

SAYS PORT'S UNFAIR TO JEWS

MAX KOHLER ON DESPOTISM AT ELLIS ISLAND.

Secretary Nagel Dissents—Caynor, Schiff, Roosevelt and Oscar Strauss Are Heard at Dinner of the Reform Hebrews Union at the Hotel Astor.

The subject of immigration restriction as it applies to the Jew occupied all of the morning session of the convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the Hotel Astor yesterday.

Max J. Kohler, a New York lawyer, read a lengthy arraignment of the method of enforcing the present laws, and Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, made a brief address in which he touched only generally upon the work of the bureau of immigration in his department.

Mr. Kohler first a general broadside at what he termed "conditions of despotism" that have grown up in the administration of the laws, which cannot be known, he said, to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor and his heads of the bureau in Washington.

In opening his speech Mr. Kohler said: "The immigration question in the United States has of late assumed a very serious character. On the one hand administration of existing laws has become ever harsher, the climax being now upon us.

On the other hand the report of the national immigration commission, appointed pursuant to the act of Congress of 1907, was submitted last December and considers and tentatively recommends legislation of a drastic character. We must recognize that we are in the midst of a new epoch and only a campaign of education can safeguard the best interests of the country and maintain the open door to continued national prosperity.

He said the Jews of America must demand that the same justice given aliens of other races and creeds seeking entrance to our gates should be meted out to the persecuted Jew coming here to seek asylum and better conditions of life. He attacked the officers of the immigration bureau in these words:

A peculiar combination of circumstances has destroyed standards and principles of construction in the practical administration of our immigration laws. Decisions have been made non-reviewable in the courts, though the rights and fortunes of well nigh a million persons a year are involved.

Originally we had some judicial decisions in terms of our laws, to guide us, for most purposes they no longer exist to-day. Until the immigration bureau was transferred from the Treasury Department to the newly created Department of Commerce and Labor, decisions of the bureau were printed in pamphlet form (the last one eleven years ago) and weekly as rendered, and the employees of the immigration bureau were engaged in enforcing the law as thus interpreted for them by the courts and the publicly rendered authoritative decisions of the heads of the Department, which enabled friends of immigrants also to advise them intelligently whether they had a right to enter.

There was some relationship between law and administration, and the judicial review ceased and order nevertheless prevailed, instead of anarchy and caprice and prejudice. With the advent within the past two years of one or two opinionated doctrinaires to office all this has been changed.

Their own narrow and erroneous opinions and beliefs of what is best for the country have been substituted for law, and conditions of despotism have been built up heretofore unknown in our history. The extent of which Secretary Nagel and Assistant Secretary (able themselves do not realize) Errous theories and opinions, carelessly phrased and commonly hidden from the light of day, are laid down as authoritative, and failure on the part of subordinates to adopt these in practice is treated as incapacity and promptly punished with removal, degradation or reproof.

Scores of removals and demotions took place to familiarize the employees of the Department with the penalties for daring to remain independent and conscientious judges. Every little while new conflicting theories of construction are now developed, and as object lessons wholesale exclusions of the poor unfortunate take place, who have come over in ignorance of the latest aberrations of these official doctrinaires.

Instead of enforcing the law as understood by the law makers who drafted it and the courts and the authorities who first promulgated it, immigration inspectors are almost to a man, merely to reach the results which their superior requires, or rather which they think he requires, under penalty of removal.

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Raymond A. Pearson Re-elected President—Cost of Living Discussed.

ALBANY, Jan. 18.—President Raymond A. Pearson, State Commissioner of Agriculture, addressed the State Agricultural Society at its annual meeting here to-day on the topic of the development of agricultural resources and the relation between this problem and the cost of living.

Commissioner Pearson was president of the society. The other officers were also selected, except that Ezra Tuttle of Eastport was selected as vice-president for the Second Judicial district in place of H. B. Fullerton of Medford; G. W. Sisson, Jr., of Potsdam for the Fourth district in place of W. H. Daniels of Ogdensburg; O. U. Kellogg of Cortland for the Sixth district in place of C. D. Smead of Hector, and W. C. Barry of Rochester for the Third district in place of S. W. Williams of Geneva. S. S. Sessions of Utica and W. W. Ware of Batavia were elected to the places of James Wood of Mount Kisco and G. W. Sisson, Jr., of Potsdam, respectively.

