

SEES ZIONISM'S END.

IN RUSSIAN REVOLT

Jewish Problem Solved, "Freedom Is the Messiah," Says Rabbi Philipson.

NEW YORK, May 12 —The Russian revolution solves the Jewish question and practically extinguishes the Zionist movement, according to Rabbi David Philipson of Cincinnati, in an address by whom on the subject is printed in the current issue of the American Israelite. Dr. Philipson said in part:

"The Jewish problem in these days has been chiefly a Russo-Jewish problem. The unspeakable persecutions of the Jew in Russia, the terrible massacres and pogroms started and fomented by the bureaucracy which has now toppled to its fall, made the Jewish problem acute in all the world. The exodus of millions of Russian Jews to the United States and the western countries of Europe since 1881, when the systematic massacring of the Jews began in Russia, brought the matter closely home to all the friends of freedom in all the world.

"Many despaired and threw up their hands. But there have been those of us who throughout all these trying years of anti-Jewish excesses in Russia and anti-Semitism elsewhere, have not permitted ourselves to be deflected from our faith that the better and higher forces must in the end gain the victory.

"Freedom is the Messiah. The messianic age is dawning for our brethren in Russia, even as it dawned years ago for the Jews in western Europe and notably in the United States.

"The obtaining of full rights by Jews in Russia ought to mean the beginning of the end of the Zionist movement. Zionism is the child of anti-Semitism. Had there been no persecutions in Russia and no anti-Semitism elsewhere, Zionism would never have been born. This movement is a counsel of despair. Zionists despaired of the increasing triumphs of the spirit of freedom. They declared that the Jew must have a refuge to which to flee from the outrages of persecution, and that therefore a Jewish state must be set up which would grant protection. We non-Zionists, though greatly depressed because of the sufferings of our brethren in the lands of persecution, yet would not yield in even the darkest days to this counsel of despair.

"And may I record my firm faith that our blessed land of liberty took the first step toward bringing this remarkable consummation to pass when the United States congress with practical unanimity, there being but one dissenting vote, refused to renew the commercial treaty with Russia because of discrimination against American citizens of Jewish faith in the matter of passports? This fine assertion of the rights of all citizens of the United States without regard to creed brought the subject of Jewish disabilities in Russia into the field of practical Russo-American diplomacy. There was only one way of settling the matter, and that was to settle it right. This will now be done with the removal of every vestige of discrimination against Jews in Russia."