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IN THIS ISSUE

"The German party system has always puzzled foreign observers . . . it might be useful to explain to American readers the development of these parties as seen from their traditional, regional, social and religious backgrounds," writes **Felix E. Hirsch** of his article in this issue of CURRENT HISTORY. He comments further that in his German days as an editor of BERLINER TAGEBLATT he remained free from any official party affiliations, thus providing him with the impartiality necessary in discussing his subject.

Sidney B. Fay moves to the west in his survey of Russian border interests. Last month he discussed the conflicts of the major powers in Iran and the territory around the Caspian Sea and the historic background for the conflicts. This month he concentrates on the Dardanelles, long an objective of the Russians, Czars and Communists alike.

The first section of **Gabriel A. Almond's** article on German resistance appeared in the May issue of CURRENT HISTORY. It is completed in this issue.

Last month for the first time we introduced a new feature, which appears again this month, "Current History Repeats," to show what was current history several decades ago and to point out the events which seem strangely familiar.

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