At the session this afternoon there was an interesting discussion in which a number of prominent railroad men spoke on the subject of the relation of the cost of farm products to the cost of living. The farmer and the farmer are mutually dependent and each is vitally interested in the success of the other. It was made plain by the address of President Pearson that the railroad rate question with less prejudice than any other because the farmer, the manufacturer and the railroad are in such close contact in the Empire State that their correlation and interdependence are readily felt.

Among those who participated in the subsequent discussion were George A. Cullen, general passenger agent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; H. A. Jaggard, superintendent of the North Central Railroad, and F. R. Stevens, industrial commissioner of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

The address of President W. C. Brown of the New York Central Lines discussed the development of our agricultural resources. President Brown dwelt upon the vital importance of the production of the maximum quantity of farm produce as acreage would permit, pointing out that if an acre of land were to be divided into competition would be keener and prices would necessarily be lower.

He said that in many instances farms were being neglected in this respect. Dr. Andrew S. Draper, State Commissioner of Education, delivered an address, as did Booth C. Davis, president of Alfred University. Dr. Draper spoke on "Agriculture in the High School."

That many farm products are sold by farmers at prices which are not far from one-half of the prices paid by consumers was the declaration made by local orators. George S. Holmes of the bureau of statistics, United States Department of Agriculture, has made investigation, said Mr. Holmes, of the cost of potatoes, poultry and dairy products, and in the general average for all of these commodities the conclusion is that the farmer receives only 35 per cent of what the consumer pays. For every dollar that the consumer pays to a retailer in the general average for his potatoes, from the world a pure profit in the one true and ever living God, God the Father and His Providence over all you have given to us as a living fact.

From it we realize the universal brotherhood of man, through which the long and inexplicable persecution of the Jew by Christians is drawing to a close even in the one remaining Christian nation where it still has a foothold. The Christians inherit from the Jews their belief in one God, Jesus was born of the Jewish race. We have appropriated to ourselves the entire Jewish sacred scriptures, the Old Testament, as we call it. And all of the scriptures of our New Testament were written by Jews. O brother of mine, if you are a Christian, do you only realize these things that there may linger in our hearts so feelings against thee!

STRAUS ON THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN JUDAISM. When Oscar S. Straus was introduced to answer to the toast "America and the Spirit of American Judaism," he told the story of how back in Peter Stuyvesant's time the ruling had gone forth that none of the handful of Portuguese Jews who then lived in New Amsterdam should be permitted to unite with the Dutch settlers in standing guard over the town. Mr. Straus went on:

When the tax collector came to Asaer Levy to collect a tax on this account he asked if that tax was imposed on all the residents of New Amsterdam. "No," was the reply, "it is imposed upon the Jews because they do not stand guard." "I have not asked to be exempted," replied Asaer Levy, "I am not only willing but I demand the right to stand guard."

That right the Jews have asserted and exercised as officers and in the ranks of the Continental army and in every crisis of our national history from that time until the present day. The American spirit and the spirit of American Judaism were both nurtured in the same cradle of liberty and nurtured together in origin, in ideals and in historical development. While Zionism is a child of pious hope under conditions of despair in countries where the victims of oppression are counted by millions, the republicanism of the United States is the nearest approach to the ideals of the prophets of Israel that has ever been incorporated in the form of a land, wherein the spirit of the teachings of the ancient prophets inspired the work of the fathers of our country.

SUFFRAGISTS IN ALBANY.

Advance Guard of Women Start Their Annual Campaign. ALBANY, Jan. 18.—The suffragists have started their annual campaign in Albany. Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, Miss Caroline Lexow, Mrs. Helen Hoy Greely and Mrs. H. H. Graham of New York are on the ground as the advance guard. Arrangements have been made for a "suffrage week" here.

The ballroom of the Hotel Ten Eyck has been engaged for February 21 to 28 for meetings under the auspices of the Social Franchise Society and Women's Political Club. It is intended to bring prominent speakers here and have receptions for members of the Legislature during the week. The suffragettes are encouraged by the fact that their proposed constitutional amendment to give women the right to vote, which has already been introduced in both Houses, has some friends among the new members.

WARNING TO AUTO OWNERS.

They and Their Chauffeurs Must Get Their Licenses by February 1. ALBANY, Jan. 18.—Secretary of State Lazansky said to-day that unless owners of automobiles and chauffeurs show more activity in their desire for renewals of their licenses some may find difficulty in the running of automobiles after February 1.

