

Germany's "Black Sunday."

Hitlerists' Sweeping Victory in Elections.

Berlin, September 14th.

German public opinion is astounded by the sweeping character of the Hitlerist victory in the Parliamentary elections, increasing their poll from 800,000 at the last elections to 6,400,000 and returning 108 Deputies to Parliament, where they had only 12 in the last Parliament.

Jewish fears that the Hitlerists would succeed in returning a strong contingent of Deputies to the new Reichstag, have proved only too correct, the number of Hitlerist Deputies exceeding in fact by 28 the Jewish estimate of 80.

The Hitlerists will constitute the second largest party in the Reichstag, the Social Democrats alone having a bigger representation, consisting of 138 Deputies. The Communists come third, with 75 Deputies, twenty more than they had previously. The Centre Party has increased its representation from 60 to 64. But the new Constitution, or State Party, consisting of a merger of the old Democratic Party with several other groups, has not been able to return more than 29 Deputies. Dr. Bruno Weil Vice-President of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith, who stood in Berlin as a candidate of the State Party, has been defeated, so that there will be no representative of Jewish middle-class interests able to defend them in the Reichstag against the expected Hitlerist aggression.

Among the Hitlerists who have been elected to Parliament is the violent anti-Semite, ex-Pastor Muenchmayer, who made himself notorious a few years ago by organising the anti-Jewish boycott movement at Borkum Island, which was finally suppressed by the authorities, after they had made illegal the singing of the "Borkum Song," proclaiming that "no Jew shall stand on Borkum's strand." He was in 1926 dismissed from his Church and unfrocked, having been found by a court of law, which dismissed a libel action he had brought before it, to be "a rogue, a libertine and a money-grabber." He has since his dismissal from the Church been living at Wiesbaden, where he has been very active in Hitlerist circles.

The Democratic papers printing over their report of the election results the heading "Black Sunday," join in appealing to the Prime Minister, Dr. Bruening, the leader of the Centre Party, that he should make every effort possible to prevent a Right Coalition Government taking office, since that would mean surrendering Germany to the Hitlerists, who are now the strongest party of the Right, and would be the real rulers of the country. They urge him to form a coalition Government with the Social Democratic Party and thus to maintain a Democratic Parliamentary regime in Germany. If all the Centre Parties unite with the Social Democrats they will have 321 Deputies against 224 Hitlerists, German Nationals and Communists, the latter also an anti-Parliamentary group and expected to join the Hitlerists in their Parliamentary-wrecking tactics.

Several Jewish leaders stated to-day that though it was by no means certain that the Hitlerist victory will lead to their assumption of power, there are, undoubtedly however, very hard times coming for German Jewry and they urged, therefore, that immediate steps should be taken to close up the Jewish ranks, in order to be prepared to ward off the expected Hitlerist aggression and to safeguard the hard-won Jewish rights.

AN OUTSTANDING WOMAN NOVELIST.

American Praise of Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin.

A notable tribute to a South African writer appears in an interview with Mr. Aldous Huxley, published in the American magazine, *Harper's Bazaar*.

Mr. Huxley spoke to the interviewer of women novelists, and was asked, "Of this massed army of women who are so determined to earn their living by the pen, do you consider any of them able to compete with male novelists?"

"The only woman who is doing anything," answered Mr. Huxley, "is Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin, the South African novelist. She can write."

Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin has recently added several chapters to her novel "Adam's Rest." The additions bring it up to 1930, and the book in its new form is to be published this month in America.

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"We Return Encouraged"

Says Mr. Felix M. Warburg on Arriving in New York.
New York, September 15th.

We return encouraged by reassuring factors, among which was the courageous statement by Dr. Weizmann that we are not concerned with political aims which might create fears among the Arabs, Mr. Felix M. Warburg, Chairman of the Administrative Committees of the Jewish Agency, declared on returning to New York after presiding at the Berlin meeting of the Administrative Committee. Dr. Weizmann's clear expression that the Palestine problem is common to Arabs and Jews, he went on, should make it easier for the Mandatory Government to initiate and carry through a programme of development and peaceful co-operation in Palestine.

Mr. Warburg expressed his satisfaction over the action of the League of Nations in upholding the Mandates Commission's Palestine Report against the objections of the British Government. He was hopeful, Mr. Warburg said, of the progress made at the Berlin meeting, and he felt that the reorganisation of the Executive personnel will help the Palestine work.

He emphasised also the need of American Jews continuing to help in the reconstruction and relief work on behalf of the Jews of Eastern Europe.

Dr. Cyrus Adler, President of the American Jewish Committee, who has also just returned to New York from the meeting of the Jewish Agency Administrative Committee, said that the League of Nations will become an effective bulwark for the protection of the minorities. He thought that the Jewish situation in Roumania is very difficult.

Speaking of the Jewish Agency, he said that the effect of the discipline which had been brought into the Agency by the new associated forces was already noticeable.

The work of the Joint Distribution Committee, he added, must not stop.

CHILDREN'S HEBREW CULTURAL GROUPS.

A well attended meeting of the above was held at the residence of Mrs. Jaff, Observatory.

The present Executive, consisting of:—Organiser, Mrs. S. Milstein; Chairlady, Mrs. M. Ginsberg; Vice-Chair, Mrs. A. P. Cohen; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Braudo; Hon. Secretary, Miss I. Aron; co-opted Mrs. Fred Cohen and Mrs. B. Meyerovitz.

Owing to the close proximity of the school examinations and holidays it was decided to produce the Hebrew Historical Play, under the supervision of Miss Ben Jacob, at an early date next year. The children are rehearsing regularly at Miss Adler's studio and with the able guidance of Miss Adler, Mrs. Salomon and Miss Levitas, the production promises to be a great success.

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