was as follows:

Maximum, day, 90°; Night, 61°.
Minimum, " 44°; " 41°.

The temperature in the hill country, including Jerusalem, was 7° lower, about.

The rainfall amounted to three inches, which came in the early days of the month.

The orange reaches full perfection in March, after which it deteriorates. The shipment of this fruit amounted, during the month, to 5000 boxes per week, and prices ranged, according to quality, from $11. to $18 per thousand.

The lemon continues to be brought into the Jerusalem market in fair quantity. The is of the average quality.

[Signed] Henry Gillman,
Consul.

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, March 31. 1891.

No. 231.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, April 3d. 1891.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of three Circulars dated respectively January 25th and February 2d and 18th, 1891. I have also received Consular Reports No. 119 to 123 inclusive, and copy of "Comparison of Customs Laws of 1883 and 1890."

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Consul

No. 232.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, April 27. 1891.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Despatch dated March 16 last; also Circulars of Feby. 25, March, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 13th, 1891; and copy of "Statutes of the 1st Session of the 51st Congress 1889-1891."

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Henry Gillman,
Consul.

No. 233.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, May 1. 1891.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Agricultural Report for the month of April, 1891.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Henry Gillman,
Consul.

Enclosure:
1. Report on the Agriculture and Horticulture of Palestine for the month of April, 1891.

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The condition of the grain crop has been much injured, as compared with last month, for the want of sufficient rain. The wheat and barley will prove inferior in consequence. This is in marked contrast to the wheat one year ago, when he had an abundant "later rain", which is an all-important feature in this country.

The barley harvest has already commenced on the "plains"; but will be some few weeks later in the hill country. The barley on the hills around Jerusalem, and on the southerly slopes of Mount Zion has been in full ear for some time past, but it is suffering for want of rain.

Water melons are usually planted this month, and the ground of the vineyards is cultivated.

By the middle of the month the orange season came to its close; the amount of shipments for the two weeks being about 10,000 packages. The fruit is now quite inferior, as compared with a month ago, and only sufficient for home consumption, for a short time longer, can be had.

We had five days of sirocco in April, towards the close of the month, one one day of which the temperature on the plains reached 105° Fahr.

The weather even in Jerusalem is unusually warm for the time of year. This is owing to want of rain.

(S.) Henry Gillman.
Consul

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, April 30. 1891.

No. 234.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, May 23. 1891.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 88 dated April 25th last. The prompt and generous action of our Government in responding to my representation of the case of the Jaffa seamen in securing the lives of American citizens from the wreck of the Russian Steamer has been received here with high commendation by all parties.

It is to be regretted that, through the mistake of our Consular Agent at Jaffa, Ali Zaud, our Consular Guard at the Jaffa Agency failed to receive the recognition due to his merits and heroic action in saving the lives of our citizens. He, too, should have been mentioned as having been in the first boat which went to the rescue of the passengers. His boat was also utterly destroyed, and he had a half interest in the other boat which was broken to pieces. He has been a faithful servant of the Consular Agency for nine years, his brother having preceded him in our service for twenty five years their services having been given gratuitously to the Government for the time mentioned.

Under these circumstances I earnestly plead for Ali Zaud, that he be not made to suffer through a mistake, but, if possible, that our Government will grant him also a life-saving medal, which he would value more than money; and to which he is as much entitled as any of the other rescuers with the exception of Suleiman Gerbi.

I am, Sir,
Your obd.t Servant,

Consul