

EDITOR DRIVEN OUT

Dr. Moessohn Expelled From the Synagogue.

HE ALMOST CAUSES A RIOT

Congregation Talmud Torah Resents His Attack on Dr. Levine—He and His Sons Attempt Assault on President Ostrow.

Dr. M. Moessohn, editor of the Jewish Tribune, is no longer a member of the Novah Zedock Talmud Torah. At the annual meeting of the congregation, held last night at the synagogue, a meeting fraught with much excitement and threat of bodily harm, he was expelled. Dr. Moessohn and his two sons, David and Moses, were on hand to protest against the action of the congregation, and when Dr. Moessohn was voted out of the organization all three men started a disturbance that for a time threatened to reach disastrous proportions. They made a rush for the president, M. Ostrow, brandishing umbrellas, and but for the timely interference of members of the congregation, there perhaps would have been some bloodshed.

The row started at the annual meeting, which was called for the election of officers. According to the members of the congregation, Dr. Moessohn has been a disturbing element ever since he joined it. He was ambitious and an office-seeker. He, so several members of the congregation say, kept himself so much in the foreground that he made trouble for everybody. When the Jewish holidays began, Dr. Moessohn insisted that he be one of the first speakers on Rosh Hashanah. President Ostrow refused to allow him to speak, because Rev. Dr. Levine, a visiting rabbi from Chicago, was to make the address.

Attack on Dr. Levine. The row simmered along until the opening of the services on Yom Kippur, when Dr. Moessohn rose during the services and bitterly assailed the address delivered by Dr. Levine. Attempts were made to stop him, but instead he turned his batteries upon President Ostrow. Those who heard Dr. Moessohn's forensic effort say that it was the worst they had ever advanced to the pulpit, and it was from that high spot that he delivered his scathing denunciation. When it was over and the congregation returned to their seats, a report of informal meeting was held and plans for suspending the bellicose member were adopted.

Dr. Moessohn got wind of what the congregation intended to do, and is said to have made open threats of violence. The matter was allowed to drop until last night, President Ostrow was out to settle, but he had no success. When the official act should be to act upon the suspension of Dr. Moessohn. Notices were sent out containing the charges against Dr. Moessohn, and as near as can be ascertained there is no foundation for the story. Conductor Eaton of the rock train and conductor Richard Blue of the morning passenger trip, both of whose trains, according to the story, narrowly escaped colliding with obstructions that had been placed on the track, saying that nothing of the kind occurred. Neither of them was obstructed on the track or had heard of any such occurrence. John McGuire, superintendent of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, emphatically denies the report. He said: "There is no truth whatever in the story that attempts were made on Friday night or yesterday morning to wreck our trains. The train crews reported nothing of the kind, and I have no doubt that the men on the streets I interrogated the crews and found that no such thing had happened. I have made a thorough investigation of the matter and can find absolutely no basis for the story."

Vote Almost Unanimously. From what could be learned of the row which took place in the synagogue and of the scene which followed, it seems that Dr. Moessohn's friends were few. When it came to voting for his suspension, he was not supported by more than a few while voting was on that Dr. Moessohn and his two sons made a dash for the president. When the row was finally quieted, the annual election proceeded, and the following officers were elected: I. Apple, president; S. Dellar, vice-president; M. Abraham, treasurer; M. L. Gale, financial secretary; and D. N. Moessohn, corresponding secretary. The following officers were elected: I. Apple, president; S. Dellar, vice-president; M. Abraham, treasurer; M. L. Gale, financial secretary; and D. N. Moessohn, corresponding secretary.

Dr. Moessohn's conduct on last Thursday was outrageous, and he is said to have failed to land the nomination for president. He has always been after it, and this year the entire membership, with a few possible exceptions, decided that they have had enough of him, and in this way he was removed from office. Dr. Moessohn was elected in his place. He even could not land the first trusteeship, for which he ran.

Dr. Moessohn did not criticize Dr. Levine on Yom Kippur, but criticized his statements made in a sermon delivered last Rosh Hashanah at the synagogue, in which he criticized the Talmud Torah, and spoke against several orthodox principles. Ostrow took exception to these remarks and got up and insulted Dr. Moessohn by stating that he was sorry that any one should have been so ignorant and ignorant whereupon Dr. Moessohn declared that he had insulted no one, and that the president had no right to get up and make any statements, and that meeting was the proper place to renege.

"Apropos, Ostrow was recently appointed administrator of the estate of a rabbi who recently died in Portland, and the matter of putting up a monument came up for discussion. In the first place, it was through the decision of the then board of officers that he was made administrator. Complaint was made to the congregation at a regular meeting that on an estate of \$300 this Ostrow allowed the attorney \$100, besides not making proper use of the balance. A committee of five was appointed to decide what should be done with the balance of the money left in his hands. He consented to abide by the decision of this committee, but the decision being unfavorable to his own ends and purposes he disregarded this board of arbitration and did as he liked. This matter has also much to do with the trouble in the synagogue."

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Blazing Chimney at Midday. A blazing chimney in the Marquam lodge-house, Sixth and Alder streets, brought out the department yesterday afternoon at 2:30. The alarm came from the lodge-house, where it was reported that one of the firemen had prophesied that a big fire is due. After doing slight damage the fire was extinguished.

No Threats to Kill. "As to threats to kill and such nonsense, this is ridiculous; there was no such thing even mentioned, as every one knows that Dr. Moessohn is not so blood-

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