

The Colossal "Spec" of Mallaby Deeley

A British M. P. Pays Millions to the Duke of Bedford in the Biggest Land Purchase on Record



The Aldwych Theatre and the Waldorf Hotel Will Probably Come Down.



Old Drury Lane Theatre, Sacred to Many a Great English Actor's Memory.

THE greatest land purchase on record involves millions upon millions of pounds sterling, nineteen acres of the heart of London, with many of the famous buildings and precincts, the Duke of Bedford who owned them, and Mr. Mallaby Deeley, M.P., who took them over. The properties known as the Covent Garden Freehold Estate include Covent Garden Theatre, the English tribunal of grand opera; Covent Garden market, once the convent garden of the monks of Westminster away back in the reign of Queen Mary; Drury Lane Theatre, famous for generations of great actors; Aldwych and Strand Theatres, the Waldorf Hotel, the National Sporting Club, the historic Bow Street Police Court, and several printing offices.

The revenues regularly obtained by the Duke of Bedford from these properties are approximately and in part: Covent Garden Theatre, \$50,000 a year; Aldwych Theatre, \$20,000 a year; Strand Theatre, \$20,000 a year; Covent Garden market, \$125,000 a year.



Old Covent Garden Market—What Will He Do With It?

Just what Mr. Mallaby Deeley intends to do with all these historic properties no one seems quite to know. It is generally believed that he intends to rebuild most of the Covent Garden area. The market has long been too small, and may now be enlarged. The opera house is antiquated and may be replaced by a new one. It seems probable that the mysterious Mallaby may erect office and chamber buildings on the areas adjacent to Covent Garden. He has already spent huge fortunes on London real estate. A few months ago he paid \$2,300,000 for a Hyde Park corner with the avowed intention of erecting the finest hotel in the world. Three years ago he paid \$2,500,00 for the Piccadilly Hotel, and spent \$1,250,000 on the St. James' Court property at Buckingham Gate. He is the Unionist member for Harrow, his father was a Liberal leader in Chester, and he has houses in four boroughs.

The whole nineteen acres of purchase involves four theatres, one hotel, one police court, one market, and twenty-six streets.

JEWS AND JUDOPHOBES

THE Berlin correspondent of the London "By-stander" has recently sent his paper an informing article on the Semitic question as it affects German political life. In view of the great interest aroused throughout the world by the Beyliss trial, in Russia, this article comes at an opportune moment. It runs as follows:

Semitic Strife

TO Germans, Jews and Jewry are furious problems. The division between Anti-Semites and Pro-Semites is as clear as the division between Tories and Radicals; in fact it is the same thing. It is doubtful if there is a single German Conservative who is not openly or secretly Anti-Semite; and it is certain that there is no Radical, Socialist, or other "Left" German who is not pro-Semite. It is also certain that there is no German Jew who is not Radical or Socialist. The "Freisinn" Radical Party is dominated by Jews; and the Jews are the brains of Socialism; and lead the Socialist party in the Reichstag.

The only German Jews who are not Radicals are the Christian descendants of Christianized Jews. These are more Tory than Tories. Among them, some say, is the highly Tory Chancellor. That is the same as in Russia. In Russia Greek Orthodox, "true Russian" gentlemen named Rothstein and Goldmann lead the Anti-Semite Black Hundreds, and organize programmes; while men called Ivanoff and Michailoff lead the Judophile "Intelligentsiya." It's the same here. No Anti-Semite is as fierce as a Christianized Jew; and no pro-Semite is so

just, indignant, and declamatory as a genuine Teutonic Radical.

Press Antagonism

GERMANS in this matter are about as reasonable as Russians—no more reasonable. They are only less violent. During the Beyliss case the "Left" Radical Press took sides violently for Beyliss; and the Tory Press took sides against. True the Tory Press did not proclaim its belief—in ritual murder; but it attacked the Radical Press for prejudging a trial; for meddling in another nation's affairs; and so on; and it explained apologetically that after all—of course nobody—why even among Christians there are bloodthirsty fanatics who—This attitude is not surprising. There is a considerable (non-daily) Press which gives no points to the Muscovite Black Hundred. Its chief organ is *Der Hammer*, which fills its pages with yarns of how little Christian girls went for walks with Jews and were never seen again, or were found in ditches sliced into bits. And so on.

This is the form which German credulity takes—it is no worse than the British form of believing in syring airships and General-Staff waiters. And it is not so pusillanimous. Also one can understand, without justifying, German Tory Anti-Semitism. Here Jews not only run politics, but everything else in a Radical-Socialist spirit. They run, that is, in a political sense, Journalism, Education, the Theatre, Science, and Art. All these are used as instruments against anti-Semite Toryism. This makes the Tories accuse the Jews of unfairly taking sides.

"It was you who took sides first," say the Jews. "You won't have us in your party; so we joined the other."

In Berlin it is impossible to avoid the Jewish question. That is because half the leaders and misleaders of Journalism, Education, the Theatre, Science, and Art, are Jews. Christians spend their time asking if Herr So and So is a Jew; and Jews spend their time asking if Herr So and So is one of us. This distorts your relation to your fellow creatures. The natural way is to find out whether your fellow creature is man or woman, old or young, Tory or Liberal, Suffragette or Anti-Suffragette. But here your primary classification of God's creatures is always into Jews and Gentiles.

The Bully Enslaved

GERMAN Gentiles dislike Jews because Jews edge them out of all the nobler—and ignobler—occupations. Jews retort that that is because the Gentiles edge them out of all the ornamental occupations: Army, Navy, Civil Service. The Jew has the best of it; because the Gentile Anti-Semite is always in the role of victim; and nobody likes victims. Hence German Judophobia has something lachrymose, helpless, wailing—something one cannot respect. Also the brains, the humour, the subtlety are with the Jews. It is a contest between cudgel and rapier; between—to be in the spirit of George Bernard—swishing knout and tickling big toe. The German bullies the Jew, but he is the Jew's slave. And that is the source of his resentment.

The quarrel will be ended by the better man winning. The better man is the Jew. He has got the racial obstinacy which the jellybag German lacks, in foreign lands he remains a Jew for three thousand years, while the German in foreign lands ceases to be German in three thousand hours.