

profits in 1917 and there are grave doubts that they are entitled to increase prices because of the proposed 31 per cent increase in miners' wages. Mr. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, declared today in a telegram to Secretary Garfield. The owners' profits are as shown by their income tax returns, examined by him as Secretary of the Treasury in 1918, he said, showed earnings on capital stock ranging from 15 to 2,000 per cent. I am convinced that the wage increase proposed for the miners is just and reasonable", he stated.

Paris, Nov. 24th.—What is the significance of the departure of Herr Von Simson from Berlin? asks the Paris Press. "The reasons alleged by the German diplomat are by no means conclusive. Why should it be necessary to consult the National Assembly on the terms of the protocol, which have been known since the beginning of the month? It must therefore be a manoeuvre of Germany wishing to exploit the American Senate's situation, such a course is condemned to failure in advance, and the Supreme Council is about to meet it. The Berlin Govt. is the first whose interests demand prompt application of the Treaty of Versailles".

Washington, Nov. 24th.—A fine study of the selective draft records made public today fixes the military strength of the United States at 19,000,000 in potential military man-power. The registrations for the draft between the ages of 18 and 45 totalled 23,908,576 almost 80 per cent of whom were listed as physically fit for military service, the medical reports indicated that the zone where men were found most healthy runs through the centre of the country, from north to south.

Copenhagen, Nov. 24th.—The Vatican has officially recognized the Republic of Austria, according to a despatch from Vienna today.

Paris, Nov. 25th.—The American delegates to the Peace Conference, not having received instructions to the contrary will sign the Bulgarian Peace Treaty, unless there are new developments before Thursday. The ceremony which will be much more simple than those of Versailles and St. Germain, will take place at the Mayor's office at Neuilly. Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner in London, will sign for Canada.

London, Nov. 24th.—Germany has refused to cooperate with the Allies in bringing economic pressure to bear on Soviet Russia. Sir H. Greenwood, Under-Secretary for Home Affairs, announced in the House of Commons today. A wireless despatch received in London dated October 20th from Berlin stated that Germany declined to participate in a blockade of Soviet Russia, because Germany did not believe the blockade would achieve the desired purpose.

Paris, Nov. 24th.—The withdrawal of the American troops from Coblenz in occupied Germany, is not considered in

American Peace Conference circles as necessary in consequence of the United States Senate's failure to ratify the German Peace Treaty. It is contended that the United States is still one of the Allied and Associated Powers, and that the postponement of fixed action on the Treaty does not change its relation to either the Associated Powers or to Germany.

Liverpool, Nov. 24th.—The dock-workers predict a strike on Dec. 8th., unless non-unionist labour is eliminated.

El Paso, Texas, November 24th.—A positive assertion, that information is in the hands of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States to the effect that the Carranza Government is deliberately seeking to affront the United States in connection with the kidnapping and consequent arrest of Mr. Jenkins, the American Consular Agent at Pueblo, Mexico, and the simultaneous promulgation of the Oil Properties Nationalization Decree, was made tonight, by a member of the sub-committee who has arrived here to investigate international condition.

London, Nov. 25th.—A plan is under discussion by the British and American Govts. under which the payment of interest on advances by Great Britain and the allies to the allies in the course of the war and also on advances by the United States to Great Britain, would be postponed for three years, it was announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

New York, Nov. 25th.—More than \$7,000,000 will be spent in alterations and special equipment for the 7 Exgerman liners aggregating 67,639 tons, recently allotted by the United States Shipping Board, for a fast passenger and mail service between the United States and South America. This was made known here to-day by Mr. Munson, President of the Munson Line, which has been selected by the Shipping Board to operate and manage the ships. The service when all the ships are commissioned, will consist of sailings every two weeks from New York and Buenos Aires. Ports of call both south and northbound will be Rio Janeiro, Santos and Montevideo. The considered passenger carrying capacity of the fleet will be more than 30,000 persons.

Belgrade, Serbia, Nov. 25th. Twelve prominent Jugo-Slavs have been arrested as hostages in Dalmatia, according to advices received here from Sebenico. These advices add that Sebenico is taking measures to guard against a descent by Dannunzio's army.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 25th.—The Chamber of Deputies today took up consideration of the proposed £4,000,000 loan to Great Britain, France and Italy, for the purchase of cereals in Argentina.

New York, Nov. 25th.—New York yesterday witnessed its greatest parade of any one people, more than 100,000 Jew-

ish men and women marching in protest against alleged massacres of their people in the Ukraine. Nearly 25,000 uniformed soldiers, sailors and marines, veterans of the war, led the procession. From the first massed ranks of uniformed marchers to the last groups of tired stragglers, colours and poster appeals against the report programs were valiantly carried forward.

London, Nov. 26th.—Lord Curzon speaking in the House of Lords today said that Egypt neither was able to protect her own frontiers from aggression, nor guarantee a stable internal govt. He declares that Great Britain could not wash her hands of a country standing at the door in Africa and the highways to India. The idea that the aspirations of the Egyptian Nationalists were to be crushed however, he said, was an extravagant misconception. The Egyptians, he continued, could not be shown too clearly that whatever peace was imposed on Turkey, recognition of the British protectorate would be one of these terms. Therefore no provisions in the Peace Treaty with Turkey would alter the task with which the mission headed by Lord Milner, to investigate the unrest in Egypt, was entrusted. Lord Milner, he said, had no constitution in his pocket, but was going to consult with the Egyptians with regard to how they could best co-operate in the management of their country under British guidance.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 26th.—An interesting ceremony occurred on board H. M. S. "Constance" shortly before the departure of the Prince of Wales yesterday, when the Commander in Chief of the Bermuda and West Indian Station, Sir Morgan Singer, was invested by His Royal Highness with the K. C. V. O. Admiral Singer who accompanied the Prince from New York on H. M. S. "Renown" to Halifax left during the afternoon for Ottawa with the Governor General the Duke of Devonshire.

Paris, Nov. 26th.—The Turkish questions will be uppermost after the Bulgarian Treaty is signed tomorrow. This will take place in the Hall of Ceremonies at the Mayor's office at Neuilly. The British are understood to be urging that the Conference of Turkish delegates be called during the month of December. The French appear not to be anxious to hurry those negotiations and it is still doubtful where they will be held, the French not yet having given their consent for the calling of the Conference in London, as has been urged by the British. Reports reaching conference circles in the meantime indicate a state of anarchy throughout the territories of the old Ottoman Empire which makes some sort of action urgent.

New York, Nov. 26th.—There are unconfirmed reports in Washington that in the event of refusal of the Carranza Government to release Mr. Jenkins, diplomatic relations will be severed.