

The Great Golden Troupe.

Visit to Johannesburg of the Celebrated Russian Singers and Dancers.

The celebrated Golden Troupe of Russian dancers, singers and instrumentalists has arrived and taken Johannesburg by storm, a fact which is by no means surprising when the ability of these artistes is taken into consideration. The company is headed by Mr. A. Golden who, by the way, is a cousin of Horace Goldin the great magician who not so long ago charmed local audiences, and consists of no less than five ladies, five gentlemen and a conductor who is a musician of very great ability.

Another point which adds considerably to the pleasure experienced in witnessing the programme of the Golden Troupe is the extravagant beauty of their dresses as well as the artistic setting of the stage during their programme. For the first time Johannesburg has had the opportunity of hearing the Volga boatman's song played on the Russian national instruments with Rosakoff and Pogoreloff, famous soloists and former members of the Russian Imperial Orchestra, performing respectively, on the balaika, bass and viola. This item came after the singing of a concerted number entitled "The Night" in the beautifully expressive Russian language and was followed by such dancing as Johannesburg has never before witnessed.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Golden, who is visiting this country after a phenomenally successful tour in Australia, is not only a member of our community by birth but is a Jew by practice and precept. As such he is desirous of being identified with our people in Johannesburg and assures us that he would be willing to assist in any charitable organisation where his services would be to the advantage of the institution concerned. This generosity is somewhat unusual on the part of a great artiste and says much for the Jewish sympathy of our talented co-religionist.

CULTURE IN PALESTINE. — With the growing importance of Palestine in the eyes of the Powers, coupled with the extraordinary success of the Jewish farmers and planters in the domain of agriculture and citrus fruits, it is not to be wondered at if the intellectual side of Jewry should strive to make culture march hand-in-hand with modern prosperity. Dr. Arnold Kretschmar—Isreeli, one of the best informed publicists of Constantinople and an authority on Palestinian Culture is now in South Africa, and has been invited to give a lecture on the subject at the Orpheum Theatre on Sunday night. Admission is free of charge, and there is every hope that a large audience will welcome the lecturer.

Admiration is a mark of weakness when it is too lightly given. A tight-rope dancer and a poet are not to be paid in the same coin.

Our Weekly Poem.

The Cry For Communal Workers.

In our last week's issue we editorially dealt with the dearth of communal workers in the community as well in England as in this country. As the outcome of our comments we have received the following interesting and elegantly-written poem.

Hear the voice of Israel's elders
 Calling on Judaea's sons:
 "Who will be the future leaders
 When the older men are gone?
 Who will close what we have started,
 Bring the Jew to ancient station?
 Who will urge the weary-hearted
 Fight for Right and live a Nation?"

From the ranks of newer heroes
 Sounds again the dauntless call:
 "When we're one oppressors fear us—
 Courage, courage, brothers all!
 Israel's patriots and sages
 Taught us how to live like men—"
 Israel's youth, with hearts courageous,
 Live for God and race again!

"Every Jew is each man's brother,
 Fighting on for God and Right,
 Fearless, cheering one another,
 Comrades all in love and might!
 God will help us when we're banded—
 Join in union, every Jew;
 Hopeful-hearted, helpful-handed,
 Build the nation up anew!"

THE UNIONIST PARTY CLUB.— Elsewhere in this issue we publish the table of fixtures provided for the delectation of the members of this Club during the next month, from the 15th of March until about the same date in April. From a reference to the announcement it will be seen that the committee of the Club are anxious to consider the tastes of every section and that they provide suitable entertainment of an interesting and diverting character as well as catering to the political needs of their members.

A Rabbi and Votes For Woman.

The Jewish community at Irkutsk has sought the opinion of the Crown Rabbi of St. Petersburg as to the legality of granting to Jewesses the vote in communal matters. The Crown Rabbi replied that while such a step could not be regarded as illegal, it was contrary to custom. In his opinion the services of Jewish women could be better utilised by the community in charitable and educational work.

A Beilis Echo.

During the trial of Deputy Schulgin on account of his striking articles denouncing the prosecution of Beilis, he proffered remarkable evidence, showing how the superior authorities prosecuted all officials who opposed the Blood Libel theory and inspired fear in others who intended to defend the Jews. The notorious Senator Chaplinsky and Deputy Zamislovsky reaffirmed their belief in the authenticity of the Blood Libel theory and the guilt of Beilis.

Their numerous friends will be interested in the announcement that Miss Dorothy Harris, the youngest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Harris, has become engaged to Mr. Simon Comaroff of Salisbury, Rhodesia where her father is now the resident minister.

Registration of Businesses Act. 1909.

The Business registered Revenue Office and Municipality, Bokburg, 6 February, 1914, by D. Ganetzky, Stand 341 Driefontein farm has been sold to Shapiro and Shain from 15th March, 1914. (Signed) D. Ganetzky, P. Cronson and Son, Applicants' Agents, 48 Commissioner Street. [20.27.5]

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