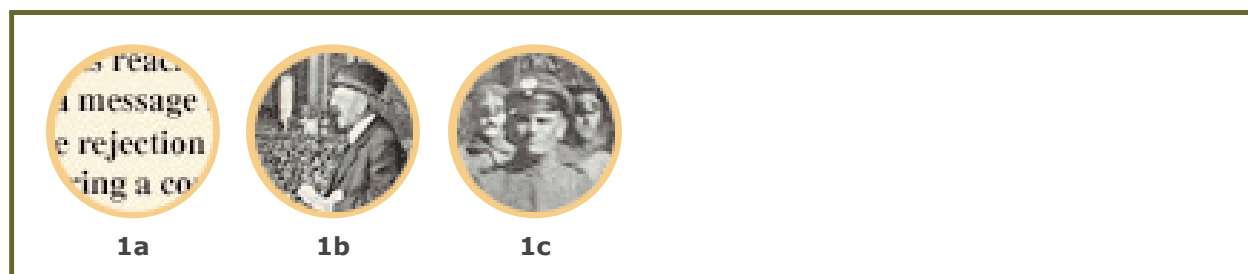




## Source 1

Extracts from the Illustrated London News showing German reactions to the Treaty, 28 June 1919

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### How to use this source:

Study this source carefully. It contains information that could be helpful in deciding why it was so hard to make peace. As you study the source, ask yourself:

- According to this source, how did Germans react to the announcement of the terms of the Treaty?
- What actions were opponents of the Treaty planning?
- What does this source suggest about the strength of opinion towards the Treaty?
- Some politicians in France and Britain claimed that a small minority was stirring up opposition to the Treaty in Germany. Does this source support or contradict that view?



## Source 1a

**BEFORE GERMANY DECIDED: MASS MEETINGS IN BERLIN AND ELSEWHERE TO PROTEST AGAINST A "PEACE BY FORCE"**

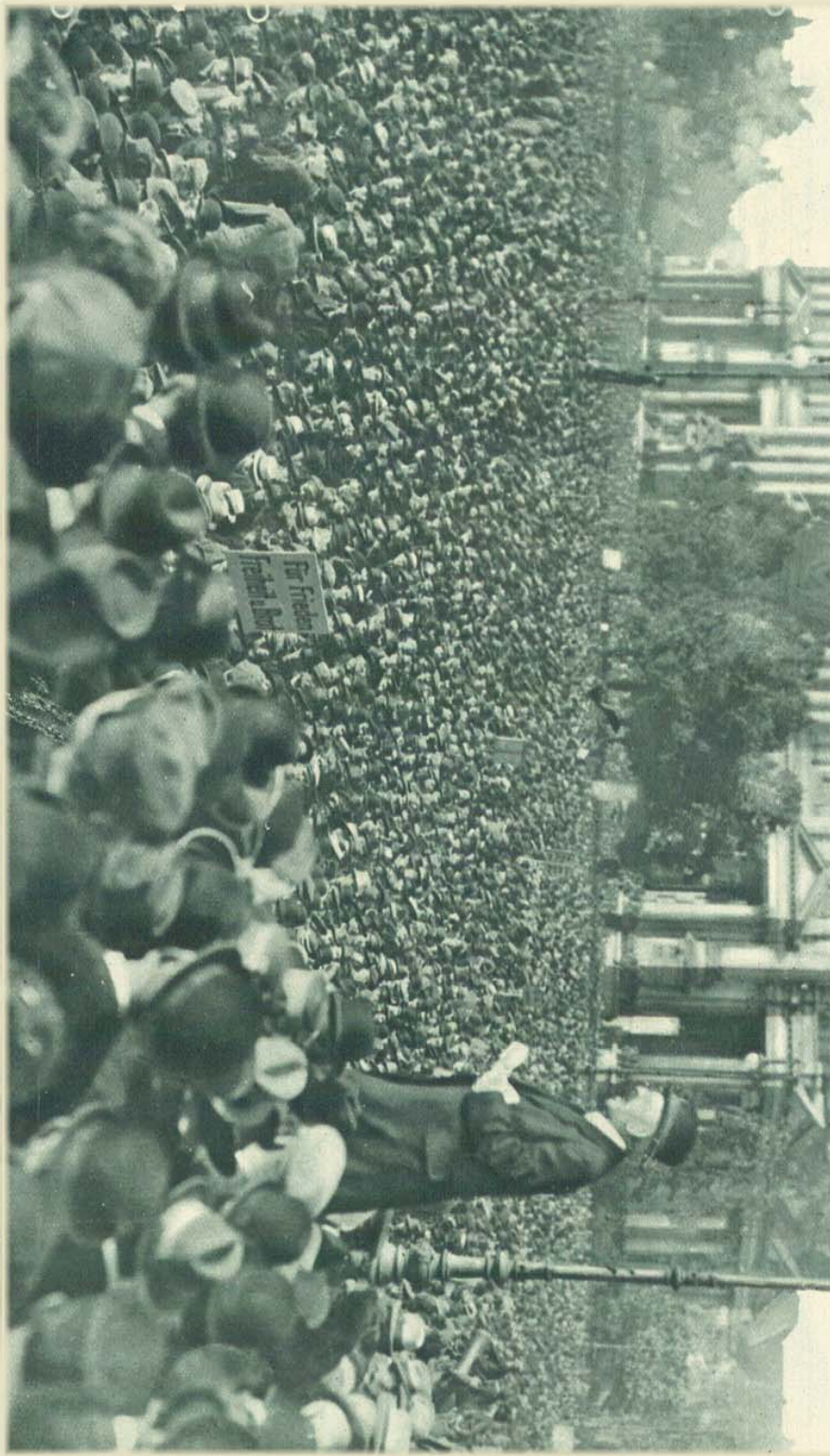
There was great division of opinion in Germany over the question of signing the Peace Treaty, and before the fateful decision was reached, mass meetings of protest were held in Berlin and various other places. On June 19 it was reported in a message from Berlin that the Democrats and Pan-Germans were then still continuing their propaganda for the rejection of the Allies' terms, and that the Pan-Germans were distributing arms with a view to engineering a counter-revolution. In a speech at Kolberg, Field-Marshal von Hindenburg said:

"God does not desert us. We must take care that the great work of Wilhelm I. and Bismarck is not crumbled to pieces. Germany and Prussia will then arise again. That is my firm belief, and I can only beg you to think in this sense and, when the hour strikes, also to act." The above photographs afford a vivid picture of the popular excitement which was aroused in the large towns of Germany during the crisis.



## Source 1b

**POPULAR EXCITEMENT IN BERLIN OVER THE QUESTION OF SIGNING THE PEACE TREATY: A SPEAKER ADDRESSING AN IMMENSE OPEN-AIR AUDIENCE.**





## Source 1c

