

Jews' Army Parallels Irish Force

Half Million Trained Men First Protective Force Since Biblical Days.

London, Dec. 20.—For the first time since the days recorded in the Bible, the Jews have a large army, capable of protecting the lives and interests of their nationals in Russia.

The Jewish defense army has grown until it approximates 500,000 strong. It is well equipped with rifles and machine guns. Branches of it exist in every city of the Ukrainian republic, having Jewish population.

These astonishing facts were established by correspondents on a trip from Odessa to Moscow. A large number exists in Ukraine. In Kiev and in smaller cities the activities of the secret Jewish army are openly seen.

When not engaged in big actions with enemies, detachments of the Jewish army are systematically reclaiming villages and parts of cities where their people were massacred and deprived of their belongings.

Spalla Has Grown. In a town called Spalla, for instance, the Jewish volunteer army, well armed, engaged in guerrilla warfare with a band of several hundred bandits, which ended with the Jews entering the town.

In cities with a majority of Jewish population, this army, although refraining from taking up governmental control or in any other way manifesting its power, is actually the supreme force. In the villages they are continually on guard because whenever heavy taxation is placed on the peasants numerous peasant sons join small bandit organizations for the purpose of attacking the villages and making the villagers bear their taxation.

The existence of the Jewish army continues with growing difficulty owing to the complicated situation in Ukraine and the fact that the soviets look up on it such as Great Britain looked upon Michael Collins' Irish army.

Founded By Zionists. To begin with, the Jewish army was founded by young Zionists groups and therefore had religious as well as racial significance. This was incompatible with the soviets' plan to stamp out religious organization everywhere. On the other hand the soviets realized that the new forces were useful in dealing with banditry, which had reached dangerous heights under Macho and Petlura, and endangered the soviet rule in southern Russia.

The government continually sought to check the movement. Even leading communists of Jewish origin, who regarded their religion as a means of atoning for materialism, have bitterly opposed the Jewish army and even today, when the army has become a great force, its future remains precarious. However, the army leaders declare it will resist any oppressive measures.

Business Records Broken at Two Department Stores. Evidence of the ever-increasing prosperity of the community is reflected by the record-breaking business transacted in downtown stores and by extraordinary heavy postal receipts.

Both Brandeis and Burgess-Nash officials stated that the stores did more business last Saturday than on any one day before in their history. Practically every store reported heavy sales for last week.

Hearing on Telephone Rates Begun in Federal Court. Hearing on the request of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company for an injunction restraining the state railway commission from making new rates effective January 1, started before three federal judges in the federal building shortly before noon yesterday.

Orders for Omaha Goods Received From Philippines. Fame of Omaha goods has traveled to the Philippine islands. A message to the bureau of publicity of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce from an Omaha firm stated that on December 9, 25 communications were received from the Philippines and among them were 16 orders for Omaha goods.

Man Fined for Drunkenness When He Reports Car Stolen. William Richardson, tailor, 2704 Cumming street, telephoned police that his automobile had been stolen. Detectives Buglewicz and Cich went to investigate and brought back Richardson, who was fined \$10 on a charge of intoxication. Police said he sold his car and then forgot about it.

Jeweler Slugged, Robbed by Bandit



E. Q. Haines, jeweler, who was slugged in his store, 2238 Farnam street, Tuesday night. The robber took \$20 from the cash register, overlooking diamonds and jewelry worth thousands of dollars.

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LECLANCHE CELLS PROVE WORTH. Many amateurs are experimenting at present with various forms of storage B batteries with more or less success. But the average amateur has no means of recharging such batteries.

Modification of the old Leclanche cell gives good results and it is easily and cheaply built, can be renewed for a few cents and the solution is not nearly so destructive as sulphuric acid. The materials required are 20 or more (depending on voltage required) one-inch test tubes, 20 pieces of zinc rod one-quarter inch by four inches, 20 carbons from an old B battery, a cigar box and a broken storage battery.

Cut holes through the lid of the cigar box for the test tubes to fit into. Cut the battery jar into strips one-half inch by five inches. Place a strip of this between each carbon and a zinc with a rubber band around top and another around bottom to hold them together. Put one of these sets in each test tube. Solder wires from the zinc of one cell to the carbon of the next, connecting all the cells in series. The carbon terminal is positive and zinc and negative. Make a solution of two ounces of salt ammonium in one pint of water. Fill each cell with this solution and add a drop or two of oil on the surface of each to prevent evaporation.

Woman Struck by Taxi Dies in Hospital

Mrs. E. Jenicki, 4812 Leavenworth street, who was struck by a taxi of the Yellow Cab company, at the intersection of Sixteenth and Farnam streets on December 16, died at 1:30 yesterday morning at Lord Lister hospital.

The cab was driven by Frank Williams, 320 South Twenty-sixth street. His arrest was ordered yesterday by Police Captain McDonald.

Man Suspected of Shooting Girl Kills Self as Cops Come

New York, Dec. 20.—Confronted by detectives searching for the man who last night shot and probably fatally wounded Lola Toro, 17, Urbano Miranda, a goldsmith from Porto Rico, turned a gun on himself, dying instantly. The first shooting occurred at the girl's home in East 109th street, where, according to her sister, Miranda called to ask the girl to marry him.

Hearing Will Be Held on Johnson Extradition

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—William Perry Johnson of Lincoln has declined to go back to Quincy, Ill., on a charge of wife abandonment and a hearing will be held before Acting Governor P. A. Barrrows tomorrow, on the question of issuing an extradition warrant. The charge was preferred by Mrs. Helen Mary Johnson of Quincy, Ill., who claims that her husband borrowed \$52 of her, bought \$18 worth of shoes and then came to Lincoln and refused to support her.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by the Omaha Auto Club.) Lincoln highway, east: Roads good. Lincoln highway, west: Roads good. Lincoln highway, north: Roads good. Meridian highway: Roads good. Cornhusker highway: Roads good. Highway cutoff: Roads good. S. Y. A. Roads good. Highway cutoff: Road closed north of Benson due to paving. 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