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## FOREIGN and DOMESTIC NEWS

FROM SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

### ZIONIST CONVENTION TO CONSIDER STATUS OF JEWS IN EUROPE.

Important Reports to Be Made at Chicago by Judge Julian W. Mack and Dr. Stephen S. Wise Regarding Prospects of Emancipation and End of Pogroms.

Discussion of the status of the Jews in Europe, with especial regard to the prospects for their political emancipation, will be one of the big features of the 22nd Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America which begins its formal sessions at the Chicago Auditorium on September 14th. This vital discussion, which is to terminate in the adoption of resolutions, will be led by President Julian W. Mack, of Chicago, and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, of New York City. Judge Mack was the head of the delegation sent to the Peace Conference by the American Jewish Congress held in Philadelphia last December, and of which he is President, and Dr. Wise was a member of the delegation. They were specifically charged by the Congress to present to the Peace Conference, in addition to a resolution calling upon it to place Palestine under the trusteeship of Great Britain for the purpose of establishing there a Jewish Commonwealth.

### TWO CORPORATIONS FOUNDED UNDER AUSPICES OF MIZRACHI.

The Mizrahi Organization of America has recently founded two corporations under the name "Nachliel" and the other, an importing corporation under the name "Achisomach."

The former corporation, the "Nachliel," has as its purpose the acquiring of parcels of land in Palestine for its shareholders and the cultivation and improvement of the land for the benefit of the owners of the property, incidentally providing employment for the Jewish laborers migrating to Palestine. Land certificates of the Nachliel may be paid for in installments covering a period of six years.

The second corporation, the "Achisomach," is capitalized at \$25,000, and has as its purpose the importation from Palestine to this country of articles necessary for the Jewish ritual,

such as "Tephillum," scrolls of etc. Mr. S. Wilner of New York has volunteered his services as director of the "Achisomach."

### JUSTICE BRANDEIS TO ATTEND ZIONIST CONVENTION.

Proceeds to Chicago Upon His Return from Palestine.

Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Honorary President of the Zionist Organization of America, who has made a trip throughout Palestine will arrive in New York on the Rotterdam on Monday, September 8th. After spending a few days in New York, he will proceed to Chicago, where the 22nd Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America will open on September 14th.

### MR. SAMUEL MASON BACK FROM JAPAN AND SIBERIA.

Special Commissioner of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America Brings Sad Report About Jewish Refugees in the Far East—Thousands Helped.

Mr. Samuel Mason, special commissioner of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America to Japan and Siberia returned today from his second journey to the Far East in the interests of the thousands of Jewish refugees. Mr. Mason was nine months in Yokohama (where, on his first visit, he established a Branch of the Society) and in Vladivostok, Harbin and Irkutsk.

Mr. Mason pointed out that while in Poland, Lithuania and other countries there are big, well organized Jewish communities, who are in direct touch with the world at large and the refugees in those countries are also supported by American Jewish Relief Committees, the refugees in Siberia, China and Japan are completely cut off from the outside world, and are, therefore, in a worse condition than their unfortunate sisters and brothers elsewhere.

A complete report of the life-saving work of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America in the Far East is being prepared by Mr. Mason. For the present Mr. Mason would only say that a great number of Jewish refugees were actually sav-

ed from death by the Society, while a deal of others have been helped in various ways. He said that the work was finished.

### GERSON MAYER, PIONEER TOBACCONIST, DIES AT 84.

New York.—Gerson Mayer, a pioneer tobacco merchant, who retired from business some years ago, died last Wednesday morning at his home, 77 East Seventy-ninth street, in his 84th year. He came to this country in 1845, a short time later entering the tobacco business. In 1863 the firm of Joseph Mayer's Sons was formed, and engaged in the import and export leaf tobacco trade, with association in all parts of the world. Mr. Mayer was the first president of the New York Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade and helped to form the organization. In 1868 Mr. Mayer married Miss Rosa Wolf, of Woodville, Miss., and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year in this city.

### GOVERNOR SIMON BAMBERGER.

Governor Simon Bamberger of Utah—one of the two Jewish governors in the United States, visited San Francisco and participated in the launching of the "Utacarbon," the Liberty Loan honor ship of Carbon county, Utah. As the big vessel slid down the ways Governor Bamberger broke a bottle of spring water over its bow. In a fitting speech at the ceremonies Governor Bamberger formally accepted the vessel in behalf of the people of his state.

### CHICAGO RABBI SPENDS STRENUOUS VACATION.

San Francisco.—Dr. Rudolph I. Coffee, of Temple Judea, Chicago, Ill., spent a strenuous summer in California while visiting his folks. He was called upon freely to speak for the Peace Treaty and made frequent trips to various sections of California to strengthen sentiment in favor of the Treaty. Not only did he occupy several Jewish pulpits in San Francisco, but he was called upon nearly every Sunday night in July and August to preach from Christian pulpits as well. Dr. Coffee is a very active member of the Chicago Rotary Club and addressed many of the California branches in the cities he visited.

### PENNSYLVANIA LAW PROHIBITS MISUSE OF TERM "KOSHER"

Philadelphia.—The last session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania enacted a bill which penalizes the misrepresentation of food as "Kosher." includes every form of misrepresentation, and makes the penalty so severe as to make it a very serious matter for those who have made a practice of defrauding observant Jews by misrepresenting the Kashruth of various food products, particularly meat, meat preparations and fowl.

The Pennsylvania Act is as follows:

"Any person or persons who, with intent to defraud, sells or exposes for sale any meat or meat preparations or any fowl or preparations from fowl, and falsely represents the same to be 'Kosher' or as having been prepared under, of a product or products sanctioned by the orthodox Hebrew religious requirements, or falsely represents any food products, or the contents of any package or container to be so constituted and prepared by having or permitting to be inscribed thereon the word 'Kosher' in any language or have the word 'Kosher' inscribed on the front of their business establishment in any language, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment of not less than thirty days or more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court."

It is to be hoped that efforts will be made to enforce the penal provisions of the "Kosher" bill and thus put an end to the pernicious practice of false representation indulged in particularly by many of the so-called "Jewish" butchers.

### FRANCE HONORS DREYFUS.

Paris.—On the occasion of the French National fete, Lieut.-Col. Alfred Dreyfus (who was promoted to that rank during the war, when he was charged with the direction of a park of artillery) was raised to the dignity of officer of the Order of the Legion of Honor. He was appointed chevalier of the order at the time of his rehabilitation.