

ZIONISTS HAPPY AT FALL OF JERUSALEM

Rabbi Cohn Says Jews of U. S. Owe Allegiance to But One Flag, the Stars and Stripes.

The fall of Jerusalem into the hands of allied troops will not materially affect the status or cause any great demonstration of jollification in the ranks of the Jewish class of people unless they are Zionists, is the opinion of Rabbi Frederick Cohn.

"The Jewish element is not to be classified as any particular race of people," says Rabbi Cohn. "On the contrary, they compose a religious denomination, inhabiting every country of the globe, and stand for a particular type of belief.

"For 2,000 years the Jews, as a race, have been nationless, and they have been persecuted throughout the ages, probably more so in Russia than elsewhere during the last few centuries, but the restrictions have at last been removed.

"In America the Jews are a religious rather than a political body, and they owe allegiance to but one flag, and that is to the Stars and Stripes of the United States of America, and we glory in the fact that we are Americans," says Rabbi Cohn.

Realize Ideal.

"I believe the realization of the Zionist ideal—the re-establishment of a home for the Jews in Palestine—is now at hand," said Rabbi Morris Taxon, orthodox Jewish leader, in commenting on the surrender of Jerusalem to the British forces.

"I have no doubt but what all the allies, including the United States as well, will follow the lead of the British government in its declaration favoring the restoration of Palestine to the Jews. We will urge our claims at the conference when peace negotiations are to be considered, together with all the other smaller nations, for the protection of which and the fur-

therance of democracy this country entered the war," said Rabbi Taxon. Fourteen millions of Jewish populations are stirred by the war situation affecting Jerusalem, Rabbi Taxon pointed out, a far larger group than any of the smaller nations affected by the war drama.

A Jewish congress was called earlier in the year to consider in what light the Jewish question should be presented at the international peace settlement, but the movement was abandoned on the active entrance of this country into the war.

Den Improvement Club To Make its Needs Known

The initial meeting of the Den Improvement club was held Monday evening at Twentieth and Grace streets. The club is an organization of citizens living in the vicinity of the Ak-Sar-Ben Den. It has 40 charter members. The following officers were elected: Paul Baird, president; Lloyd Richie, secretary; N. Brodsky, treasurer.

"This part of the city should have more attention from the authorities," said Mr. Brodsky. "We have been neglected in the past and it is largely because we have not made our needs known. We intend to do that from now on.

"One thing we shall seek to get is police protection. An officer is never seen in this part of the city. Another thing we shall work for is a playground. There is a large tract of land south of Burdette street between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets that would be fine for this purpose."

John Constanzo, R. J. Sutton and Fred Martin of the United Improvement Clubs addressed the club.

Auto Does Not Stop After Seriously Injuring Man

Charles Rawlings, barber, 2216 Capitol avenue, was struck by an automobile and seriously injured as he was crossing Harney street at Twenty-fifth. The automobile did not stop. Rawlings managed to crawl on his hands and knees into a nearby house. He suffered a compound fracture of his right leg and internal injuries. He was taken to St. Joseph hospital.

Feast of Dedication is Being Observed by Jews

Hanukah, the feast of dedication, is being observed this week in Jewish homes. The candle lighting, distinctive of this holiday, began Sunday night.

Hanukah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees and their rededication of the temple on Mount Zion after it had been despoiled and defiled by the Syrian tyrant, Antiochus Epiphanes.

The festival has become symbolized by the progressive kindling of lights during the week of celebration. One candle the first evening, increasing each successive night to eight the last evening. It is the custom also to give gifts to the poor and to exchange them with one another as tokens of good will.

Temple Israel Sunday school children celebrated Hanukah with an entertainment Sunday. The Young Judea circle of the South Side synagogue will have a Hanukah program Sunday, December 16, at 3 o'clock at the synagogue, Twenty-fifth and J streets. Hanukah plays are to be given by several Jewish organizations.

The United Hebrew Brethren will celebrate their 17th anniversary with a Hanukah entertainment Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at Swedish auditorium. Rabbi Morris Taxon and others will speak. Joseph Levine is chairman of the arrangements committee.

Presbyterians Will Hold Evangelistic Conference

The conference on evangelism for the Omaha Presbytery to be held at the Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church, Fortieth and Nicholas streets, convenes Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock to last but one day. There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening.

The conference will take up the work of evangelistic revivals relative to the services to be rendered by the various members of the churches, and the times and places of opening and holding revivals. A number of out-of-town ministers will take part.

MAKE KNOWN YOUR PAY DESIRES NOW

City Help Must Apply Now Before the Budget is Made Out for Next Year.

Now is the time for city employees to make known their desires for salary increases.

Mayor Dahlman told the city commissioners that members of his department have been requesting increases.

Estimates to be filed by the various city departments with the department of accounts and finance and accounts not later than December 20 will include all prospective salary increases for 1918, this information to be considered by the city council when it sits as budget board during the week of January 1.

Estimates Always High.

The city's general purpose fund for 1918 amounts to \$1,547,344, which will be apportioned according to the wisdom of the budget board. The experience has been that the total of estimates always exceeds the general purpose fund.

The council adopted a resolution directing each department to submit its estimate on or before December 20.

Increases for the firemen and policemen already have been agreed on, the maximum to be \$100 per month for the rank and file of these departments.

The budget board will not be bound this time to the former maximum amounts for police, fire, park and a few other departments, but may apportion any amount to any department under the new city charter amendment.

The mayor has intimated that he, for one, will ask for raises for members of his department and it is understood that the commissioners will make a frontal attack on the general purpose fund.

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Basement

Gifts for Soldiers

Army camp pillows, money belts, tobacco pouches, cigarette cases, cards in cases, regulation black four-in-hands, khaki handkerchiefs, silk or cotton army socks, wool hose, wool underwear, outing flannel sleeping garments.

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Christmas Neckwear

Fancy jabot collars with lace and black silk stocks.

Satin, pique and linen collars that are very serviceable on numerous occasions. Wool crepe collars are in vogue now.

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An appropriate gift of neckwear will not be expensive.

Suggestions

Sweaters, novel attractive styles, fit for ever so many uses. Colorings are bright and gay for wintry, snowy days. \$2.95 to \$5.00.

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Second Floor

Morning Hours Best for Shopping

Interesting Gift Linens

With Christmas rapidly approaching it is well to shop now and be able to select appropriate gifts at your leisure. For the homekeeper there is nothing that will give more pleasure than linens for the home. Our stocks are in great variety with ample selections of many linens, both plain and decorative.

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Gloves

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