

FEDERATION OF ZIONISTS

The Second Annual Conference in Session at Baltimore.

GROWTH OF THE MOVEMENT

The President Details the Chief Events in Its History in the Past Year—
Election of Officers.

BALTIMORE, June 18.—The Federation of American Zionists began its second annual conference here this morning. Prominent Jews from nearly every section of the United States were present. The federation remained in session all day and well into the night, with short intermissions for meals. Much interest was manifested in the proceedings, which included the election of officers and other business. Considerable time was taken up with discussions.

The object of the federation, as set forth in the formal announcement, is to secure for co-religionists all over the world a legally secured home and to protect those living in Russia and other countries where they are exposed to persecution. There were present at the opening of the session about 100 delegates, representing 125 societies in different States. Societies of 100 members or more are entitled to four delegates.

The session was opened by an address of welcome by the Rev. Dr. S. Schaffer of this city. He assured the delegates that everything would be done by the Jews of this city to make them feel at home.

Dr. Richard Gottheil, the President, occupied the chair. In his annual address he dwelt at length on the growth of the Zionist movement, declaring the rapid progress made was due to the fact that Zionism was a living issue. The three great events of the world of interest to Hebrews in the year past were, he said, the second Zionist Convention at Basel, Switzerland, on Aug. 28, 29, and 30; the reception of the Zionist deputation by Emperor William at Jerusalem, and the founding of a Jewish colonial trust at London, with a capital of \$10,000,000.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of the Madison Avenue Synagogue, New York, submitted the secretary's report. He mentioned the founding of a Zionist agency for the sale of the products raised by the Jewish colony in Palestine, and discussed the methods of the Zionist propaganda.

Messages of good-will were received from some of the best-known Zionists of the world, among the senders being Dr. Herzl of Vienna, Max Nordau of Paris, and Dr. M. Gaster, Chief Rabbi of the Jews of England.

A telegram from the English Zionist Federation requested a contribution to a fund for the purchase of the Maccabean site in Modin, Palestine, for an agricultural settlement and school. This matter will be favorably acted upon to-morrow. During the past year the federation has increased from 25 societies to 125, with a total membership of 10,000.

The election of officers, which was held in the evening, developed some friction, the choice of Vice Presidents giving rise to debate. Dr. Zolotzkoff of Chicago claimed that a fraud had been perpetrated, and that ballots had been written in such a way as to make some names illegible. He charged that a certain person in the Conference was trying to manage the election. This accusation led to considerable excitement and caused reconsideration of the list.

Richard Gottheil of New York was re-elected President, and the ten Vice Presidents as follows: Dr. B. Felsenthal, Chicago; Dr. A. Friedenwald, Baltimore; Dr. M. Jastrow, Philadelphia; Prof. C. Levias, Johns Hopkins University and Cincinnati Hebrew Union College; the Rev. Dr. M. Margolis, Boston; Dr. S. Schemfeld, Louisville; the Rev. Dr. H. Maslianiski, New York; Dr. S. S. Cohen, Philadelphia, Dr. Philip Klein, New York, and B. Lowenthal.

J. D. Morrison, New York, was elected Honorary Secretary, and C. D. Birkhahn Honorary Treasurer. The new Executive Committee consists of the Rev. Dr. S. S. Wise, Cincinnati; Dr. S. Schaffer, Baltimore; Miss Henrietta Szold, Dr. B. L. Gordon, Philadelphia; L. Zolotzkoff, Chicago; W. Schur, Baltimore, and U. Taylor Phillips, New York.

The New York delegates are Miss Einson and Miss M. O. Sesson, American Daughters of Zion; I. Mirsky, Zion Club No. 1; A. Raden, Zion Club No. 2; C. S. H. Andron, Ohavei Zion; D. Bavenson, Bnai Zion; L. Cohen, the Rev. Dr. L. Ziegler, H. W. Thulwan, Dr. J. S. Bluestone of Zionah; the Rev. Dr. S. Gottheil, the Rev. S. S. Wise, J. D. Morrison, Prof. Richard Gottheil, K. H. Barasohn, C. D. Birkhahn, New York Federation of Zionists, and Max Ralsin, Young American Zionists.

UPSET IN THE EAST RIVER.

Boat Capsized and Schilling Swam Ashore with His Companion.

Jacob Schilling, son of Superintendent Schilling of the City Hospital on Blackwell's Island, and the cook, Rose Smith, whom he was ferrying across to the island in a skiff yesterday afternoon, were thrown out into the stream by a big wave from a passing steamer. Schilling swam to shore with the cook and both were pulled out of the water by a life saver.

Schilling had taken a party of friends to the foot of East Fifty-second Street and the cook got in the boat to go back to the island with him. After the skiff had got about fifty feet from shore the wash from the Fall River liner City of Taunton capsized her. Schilling caught hold of the woman and swam to shore, where Martin King, a life saver, pulled them out with an oar.