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## SIR HERBERT SETS PALESTINE RUMORS AT REST

High Commissioner Deals  
With Some Mischief Making  
Stories Relative to the  
British Mandate.

Jerusalem, July, 18—(Jewish Telegraphic Agency by mail)—Sir Herbert Samuel, High Commissioner for Palestine, in a statement submitted at a meeting of the advisory council, made the following declaration explaining the situation of Palestine:

"I have returned to Palestine to find that the confirmation of the Palestine mandate by the League of Nations is giving rise to a remarkable series of false rumors which have been spread among the people. It has once more been asserted that the Moslem possession of the Mosque Al-Aqsa and the Haram Esh-Sharif is threatened, and representatives have been sent to Mecca to defend Moslem rights. It is not necessary to go to so much trouble to repel an attack which no one has made or will make. The Moslem possession of the Haram Esh-Sharif is absolutely guaranteed, not only by the declarations of the British government, but by Article 13 of the mandate itself.

"It is rumored also that on the passage of the mandate, the British flags over the governorates will be replaced by Zionist flags; the government of the country will be transferred to the Zionist organization, and 30,000 Jews will immediately enter the country to occupy it. I am not so much surprised that mischief-makers should spread fantastic stories of this character as I am that any sane human being should believe



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## "SHELL SHOCK" OUT OF OFFICIAL WAR LANGUAGE

Recommendation of War Office Committee—Matter of Fear While in Action.

London, Aug. 18—(Associated Press, by Mail)—Great Britain should have the misfortune to be engaged in another big war, it is safe to predict that no cases of "shell shock" will appear among her list of casualties. The first recommendation of the War Office committee on shell shock, whose report has just been published, is that the term should be cut out of the official language.

"War Neurosis" is considered to be the best general term. "Shell shock" is declared to be wholly misleading, because it occurred to the committee that it had been even within hearing of a shellburst. "It is no surprise to find that the general lay conception of the term was very loose and ill-informed, the committee state. There was such anxious solitude during the war as to the incapacitated, and such was the appeal of the term 'shell shock' that this class of case excited more general interest and sympathy than any other, so that it became a most desirable complaint from which to suffer. If the young soldier were given to mental breakdown, even when attributed to a shell explosion, should be classified as a battle casualty any more than sickness or disease.

"In many cases," say the committee, "it is extremely difficult to distinguish cowardice from neurosis, since in both fear is the chief causal factor."

Colonel Stubbs, D.S.O., expressed the opinion that efforts should be made to get rid of the idea especially prevalent among young soldiers, that it was disgraceful to feel scared when in action. "I do not know," but I think I was in an awful funk the whole time," he told the committee, "and I think most people were. If the young soldier were given to understand that everybody is very much afraid and that it is a natural condition to be in, but he should overcome it, and if he were told also about the effect of shells and that it was up to him to control himself, I think it would have some effect."

Only a brave man will voluntarily acknowledge that he was very much frightened during the war.

## THE "NEW CHURCH" IN SOVIET LAND

Moscow, Aug. 11—(A. P., by mail)—The "red clergy," led by a group of young men, held its first congress here early in August and discussed plans to establish a new "live church." It was contended that the church must be brought nearer to the masses, and that the "new church" should be as "simple and as humble as was Christ Himself." The aims of the "red clergy," so called because of its acknowledgment of the social revolution and the Soviet Internationale, include liquidation of the superiority of the regular clergy in Russian church affairs; doing away with the reactionary section of higher clergy, who, it is contended, are still hoping for a coup d'etat to sweep them into power again; and preparation of an all-Russian conclave at which a successor to Patriarch Tichon is to be elected.

The "red clergy" group, headed by Archbishop Antonin and some young Moscow and Petrograd clergymen, came into existence as a result of a split among the Russian Orthodox clergy, brought about soon after confiscation of church treasures was started by Soviet government officials.

Because of the opposition which developed among the ruling church authorities, some of the clergy were prosecuted in various parts of Russia, even Patriarch Tichon himself having been placed on trial. Many sentences of death were imposed, some of which were carried into effect, and various archbishops, bishops and clergymen were given jail sentences. Realizing that the conflict between the state and the church threatened the very existence of the church itself, the group of young clergymen took the initiative and demanded the abdication of Patriarch Tichon. The patriarch yielded to the demands, and immediately afterward the movement of the "live church" was inaugurated.

The new movement, first of all, is against supporters of the old Byzantine church service, which demands splendor in all its glory. It is contended that the costly mitres, gold studded with jewels, the magnificent vestments, the priceless rugs are too significant of aristocracy. "In all this splendor," says the young clergymen, "little room is left for the light of Christ's mercy and love." The church must be brought nearer to the masses—it should be "proletarianized." And it is on these grounds that the "red clergy" have recognized the revolution, its results, and the Internationale.

