

BAHA DENOUNCES WARFARE.

Peace the Highest Good, Prophet Tells Astor Ballroom Audience.

A large crowd which filled the east ballroom of the Astor accepted the invitation of the Women's Committee of the New York Peace Society yesterday afternoon to meet and hear the Persian prophet, Abdul Baha.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who introduced the various speakers, opened the meeting with an appreciation of the guest of honor. Mrs. Anna Garland Spencer of the Ethical Culture Society and Percy Stickney Grant of the Church of the Ascension followed him. Persian Consul Topakyan, the next speaker, said:

"Our guest of honor has stood as a prophet of enlightenment of peace for the Persian empire and a friend and well-wisher of Persia may well honor him. The awful calamity of war has hindered by centuries all human progress. What progress has been made has been made in spite of war. The day of universal peace will be a day of rejoicing for all."

When Abdul Baha, in his flowing robes, rose to speak everybody stood until he bade them be seated. He talked in his measured voice, and his remarks were translated by Dr. Farride, who stood by his side.

"I divine," he said, "that the greatest desire of all of you is for peace. To-day one can render no greater service to God than to work for peace. War is darkness, peace is light; war is death and peace is life; war is misguidance and peace is guidance; war is the devil and peace is God."

Other speakers were Prof. A. B. Will-

iams Jackson of Columbia and W. H. Short of the Peace Society. Among the guests of the society on the platform were Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, Mrs. Samuel Untermyer, Mrs. Ernest Thompson-Seton, and Mrs. Frederick Nathan.

IMMIGRANT WINS SUIT.

Jury Decides That He Was Defrauded of \$500.

A jury in the Municipal Court has decided in favor of Albert Zander, a German immigrant, in his suit against Nathan and Sadie Pearl, whom he charged with defrauding him of \$500, and the defendants are ordered to repay the money. Zander came to this country several years ago and obtained employment in Oshkosh, Wis. Last January he decided to return to Germany and came to New York to engage passage.

Here he met the Pearls, who conducted a sailors' saloon and boarding house at 2 Front Street. The Pearls learned from Zander that he had with him \$500 in savings, and offered to sell him an interest in their saloon for that amount. He was easily persuaded, and says he handed over the money, receiving in return a paper which purported to be a partnership agreement. When Zander attempted to assume a share in the management of the saloon the following day, however, he says, he was kicked out into the street.

He immediately made a complaint to the police, only to learn that the paper was worthless. When he started suit it developed that a brewery practically owned the saloon. Two days after the suit had been brought the Pearls sold everything which they owned in the place to another man, and this fact convinced the jury that Zander was telling the truth.

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