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### JEW BAITING

"Jew Baiting," with its attendant "pogroms" or massacres, which has long been a popular institution in certain countries of Europe, would be encouraged in America if the insidious propaganda carried on during the past year were unchecked.

The Jewish race on account of its cleverness and native shrewdness is envied and hated by the slower witted and indolent competitors of the world. This is the underlying cause of the anti-Semitism which for two thousand years has prevailed in almost every country where the Jew has settled. Added to this is the fact that the Hebrew race does not readily assimilate with other peoples but facts go far to explain why in the past the Jewish race has been hated and feared.

A curious and mysterious book known as "The Protocols and the Men of Wisdom," purporting to have been written by "The Zionists," the book, which first appeared in Russia about twenty years ago, professes to be the exposé of a Jewish plot to break down all existing Gentile governments by the spread of Bolshevism race throughout the world. Many see in the Great War and the Russian Revolution a fulfillment of the plans and predictions of the Protocols and they see evidences of an incredibly clever plot to overturn the existing order of civilization and to substitute for it a universal Semetic control.

It is probable that the book is a clever forgery produced by Russian reactionaries and members of the Czarist autocracy as a part of their program to unload upon the Jews a part of the popular discontent and to strengthen their tottering cause. It has been taken seriously by Henry Ford, and during the past year "The Dearborn Independent" has published a series of cleverly written articles, based upon "The Protocols" and intended to incite public sentiment against the Jewish race. These articles have been widely circulated in pamphlet form and are calculated to do much harm.

As a consequence of this and other similar propaganda, there has recently been published a remarkable public protest signed by one hundred prominent citizens, not one of whom is of Jewish ancestry, calling attention to the mischievous character of this campaign of hatred and prejudice. Among the signers are President Wilson and ex-President Taft, Cardinal O'Connell and Archbishop Hayes of the Roman Catholic Church, ex-Secretaries of State William J. Bryan and Robert Lansing, Evangeline Booth, head of the Salvation Army, and many other equally prominent.

The protest is against "the publication of books, pamphlets and newspaper articles designed to foster distrust and suspicion of our fellow citizens of Jewish ancestry and faith," and goes on to state that these attacks are a threat and menace not only against the Jews but against our American civilization and American democracy.

Such a protest is evidence of a healthy public sentiment and is convincing proof that real Americanism is fundamentally opposed to race prejudice and religious intolerance.

### POOR OLD CHINA

Poor old China is in a bad way, torn by discord and insurrection, ravaged and plundered by foreign powers, her very national existence threatened by ever experienced. The famine in her northern provinces is the most serious of the many plagues of locusts have reduced a population of forty or fifty millions to a point of starvation. The people have exhausted all their slender resources, the land is denuded of every shred of vegetation, and tens of thousands are dying daily for lack of food. Even with all the help the outside world can render it is probable that by next summer when the first crops can be harvested, the death toll will be greater than the terrible total of the Great War.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation appealing to the American people to help this friendly nation which is in such terrible distress. One dollar will feed one person for a month, five dollars will save a life. Contributions will be received at this office and forwarded to the treasurer of the American Committee, or they may be handed to any one of the local agents.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. John S. Prall died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. T. Lightner, of Monte Vista, Colo., on Dec. 30, 1920. Mr. Prall was an old resident of Highland Park, having lived here about 45 years. He was 83 years old at the time of his death.

Mrs. E. C. Hoskin entertained the officers of the Tabernacle society of the Immaculate Conception church at her home Tuesday evening. A most delightful evening was spent.

News reached the Press yesterday morning of the very sudden death of Mrs. Ernest Maahn in La Porte, Ind., Sunday. Funeral services were held yesterday in La Porte. Mrs. Maahn was a former resident of this city.

Several young people of this city held a party last Saturday evening in Witten Hall. There were 18 couples present. Music was furnished by Emmett Duffy.

Mrs. Grandson of Sheridan, Ill., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Schloer.

Mrs. A. J. Metzler and family left Friday for Miami, Fla., where they will spend the balance of the winter.

Mrs. Annette Jones leaves Monday for California to spend the remainder of the winter.

Reports have come into the Press office of the appearance of snowdrops on the W. D. Egan estate. This is a month earlier than they generally appear.

Geoff's Pharmacy and the Robert W. Pease Pharmacy announce a change in Sunday hours, the new hours being from 9:30 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 5:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.

Mrs. Katie Ferguson and Miss Adele Ferguson of Southern Missouri are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ferguson of 61 N. Green Bay road.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Connor and Miss Eleanor O'Connor of Chicago were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Lafean who have been visiting in York, Pa., returned home yesterday.

Sheridan Rebekah Lodge will hold their meetings the first and third Mondays of each month instead of on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharpless are the happy parents of a son, born last Monday, at the Highland Park hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Aura Christman and two children, Victor and Olive, of Gary, Ind., visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Christman of Laurel ave. over the week end.

Miss Mildred Goelitz and Miss Alma Olesch leave Saturday for the Illinois university at Urbana.

Little Mary Jeanne Greenslade is quite seriously ill with bronchitis.

Mrs. George Lytton and daughters left Tuesday for California where they will spend two months. Mr. Lytton will join his family in California about the first of March.

Mrs. John Harmon has returned home from New York where she spent the past ten days visiting her sister, Mrs. A. P. Van Schaeck.

Mrs. S. F. Knox, who was taken to the Highland Park hospital Monday evening, underwent an operation for appendicitis Tuesday morning. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ferguson spent Sunday in Milwaukee as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pierce.

Little Barbara Erringer of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived Tuesday to remain indefinitely with her grandmother, Mrs. H. J. Thayer.

Mrs. Stewart of the Moraine hotel, will leave this week for a several months' trip abroad.