The "live church" proposed also to clear the churches and parish councils of counter revolutionary clergy and to remove the vow of celibacy for bishops.

Since this was written the cable has brought a report of a split in the new church.

## FOR CONTINUOUS SITTING OF COURT

Western Recommendation re  
Criminal Trials, to Super-  
sede Assize System—Re-  
duce Jury Number.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 5—Declaring it to be a necessity owing to the increase of major crime in Manitoba during the last year, Col. J. G. Rattray, commissioner of provincial police, has recommended to the attorney-general's department the abolition of the present system of assize court sittings in favor of a continual criminal court session presided over by one judge. He also recommends a reduction in the petit jury from twelve to seven persons.

These recommendations will be put before the next session of the legislature by way of amendments to the jury act. The present system for handling cases provided for four sessions of the assize court each year. Each session is handled by two and sometimes three courts, which during the last year have failed to clean up all cases on the docket, due to the impossibility of holding a petit jury longer than thirty days. When the summer assize court closed early in June more than a dozen cases were laid over until the fall assize.

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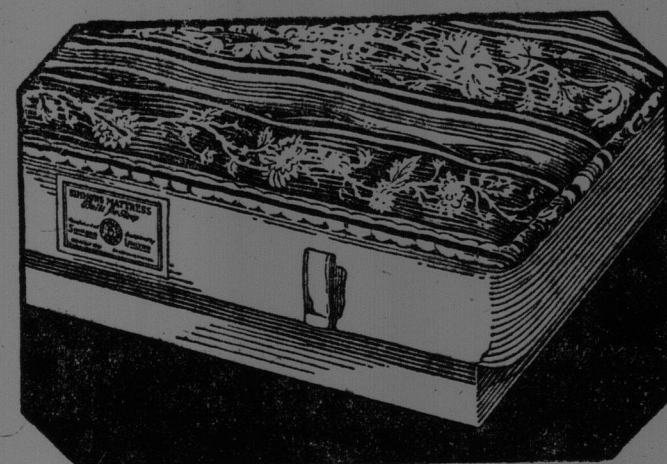
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### WANT EXTENSION OF NAVAL DISARMAMENT

Geneva, Sept. 4—A new international conference of members of the League of Nations to prepare for the extension of the Washington accord on naval armaments to countries which were not represented at the Washington conference is recommended in a report adopted by the disarmament committee.

The committee decided that it could not invite the league to adopt the Washington agreement on poisonous gases until the United States government saw fit to communicate that agreement to the members of the league.

The committee adopted the principle of government control of the private manufacture of arms and munitions under a license system.

### EQUALITY AT HOME ON WATER OR IN THE AIR

Edmonton, Alta., Sept. 5—A hydroplane that can ride the roughest sea and will ride to anchor like a whaleback, is now being experimented on in Great

Britain, according to Captain A. G. Huskell, of the Royal Air Force, a recent visitor here.

He said that the new machine is an innovation that might modify naval structures to a considerable degree. Although the strictest secrecy is being maintained regarding details, it is known that the machine is in reality a ship to which aerofloids are attached. The hull is long, of slight beam and extremely flexible. The elasticity is the outcome of many years of mechanical research at the royal aircraft factory. The combination is supposed to give airworthiness equal to the craft's seaworthiness and it is further proposed to establish an aerial navy if performance is as indicated.

Its principal naval value lies in the fact that it can travel on the water should it not be able to fly; thus it could accompany battle fleets without cumbersome housing facilities. It will accommodate ten or twelve persons and will be entirely suitable for transoceanic use. It will be, with two engines, capable of maintaining a cruising speed of 100 miles an hour.

### WORLD SHIPPING LOSSES 167 UNITS IN THREE MONTHS

London, Aug. 18—(Associated Press by mail)—Lloyds Register of Shipping records the loss during the last quarter of 1921, of ninety-nine steamers and sixty-eight sailing vessels, representing 1,172,926 and 88,138 tons, gross, respectively. The causes are given as wrecked, foundered, collisions, burnt, missing, abandoned, lost, and condemned.

Of this total seven steamers, and seventeen sailing vessels were of American register. Holland had no losses during the period under notice. Vessels under 100 tons are excluded from the return.

### AN OPEN FALL SEASON Seldirk, Man., Sept. 5—

An open fall with no cold weather until late in December, is predicted by Henry Prince, a grandson of the great Indian chief Pagan. He based his opinion principally on the position and movements of the stars, and declared that the dipper is exceptionally slow in its turning movements this season.

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