

INTERESTING FACTS ON ZIONIST MOVEMENT

DR. BERTHA SHOIHAN WRITES OF RECENT ACTIVITIES.

Soon Palestine Will Be the Real Home of Suppressed Jews of the World.

Dr. Bertha R. Shohan, daughter of Charles Rutenberg of this city, who during her husband's absence as roentgenologist of the American Zionist medical unit, is visiting in Asheville, has prepared a statement on the history and activities of the Zionist movement, which is given as follows:

Zionism is 2,000 years old and dates from the dispersion of the Jewish people from ancient Palestine, for the great majority of the Jewish people have never ceased to long and hope and pray for a return to the beloved soil, where their splendid ancient civilization was developed.

Modern political Zionism, of which Dr. Theodore Herzl of Vienna was the founder, dates from the first international congress at Basle, Switzerland, the first of many congresses at which Jewish delegates assembled from all parts of the globe to discuss political action for advancing the Jewish national cause, and to govern the numerous local organizations which sprang up rapidly in all parts of the world. The following platform was adopted: "The Aim of Zionism is to create for the Jewish people a publicly recognized, legally secured home in Palestine."

The movement gathered great momentum and, popular from its inception with the Jewish masses, enlisted as well the sympathy and support of prominent Jews throughout the world, such as the Rothschilds in England and France and leaders of the Jewish communities in other countries of Europe. In this country, Justice Brandeis of the Supreme court, Judge Julian W. Mack of Chicago, Prof. Felix Frankfurter of Harvard and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, to mention only a few representative leaders among the Zionists, ardently espoused the national cause. Among non-Jews, too, many authoritative voices were raised in favor of Zionism, prominent among them: Ex-President Elliot of Harvard, Norman Hapgood and as a matter of course, President Wilson, who in his defense of weak and oppressed and dispossessed nationalities consistently espoused the cause of the Jewish people and upheld their rights to repatriation in their own ancient homeland.

What the conquest of Palestine from the Turks by the British, who had always sympathized with Jewish national aspirations, the hopes of the Jewish people rose high. They were not to be disappointed. On Nov. 2, 1917, British promised its support to Zionism in its now famous Balfour Declaration in which Arthur James Balfour, on behalf of the British government, declared in a communication to Lord Rothschild, that the British were prepared to establish a Jewish home in Palestine. This declaration has been recently repudiated by the British government.

Curzon, the present British secretary for foreign affairs, on behalf of the present British government, has repudiated the Balfour Declaration. It is confidently expected that Great Britain will soon be given the mandate for Palestine and that she will at once carry out her promise to the Jewish people. Great Britain's attitude toward Jewish aspirations has been endorsed by all the allied nations so that no opposition need be anticipated to the carrying out of her engagement.

It is understood that as soon as Palestine has sufficient Jewish population, it will be granted the same measure of self-government as other British dependencies, which means almost complete self-government with allegiance to the British crown. The official languages used in the schools and the courts are to be Hebrew and English.

At present Palestine is under the British military rule as "Occupied Enemy Territory," but the affairs of Jewish Palestine are already being administered by a "Zionist Commission," appointed by the International Zionist Organization. This commission may be considered as the first Jewish government that Palestine has had since the Jewish people were exiled from their land 2,000 years ago.

It is not expected that all of the Jewish people will go back to Palestine. The land could not support or hold so many. It is even hoped that not too many Jews settled in America will wish to emigrate to Palestine and there are hosts of the oppressed and dispossessed in the war devastated areas of Europe who are waiting and praying for the chance to emigrate to Palestine so that they may tread the ancient, beloved soil and breathe an air free from oppression and untainted by hatred.

The chief role of American Jewry in the regeneration of Palestine should be the stimulation and direction of Palestinian industry and commerce, and the provision of sufficient capital for the great variety of enterprises which must be inaugurated to create a modern, and, it is hoped, a model nation on the ancient historic soil.

It is already assured that there will be sufficient emigration from America. Great Britain and France to insure adequate and progressive leadership and the preponderating influence of what we pride ourselves in designating as the "American ideals"

MANY NEW BOOKS AT PACK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Large Number of New Volumes on General Shelves and Many in Rent Collection.

Patrons of the Pack Memorial Public library will find a number of new volumes on the general shelves Monday, and quite an assortment in the recent collection.

Readers of "The Perfect Tribute," by M. R. S. Andrews, will recognize the same exalted mood in the collection of stories of the European war entitled "Joy in the Morning."

"Who was Simon Rattar?" Read "Simon" by Clouston and you will learn.

"The Law of the Gun" by Cullum, is a story of the western copper fields, a story of action, as one may well imagine from the title.

In "A Sailor's Home" by Dehan, a sailor plays Enoch Arden.

One of the Borzoi mystery stories is "The Middle Temple" by Fletcher.

