

# Berlin Demands More Power to Disarm Nation

## Reichstag Bill Admitted to Enroach on Authority Conferred on States by Constitution of Republic

### Simons Defends Policy

#### Terms Must Be Executed Regardless of Invasion by Allies, He Contents

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BERLIN, March 15.—Revision of the constitution of the German republic to infringe further on the rights of the states that comprise it is deemed necessary by leaders of the Berlin government if Germany is to carry out the disarmament terms of the peace treaty.  
Dr. Walter Simons, Foreign Minister, admitted in the Reichstag debate Monday on the government's bill to carry out the disarmament clauses of the Versailles pact that the measure enroached upon the functions which hitherto had been reserved for the states. Despite protests from Bavaria against this interference with the state's jurisdiction, Dr. Simons insisted that the Berlin government was forced to extend its competency in this matter. He pointed out that he was responsible in the eyes of the Allied countries for carrying out the treaty, and for that reason he could not leave the question of forced disarmament to the whim of each state.  
Dr. Simons said he did not share the view that Germany's obligation to disarm has been invalidated through the application of penalties by the Allies.  
"World Approval Sought"  
"Germany's legal position is strong," declared the Foreign Minister, "but it will only remain so if the world approves of our legal position. Germany would lose that approval the moment that it adopts reprisals in the matter of disarmament and refuses to meet the obligations imposed by the peace treaty."  
"Germany is not free in its decisions, but is bound by Versailles and cannot cast off the chains by proudly declaring: 'You broke the treaty; it is therefore no longer valid.' To say that, we should have to possess power, and in face of our opponents' technical power and superiority of numbers I am not the man to recall to arms our young men who came out of the war alive, except in the direst extremity."  
Bavarian Policy Assailed  
Herr Hoffmann, former Minister-President of Bavaria, attacked the bill, arguing that Bavaria's action was driving a wedge between the Rhineland and the rest of Germany and was directing the industrial regions of the west towards the arms of France. "It is the bitter truth," he said, "that Bavaria is destroying the empire."  
Herr von Braun, Nationalist member of the Reichstag, assailed Dr. Simons for his insistence that Germany was bound to fulfill the terms of the Versailles treaty after it had been broken by the Allies. He pointed to civil law as making clear that the breach of a contract by one party to it absolved the other.  
Minister of the Interior Koch cautioned the Reichstag on the significance of its vote on the government's bill. He asserted that if it should be defeated, the results would be dangerous, perhaps even catastrophic. He added

that the measure followed out the spirit of the peace treaty.

# Germany Asks League To Halt Rhine Seizure

## Treaty Held Not to Justify Invasion; Levy Upon Teuton Goods Is Declared Illegal

BERLIN, March 15.—In a protest to the League of Nations on the infliction of penalties the German government contends that the only provisions in the treaty affecting this question are Paragraph 18 of Appendix II to Part VIII and the concluding sections of Article 429 and Article 430. These, it is declared, do not admit of any fresh occupations of German soil beyond the territory west of the Rhine and the bridgeheads.

The German government further contends that there has been no infringement or partition of obligations justifying the infliction of the economic sanctions, and argues that the levy against German goods is in contradiction to the renunciations by the British, Italian and Belgian governments of Paragraph 18 of the appendix to the treaty.

# Americans Take No Part In Rhine Customs Plan

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, March 15.—The American forces on the Rhine will not engage in the collection of customs, it became known to-day in advices received by the State Department from Major General Henry T. Allen, commanding officer of the United States forces in Germany.  
General Allen advised the department that the Inter-Allied High Commission had complete charge of the collection of customs duties and that no customs posts had been established in the American zone in the Rhineland. Secretary of War Weeks said the status of the American troops in Germany remained unchanged. He intimated that no consideration had yet been given by the Administration to the ultimate withdrawal of the forces there.

# Vienna Congress Begins World-Wide War on Jews

## Austrian Anti-Semitic Body Asks Government to Expel Hebrew Aliens

VIENNA, March 15.—World-wide war on Judaism was contemplated in resolutions passed at the closing session of the Austrian Anti-Semitic Congress yesterday. A World Anti-Semitic Congress was called to meet in Budapest next autumn, and a central bureau was created to get in touch with anti-Semitic centers throughout the world. Provision was made in the resolutions for anti-Jewish demonstrations similar to the one that occurred here on Sunday in every provincial capital of Austria once each month.  
The resolutions call on the government to expel all alien Jews by April 1 or accept responsibility for grave consequences, and also to impose exceptionally severe penalties on all alien Jew offenders. A demand that Jews be permitted to attend secondary night schools only in proportion to the permanent Jewish population is made in the resolution.

BERLIN, March 15 (Jewish Telegraph Agency).—Preparations are being made for a monster anti-Semitic demonstration to be held here Sunday. The demonstration, it is reported, also will be in the nature of a protest against the rupture of the reparations conference in London.  
Jewish students attending a lecture in Munich were dispersed by anti-Semitic demonstrators, says a dispatch from the Bavarian capital to-day.

