

rible! The police gave the serfs the opportunity to plunder, pillage, rob, beat, tear limb from limb, and those who did escape could scarcely survive the torture. They walked into the gates of Jerusalem in as sorrowful a manner as did our fathers leave the city over two thousand years ago. But their courage and determination supplied them with their fittest instruments of success. They heard the winds from afar murmur glad tidings and a ray of hope suddenly lit up their countenance when they stepped on their own soil. Careworn and sorrowful faces lighted up with God's own benignity for never was there a time when they could own soil, only the six feet given to every mortal on his death. Would that I could blot this picture from my mind!

Then the scene changed and a vision more brilliant illuminated the horizon. Ships landed bringing temporary sojourners from America, happy hearted, earnest workers, men and women bent on accomplishing for mankind what could be accomplished with brain and brawn. It was these temporary sojourners who left, for a short time, their business and their homes, who marched into the city triumphantly; it was they who brought courage and good cheer; it was they who dispelled the storm-clouds and removed the doubts; it was they who with earnest endeavors accomplished the task of providing food and shelter for the thousands of oppressed.

Thanks to God, we see the fulfillment of your promises to the children of Israel. Thou didst promise us that the day would come when You would cause the people of Israel to return to the land that you gave to their fathers; that they shall possess it, and out of their hearts shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them shall make merry, and Thou shalt multiply them so that they will not be few, and that Thou wilt glorify them so that they shall not be small. And again didst Thou promise that the day would bring them out of captivity, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; and that they shall plant vineyards and drink the

wine thereof, and that they shall no more be pulled out of their land, and Thy promises have been fulfilled and we are truly thankful.

What! dreaming day dreams! I have caught myself doing that same thing before. We Zionists are branded dreamers, but it must be admitted that we have a glorious dream to dream about. However, our dreams emanate from the activities of the brain and body prompted by the impulses of the heart, and the accomplishments, slow but steady, which we see before us. Much work and great is the task which we have undertaken, so then:

"Let us all be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait."

#### WHAT MR. SCHIFF SAYS OF MESOPOTAMIA.

"I have no sympathy with and will take no hand in any scheme involving political conditions, such as the formation of an autonomy of any kind. I would have Jews go to Mesopotamia as they do to America—to the former instead of the latter, because, with the Mesopotamia scheme of irrigation carried out, their opportunities would be so much greater. I am in no sense a Jewish nationalist. I believe, indeed, that a continuance of the endeavor to re-establish Jewish nationality or the constant insinuation, even, that such is the purpose of any large section of the Jewish people, is not unlikely to work sooner or later immense harm to the Jews in Palestine in particular, and seriously to impair the favored position Jews in Turkey now occupy."

#### PRESIDENT TAFT IN PITTSBURG TEMPLE.

In Pittsburg last week, when President Taft visited the city, the first place at which he delivered an address was at Rabbi Leonard Levy's Temple Rodeph Sholom. The occasion was the regular Sabbath service. President Taft, who is a Unitarian, said, according to press reports:

"I have never claimed to conform strictly to religious services, and it has remained for Pittsburg to bring me to church both on Saturday, and on Sun-

day, respectively.

"I am glad to be here to show, if possible by my appearance, how much ours is a government of all the people and how wise was the constitutional provision that no religious requirements or qualifications should be necessary in this country. The prayer to which I have just listened, so full of love and human kindness, should make us feel ashamed of all narrowness and bigotry.

"I am not a preacher and not in the habit of appearing in pulpits. I never had done so until I went to the Philippines, which I stood first in a Presbyterian pulpit and then in an Episcopalian. Returning to this country, I have appeared in the pulpit of my own church, the Unitarian, and now I am in a Jewish tabernacle. That is a round which justifies me in saying that I hope to be the President of all the people and hope to have your support, as you have given it to my predecessors, without stint and with every desire to make this a truly good and great country."

#### JEWISH MAYOR OF PORTLAND.

Former United States Senator Joseph Simon, has been elected mayor of Portland, Ore.

Mayor Simon was born in Germany, and is 58 years old. His parents moved to Oregon as soon as they arrived in this country, and it was in Oregon that Mr. Simon received his education. He received public school education and then studied for the bar. He was admitted to practice in 1872. In 1877 he was elected a city councilman. In 1880 he was chairman of the Republican state committee. He was subsequently elected a member of the Oregon state senate, of which he became president. He was elected United States senator in 1898, which office he held until 1903.

#### THE HEBREWS AS CITIZENS.

In industry, in business sagacity, in obedience to the law, in thrift, in moral uprightness, in excellent citizenship, the Hebrews in any American community may well serve as an example and a guide. They observe