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JEWES MAY NOW BE NOTARIES IN GERMANY.

Berlin: (By I. J. P. B.) The minister of Justice has put through a new law according to which every German lawyer who has practiced ten years or more may become a notary public.

Until now all the notaries of Germany have gained their positions through the direct appointment by the Minister of Justice. During the imperial regime of the late Kaiser the Jews suffered thru this practice, because seldom if ever, was a Jew appointed. Many times has this question come up in the German Reichstag with the Jewish deputies protesting on every occasion against the discrimination against their people. Former Minister Bessler once replied that he could not appoint Jews as notaries because of the people's lack of trust in them. Now the whole problem has been solved logically and justly to the satisfaction of all elements.

PROGRAM OF GERMAN ANTI-SEMITES.

Berlin: (By I. J. P. B.) Now that the election campaign for the German Reichstag is taking place the anti-Semites have taken the trouble to set forth their Jewish program. Here are a few of their main planks:

1. All alien Jews now in Germany should be immediately deported and the country closed to further Jewish immigration.
2. A "foreign" law should be passed, according to which, all the Jews of Germany would hereafter be considered aliens.
3. All "secret" books dealing with the Jewish religion should be officially translated.
4. Intermarriage between Germans and Jews must be prohibited.
5. Jews should be forbidden to bear German names.

DAILY ZIONIST NEWSPAPER IN HUNGARIAN.

Klausenburg: (By I. J. P. B.) A new daily newspaper "Uj Kelet" (New Orient), given totally to the Zionist interests of this province, has begun to appear in this city in Hungarian. Until recently this publication has been a weekly.

Klausenburg is the capital of Siebenburgen, the Roumanian province, which formerly belonged to Hungary.

CONSERVATIVES FOUND SOCIETY TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY.

Berlin: (By I. J. P. B.) Two well-known German conservatives, the Counts Montgelas and Von Swogetinsky have founded a society called, "Anti-Pogroms" to fight the evil effects of anti-Semitism and to counteract the pogrom agitation. In their proclamation these conservatives show the great injury which the anti-Semitic movement has already done to Germany. According to them not only has it aroused bad feeling against Germany in other countries, but it is very largely responsible for the decline in value of German money. As long as the mark is low in international exchange no raw material can be imported, which means that the factories are to remain shut, and German economic conditions go from bad to worse. The results of this must be chaos and starvation.

By no means, they contend, must any further anti-Semitic propaganda be permitted in Germany, for if the present vicious agitation against the Jews continues, it must lead to pogroms. Old Russia and the present Poland are living examples of pogrom ridden countries. Germany must do her utmost to profit by their misfortunes and nip in the bud the whole movement. Pogroms benefit no one except the murderers and the thieves who participate in them. The chaos produced and the passions which are aroused by useless racial antagonisms deter the country from solving its vital problems and are leading it to ruin.

ANTI-SEMITIC INVENTIONS.

Munich: (By I. J. P. B.) In a recent issue one of the anti-Semitic newspapers of this city informed its readers that the Munich police has requested the Jewish community to surrender to them the address of the Spartacide leaders Dr. Levien, Toller and Levine and that the police were told that the Jewish community could not betray its co-religionists.

The Jewish community of Munich, however, made a public statement that the Police Department has never turned to it with any such request, and neither has it made any replies.

JEWISH JOURNALISTS TO LODE ON STRIKE.

Lods, Poland: (By I. J. P. B.) The Jewish journalists and employees of the two newspapers tagleblatt and the Folksblatt which appear in this city, have gone out on strike. Their demands were for a 100 per cent raise in wage and an extra 30 per cent increase overtime.

Books are issued by the Kahn Bros. Co. One of them is Zionism, other is Nationalistic.

ANNIHILATION OF GERMAN JEWS.

Frankfort: (By I. J. P. B.) A newspaper of this city declares in an article that with the closing of the doors of Germany to Jewish immigration the Jews of Germany must soon disappear altogether. Birth control, baptism and intermarriage are given as the prime factors in the complete annihilation of German Jewry. Through birth control the size of the average Jewish family is becoming smaller and smaller, and conversion to Christianity also removes a very large number of Jews each succeeding year.

Then again intermarriage has been on the increase in recent years and in the last few years has equalled if not surpassed the number of normal Jewish marriages.

There are official statistics relating to this process of assimilation that date only up to 1916. These show a tremendous contrast between the first and second decade of the 20th century—for example: In 1903 there took place in Germany seventeen intermarriages to every one hundred Jewish marriages, while in 1915 there were more intermarriages than normal marriages, with a ratio of 104 to 100. In 1916 this ratio dropped to (753 seventy-five intermarriages for every 100 Jewish marriages.

In commenting upon these figures the same newspaper gives as an explanation for the increase in intermarriage the same newspaper gives as an explanation of years the Jews have been leaving the small towns to live in the large cities where the process of assimilation is much swifter and more effective. According to the assurances of this worthy publication many of the anti-Semitic leaders of Germany are

either themselves married to Jews or have children who are married to them.

NEW JEWISH ORGANIZATION IN GERMANY.

Berlin: (By I. J. P. B.) A new organization has been founded in this city to encourage farming among German Jews. Since it is very difficult for the families long established in industrial centers to leave their homes and become pioneers in a new environment, this organization has decided to begin its program with the following measures:

- (1) Poor children and orphans should be brought up in farm schools in country districts with a view to their becoming farmers in adult life.
- (2) Jewish war invalids should be established on farms.

FIRE SWEEPS LIDA.

Vilna: (By I. J. P. B.) On the night of the thirteenth of April a fire suddenly broke out in Lida. With lightning rapidity it spread until destroyed whole series of Jewish homes.

One of the victims of the conflagration was the well-known and beloved Doctor Warshawsky, who was overwhelmed by the flames while asleep. Dr. Warshawsky was an exceptional character. For the last few decades he played an important part in the social and health activities of Lida Jewry. The poor always came to him for aid, for he was known not to accept any fees from them. His memory will linger in the minds of the population for many years to come.

THE INQUISITIONS OF THE POLISH RAILROADS.

Warsaw, Poland: (By I. J. P. B.) The Lodser Tageblatt warns its Jewish readers, particularly those who have long beards to avoid travelling on the 12:30 p. m. train at the Alexandrov Railway Station.

It states that attacks upon Jews occur upon this train day after day. Jews are beaten and their beards torn out with theroots by the armed Posen troops who travel at this particular hour.