Under the 1910 registration over 62,000 owners received licenses. On January 17, with only fourteen days remaining before new licenses must be obtained, less than 2,000 owners have registered and paid the required fee. In 1910 almost 28,000 chauffeurs' licenses were issued. Thus far only 6,900 have applied for the new licenses. Mr. Lazansky said if owners and chauffeurs continued their tardiness they will find themselves without a license on the first of February, with the result that they must either store their machines or run them in violation of the law.

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WHERE WILL THE GIANTS DOCK?

Delegation That Goes Abroad Said to Be Montauk Missionaries.

Former State Senator William H. Reynolds, Dr. Julius Breiwhirt, Irving T. Bush and Major Ernest Gulick sailed yesterday for London by the Cunarder Lusitania on a mission which they refused to reveal except in a guarded way.

Mr. Reynolds said that it related to a real estate deal in Long Island. There was an impression that it might relate to the scheme of establishing a steamship terminal at Montauk Point. None of the four, who are strongly interested in Long Island real estate, would say anything definite about the matter; but an official of the International Mercantile Marine said that he understood the quartet of travelers was going to the home office of the White Star Line to see if the line could be induced under certain conditions to dock the new giants, the Olympic, at Montauk Point.

The International Mercantile Marine official said that it looked to him as if the government was not going to give permission to the company to lengthen its piers to 1,000 feet so that the Olympic and his sister, the Titanic, would be able to dock safely in the Chelsea district and therefore the White Star Line would have to dock elsewhere. It was said that the Montauk real estate men were going to offer inducements that might be considered seriously by the White Star folks at headquarters and that they hoped to have temporary docking facilities at Montauk Point within about five months. The official who talked said it looked to him as if Montauk Point might be a terminal unless the army board, which will open on Wednesday at the Army Building a hearing on the subject of lengthening the piers, reported in favor of the project.

NEWS STAND LICENSE \$500.

Barish Testifies That That Was Alderman Volkman's Original Demand.

David Barish, the newsdealer from whom Alderman Michael J. Volkman of the Twenty-second district is alleged to have collected an amount of \$200 for the renewal of his news stand license, was the principal witness against Volkman yesterday before Justice Seabury in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court.

Barish, who is a cripple, said that he bought the stand at Third avenue and Eighty-fourth street; last fall and had not been there very long when a man came to him and told him that if he wished to get his license renewed he would have to see the Alderman. He went to the Independence League Club in the district and saw Volkman. The Alderman said that there were a lot of persons who wanted the news stand and that he felt that he must take care of his friends.

Later, however, according to Barish, Volkman said that for \$500 he would make it all right. Barish said that he was a poor man and could not afford to pay that much. The next day Edward Cruise came to him and told him that it would be all right if he paid \$200. Barish went to see Volkman again and told him that he had seen in the papers that Mayor Gaynor had said that it was no longer necessary for any one to bribe an Alderman for the renewal of a license.

That looks well in the newspapers, but there is nothing in it," Volkman replied, according to Barish. After that Barish went to the Mayor's office and told of the proposition that had been made to him. Edward Cruise, who took the money from Barish, acting as he says as agent for Volkman, will probably go on the stand to-day.

Dinner of the Stationers.

The Stationers Association of New York had its sixth annual dinner at the Plaza last night. There were 350 members and guests present. Charles A. Lent, president of the association, was toastmaster. The speakers were the Rev. Charles M. McCormick, Montague Glass, Charles E. Falconer, president of the National Association of Stationers and Manufacturers, and Fulton McMahon.

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Called to Flushing Church. A unanimous call has been extended to the Rev. A. M. Currie, formerly of Deseronto, Ontario, Canada, by the First Presbyterian Church of Flushing to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. H. H. Field.

Exhibition Ends Tomorrow (Friday) at 2:30 American Art Galleries Madison Square South, New York On Free View 9 A. M. until 6 P. M. The Objects of Art and Antiquity which belonged to the late William M. Laffan The Valuable Paintings Will Be Sold at Unrestricted Public Sale Tomorrow (Friday) Evening at 8:15 At Mendelssohn Hall Fortieth Street, East of Broadway (Admission by card may be had free of the manager and Tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday Afternoons at 2:30 o'clock At the American Art Galleries Will Be Sold The Oriental Porcelains and other objects of Art and Antiquity The Sale will be conducted by MR. THOMAS E. KIRBY, of the AMERICAN ART ASSOCIATION, 10 East 23d Street, Madison Square Sd.

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