

SIX MILLIONS OF JEWS FOR AMERICA

Rich Brethren Want to Turn Zionist Exodus to United States.

VIENNA, Jan. 14.—The great Zionist Congress will shortly convene. It promises to be the most exciting ever held. A proposition will come before it from America which will mean a great deal not only to the Hebrew race but also to the United States. This proposition is in the form of an offer from a large section of the rich American Jews that if the Zionists will change their plans from East Africa to America the Americans will supply the funds necessary to take the six million Jews of Russia to the United States.

In England and in the other countries of Western Europe the offer to make America the Palestine is in favor. But there are so many disagreements and divisions among the rank and file of the Zionists that the active committee, which are the leading officials of Zionism, are over-sanguine of its success.

The three questions which will come before the Congress will be—the American or East African scheme, the election of a new leader to replace Dr. Herzl, and the re-admission of Israel Zangwill as one of the leaders.

On the East African scheme, as a temporary settlement for the Jews, the Congress has already appointed a commission to report on the promised land in Uganda offered by the British government. This commission is now in

Uganda and there will be a fight over their report. The American scheme will be discussed at length and a committee appointed to report on the United States as a promised land. But with the data at hand regarding America and the statements of those who are making the offer, this committee will be able to report during the session of the Congress, so that the matter should be settled one way or the other before the Zionists adjourn.

The names of Dr. Max Nordau, Herr Woolfson and Israel Zangwill have been mentioned as Dr. Herzl's successor. Dr. Nordau has declined on account of age and also because the "Misrachi" (orthodox Zionists) would object to his mode of life. Herr Woolfson declines without any reasons and Mr. Zangwill is in great disfavor with the orthodox members largely because of his marriage with a Gentile. There is a movement on foot to excommunicate Zangwill altogether. Whoever is chosen leader, the Zionists agree they will not be able to find another Dr. Herzl.

An important matter which may come up at this Congress is the question of religion. In the Zionist movement there are Atheists, Anarchists, Pantheists, Socialists and all manner of religious reformers. They claim religion has nothing to do with the upbuilding of a great Jewish state, and this question will be seriously discussed. It will likely cause a split which may affect the entire movement.