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Persecution of German Jews.

The cruelty of the systematic persecution of the Jews of Germany which Herr Hitler's Nazi party has laid out would not be thought possible in this modern world were not the fact there beyond all dispute. The Nazi leaders professed to be outraged last week by reports of atrocities attributed to their followers. But the persecution which they now are about to visit upon the helpless Jews of Germany and which they flaunt before the world is not less brutal in its purpose and if persisted in, will be infinitely more cruel than the physical assaults of the first days of the revolution.

Jews are not to be permitted to practice their professions nor pursue their callings. Jewish judges and attorneys are driven from the court rooms; Jewish physicians from the hospitals. Jewish children are to be expelled from the schools. Jewish merchants are to be boycotted. By every device which ingenuity can suggest these people are to be deprived of their means of livelihood simply because they are Jews.

All this is to be done under the protection and with the encouragement and assistance of a government which will expect to be heard with respect as an equal when it addresses itself to the great and enlightened powers of the world.

The lot of the Jews of Germany is pitiable. They are exposed to the mercy of a fanaticism such as has been unknown in the world for more than 400 years with the exception of a few black chapters in old Russia. All the old canards used to justify and intensify race hatreds are being used against them. They are being blamed with every ridiculous charge that can come to mind, like the accusation of guilt for the war. Their sole protection is the fundamental justice and feeling of the great mass of German people.