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### REFLECTION OF GERMAN-GEORGIAN RELATIONS IN THE GEORGIAN PRESS IN 1918

The foreign orientation of Georgia was the focus of attention of the Georgian press during the whole year 1918. The newspapers of April and May contain ample material concerning Germany. However, obviously, there was still little awareness of the interests of Germany in Georgia and Transcaucasia, the ways of cooperation with this country were not outlined, and the question of the foreign orientation was not settled finally. The press proposed an alternative - Russia or Turkey, and the preference was given to Russia. The German orientation appeared from April. The Georgian press attempted to analyze the main factors causing the interest of Germany in Georgia. In general, the Georgian press of that time, with few exceptions, was somewhat well-disposed to Germany. In the Georgian public the latter was viewed as a doubtless winner and the contacts and cooperation with it seemed acceptable to all political directions. This accounts for certain favour to Germany in the Georgian press.