



## Causes of Death Among Berlin Jews.

RESEARCH BY TWO JEWISH DOCTORS.

Berlin.

The Reichsvertretung der Juden in Deutschland has just issued a pamphlet by two Jewish medical research workers, Dr. Franz Goldman, a former lecturer at Berlin University and a former official of the Reichsministry of the Interior, and Dr. Georg Wolff, the former statistician of the Berlin Health Department, on the causes of deaths among the Berlin Jews, which proves that cases of suicides among Jews in Germany are more frequent than among non-Jews.

The two research workers examined the causes of 14,083 cases of deaths among Jews. They were particularly interested in the question whether there exist any special causes of mortality among Jews which are to be ascribed to inherited peculiarities of the Jews, or whether most of the deaths are due to environmental causes.

According to Dr. Wolff, a large percentage of the deaths among Berlin Jews was due to suicide. Already in the period between 1924 and 1926, causes of suicide among Jewish males were 1.2 per cent. more frequent than among non-Jews. Among Jewish women the cases of suicide were 1.5 per cent. more frequent than among non-Jews. In the period between 1932 and 1934 the cases of suicide among the Jews have considerably increased with a corresponding increase in the percentage of Jewish suicide cases as compared with non-Jewish.

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## Anti-Nazi Rally in Vienna.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR PRESENT.

Vienna.

A great mass meeting against the racial propaganda of Nazi Germany was held here by the Pan-European Union. Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, and other prominent members of the Austrian Cabinet were present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to protest against the National Socialist theories of racial hatred, and the chief address was delivered by Dr. Coudenhove-Kalegri, the well-known writer and President of the Pan-European Union. Dr. Coudenhove-Kalegri attacked the Nazi regime for its racial teachings. Bolshevism and Nazism, he said, were both enemies of Western European culture.

Dr. Coudenhove-Kalegri went on to pay a warm tribute to the humanitarian ideals of Jewish, Christian and Hellenic civilisations. Jewish ethical teaching, he said, would always remain the ideal of the human race. He next referred to those "swindlers and robbers" who attempted to force humanity to glorify them as heroes, while they allowed poets and thinkers to die of starvation.

A member of the German-Austrian Cultural Committee, who also addressed the meeting, spoke of the necessity to give the national minorities full freedom and full equality of rights in accordance with Austrian traditions.—J.T.U.

## Fritz Kreisler Honoured.

DECORATED BY KING OF GREECE.

Athens.

M. Fritz Kreisler, the famous violinist, has been decorated by the King of Greece.

He was presented with the Cordon of the Grand Cross of George I by the King in person after the first of two concerts which he gave here.

Another rare honour was conferred on M. Kreisler when he was presented with a branch of the great olive tree which grows in the Parthenon, on the Acropolis. The tree is reputed to be over 3,000 years old, and the gift of a branch from it is the highest honour which Greece can confer.

M. Kreisler has presented £400 to the Directors of the Greek Conservatoire in Athens for distribution to musical charities. This sum represents what he would have received for his concert.

The £400 is to be divided. The Athens Conservatoire will receive £200, the Pension Fund for retired musicians £120, and the balance of £80 will go to the Fund for Unemployed Musicians.

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So far as the total mortality of the Jewish population is concerned, it is between 8 and 12 per cent. smaller than the mortality of the non-Jewish population.

Deaths from tuberculosis and cancer were also less frequent among Jews than among Germans. From diabetes, however, the death rate among Jews was by 1.4 per cent. larger than among Germans.—J.T.A.

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