David Kimball and Jerry Learning are spending several days this week with their parents. They will return Sunday to Champaign where they are students at the University of Illinois.

Arthur and George Borchardt are quarantined with scarlet fever at their home in W. Park ave.

Last Friday while working on his home in Geneseo ave., the scaffold on which Mr. August De Bona was standing gave way, throwing him to the ground. He was taken to the Highland Park hospital where he was examined and it was found he had received only a few minor bruises. He will return home in a few days.

Mr. Gus Maerklin is now associated with Dan De Nunzio, tailor. He was formerly employed as crossing man by the Chicago Milwaukee electric.

Little Aileen Abercromby is quarantined at her home with scarlet fever.

Thomas Benson, a soldier at Fort Sheridan and Miss Dolly Schiff, of Chicago, were married Tuesday afternoon by Justice of the Peace A. E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher are the happy parents of a son born yesterday at the Highland Park hospital.

### ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Highland Park Building and Loan Association Will Elect New Directors

The thirty-third annual meeting of the shareholders of the Highland Park Building, Loan and Homestead association will be held in the office of the association, Highland Park State bank, on Monday, February seventh, to receive and act upon report of the directors, and to elect three directors for three years, in place of Paul Gieser, Charles J. Streiber and F. C. Noerenberg, whose terms of office expire. They are eligible for re-election.

There are 4825 shares in force at present time held by 233 individual shareholders, prospects are very good for a prosperous year, 800 more shares in force than at this time last year, and 4271 more than thirty-two years ago.

### AMERICANIZATION AT COMMUNITY CENTER 41 ATTEND THE CLASSES

#### Foreign Born Given Opportunity to Learn English and Become Americanized. Twice-a-week Class

Twice a week a class meets at the Community Center which would do credit to a settlement house in a crowded foreign section of Chicago. At seven the teacher, Miss Gertrude Chandler, with her assistants, is there. Before 7:30 the room is half filled with men and women who exchange greetings with the teacher and present the work they have done at home for her inspection. During the evening, by two and threes, they come in until the room is crowded. Italians, Finns, Bohemians, Poles, Swedes, Norwegians, Greeks and Russians, they come together to study the speech and learn the customs of America. Most of the members come from Highland Park. A few come from Hubbard Woods, Winnetka and Glenview.

There is no problem of attendance in the sense in which it is understood in many settlement schools for foreigners. The class was first organized exclusively for women in consequence of work Miss Chandler has been carrying on for three years. The claims of one young man were made so strong, however, that he was promised a lesson if he would come before school time. He came and brought fourteen others. Since then the barriers have been down and the problem is to find enough seats. Forty-one men and women are now enrolled.

They meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 and adjourn at 9:00. The chief business of the evening is the study of English. A reader is used which was written especially for use in such classes, containing appropriate material on daily life by signs, banks, travel, American government and history, etc. Incidental instruction is given in American social usages, and such matters as the use of our public library. Before 9 o'clock the class takes part in simple setting up exercises.

Some of the members of the class have been in this country for several years and have a fair proficiency in English. Others have just arrived. One young man who was interviewed Tuesday evening said that he had been here only a month. The more advanced students understand the more difficult points in the lessons of which only the rudiments are grasped by beginners. They enjoy helping the newcomers and the inclusion of students of every grade of proficiency in this one class has some compensations, although Miss Chandler is eager for the assistance of other teachers.

The social aspect of the class is fully as important as the scholastic. Once a month this side of the organization is emphasized and refreshments are served, but even on ordinary evenings there is an impression of good fellowship about the meeting which is very helpful. The students are grouped informally about tables and the fire-place is filled with blazing logs. The atmosphere is that of a club, and this, together with the accessibility of the Center, has done much to contribute to the flourishing condition of the work. It is difficult to make adults feel at home in a school-room planned for children, and a school for foreigners should be centrally located so that there will be no discouragement through the difficulty of finding it. Some simple equipment should be added to the furniture of the room for the use of the class, and other volunteers should come forward who will help in the teaching, but already the fundamentals are present—a suitable meeting place, a devoted teacher and an eager class. The opportunity is given these new Americans to become good citizens, America, the America which the foreigners of Highland Park know, is hospitable and helpful.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPENS DRIVE MONDAY (Continued from Page One)

phlet form, a brief summary of the year's work at the Center. Next Monday, Feb. 7, the financial campaign, for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the second year's work begins. The work of the Community Service was big and successful last year but aims to be bigger and more successful this year. Community Service needs YOUR help, both FINANCIALLY and PERSONALLY. YOU cannot help but contribute to the organization which is a means through which the people of a community come together with the idea of playing together, thinking together, and acting together. You can't help but contribute to an organization which is mutual service. As a result of cooperative thoughts, because it is service of YOU for YOU and by YOU.

- The following is the week's schedule for the Community Center.
- Thursday, Feb. 3—Boys' activities, 3:30 p. m.; Americanization class, 7:30 p. m.
- Friday, Feb. 4—Boys' activities, 3:30 p. m.
- Saturday, Feb. 5—Hospitality to Soldiers and Sailors.
- Boys' activities at 3:30 p. m.
- Sunday, Feb. 6—Junior Service party.
- Monday, Feb. 7—Boys' activities, 3:30 p. m.; Meeting of Board of Directors of Community Service, 7:30 p. m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 8—Boys' activities at 3:30 p. m.; Americanization classes at 7:30.
- Wednesday, Feb. 9—Junior Service dance, 8:15.

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Some of these fellows who now can't get anything to do, are the ones who recently made things cost high by insisting on six days pay for five days work. The little kids from the back alley come to school with their faces neatly cleaned, while the girls from the smart set have to be told to go home and wash off the powder.