# **JEWS IN POLAND** ASK HOME RULE Rome Newspaper Welcomes President in Great Tribute

ationalist Party Has Aspirations Like Czechs, Leader Declares

OWN SCHOOLS DESIRED

Polish Military Chief Asserts Both Races Must Make Sacrifices

By the Associated Press

Warsaw, Dec. 17. eral Joseph Pilsudski, the military d of the Polish Government, spoke ely with a correspondent relative to he situation in this country.

The Jewish question is most difficult Poland," he said, "and it will need t effort and sacrifices on the part of Poles and Jews to reach a solution. of the best proofs of our tolerance ard the Jews may be found in the fact that they were permitted to participate in the recent election.

ing the alleged pogroms at Lemberg. It More Than 1,000,000 Men A special commission is investigatbeen established that the first act of the Ukrainians after occupying that was to release prisoners from the igils. These prisoners began to pillage the city and disorders naturally arose.

Place 1500 in Jail

Polish patrols entered the ghetto they were fired upon from windows and hot water was poured them. At the beginning of the trouble the forces of Polish regular roops in Lemberg were unable to cope with the situation but when re-enforced. estored order and placed in jail 1500 ns, many of whom were Ukrainian

Noah Prilucki, a leader of the Jewish Nationalist party, said to the corre-spondent:

The trouble between the Poles and Jews is the outgrowth of the indissition of the Poles to meet our de-inds in the light of President Wilson's clarations. The nationalistic idea has incoming ship with troops on board was com-charations for fifty years, but has ed among Jews only recently. We aspirations similar to the Czechs Serbians but lack territory. Antilo agitation began forty years ago hen Poles were urged to take up land, ben small stores and overcome Jewish

Jews Seek Freedom

Jewish nationalistic aspirations took nine years ago, being stimulated he Russian revolution. After the ant war broke out the Jews hoped in political freedom, but friction in the Poles and Jews began again. German occupation came the German occupation came the accused the Jews of co-operating ith the Germans, owing to German es. The Germans permitted Jewewspapers, which had been sus-d at Warsaw, to reappear, allowed to epen our schools and gave cer-in liberties to both Poles and Jews. se then that Warsaw elected its municipal council. In this council began the formation

parties which now exist, Our onalist party seeks autonomy for Jews, recognition by the Polish a, with home rule; the right to have own schools and libraries and the rivilege of using Yiddish in the schools of to study Polish history and the

Asks for Home Rule

have no objection to the Polish ut we wish to have the right to We have no objection to the Polish share, but we wish to have the right to regulate matters affecting Jews. We have no desire to interfere in foreign diplomatic matters, and we wish to vote with the Poles on all public matters, including parliamentary elections.

Regarding the accusation that we make money during the war by food.

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"Regarding the accusation that we made money during the war by food speculation, I may say that this is no truer than other charges against us. these who did make money were the rich jovs, not the poor people. Our newspapers have always opposed speculation. Our poor suffered hunger the same as Christians."

The mobilization of the Esthonian army is progressing satisfactorily, and Allied support is strengthening the spirit of the people."

Jows here are largely Socialists, milko German Socialists, we are not instancialists. It is not true that Jews reactionalists. It is not true that Jews and as spies for the Germans. It is not true that Jews and as spies for the Germans. It is to be remarked that Austrians anged Jews before the war ended. "It is true that jails were opened at unburg, but Polish soldiers began the sorders by setting fire to the homes of the the person and then theyes came." and then thieves came.'

ris, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—In dis-ng the severance of relations be-a Peland and Germany, the Petit gral foresees an alliance in the near are of the Polish Government with espaper continues, is preparing to completely to the Entente Alli-

## ALLIES HAVE ADOPTED WILSON

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Rome, Dec. 17.

"For the first time in the political history of the world the head of the great American democracy has salled from the new continent toward Europe to participate in the assizes of a great war and a great peace," says the Messaggero, in welcoming President Wilson to Europe. Praising the high qualities of the President, it continues:

"The King of the Belgians, Cardmal Mercler and the heads of the Allied Governments were all noble figures, but Wilson is something more—different.

Governments were all noble figures, but Wilson is something more different. Therefore, the peoples of the belligerent nations have recognized in him the spirit of justice. The Allied nations have adopted him. The enemy nations have had to accept his conditions. Wilson will go down in history as the author of the answers to the demand for an armistice sent to him by Germany and Austria. "Italy desires the principles of deme

cratic civilization to be respected wherefore she defeated Austria. Sh cratic greets Wilson with faith and sympathy,

### U. S. NAVY EFFICIENCY DISPLAYED AT BREST

Landed in 304 Days From 301 Convoys

By CHARLES H. GRASTY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

Paris, Dec. 17. to see something of the work of the

American navy, of which that port is
the headquarters. It constitutes one of
the most brilliant chapters in the American performance. From January 1 to
the signing of the armistice an average
of about one convoy a day was brought
into Brest. To be exact, there were 301
convoys in 304 days. These convoys convoys in 304 days. These convoys were all troops and stores. More than 1.090,000 men were brought in, not counting those aboard ships coming via England.

The Kalser must hodicate, and others asking whether he had already abdicated. More discussion followed, and is the result the answer to Berlin was formulated. The Kalser abdicated as German Emperor, but not as

by the navy officers at Brest that, with two exceptions, no German submarine ever saw one of our convoys. These published news of the abdication." ever saw one of our convoys. These marvelous regults under Admiral Wilson's management were not obtained through good luck, but were achieved by thorough organization and keen, hard work.

