

NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS

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CRITICAL SITUATION IN POLAND.

The desperate position of hundreds of Jewish business men in Poland, manifesting itself in an alarming wave of suicides among them, has led to the Union of Jewish Merchants in Poland summoning hurriedly a special conference here to consider the situation, and to take steps to set up immediate means of relief. Sixty elected representatives from twenty different districts throughout the Polish Republic are in attendance. Senator Adolph Trusker, one of the representatives of the Union of Jewish Merchants in the Parliament, in opening the meeting, proposed the immediate setting up of a Self-Help Institution to render urgent assistance where Jewish business men are faced with ruin in order to avert acts of desperation. Senators Raphael Sczeresczewski, Wazlaw Wiszlicki and Adolph Trusker, the three representatives in the Polish Parliament of the Central Union of Jewish Merchants, have been appointed as the presidium of the conference.

CHIEF RABBI OF LENINGRAD ON POSITION OF JEWS.

Rabbi Eisenstadt, the Chief Rabbi of Leningrad, who is now in Paris, speaking at a meeting, said that the position of the Jewish population in Soviet Russia is good. The Soviet Government gives the Jews all their rights. But the Yovsekzio (the Jewish Sections of the Communist Party) are a terrible nuisance, the Chief Rabbi said. They are harassing the Jewish population of Russia to further their Communist ends.

URUGUAY FOR JEWISH COLONISATION.

The Jewish Colonisation Association (Ica), the oldest Jewish organisation engaging in colonisation work, will probably buy large tracts of land in Uruguay for settling Jews there, according to a statement by Engineer Starkmuth, director of the Ica in the Argentine, who has spent some time here.

Engineer Starkmuth had several conferences with Mr. Holando, the Uruguayan Director of Immigration, with whom he discussed the possibilities of Ica colonisation in Uruguay. It was stated that the Uruguayan Government plans to establish a special colonisation bank.

ZIONIST ORGANISATION AND AGUDAH.

Dr. Pinchas Kohn, president of the Agudas Israel World Organisation, has arrived in Frankfort from Vienna to confer with the members of the Agudah head office concerning his recent meeting with Dr. Weizmann in Vienna. Dr. Kohn is proceeding this week to Jerusalem in connection with the movement for a possible arrangement between the orthodox Jews, headed by Rabbi Sonnenfeld, and the Vaad Leumi regarding the provisions of the Palestine Jewish Communities' Ordinance.

EXCLUDED FROM ALPINE CLUBS.

Jews have no business to go mountaineering, the Alpine Organisations of Central Europe have decided. The Alpine Club in Munich has just enforced a rule that Jews are not to be accepted as members in the future. The Jews who are already members of the Munich Alpine Club—85 in number—have thereupon promptly resigned their membership, so there are no Jews enrolled as mountaineers in Munich. Reports are coming in from other places all over Germany and Austria that similar activity is being carried on to exclude Jews from the Alpine clubs throughout Central Europe.

ATTEMPTS ON EINSTEIN'S LIFE.

An attempt was made recently on the life of Professor Albert Einstein, at his home, by Evgeniewa Dickson, a Russian student, widow of an American citizen, who claims that she is Einstein's daughter.

"HABIMAH" STRUCK OFF THE LIST OF STATE SUBSIDISED THEATRES.

The decision to strike the famous Hebrew theatre, "Habimah," off the list of State-subsidised theatres has just been ratified at a meeting of the Commissariat of Education, M. Lunarcharsky, the Commissary of Education, presiding. M. Lunarcharsky announced that it had been decided to strike the Habimah off the list of State theatres, in the course of the All-Russian Conference of Jewish Cultural Workers held in Moscow in November. He made the statement, in reply to attacks levelled at him, on the ground that the Soviet Ministry had no right to support "the bourgeois Habimah."

DR. WEIZMANN IN AMERICA.

Dr. Ch. Weizmann, President of the Zionist World Organisation, sailed on February 4th on board the "Olympic" for the United States, to complete there the negotiations which he started last year for drawing in the American non-Zionist circles into the Jewish agency, and also to complete plans for the Palestine Investment Corporation.

Dr. Weizmann will not be able to stay long in the United States in view of his arrangements to be present at the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on April 1st.

BOMB THROWN AT RIGA GREAT SYNAGOGUE.

A bomb was thrown at the Great Synagogue in Riga by unknown persons. It exploded, but no great damage has been done, and there are no casualties. The bomb throwers probably intended the bomb to explode at the time the synagogue was crowded with the worshippers, but misjudged the time. The police are investigating the affair.

DISTURBANCES AT CZERNOWITZ UNIVERSITY.

Anti-Jewish disturbances have again occurred at the University of Czernowitz, the capital of the Roumanian province of Bukovina. The Roumanian students barred the entrances to the University building, refusing to allow Jewish students to enter to attend the lectures. Prof. Lungalak, who had already commenced his lecture, was ordered by the students to instruct the Jewish students present to leave the lecture hall. In view of the threatening attitude of the students, the Professor did as they demanded. The Rector of the University finally asked the police to enter the University building, and order was restored.

HALF A MILLION KRONEN OFFER FOR BURIAL REFUSED.

The Jewish community at Prague has refused an offer of half a million Kronen made by the Jewish relatives of Baron Kuffner, of Diosseg, who died recently, reports the *Juedische Volkszeitung*, of Bratislava, to have him buried, according to the wish expressed in his will, at the side of his parents in the family vault in the Jewish cemetery at Lundenburg. Baron Kuffner has been buried in the grounds of his palace.

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