

THE HORRORS OF SALONICA

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to be got since the troubles broke out. Another declares that the police took away their sticks from the Jews, when the military was unable to overpower the hooligans. Another says that the fire brigade delayed a whole precious hour, because of a torn-up road, while meanwhile the fire wrought tremendous havoc which might have been avoided if the fire brigade could have got through more quickly.

Three of the Jews in the synagogue were arrested during the conflagration and were released only on Friday. They assert that they were led manacled past a menacing mob which pelted them with stones. A deaf and dumb girl shows me with pathetic signs the remains of her broken mirror. Women nursing infants point to the clothes they wear, terribly soiled, and explain that they have not been able to save anything, linen or clothing, to change.

A Russian woman, a Seventh-Day Adventist, who has adopted Judaism and is married to a Caucasian Jew, says that in Russia she never knew a pogrom, and now she wants to go back there. A woman complains that her husband is under arrest because three knives were found near him, which she does not doubt were dropped there by the hooligans.

A horror-stricken mother recalls how her baby was taken away from her and put into a trunk and closed up there with the intention of letting it suffocate or perish in the flames, but happily she succeeded in rescuing it in time. Everywhere, in the synagogue and in the Alliance Israelite School, there are subdued voices and downcast eyes over the whispered tale of four or five Jewish women who were violated in front of their menfolk, and were then beaten senseless. The names of the women have mercifully been revealed only to the Rabbinate.

Not to Campbell! was the chorus of replies to my question if the refugees would return to the places where they had lived. You see, the Campbell quarter was the front where the enemy was more brutal than any enemy I have yet met in battle, a Jewish ex-soldier of the Greek National Army explained to me.

ASTORIA KINEMA.

Those who relish a hearty laugh—or rather a whole crowd of laughs—have a rare opportunity to gratify their taste in "A Warm Corner" which receives its premiere presentation at the Astoria Kinema to-morrow, Saturday, at 3, 7 and 9. "A Warm Corner," scintillates with mirthful situations and witty lines, handled by the greatest comedy players, Leslie Henson, while its rapid action and constantly changing and often elaborate sets, add to the general brightness. The supporting cast includes Heather Thatcher, Connie Ediss and Austin Melford.

In Pretoria

From Our Own Correspondent.

News Items should be addressed to P.O. Box 508.

Mock Zionist Congress.—Under the auspices of the Pretoria Zionist Society and the Young Israel Society, a Mock Congress was staged by the Johannesburg Branch of the South African Zeire Zion at the Jewish Memorial Hall, Pretoria, on Sunday, the 19th July. There was a large audience. Mr. P. Cornfeld gave a characteristic address as Mr. Nahum Sokolow, the President of the World Zionist Executive, while Dr. Weizmann (Mr. N. Kretzmar) replied to his critics in masterly fashion. Much amusement was occasioned by the speech of the South African Delegate, admirably portrayed by Mr. Fine. A vote of thanks was accorded the visitors by Mr. A. Getz.

Conversazione.—It is the object of the Pretoria Zionist Society to hold a monthly social meeting at the Memorial Hall in the nature of a Conversazione, at which a lecture on Zionist Topics will be given, followed by musical items, and a discussion on the lecture. In this way it is hoped to stimulate interest in all subjects dealing with Zionism. Tea will also be served. The first of these functions will be held on the 30th of August next, in the Communal Hall, when Mr. S. Rutowitz, Chairman of the Society, and Mrs. Rutowitz, will act as Host and Hostess, and the speaker of the evening will be Mr. Morris Kentridge, M.P.

Simchas Torah Ball.—The annual Simchas Torah Ball of the Pretoria Zionist Society will be held on Saturday evening, the 10th October next. This Ball promises to be an outstanding event in the social life of Pretoria Jewry, and it is hoped that all members of the community will make a note of the date. Further particulars will be published from time to time.

Women's Zionist League.—The Monthly "At Home" of the Pretoria Women's Zionist League was held on Wednesday, 22nd inst., at the Memorial Hall, Mrs. C. Isaacson presiding. Mr. J. Heselson, B.A., of Cape Town, read a paper on "Zionism and Internationalism." The paper was an exposition of some arguments which might be adduced against the establishment of a Jewish National State, as distinct from a national home.

The speaker referred to the theological, social and economic implications of the question, and quoted Jewish writers and thinkers who had not been in agreement with Zionism as a political ideal, and who stressed the religious and cultural mission of the Jewish race. Political relations were in process of evolution, tending towards internationalism, and the growth of International co-operation in recent years and the wearing down of racial barriers had had a favourable repercussion on the attitude towards Jews in most countries, and had removed one of the generating forces of Zionism.

The paper was stimulating in its freshness of viewpoint, and gave rise to a spirited discussion in which Miss S. Gavron, Miss H. Hirschowitz, Mrs. Ginsberg and Mrs. W. Ravid took part.

Miss Etin gave a very fine rendering of "Kol Nidrei" and other selections on the cello, Miss Rudolph playing the accompaniments.

Mrs. J. Manasewitz returned the thanks of the meeting to the lecturer and the artistes.

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