

NEWS IN BRIEF.

SHIPBUILDING IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

The shipbuilding yard of Marine Trust Ltd., at Tel-Aviv has now been transferred to a new reclaimed area north of the port, where the plant now employs 50 men. It is the largest boat-building yard in the country. Motor launches for carrying travellers are turned out in this yard, and have proved excellent in service. The Zalman Cohen shipyard on the Yarkon River is carrying on various jobs, and is shortly launching the large motor fishing-smack for the Rosengart firm. An order has been placed by Palestine Potash Ltd., for boats and small schooners for the Dead Sea shores.

The "Anchor" co-operative of Haifa has established a small boatyard, the first Jewish concern at Haifa; whilst at Ein Geb, the new Keren Hayesod settlement on the eastern shores of Lake Kinnereth, kibbutz "Batelem" is to start building rowing boats and barges.

The new Jewish steamer "Miriam," of 4,000 tons, reached Palestine on January 18th. The steamer was recently purchased to replace the destroyed "Harcarmel," which plied between Palestine and Constanza.—(Palcor.)

"MIZPEH HA'SHLOSHA" MEMORIAL.

Jerusalem.

To commemorate Max Heller, of Tel Amal, Yehuda Papo of Mesiloth, and Benjamin Miletsky (a "Kofer Hayishuv" volunteer), who fell in the line of November, 1938, the new large house on the ridge at Nir David, in the Beisan Valley, is to be named "Mizpeh Ha'Shloscha" (The Tower of Three). A marble tablet in the security house records the gallant death of these three young men.—(Palcor.)

JEWISH-ARAB CO-OPERATION.

Jerusalem.

For the first time since the beginning of the disturbances, a meeting of the Rotary Club of Jaffa and Tel-Aviv was held on January 18th. Arab notables, Britishers and Jews participated. The speakers, who included the Mayor of Jaffa, Mr. Dov Hos, Vice-Mayor of Tel-Aviv, and Judge Cressall, all stressed the need of racial co-operation.—(Palcor.)

JEWISH GHAFIRS CONGRATULATED.

Jerusalem.

Major-General Haining and Mr. Keith Roach, the District Commissioner of Jerusalem, have written to 30 Jewish ghaffirs congratulating them on their bravery during a fight with brigands on January 3rd, which lasted nine hours. The fighting took place after the Arabs had ambushed and attacked Jewish workers of the Palestine Potash Company, killing two and wounding one fatally.—(Palcor.)

LICENCES FOR DOCTORS IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Only 60 licences to practise medicine will be issued to doctors of non-Palestinian

nationality during this year, according to regulations published in the Government's "Palestine Gazette." Under the Medical Practitioners' Ordinance, enacted some four years ago, the High Commissioner has been empowered to limit the number of medical licences to be issued to various categories of physicians and specialists. This was made necessary owing to the large influx of refugee doctors from Central and Eastern Europe since 1933.

At present there are some 3,000 persons in Palestine authorised to practise medicine, of whom the bulk are Jews. Thousands of other former Jewish doctors from Germany, Austria and other countries are engaged in different pursuits outside the medical profession.—(Palcor.)

CONVOY OF FIREARMS TO PALESTINE SEIZED.

Jerusalem.

It is reported from Beirut that a large quantity of firearms, consisting of two car convoys, and including 500 rifles, that was being taken to Palestine, was seized on the Lebanese-Palestine frontier by Lebanese police.

A large store of ammunition, including bombs, revolvers and other firearms, was found buried in a public lavatory near the Mosque of Omar in Jerusalem. It was seized by the police, and the gatekeeper was arrested.—(Palcor.)

ARABS PROHIBITED FROM WEARING "KEFFIEHS."

Jerusalem.

The Arabic newspapers report that the Military Commander at Haifa has ordered Arabs not to wear *keffiehs* (head-cloths) which the terrorists compelled the populace to wear.—(Palcor.)

TEL-AVIV COMMERCIAL AVIATION COMPANY.

Jerusalem.

The Commercial Aviation Company at Tel-Aviv has begun a second local air service with two tri-motor aeroplanes for passenger and freight flights between Near East countries.

PRESIDENT OF EGYPTIAN SENATE SAYS JEWS A BLESSING TO PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

The weekly paper "Roz al Yusef," of Cairo states that Mohammed Bey Khalil, the President of the Egyptian Senate, in the course of a talk with some friends concerning the problem of Palestine, said among other things that the Jews had achieved a constructive work in the country, and that he was surprised that the Arabs are not praying to God every day for having sent to them a people rich and of high culture, thus helping the Arabs to emerge from the decayed position in which they found themselves, and benefiting them more through a higher culture.—(Palcor.)

HEBREW NEWS-REEL.

Jerusalem.

The refusal to show the Hebrew news-reel, "Carmel Film," at certain cinemas, thereby contributing to the difficulties which the struggling infant Hebrew film industry is encountering, led to the suggestion at a meeting of journalists and others, held in Tel-Aviv, to boycott those cinemas. Local events of paramount importance were recorded by the reel, which has put on record the significant developments in the Yishuv. £P.5,000 has been invested in cameras and other apparatus by the Carmel Film. There are already 70,000 metres of film (some 170 reels) showing historic events in the Yishuv.—(Palcor.)

HEBREW BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 1938.

Jerusalem.

Six hundred and sixty-six Hebrew books were published throughout the world in 1938. 341 were published in Palestine and 325 outside Palestine. In Poland, 195 Hebrew books were published, in the United States 55, in Roumania 12, in England 5, in Lithuania 10, in Italy 1, in Germany 5, and so on.

Among the 666 Hebrew books, 50 are works of creative art, including 18 books of poetry, 28 novels and short stories and 4 plays. 206 books are of a religious character, 83 scientific, 18 memoirs and biographies, 16 children's books and 145 textbooks.—J.T.A.

INCREASED EXPORT OF POTASH FROM PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

In spite of the disorganisation of the Palestine transport, the exports of potash from the country increased in 1938 by not less than 63 per cent. as compared with the previous year: 47,460 tons were exported in 1938 as against 29,110 in 1937.

The export of bromide in 1938 amounted to 481 tons.—(J.T.A.)

Mrs. ROOSEVELT ON SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES.

Washington.

Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, at a Press conference here, advocated that German Jewish refugees should be transplanted to "a white man's country," namely, some fertile area suitable for agriculture and possessing a moderate climate and with a properly supervised and adequate health service.

It would be "foolish" to take them to places unsuitable for white people, she declared.—J.T.A.

MISHA ELMAN APPOINTED U.S.A. "MUSICAL AMBASSADOR" FOR SOUTH AMERICA.

Washington.

The State Department has designated Mr. Misha Elman, the famous Jewish violinist, as the "musical ambassador" for South America. He is to give recitals in American embassies and legations in South American countries during his spring and summer tour.

Mr. Misha Elman opened a nation-wide tour to aid refugees at a concert in Carnegie Hall on January 21st. He will give 25 concerts throughout the U.S.A. and Canada under the auspices of a committee representing Catholic, Protestant and Jewish refugee aid groups.

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