

# Personal

## DR. LANDAU'S SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

### Large Number of Congratulations Received

CONGRATULATIONS from all parts of South Africa were received by Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, and Mrs. Landau, on the occasion of the former's seventy-fifth birthday which occurred on Sunday last.

We have been asked by Dr. Landau to publish the following:

Unable to acknowledge individually, as I should have liked, all the wires and letters of congratulation which my friends, congregations and institutions kindly sent me on the occasion of my seventy-fifth birthday, I shall be glad if they will accept through the medium of the "Zionist Record," my and Mrs. Landau's most cordial thanks and expression of our deep appreciation of their kind thoughtfulness.

### To be Inscribed in Golden Book.

The form in which the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation will pay a tribute to the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday, will be an inscription in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

Dr. Landau is Honorary Life President of the S.A. Zionist Federation and has always maintained an extremely keen interest in Zionism in South Africa.

It is, therefore, a fitting tribute to him that the premier Zionist body in this country should commemorate the auspicious occasion by inscribing his name in the Golden Book.

## A Churchill Manuscript in Johannesburg

Mrs. Netta Levin, of Pretoria, has presented to the National War Fund the manuscript of a chapter of a book on the South African War, which Mr. Winston Churchill was writing when he was a prisoner of war in Pretoria.

This manuscript has been bought for one hundred pounds by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, who has offered to loan it to the Afrikana Museum for public display.

## Gerald Cassen Recital

A recital by Gerald Cassen, the eminent bass, will take place at the Selborne Hall on Monday evening, May 12th. The celebrated singer will render four separate groups of songs. The recital will be under the auspices of the Johannesburg Musical Society and the supporting artists are Suzanne Margolis and Gertrude Hunt, who will render some interesting piano duets.

## "AMERICA SPEAKS HER MIND"

A remarkable new "March of Time" feature, entitled, "America Speaks Her Mind," is now being shown at the Colosseum Theatre and will then appear in the various cinemas of the African Consolidated Theatres throughout the country.

Included in this feature is some amazing film material seized from the Germans by the British contra-band control. The film presents a first-hand picture of the problems facing America in giving aid to Britain, and shows French prisoners at work reconstructing railways and bridges; saddened French children obtaining food rations from their Nazi overlords; shots taken from a German dive-bomber attacking a British convoy; R.A.F. damage to Germany, and German channel guns firing at Britain.

The seized pictures were filmed by official German cameramen and were a part of the weekly Nazi news-reels intended for propaganda in South America. The film is of extraordinary interest.

## Around the Cinemas

### "Charley's Aunt" at Metro

There is heaps of fun at the Metro this week, for that popular comedy, "Charley's Aunt," is back again. Revised and brought up to date, it is as riotously mirth-provoking as ever, and has set audiences rocking with laughter this week. Arthur Askey plays the "Aunt," and such old favourites as Graham Moffatt and Moore Marriott have featured roles. There is not a dull moment in "Charley's Aunt"—a picture which may well be described as a "blitz on the blues"—and not a person who will be able to resist its delicious and entertaining humour.

### "I Am the Law" at Empire

Edward G. Robinson has achieved another triumph in his role as a dynamic fighting prosecutor in the film "I am the Law," now showing at the Empire. The picture, which deals with the world of crime and gangsters, is full of action and excitement, and has many dramatic moments. Otto Kruger has the role of the chief gangster, and John Beal is the young attorney who becomes the prosecutor's assistant. Barbara O'Neill and Wendy Barrie take the chief feminine roles, being pitted against each other on either side of the wall of the law.

The next attraction at the Empire is "She Married an Artist," featuring John Boles.

### "Tugboat Annie Sails Again" at Plaza

"Tugboat Annie," that redoubtable woman of the wharfland made famous by the late Marie Dressler, is back again. The part is being taken by Marjorie Rambeau, and in the new picture, "Tugboat Annie Sails Again," which can now be seen at the Plaza, she certainly lives up to the character created by her great predecessor. Opposite her plays Alan Hale, and he, too, is highly successful in following the lead set in this part by Wallace Beery. The picture is full of fun and adventure and will no doubt be enjoyed enormously.

### "Back Street" at Colosseum

Fannie Hurst's great novel, "Back Street," which has been dramatised and brought to the screen, is being shown this week at the Colosseum. All the sensational situations and emotional drama of the book have been retained, and the picture is a positive screen triumph. Charles Boyer and Margaret Sullavan are co-starred—in itself a guarantee of the picture's success—and the production is in the capable hands of Robert Stevenson. Others in this magnificent film are Frank McHugh, Richard Carlson, Tim Holt, Nell O'Day and Nella Walker. This is certainly a picture which cinema-goers will love.

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### "Florian" at the Curzon

"Florian," that delightful comedy which was shown at the Metro some time back can now be seen at the Curzon. Robert Young takes the part of a horse trainer and Helen Gilbert, the lady of high descent, with whom he falls in love, and by no means unimportant in this light-hearted and romantic film is Florian the horse, whose love for his master is deep enough to be almost human. There are many amusing situations in "Florian" and not least attractive is the very graceful dancing interlude by Florian.

### Amshewitz's Picture Won

The painting donated by Mr. J. H. Amshewitz, R.B.A., to the Child Guest Committee, has been won by Mrs. A. Sive, of Johannesburg. Mrs. Sive will be entitled to have her portrait painted or receive any other picture from the artist.

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