

seeking facilities for war and especially against Turkey. They say they have only sought the equality of all fleets passing through the Straits on peaceful errands. The Allies have emphasized that they cannot accept the Turkish request for the suppression of submarines and military aeroplanes. Especially they have been unable to accept the Ottoman suggestion that combined foreign fleets entering the Black Sea shall not exceed in strength the fleet of the strongest naval power of the Black Sea.

Washington, Dec. 20th.—Responding to a House resolution, Secretary Denby has transmitted to Congress the information in the hands of the Navy Department on the status of warships, scrapped under the terms of the Washington arms conference naval treaty or otherwise disposed of by the signatories since the adjournment of the conference. The report showed that neither the United States nor Japan planned to complete the scrapping of any existing capital ships, at least pending promulgation of the treaty, although both nations have stopped work on large building programmes of capital ships. Great Britain on the other hand, was shown to have disposed of, or to be disposing of, a very considerable number of older capital ships.

London, Dec. 19th.—The Russian Soviet Gov't., the Times learns, is taking steps to gain adherents for the idea of converting the Baltic into a closed sea as regards warships of all nations, except those whose shore lines touch the Baltic. The Russians are said to have already approached the Danish Gov't. with a proposal to call a conference of the states interested.

Warsaw, Dec. 20th.—The Polish National Assembly was called upon today to elect a President to succeed Dr. Gabriel Narutowicz, who was assassinated last Saturday. At an early hour this morning no definite candidates had appeared. The nationalists have again failed to form a bloc with the Witos party to elect a President by a purely Polish vote.

Warsaw, Dec. 20th.—The trial of Niewiadomski for the assassination of President Narutowicz last Saturday, has been set for December 29th before a civil tribunal. A six weeks period of mourning has been prescribed for the military, while the civil authorities will be in mourning for two weeks.

London, Dec. 20th.—Lieut. Commander Hilton Young, Norwich has been appointed chief national Liberal Whip on the resignation of Mr. C. A. McCurdy, Northampton, who becomes chairman of the company owning the Daily Chronicle and Lloyd News.

New York, Dec. 20th.—The raw sugar market was quiet and unchanged today at 3½ cents for Cuba's cost and freight equal to 5.53 for centrifugals. There were no sales. The raw sugar futures market was steady, but trading was light and prices at midday were un-

changed to two points net higher, the demand for refined showing no improvement and prices are unchanged. Refined futures nominal.

London, Dec. 20th.—A full programme for the separation of India from the British Empire and establishment of the Federal Republic of India, will be submitted to the Indian National Congress at the annual session of that organization at Caya, British India, next week, according to information received in official circles. Great interest in the programme is evinced in official quarters. While it is said to be the direct work of the Bolshevik, the Indian National Congress is the organization which Ghandi headed until his arrest early in the present year.

Lausanne, Dec. 20th.—United States opposition to the proposal of the Allied powers for the Turkish Straits, today took concrete form in a memorandum presented by Ambassador Child to the Secretary General of the Near East Conference. The representatives of the United States on behalf of their Gov't., said the memorandum take the position that full freedom of the Straits for all nations with discrimination will best be served by reliance on treaty rights and arrangements, rather than on a joint or international commission of the Straits.

Warsaw, Dec. 20th.—The new President of Poland, Stanislaus Wojciechowski, took the oath of office tonight. He was elected for the presidency with 298 ballots of 519, cast by the National Assembly. Although the police forbade demonstrations, President Wojciechowski was greeted enthusiastically as he emerged from the Parliament building. While he is supported by the Radicals, he nevertheless is highly respected by the Nationalists.

Dublin, Dec. 20th.—The Free State Govt. it was learned to-day, has decided on unification of the Irish railways in either one or two groups. Legislation with this object in view will be introduced in Parliament within the next six months.

London, Dec. 20th.—The Maharajah of Cooch Behar died in the hospital after a brief illness. He was 34 years old.

Jerusalem, Dec. 20th.—Announcement is made that the Palestine Govt. has arranged for a loan to be floated in London of 2,500,000 pounds. Pending conclusion of arrangements for the loan the Crown Agents in England advanced considerable sums at various times, thus 1,250,000 pounds has been spent already. With the exception of 50,000 pounds assigned as a loan to trans-Jordania and 60,000 pounds to be used for the purchase from French owners of the Jerusalem-Jaffa-railway, this money will be used for public works. The Government long had a definite public works programme in mind, but was presented from carrying it out because of constant money stringency. This had also caused the suspension of road building and repairing, producing an unemployment

problem among unionist pioneers, which only the house building activity helped to solve.

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BIDS are requested for the following articles which are needed in the administration of the Christiansted Municipal Hospital, Insane Asylum at Richmond and the Leper Asylum during the months January, February and March 1923.

Christiansted Municipal Hospital:
Bread, about 1500 lbs. per month.
Meat, (Veal, Beef, Mutton & Pork) about 650 lbs. per month.

Insane Asylum at Richmond:
Bread, about 1450 lbs. per month.
Meat, (Veal & Beef) about 400 lbs. per month

Leper Asylum:
Bread, about 1800 lbs. per month.
Meat (Veal & Beef) about 650 lbs. per month.

Bids should be addressed to Chief Municipal Physician, St. Croix, V. I., and to hand not later than December 24th 1922.

All supplies to be best quality, and satisfactory to Hospital Officials.

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BIDS are requested for delivery of following articles of fuel from January 1st 1923 to March 31st 1923.

Christiansted Municipal Hospital:
WOOD: about 3 loads per week.
CHARCOAL: about 5 bags per week.

Frederiksted Municipal Hospital:
WOOD: about 5 loads per week.
CHARCOAL: about 2 bags per week.

Insane Asylum at Richmond:
WOOD: about 6 loads per week.

Leper Asylum:
WOOD: about 4 loads per week.

A load of wood to be a ¾ size cart well packed with ordinary good burning wood 4 feet long, and 2½ loads shall make one (1) cord.

A bag of charcoal to hold 6 kerosene tins of good hardwood coal.

Delivery of Wood and Charcoal must be made at the Institutions and placed as requested by Hospital Officials.

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