# Assassin Kills Talaat Pasha, Turk War Lord

## Ex-Vizier, Accused of Ordering Massacres, Shot to Death in a Berlin Suburb by Armenian

### Wife Also Is Wounded

#### Slayer Is Captured by Crowd After Flight, Beaten and Turned Over to Police

BERLIN, March 15 (By The Associated Press).—Talaat Pasha, former Grand Vizier and Minister of Finance of Turkey, was shot to death in Charlottenburg, a western suburb of Berlin, to-day. The assassin, an Armenian student, was arrested.  
Talaat Pasha was walking with his wife in Hardenberger Strasse when he was accosted by the student, who approached him from behind. As Talaat turned to return the greeting the stranger fired at the former Grand Vizier's head, killing him instantly. A second shot struck Talaat's wife. The assassin threw away his weapon and attempted to escape, but pedestrians captured him, beat him severely and then turned him over to the police. His name is said to be Salomon Teitler.

Talaat Pasha, Enver Pasha and Djemal Pasha formed the triumvirate which controlled the Turkish government during the war. In July, 1919, a Turkish court martial investigating the conduct of the government during the war period condemned the three to death. At the time the sentence was pronounced, however, Talaat had already fled to Germany, in which country Enver Pasha and Djemal also took refuge.

Responsibility for the massacres of Armenians was thrown on Talaat Pasha and shortly after his arrival in Berlin it was reported the Turkish government would demand his extradition, along with that of other Turkish generals. It was said the Turkish government intended to punish Talaat and the others for the Armenian atrocities, but he never was extradited.

Talaat Pasha had held many portfolios in the ministries of Turkey, including those of the Interior, Marine and War, and Posts and Telegraph.

In May, 1919, Cecil Harmsworth, British Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons that the British government would take steps to bring Talaat Pasha to account for his share of Turkey's war guilt, but nothing was done.

An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Talaat was made in Constantinople early in 1916, when he was seriously wounded.

# England Buys a Cable Direct to United States

## Leases Line With Terminus at Rye Beach to Western Union Temporarily

LONDON, March 15.—Purchase of a direct cable to the United States was announced by H. Pike Pease, Assistant Postmaster General, in the House of Commons last night during an explanation of postoffice estimates in the pending budget bill. He said the British government had acquired the cable for \$370,000, including \$100,000 worth of cable stock and cable stations, at Balnashelliga, Ireland; Harbor Grace, Newfoundland; Rye Beach and Halifax. The cable is intended as a reserve for the existing Imperial cable, and has been leased for a short time to the Western Union Company for \$57,000 a year. Mr. Pease remarked that a new cable would have cost \$1,000,000, and that, therefore, he considered the deal most profitable.

# Chief Rabbis of Palestine Are Installed in Jerusalem

LONDON, March 15 (Jewish Telegraph Agency).—The recently elected chief rabbis of Palestine, Rabbi Kuk and Rabbi Meir, were officially installed in office at one of the leading synagogues in Jerusalem in the presence of a large gathering, says a dispatch from Jerusalem to-day.

During the course of the ceremony special prayers were offered for victims of the pogroms in the Ukraine.

# Civic Bodies Unite To Push Patriotic Campaign in U. S.

## Eighty Organizations Are Merged in National American Council to Promote Plan for Better Citizens

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Representatives of nearly eighty civic and patriotic organizations engaged in Americanization work, meeting here to-day, organized the national American Council.

The objects of the new organization were declared to be the coordination of the work and plans of the various organizations engaged in patriotic and civic activities, the obtaining of the cooperation of the public, elimination of duplication and waste, and minimization of financial appeals for support. The constitution adopted by the Council limits the activities of the organization to the promotion of education for patriotism and good citizenship, and specifically forbids it entering economic, industrial, sectarian or partisan political fields.

Dr. David Jayne Hill, former Ambassador to Germany, in taking the chair as permanent presiding officer of the conference, said those engaged in the Americanization work must confine their efforts to the United States and have nothing to do with foreign governments.  
Colonel Frank W. Gailbraith jr., commander of the American Legion, declared there was never a time when Americanization work was more needed, because, he said, "un-American and disloyal propaganda is being openly preached, some of it inspired by

foreign sources and some in the interest of foreign governments."  
A united effort is necessary to "see that hypenated Americanism doesn't raise its head once more," asserted H. J. Ryan, chairman of the Americanization commission of the American Legion.

Colin H. Livingstone, president of the Boy Scouts, told the conference that groups of foreigners must be prevented "from using us as battle-grounds" for their interests.

# Rumanian People to Register

VIENNA, March 15 (Jewish Telegraph Agency).—The Rumanian Parliament has adopted a bill providing for the registration of inhabitants of the country, says a dispatch from Bucharest to-day. Registration will be effected through local police bureaus, and all persons who have been residents of Rumania since August, 1914, will be given certificates to that effect.

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