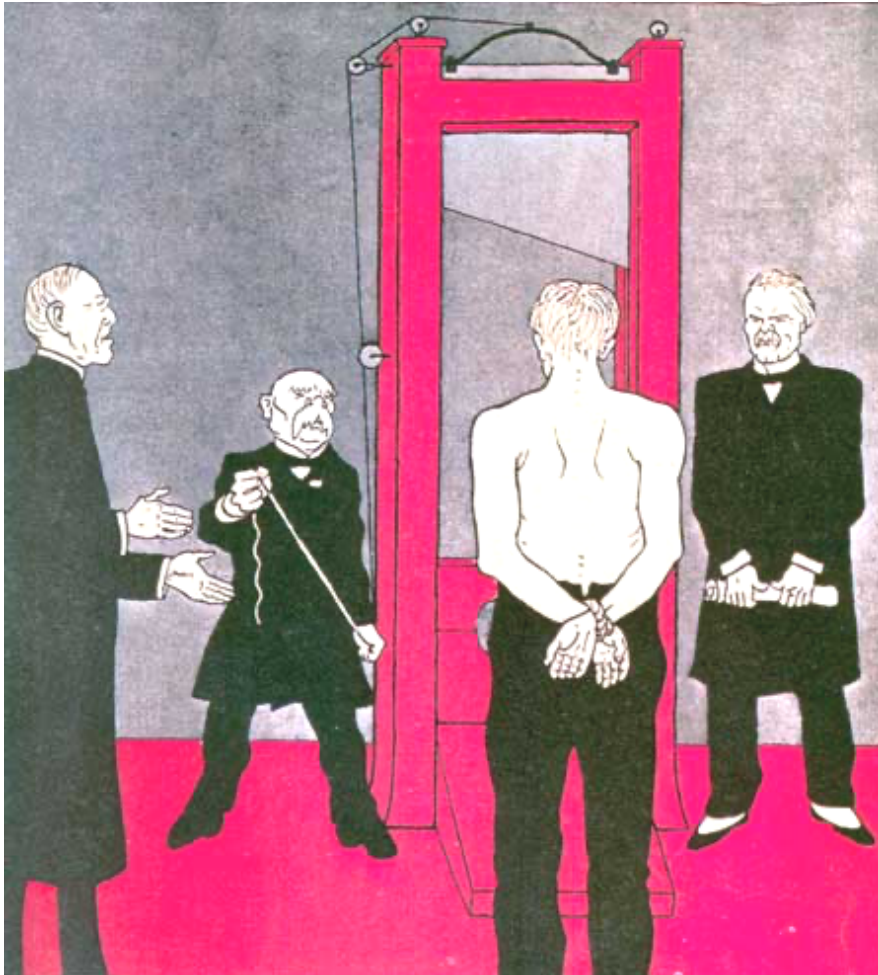


The Treaty of Versailles and the Reaction of Germany

Although Germany had the choice to accept or reject the Versailles peace proposals, this political cartoon from the German magazine "Simplicimus" in June 1919, implies that it was already condemned to death. The principal judges and executioners (from left to right), are Wilson, Clemenceau and Lloyd George.



Activities

1. Who produced this source? 2pts
 2. When was it produced, and what is the significance of that date? 4pts
 3. What does the cartoon tell you about German reactions towards the Treaty? 4pts
 4. Describe exactly what you see – look at the position and gestures of each character. What do they imply? 4pts
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5. How reliable is this source to an historian studying the impact of the Treaty of Versailles on the Germans? 3pts
 6. What are the limitations of this source for that same historian? 3pts