In "Michael Porth", Mary Johnston paints the merging of the old south with the new on a large and colorful canvas.

"Mrs. Marden" is a revelation of Hickeys many-sided genius.

To the group of Jeannette Lee's wholesome and loveable women has been added "The Rain Coat Girl."

The famous daughter of Charles Kingsley, Lucas Malet, considers "Deadham Hard" her most powerful novel.

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Can a man kill and escape detection? Ostrander. In "Ashes to Ashes" thinks not.

Another Craig Kennedy story is "The Soul Scar" by A. B. Reeve.

"A Woman Named Smith", by M. C. Oemler.

Nine parts laughter and one romance is "Believe You Be" by N. Putnam.

"Joan of Arc", by L. Richards.

"The Siamese Cat", by Rideout, something new in title and story.

By some magic of his own Hugh Walpole has made live again in "The Soul Scar" by A. B. Reeve.

"Helena" is another clever and interesting story by Mrs. Humphrey Ward.

"Ladies in Waiting", is by Kate Douglas Wiggin. Comment is unnecessary.

"The Girl of O. K. Valley", by R. Watson, is a romance of the O'Kanagan valley.

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"A Woman Man", is by M. Patterson.

"Red and Black", by Richmond.

"Great House", a Stanley Weyman story.

The writer of the "Rain Girl" is anonymous.

of democracy and social justice. It is hoped and confidently expected that Palestine will become a vital Jewish spiritual and intellectual center, that will inspire the Jewish people throughout the world and lend dignity to their position in other lands.

Palestine is now to a great extent a war devastated country. The work of the Zionist organization must for the present needs be one of relief, reconstruction and preparation. Modern hospitals have been equipped in various cities, a large and efficient American Medical Unit is doing splendid work, and sanitary engineering work has been inaugurated.

Justice Brandeis, honorary president of the American Zionist organization visited Palestine and returned from his visit inspired by the natural beauties and agricultural and industrial possibilities of the land, brought back a comprehensive view of the immediate needs of the situation, and a message that the war depopulated land must be adequately restored, and modern methods of sanitation introduced before the stream of Jewish immigration is permitted to flow in that direction.

The Jewish organization of America is not dismayed at the task before it. It is a large organization of 160,000 energetic workers, ever growing and spreading its influence, ever awake to its duties and responsibilities. With the help of all the Jewish people through the world, it expects in the coming year, to make great progress in its reconstruction work in Palestine in preparation for the homeland that is to be—that is, in fact, actually in the process of becoming.

CROWD ASKS PUTMAN TO CONTINUE LECTURE

MUCH INTEREST IN TALK YESTERDAY ON "DID MOSES KNOW?"

Will Known Lecturer Uses Chart to Explain Proof Concerning God—Gave Splendid Address.

C. E. Putnam of the Moody Bible Institute, delivered a strong address yesterday afternoon to a large group of men at the local Y. M. C. A. Some doubt probably was felt at the beginning as to the interest that would be manifested in the meeting as a large chart with statistics greeted the men as they entered.

The chart covered the time of the Bible from the creation of Adam to the leading of the children of Israel by Moses from the promised land.

Statistics well presented to prove that the Bible is true and that Moses was correct in all of his statements in the books of the Bible that he wrote.

The speaker quoted sceptics and infidels and gave many facts as to the results of his investigation of their works.

He asked how many of the men had read Bob Ingersoll's Book on "The Mistakes of Moses" and learning that several were present asked any man to challenge him on the statements he would make regarding this infidel.

The lecture was intensely interesting and when five o'clock came, the regular hour of closing, he asked the crowd if they desired him to close or not and they urged him to proceed.

For nearly forty minutes longer he held the crowd at attention with his declarations.

The musical program consisted of solos by Miss Dorothy Atkinson and Frank Hill, Mrs. Daisy Smith was the accompanist.

The speaker said in part: "Let us notice at the beginning how the story of the Creation, the Garden of Eden, the Temptation, and all that God revealed to Adam could have been handed down to Moses by word of mouth, having to pass through only five of these patriarchs, as indicated by the stars at the left of their names.

And the same is true of the account of the Flood, and succeeding events, from Shem to Moses, passing through only four instead of five, and let us consider carefully the condition and surroundings under which this information would naturally be handed down through these four or five patriarchs.

"First, let us ask what would probably be the subjects of conversation and the means of gathering information in those times when they met together in social ways, and what the stories would be which the fathers and mothers would naturally relate to their children. They had absolutely none of the great modern inventions of information which we now have to talk of and tell our children about. Certainly therefore, there could be nothing so interesting and so much discussed as the story of creation, of the Garden of Eden, of the temptation of Eve by the serpent of their disobeying God, and the fall of man which followed; in fact, the whole story as Moses has recorded it. And how wonderfully interesting this story is even now amidst all the marvellous changes that are taking place

BIG CROWDS EXPECTED TO SHOP THIS WEEK

Three More Shopping Days and Stores Will Stay Open at Nights—Good Selections Yet.

