

would be a great preventative of war, for no other nation would lightly provoke hostilities when her own commerce would thereby be imperilled". The necessary future strength of the American Navy therefore must depend, the Board said, upon the naval strength of the "powers in a position to challenge our legitimate commercial expansion upon the high seas". For development and construction of our aircraft during the war, the Board recommended an appropriation of \$27,000,000 with \$5,000,000 to be used for experimental construction.

Rome, Dec. 10th.—Major Gairati, Chief of the Cabinet of D'Annunzio's Naval Forces, has left for Fiume with the Government's proposal for a settlement of the Fiume question.

Honolulu, Dec. 10th.—The United States Government has notified Japan that America has adopted the "Hands Off" policy in Siberia and will send no further assistance to the Kolchak forces, according to a Tokio cable published here today. Reports have been received from Irkutsk that the American members of the Railway Commission, under Mr. John T. Stevens, are leaving their posts.

Indianapolis, Dec. 10th.—The strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners of the country was settled here today, when the general committee of the United Mine Workers of America agreed to accept the plan offered by President Wilson. The plan provides that the miners shall return to work at once at an increase of 14 per cent in wages, that a Commission of three be appointed to investigate and determine within 60 days if possible, a basis for new wage agreement. The Conference was made up of International and district officials, and members of the Executive Board and scale committee of the organization.

London, Dec. 10th.—The representatives of Governments of Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine and "White" Russia, in a conference at Dorpat, have declared themselves in favor of a military and political "convention" to defend their independence.

Berlin, December 10th.—The Entente Notes are more conciliatory in tone than has been previously assumed, says the Volks Zeitung. They contain tangible concessions, and the final clause that the Entente could at any time take military action against Germany has been dropped. Negotiations also can take place regarding certain modifications in the protocol concerning the surrender of dry-docks.

London, Dec. 10th.—Cambridge University beat Oxford University seven to five in the first Rugby Match between the two teams since 1913.

The Hague, Dec. 10th.—The German-Dutch frontier has been closed to civilians.

London, Dec. 11th.—The new labour mayors of London boroughs refuse to

wear the red robes of office but they all wear the chains.

Shipley, England, December 11th.—Mr. Mundy, one of the largest colliery proprietors in England, has notified the colliers of his intention to terminate their work in a fortnight, and close his mines pending a definite Govt. guarantee regarding the reduction of coal by ten shillings per ton. Mr. Mundy claims that as a result of the Government guarantee the colliers are working at large losses.

New York, Dec. 11th.—The former German passenger liner Imperator, now a British ship under Cunard Line operation, sailed this morning for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton. The ship has been delayed, while charges that she had exceeded her supply of bunker coal were being adjusted. The liner had 2,700 passengers on board on this, her first voyage as a passenger ship since she left here under the German flag in July 1914.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12th 1919.
Flour, Blended Clear St. Lawrence Brand
pr. brl. \$12.00
Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$3.75
New Season's Pork per brl. \$45.90
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$46.50
Sugar---Crystals (Confirmed by Brokers)
per 100 lbs. \$7.23.
Molasses 89 test pr 130 lbs. no quotation
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool per
lb. 25 98-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60
days' sight \$3.62
Exchange New York and London, sight
\$3.66 1/2

LONDON, Dec. 12th 1919.
Sugar-Demerara Crystals duty paid price,
fixed by the Royal Commission per cwt.
£5. 0d. 97s. 0d.

St. Thomas News.

A very regrettable accident occurred this morning, when the Marine's delivery wagon on going on the western side leading to Government Hill, ran down a little girl. The child was taken up in an unconscious state by Vanburn Millin, and immediately carried to the hospital in the Marine's wagon.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, Dec. 6th.*

Just before going to press, we learn that a child while leaning over a window fell on the paved gutter—at what is known in the northern section of the town as London Bridge, and sustained grave injury—which might develop in a fatality—Care should be taken of the innocent as they were unborn and never sought to be born.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, Dec. 9th.*

Last night about 10.45 the town was startled by the alarm of fire, when pedestrians, automobiles and all avail-

able vehicles wended their way forward to the point of threatening danger, which proved to be the upper storey of the Soda Fountain, lately being underway for the purpose of commercial enterprise and at the same time of beautifying the landing place.

The ex-Magistrate Norman Alexander, now clerk in Government Office, who is connected with the Fire Department, knowing conditions, somewhat, being here for some time, rendered prompt and efficient service conjointly with Sergeant Mark Cruse, C. Simmons and other men of the Fire Brigade.

A squad of marines, under the leadership of Captain Lowell, handled the situation in a masterly manner and the fire was quickly extinguished; the building suffering little damage. The origin of the fire is unknown, but supposed to be an incendiary act by some malicious person.

We are glad so far that no material injury has been occasioned to Mrs. Moyer and sister who are working hard indeed to make the Soda fountain a place of pleasant recreation for residents here, and one of attraction to strangers coming to the island.

Mrs. Manécke must have been somewhat disheartened when seeing that her very best efforts are 'put forward' and that incendiarism, carelessness or otherwise should cause a loss one way or the other, but luckily for her the damage is not great.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, Dec. 10th.*

Miss Elizabeth Hendricksen and Mr. Ashley Totten (delegates of the Virgin Island Protective League of New York City) at present in San Juan, Porto Rico, will be here by schooner "Virginia." We are informed that they are coming in the interest of the Working People's Committee.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, Dec. 11th.*

We learn that there will be a very exciting time on the day after Christmas at Estate Thomas (Sugar Estate) for besides the interest taken in the horse races for the day, on which bets have begun already to be made, there will also be automobile race, donkey race, when the "Jerusalem Cuckoo" will run, and bicycle race if sufficient participants would interview the Provost of the Sports. We commend highly the bicycle race as the youths of the island will have a fair chance of showing off their tendinous parts. The committee in endeavoring to afford recreation is doing their level best and we hope that the gentlemen of the "turf and all sports will show interest in this matter.

We believe St. Croix is coming to carry away laurels. See that it be not done. Any information in the meantime which may be desired, please see the Secretary of the Racing Club. All are reminded that meeting will be held on Friday night at Hotel Italia.—*Ibid.*