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## Durban Doings

*(From Our Own Correspondent.)*

*It is impossible for the writer of these notes to be "au fait" with every happening of Jewish interest in this town, consequently the resident correspondent will be pleased to receive any information of interest to the Jewish community to Box 296 or Telephone 3663.*

Mr. Sydney Rosenbloom has been on a visit of a few days duration to Durban his native city. Mr. Rosenbloom went to England in November last and, returned in February. Whilst in London he arranged with Messrs Augener & Chappell with regard to new publications of his compositions and an illustrated catalogue. His latest publication "Polonaise in A flat" (opus 27) is now available. Ops. 28 and 29 are in the press and will be issued shortly. Mr. Rosenbloom is endeavouring to arrange a visit to Durban in September or October for the purpose of concert, recital, etc. He has just completed a very successful season in Johannesburg where he has a large clientele of pupils.

Mr and Mrs. Liberman are on a visit from Capetown and are domiciled at the Marine Hotel

Mrs. and Miss Isaacs of Muizenberg arrived by the mail steamer on Saturday the 19th inst., and are staying at the Marine Hotel.

Dr. and Mrs. I. J. Bloch are spending a couple of weeks in Durban and are in residence at the Marine Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nurick are also amongst this week's visitors to town.

Mr. C. P. Robinson, M.L.A., was a passenger to Capetown by the Llanstephan Castle on Sunday the 14th inst., accompanied by Mrs. Robinson, who is proceeding by the same boat to Europe, returning via the East Coast with her daughter who has just obtained her French Teacher's Diploma at L'Ecole Vinet, Lausanne. Mrs. Robin-

son expects to be away about six months.

Amongst passengers for Europe per the Lanstephan Castle were Mrs. H. Brook and Miss E. Bloom.

Congratulations to Miss Cecilia Essers on her obtaining her Licentiate Diploma of the Shakespearean College of Elocution.

On Wednesday the 16th inst., an interesting little ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Isaacs, Vause Road when their infant son was initiated into the Covenant of Abraham. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. N. Menachemson in his usual able manner.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Kirson on the birth of their daughter. This happy event took place on the 18th inst.

### GERMAN JEWS IN THE WAR.

A German Parliamentary Committee has been investigating the causes of Germany's debacle. Dr. Philipp, a National Deputy, alleged that the Jews in the army had proved themselves to be cowardly and of military incompetence. Whereupon the three military experts on the Commission, General von Kuhl, First-Lieutenant Stuelpnagle and Colonel Schwerdtfeger gave evidence on oath upon the point raised. So remarkable in their sweeping repudiation of the charges brought by the Deputy and so perfectly unanimous, though from three different points of view, was their evidence that we cannot do better than give the report of it in full.

"General von Kuhl, head of the General Staff of the Army commanded by ex Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, and who was in close association in the

field with General Ludendorff, said: My personal experiences and all the reports I have received from others show that the Jews at the Front did their duty exactly in the same way as everybody else.

"First-Lieutenant von Stuelpnagle said: I would like to emphasise most strongly what His Excellency General von Kuhl has just said. As a young officer on the General Staff of the Sixth Prussian Division, it was my experience that Jews who were at the Front did their duty to the full. I would like to mention that it was a pleasure for me that a Jew was one of the first to win the Iron Cross

"Colonel Schwerdtfeger said: I had the opportunity for years during the war, to observe what was going on in the Occupation Government of Belgium. There were large numbers of members of the Jewish faith in various posts of the Occupation Government of Belgium, particularly in posts which had to do with political and economical affairs. The view was expressed to the Occupation Government of Belgium, that these persons should be combed out and sent to the Front. In most cases, however, it was found that these men were absolutely indispensable at posts they occupied and could on no account be replaced. The unfavourable attitude of the Army officers towards them very soon underwent a change, because they realised that there was no possible way in which these men could be removed from their posts. There was no one of equal ability to replace them."

From one aspect there is nothing wonderful in this, because like evidence, if given on oath, concerning the Jewish soldiers in any of the belligerent armies would yield like results. But what is wonderful is there shall be found fellow-citizens of these German Jewish soldiers, who can be so callously ungrateful for what these Jews did for their country as to reward them with an outburst of anti-Semitism backed up by most atrociously false charges such as that detailed before the Committee by Dr. Philipp.—London Jewish World.

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