With stores open at nights this week through Wednesday night, great crowds of shoppers are expected to fill the shops, during the remaining three days of the Christmas shopping season. While the stores have enjoyed splendid business during the past week, they will no doubt sell more goods during the same time this week than for any other period of the year.

The shops still have splendid assortments from which to make selections and the stocks are large and varied. There seems to be a shortage of toys in the stores and shops selling toys being almost cleaned up during the past week.

The most crowded spot in the city is the postoffice, where long lines, often extending into the street crowd three and four windows all day, during the open hours.

The postoffice officials say they have endeavored in every way to accommodate the public, but owing to the limited clerical help it has been a tremendous job most of the time.

today in the world, and we are still longing to hear it over and over again. Adam and Eve by their own efforts and Satan's counsel could not properly cover before God either soul or body, and after so many centuries of failure by man's refusal to accept God's plan of salvation we still find mankind in general listening to Satan's lies and following his own ways; and we see even some professing Christians trying to atone for, and cover their sins with their own good works and for bodily covering they ignore God's admonition to be clothed in modest apparel, but insist in following the abominable fig-leaf fashions of the devil, which do not cover.

"Certainly such atonement and coverings in God's sight, are as filthy rags. And man's ways, induced by Satan's leadership, will not avail and all such, in the end, will have their part with him in the lake of fire, which is the second death. (Rev. 19:10-15 and 21:8)."

"A perfect code of laws must be from a perfect being and so, too, the whole Book, though assailed by every enemy during all the age and now being assailed as perhaps never before by those who professedly its friends, stands unshaken and will continue to stand forever; for it is a Perfect Book from a Perfect Being (Matt. 5:17,12)."

"If our soldiers needed such careful military training to be able to fight the Satanic power of the German Kaiser and his armies, what special training in the use of the Word we should have to enable us to fight victoriously and defend ourselves successfully against this great Arch Enemy, who next to God Himself is the most intellectual and most powerful being in all the universe and who, in the last days, is manifesting such gigantic activity in all the world."

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of the late Dr. E. Reid Russell, all persons indebted to the estate are notified to make immediate settlement.

Mrs. Fannie M. Russell. 12-21-14

CRUCIFIX STOLEN AT ST. MARY' CHURCH

UNKNOWN PARTIES STOLE CHRISTUS FROM SHRINE.

Figure Secured From Passion Play Workers Was Given Church About Four Years Ago.

Unknown parties have stolen the little wooden Christus from the wayside shrine, at St. Mary's Episcopal church, corner Charlotte street and Macon avenue, Grove park, which for the past four years has stood on the lawn of the church yard. The figure was fastened in the shrine with a wooden peg and a slight copper wire, to hold it in place, and these were wrenched off, in order that the thief or thieves could get the figure. The Christus was presented to the church about four years ago by a Mrs. Fields, and was secured by her at Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, from the performers in the famous miracle or passion play there. It is of wood and presents a wonderful piece of hand carving. Mrs. Field made the presentation in honor of a son and daughter who died here. She, too, died in Asheville.

The figure was about three feet high and had attracted much attention from hundreds of passersby, in addition to the members of the church, during the years it had been in the shrine. It was weather-stained but the wood did not show any signs of decay and it would have probably lasted many more years before decaying.

No idea is entertained as to who is guilty of taking this Christus and it is believed that it could not have been done except by a vandal, who has either bent on securing an article he could sell or to attempt to destroy something by which he believed the church was doing work.

BROTHER OF MRS. RAMSEY IS DEAD

Burial Yesterday at Old Home in Greenville, Tenn.

News has been received in the city of the sudden death of Charles H. Milligan, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Milligan was the brother of Mrs. J. F. Ramsey, of this city, at whose home he was a frequent visitor.

A wide circle of friends here and in Washington will be shocked at his sudden death.

The deceased was a member of the Central Presbyterian church of Washington, D. C. For many years he held a responsible position in the postal sub-division of the treasury department.

Funeral services, with light Masonic honors, were conducted Sunday afternoon at Greenville, Tenn. Interment took place in the old family burying ground.

PUTNAM MAKES LAST LECTURE TONIGHT

Will Conclude Engagement Here With Lecture at Balm Grove Church.

C. E. Putnam, who has been delivering a series of lectures at the Balm Grove Methodist church in West Asheville, and who spoke yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A., will conclude his Asheville engagement tonight.

His last lecture will be on "Russell and Christian Science" and will be delivered at 7:30 o'clock at the Balm Grove church tonight. Arrangements have been made so that an additional number can be comfortably seated, and the public is invited to hear this noted lecturer, free.

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