Safed for which, we are informed, the sum of £100,000 may ultimately be available, was discussed at a meeting here on Friday at the offices of Mr. H. Margalith, Advocate, attended by Mrs. Sara Levy, formerly of Singapore, who proposes to devote her whole fortune for this project.

For the present, two sections of the scheme are under way, namely, the establishment of a secondary school to include provision for boarding the students and the staff, and the building of a synagogue and twenty houses. Mrs. Levy has promised to contribute the land for the school and to defray the cost of the school structure. She is also to defray the cost of the dwellings and the synagogue.

A previous attempt to restore Safed's economic prosperity was made by the Emergency Fund for the sufferers from the 1929 riots.

Teaching of Talmud at Hebrew University

SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR AUDITORS WISHING TO TAKE COURSE.

Jerusalem, August 18th.

IN order to increase the number of students at the Hebrew University who are devoting themselves to Talmudic studies, and to enable those who have a considerable knowledge of Talmud but not the requisite general education to pursue these studies, the University has come to the following decision:—

Talented young men who have not recognised school leaving certificate but who have a sound training in Talmud, and wish to continue their studies in this subject, may be admitted as Auditors into the Hebrew University and enjoy special facilities. They may sit for entrance examinations which are a necessary condition for admission as Regular Students, and in which Talmud is one of the subjects, within three years of their registration as Auditors at the University. Their studies prior to their admission as regular students are usually credited subsequently.

There's a Wealth of Health in CHANDLER'S BEER