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AFFAIRS OF INTEREST TO THE JEWS

1908
Shields to be extradited upon request of the Russian
Government.

Oct. 13. Secretary of State Root directs Commissioner Shields
to reopen Pouren case and take additional evidence.

19. Secretary of State Root writes to Jacob H. Schiff that
the Government has communicated to Russia an ex-
pression of a desire for a complete revision and
amendment of the Treaty of 1832 (see pp. 41-2).

1909
Jan. 4. Sen. Knute Nelson (Minn.) presents memorial to the
Senate, of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor,
St. Paul, remonstrating against extradition of Jan
Janoff Pouren and Christian Rudowitz.

5. Rep. Burton Harrison (N. Y.) presents petition in the
House, of Federation of Jewish Organizations, for
appointment of chaplains of the Jewish faith in the
U. S. Army and Navy.

8. Sen. Knute Nelson presents memorial to the Senate, of
Trades and Labor Assembly, Minneapolis, protesting
against extradition of Pouren and Rudowitz. Rep.
F. M. Nye (Minn.) presents similar memorial to the
House.

15. Rep. W. J. Cary (Wis.) presents petition of citizens of
Milwaukee against extradition of Pouren and Rudo-
witz.

16. Rep. W. J. Cary presents petition to the House, of Wis-
consin State Federation of Labor, favoring abroga-
tion of Extradition Treaty with Russia.

18. Rep. C. A. Lindbergh (Minn.) presents petition to the
House, of citizens of Hackensack, against extradition
of Pouren and Rudowitz.

(H. J. Res. 235) demanding abrogation of Treaty of
1832 with Russia (see pp. 37-9).

25. Rep. J. T. McDermott (Ill.) presents petition to the
House, of citizens of Chicago, against extradition of
Pouren and Rudowitz.

Feb. 2. Rep. J. R. Mann (Ill.) presents petition to the House, of Third United Presbyterian Church, Chicago, against the extradition of Rudowitz and other Russian political refugees.


11. Rep. A. P. Gardner (Mass.) introduces resolution (H. R. 556) requesting the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to inform the House of Representatives of the number of aliens admitted into the United States during the fiscal year 1908 under the claim of previously acquired permanent domicile; the number of aliens who, but for such domicile, would have been inadmissible; the number of aliens admitted during this period on parole or temporarily.

15. House Committee on Foreign Affairs presents report (H. R. Rep. 2212) amending Goldfogle resolution (see pp. 38-9).

15. Sen. P. J. McCumber (N. Dak.) introduces bill (S. 9343) providing for medical inspection of immigrants at point of embarkation.


27. Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (Ill.) makes speech on passport question favoring adoption of Goldfogle resolution (see Jan. 18 above).


Mar. 1. House of Representatives adopts amended resolution relating to Treaty with Russia as reported by Committee on Foreign Affairs. Speeches by Reps. Goldfogle, Harrison (N. Y.), Hitchcock (Neb.), Keliber (Mass.), and Parsons (N. Y.), (see pp. 38-9).

3. Resolution as above adopted by Senate (see p. 37).

16. Rep. W. S. Bennet (N. Y.) introduces resolution (H. Con. Res. 4), deploiring massacres and acts of torture and inhumanity planned and effected by Russian police and military authorities, which acts "shock the civilized world and retard universal progress" (see American Jewish Year Book, 5669, p. 77).

16. The Vice-President presents a joint resolution of the Legislature of South Dakota petitioning Congress to establish hospitals at European ports of embarkation for the examination of intending immigrants.


22. Sen. P. J. McCumber (N. Dak.) introduces a bill (S. 122) for the medical inspection of immigrants at point of embarkation.


26. Sen. L. S. Overman (N. C.) introduces amendment to the Tariff Bill providing for the increase of the head-tax on immigrants to $10, and makes strong anti-immigration speech.

May 6. Senate advises ratification of agreement with Russia signed at St. Petersburg, June 25, 1904, to regulate position of corporations or stock companies.

June 7. Agreement referred to above ratified by President.


15. Agreement with Russia (see May 6 and June 7) proclaimed by President.
LIST OF JEWISH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

PAST

Benjamin, Judah Philip, 1812-1884. Sen. from La., 1853-1861.
Emerich, Martin, 1847-. Rep. from Ill., 1903-1907.
Frank, Nathan, 1852-. Rep. from Mo., 1889-1891.
Goldzier, Julius, 1854-. Rep. from Ill., 1893-1895.
Jonas, Benjamin Franklin, 1834-. Sen. from La., 1879-1885.
Lessler, Montague, 1869-. Rep. from N. Y., 1902-1903.
Levy, David. See Yulee, David Levy.
Littauer, Lucius Nathan, 1859-. Rep. from N. Y., 1897-1907.
May, Mitchell, 1871-. Rep. from N. Y., 1899-1901.
Simon, Joseph, 1851-. Sen. from Ore., 1898-1903.
Straus, Isidor, 1845-. Rep. from N. Y., 1894-1895.
Yulee, David Levy, 1811-1886. Del. from Fla., 1841-1845; Sen. from Fla., 1845-1851; 1855-1861.

PRESENT

(Members of the Sixty-first Congress)*

Goldfoogle, Henry M., Democrat, Representative, New York City.
Guggenheim, Simon, Republican, Senator, Colorado.
Kahn, Julius, Republican, Representative, San Francisco.
Rayner, Isidor, Democrat, Senator, Maryland.
Sabath, Adolph J., Democrat, Representative, Chicago.

* For biographies see American Jewish Year Book 6669, p. 70 et seq.
ADLER, CHAS. S., New York.
COHN, HENRY, Utah.
DINKELSPIEL, H. G. W., California.
GIMBEL, ELLIS A., Pennsylvania.
KRAUS, MILTON, Indiana.
LIEBLING, JULIUS, Illinois.
SILVERSTEIN, LOUIS, New York.
SIMON, HERMAN, Pennsylvania.
STEINTHAL, MARTIN, New York.
STERN, LEOPOLD, New York.
STERN, SALOMON, Michigan.
WALDMAN, LOUIS I., New York.
WARBURG, FELIX M., New York.
WORMSER, ANDREW, Montana.

The following were nominated on the Democratic ticket: ALFRED M. COHEN, Ohio; RUDOLPH J. KASSERMAN, Illinois; CLARENCE LOEB, Pennsylvania; NATHAN STRAUS, New York.