

# **SEIZES THE SHRINE OF WARRING BAHAISTS**

## **Palestine Government Will Hold It Till Factions Agree On New Leader.**

JERUSALEM, June 22 (Associated Press).—To prevent serious trouble between the two factions now aspiring to the leadership of the Bahai movement for the unification of all religions and the bringing about of universal peace, the Palestine Government has deemed it necessary to intervene and assume custody of the shrine of Baha Ullah at Acca until such time as a settlement may be reached.

After the death of Sir Abbas Effendi Abdul Baha, son of Baha Ullah, at Haifa last November, a claim was made by his eldest brother, Badeeh Ullah, for the custody of the shrine of the founder of the movement, now situated at Acca. The claim, however, was bitterly opposed by Shoghi Effendi, grandson of Abdul Baha, who was a student at Cambridge at the time of Abdul Baha's death, and by several influential members of the Bahai community. They declared it contrary to both the will of Abdul Baha and to his interpretation of the will of his father, the founder. Bitter animosities were aroused among the followers in Palestine as a result, leading to several serious outbreaks.

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CHICAGO, July 18.—Albert Vall, former Unitarian clergyman and one of the leaders of the Bahai movement in America, said today that the American followers of Abdul Baha recognized the grandson of the founder as the true leader of the Church.

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