

## LETTER ON RUSSIA'S TREATMENT OF JEWS

Addressed to Plenipotentiary Witte  
By a Committee of Hebrew  
Bankers and Merchants.

### WOULD CUT THE CORDIAN KNOT

Each Step Towards Jewish Emancipation Causes as Much Friction as Granting it Would.

New York, Aug. 31.—What is announced to be the full text of a letter concerning Russia's treatment of the Jews submitted to Sergius Witte, the Russian peace envoy, by a committee of Hebrew bankers and merchants, is published today by the American. The communication, signed by Jacob H. Schiff, Jacob Seligman, Adolph Lewisohn and others, it covers thoroughly the arguments and contentions of the committee made before M. Witte, of the delegation recently for the amelioration of the conditions under which people of the Hebrew race now live in the land of Emperor Nicholas. Civil and political liberty for the Jews, or an equality with all other Russian subjects, is the keynote of the communication.

"I would cut the cordian knot meeting you during your present stay at Portsmouth," the letter says, "we desire it were before you leave the United States and return to your own country to submit in writing, if you can, a thorough understanding of the mutual interests of the two systems on which we have expressed when we had the privilege of visiting you and of listening to your valuable views."

We believe that the claim of the Russian government, that the question of the condition of the Hebrews in Russia is entirely domestic one with which the people and government of other countries have no concern, can no longer be maintained. When a government, either through the application of exceptional laws, or through its subjects to seek to improve their condition through emigration to other countries, the people of those countries which give an asylum to such refugees from persecution and oppression, may with entire propriety, consider the conditions which may cause such an influx into their country and equally properly insist that those conditions shall be improved in such a manner and in such extent that the causes of the forced migration shall cease to exist and thus without justifying the change of residence of the people with whom they should not concern them."

"This we believe to be the attitude of the American people in general. We, as Jews, have the added interest in the condition of the Jews in Russia which of race and faith always and nearly of both, and do not desire that our brothers here have less than our full rights to do all in our power to procure an amelioration in their status."

"As we stated to you at our conference, it is our very decided conviction that nothing but the granting of full civil and political rights to the Hebrews in Russia will entirely remove the conditions which have been the cause of so much disturbance in Russia and adverse criticism abroad. You have answered us that the Russian Jews generally do not desire to be prepared for the exercise of full civil rights and that the Russian people is such that the Jews cannot be placed on an equal footing with them without causing serious internal disorders, and you have suggested that it might be better to propose a gradual and progressive remedy to remove existing disabilities and thus to prepare the way for an eventual total granting of civic equality."

"As to this we aver that the million or more Russian Jews who have come to the United States have become good citizens notwithstanding the fact that they have emerged into connection with the darkness into the most intense days of political and civil liberty, and they have shown themselves entirely equal to the responsibility which have been placed upon them as citizens of this Republic."

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A. W. Taft of Independence, Va., writing under date of Sept. 15, 1904, says: "I have had falling hair and dandruff for twelve years and could get nothing to help me. Finally I bought one box of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of Cuticura Soap, and they cleared my scalp of the dandruff and stopped the hair falling. Now my hair is growing as well as ever. I am highly pleased with Cuticura Soap as a toilet soap." (Signed) A. W. Taft, Independence, Va."

from the large immigration of Russian Jews.

"Can it be expected that the influence of the American Jew upon public opinion will be exerted to the advantage of the country? The Hebrews ideally deserve all brethren in race, making their lives almost undurable."

"No matter how many Jews may emigrate there will always remain a minimum of six or seven million Jews in Russia, and that it appears quite evident that the Hebrews will remain must be settled in Russia, settled promptly and thoroughly in the enlightened spirit which your imperial master has shown in so many other instances. This vexatious question will remove at once and for all factors which now stand in the way of the Hebrew race in America. We, therefore, earnestly hope that the exchange of views which has taken place between us may lead to that solution which we are convinced you and the other best minds of your country actually desire."

### NORWAY IS DRIFTING TOWARDS A REPUBLIC

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Dr. P. Wadlenstrom, one of the leading figures in Swedish politics, close friend of King Oscar, member of the riksdag for 29 years, and a leader in all religious reform work in Norway, has returned (having visited) for a brief stay.

In an interview Dr. Wadlenstrom asserted that Norway was drifting with apparent certainty toward the formation of a republic. While Norway, he declared, may get a king, his personal view was that the people of Scandinavia, as well as the friends of the monarchical, were gazing ground.

Dr. Wadlenstrom said the Swedish and Norwegian governments would begin further negotiations. The Norwegian storting is expected to assemble within a few weeks.

It is asked if Sweden accepted in good faith the recent referendum vote in Norway for dissolution, Dr. Wadlenstrom replied that the vote did not properly express the views of the Norwegian people as a whole. He then disclosed an alleged trick by which he then obtained a tremendous affirmative vote obtained.

"The ballots used at the polls all were marked 'Yes,' and no one was expected to vote 'No' in any event," said the doctor. "The only way a negative vote could be cast was by writing on a special ballot, but the men who had the right of the election showed no antipathy to any one casting a negative ballot, and persecution, or what amounted to it, followed him who cast in the face of the influence behind the referendum."

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### DR. D. E. SALMON'S CASE

Examination of Charges Against Him Exonerates Him.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Emperor William today received the following cablegram from President Roosevelt, in reply to his (Roosevelt's) congratulations on the results of the peace conference, cabled yesterday:

"I thank you most heartily for your congratulations, and wish to take this opportunity to express my profound appreciation with the way you cooperated in every stage and effort to bring about the results in the orient. It has been a very great pleasure to work with you toward this end."

### Rejstvensky Much Better.

Tokio, Aug. 30.—In—Year. Admiral Rejstvensky has been recovered from the effects of the wounds received at the battle of the Sea of Japan that he will be brought to Kioto early in September.

### Slayer of Harry Proctor Found

Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 31.—After a search of sixteen months for the murderer of Harry Proctor in Flathead county, Sheriff Gregg of that county, yesterday identified Joseph Frisco in the court room as the man he sought.

Frisco admitted he did the shooting that resulted in Proctor's death, but declared he did it in self-defense.

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