

hours. The raw material is available in Palestine and the neighbouring countries.

CHEMISTRY TEACHER'S EXPERIMENTS WITH ORANGES.

Jerusalem.

Fresh orange juice will be available in the Middle East all year round if an experiment carried out by a Tel-Aviv chemistry teacher proves successful. The inventor, Mr. J. Nidnicz, teacher of organic chemistry, claims that his preservative causes the peel to coagulate and prevent it from rotting and wasting. The preservative is colourless and odourless, and the application would cost 10 mils per box of fruit. Oranges from the same tree had been packed in two cases, after half had been treated with the solution. The sealed boxes were open three weeks later in the presence of growers, Government fruit inspectors and representatives of citrus marketing organisations, and the treated fruit was full and hard, whereas the remainder was already soft, wilted and had lost its shape.

PROGRESS AT NAAMAN BRICK WORKS.

Jerusalem.

The "Naaman" brick works in Haifa Bay, managed by "Hashomer Hatzair" in co-operation with private financial interests, which began functioning in 1940, now employs more than 100 skilled hands and labourers, is turning out eighteen different types of bricks. Tests now in progress will lead to the manufacture of other types. The factory has leased 600 dunams of land from the J.N.F. for quarrying purposes. The present output is nine million bricks per annum, and 40 per cent. go to the private market in the towns, 30 per cent. to the Keren Hayesod settlements, and the remaining 30 per cent. to public works. Ceramic ware is also made, i.e. cups, saucers, and small jugs. There are two smaller plants affiliated with "Naaman," one making asphalt for road-making as well as paints and the other manufacturing insulating material.

JOSE ITURBI INVITED TO LEAD PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Rochester, U.S.

Jose Iturbi, conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, announces that he has been invited to direct the Palestine Symphony Orchestra in Jerusalem next May and June, and that "the idea appeals to him."

The invitation, which came from Rabbi Isidor Levy, Chairman of the Palestine Symphony Directors, stated that "transportation there will be no problem, as our British friends have graciously offered to ferry you there in a Royal Air Force bomber."

Once there, the telegram added, there would be no danger of the concerts being cancelled through air attacks, "as Jerusalem has the largest, most luxurious air-raid shelter in the Near East, with marvellous acoustics, where the concerts would be given in case of alarm."

ROTHSCHILD BANK PLAN: NEW COMPANIES FORMED.

London.

Plans are being made, it is announced, for the continuation of the banking business of N. M. Rothschild & Sons, of New Court, E.C., famous for more than a century, to provide for the possibility of the deaths of the two partners, Mr. Lionel N. de Rothschild and Mr. Anthony G. de Rothschild, as a result of enemy action.

(Mr. Lionel de Rothschild's death was reported last week.—*Editor*).

As a first step, the firm has formed a private company, Rothschild Continuation, Ltd., with a nominal capital of £100. Should the firm of Rothschild be deprived of the partners, the company Rothschild Continuation would carry on the business till new partners assumed control.

The firm has also registered another private company, Rothschild Nominees, Ltd., also with a nominal capital of £100.

POALE ZION AFFILIATES TO BRITISH ZIONIST FEDERATION.

London.

The Poale Zion (Jewish Socialist Labour Party) has, it is learned, applied to the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland for affiliation as a subsidiary body, subject to the constitution and by-laws of the Federation.

It is clearly understood, the Zionist Federation announces, that in accepting this affiliation the Poale Zion retains its political autonomy as a constituent both of the British Labour Movement and of the World Poale Zion Movement, while the Zionist Federation retains its present character as a constituent of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

The Zionist Federation welcomes this important development in British Zionism, it announces, and sincerely hopes that other Zionist parties will avail themselves of this precedent as a method of achieving a real unification of Zionist forces in this country.

LEGAL ADVICE FOR POLISH JEWS IN BRITAIN.

London.

The Council of Polish Jews in Great Britain has set up a special legal department at 6, Southampton Place, London, W.C.1. Polish Jews in this country in need of legal advice may call there any week-day between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The honorary legal advisers are Dr. M. Lachs and Mr. M. Greenberg.

B'NAI B'RITH PUBLISHES BRANDEIS MEMORIAL VOLUME.

St. Louis.

A memorial volume entitled "Mr. Justice Brandeis: Great American—Press Opinion and Public Appraisal," containing articles, editorials and extracts from over a hundred daily newspapers and many weekly religious, professional and labour publications throughout the country on the

late Justice Louis D. Brandeis, has been published here under the sponsorship of the Louis D. Brandeis B'nai B'rith Lodge. The Lodge took the name of Justice Brandeis two years ago, with his permission.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO PURCHASE PLANES FOR U.S. ARMY.

New York.

A sweeping "victory programme," calling for the enlistment of 250,000 American Jewish war veterans in war service, the sale of 250,000 dollars in defence bonds, and the purchase of six pursuit planes for the Government, has been decided upon by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, it is announced by National Commander Benjamin Kaufman, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honour, following a special meeting of the Organisation's National Executive Committee.

CZECH JEWS LIVING ABROAD DEPRIVED OF CITIZENSHIP.

Zurich.

The Reich decree depriving Jews living abroad of their German citizenship, and confiscating their fortunes, has been extended to cover the Czech Protectorate, it is stated in the Official Gazette of the Reichsprotektor for Bohemia and Moravia.

MOBILISING JEWISH MAN-POWER IN ROUMANIA.

Zurich.

The mobilisation of all Jewish manpower in Roumania is ordered under a decree of the Inspectorate of Public Utility labour camps and gangs, the Bucharest radio announced.

Jews must present themselves before the authorities, firms or institutions to which they have been allotted in the districts in which they resided on December 20th last. All Jews between the ages of eighteen and fifty who, for various reasons, have so far been exempt from forced labour must appear at the recruiting centres.

After finishing the tasks allotted to them, Roumanian Jews must immediately report back to the recruiting centres.

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