If the details are ever printed, they will prove perhaps the most interesting will prove perhaps the most interesting and state of the abdication."

The Crown Prince and returned about 3 o'clock to his army. The Kaiser said to him as he took leave:

"Tell the troops it is not true that I have abdicated as King of Prussia."

Later Hindenburg came with Groner and Minister and shortly affers and should be about 1 or o'clock to his army. The Kaiser said to him as he took leave:

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Brest operations. Our officers and men there worked most harmoniously with the French, and Admiral Wilson is probably the most popular man in Brest, although he has used his authority firmly in regulating the port and town. The personnel under his command numbered 7480 men and 600 officers. A large number of these Americans have come into contact with Brest, and aroused among the people there a new hope and spirit. This influence will figure largely in the future development of this won-

### BRITISH SHELL FINN COAST

Squadron Attacks Bolsheviki on South Shore of Gulf

Stockholm, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—An English squadron has bombarded Bol-

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# **EX-KAISER QUIT** ON BERLIN ORDER

Held Out Until Last, Despite Urgent Orders From New Regime

TRIED TO KEEP PRUSSIA

Flight to the Netherlands Only Consented to After Much Persuasion

By LEONARD SPRAY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledge Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

Rotterdam, Dec. 17. A personage in the entourage of William II has communicated the following particulars of what took place at Spa immediately before the Kalser's flight to the Netherlands.

On November 8 the Kalser was still saying: "I do not think of abdicating. I ask every officer to resist to the end, and as the highest war-lord I must hold out also. The crassest Bolshevism will break over Germany if I go, and there must be a strong hand to save her from chaos."

On November 9, in the Renoon, long discussions took place. One of the William II has communicated the

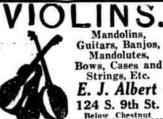
On November 9, in the Renoon, long discussions took place. One of the first to appear in the imperial villa of Fraineuse was Hindenburg. After his first audience with the Kaiser, he had a lengthy discussion with high staff officers of the several armies, each of which had been ordered to send five or six representatives to headquarters. Each officer stated in writing his views of the lovalty of writing his views of the loyalty of

his troops.

At a second audience at 1 o'clock in the villa of Fraincuse, Hindenburg laid

will prove perhaps the most interesting reading of the whole war. The traditional efficiency of the American navy probably reached a maximum in the Brest operations. Our officers and men there worked most harmoniously with there worked most harmoniously with hamber he said to Graf Dohna Schlo dien, who was waiting in the ante-room: "You have no longer a high-est war lord." Then he went at once to his workroom.

In the evening one of the mem-bers of his nearest circle came to



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persuade him to go to the Netherlands. The Kalser refused. Later the same evening he remarked: "They want me to fly, but I will not go," and still later he said to his adjutant: "I am so fearfully ashamed, I cannot do it; I cannot go away. If there is but one faithful battalion here I will remain at Spa."

I will remain at Spa."
In the court train where he dined, came one Job's comforter after another. One brought reports that the Bolsheviki were in Herbsthal, another that returning troops were threatening Spa. The Kalser still would not consent to go, but he agreed to preparations being made. He remarked to those about him:

"I have always known what to do

but I cannot help myself."
One of his adjutants was asked by the
Kalser to give his view, and replied:
"If I personally had to decide, I would remain; for if the troops will not defend your majesty, then we can form a body-guard of officers and we can occupy all At 10 o'clock in the evening Hintze,

representing the foreign office, urged the Kaiser's departure. "Once more, Your Majesty," he' said, "in a few hours it may be too late." He referred to the laquieting reports from various towns.
At last the Kaiser took the momer tous decision. At first Castle Bruhl, near Cologne, had been thought of as a place of sojourn, and there was also a question of the Kaiser joining the Crown Prince with his army. But the roads were no longer open to Bruhl, and reports were brought that the roads to the Crown Prince's army were not safe. The narrator says that the Kalser had cohsidered the probability that the Entente would never conclude peace with him, and declared finally:

"I will go to the Netherlands to make it easy for my people to obtain peace, If I went to Germany it might be assumed that I wished to form a new party to make a rising in my favor."

He also expressed the view that from the moment he laid down the position of

the highest war lord he was without power of command. He was purely a private person, and as the troops would not fight against their advancing com-rades, he felt that the army had abandoned him, and thus the possible reproach that he had abandoned "WHITE BOOK" ALMOST READY

Germany's War Cause Revelations Expected in Few Weeks

Expected in Few Weeks

Paris, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—Germany's "white book," which will contain official documents bearing on the origin of the war, will be ready for the printer in about three weeks, according to advices received here.

It will be printed in three or four volumes. Carl Kautzky, an Independent Socialist leader, is preparing the data, having unusual facilities for doing the work, being an under-secretary in the Foreign Ministry. It is said that many dispatches that were supposed to have been destroyed have been discovered.

Reports that the notes exchanged be-Been destroyed have been discovered.
Reports that the notes exchanged before the ultimatum of July, 1914, was sent to Serbia by Austria, will be printed in the first volume. Among the more important documents to be published will be those of Count Tschirsky and Bogendorff, German Ambassador to Austria at the time the war began.

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# PORTUGAL CHOOSES NEW HEAD OF REPUBLIC

Admiral Canto y Castro Elected President to Succeed Paes, Who Was Murdered

> By the Associated Press Lisbon, Dec. 17.

Admiral Canto y Castro has been elected President of Portugal in succession to Dr. Sidonio Paes, who was assassinated late Saturday night. Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

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tion to take a train to Oporto and was talking to several of his ministers, when he was attacked by a young man, who wounded him in the head. President Paes raised his hands to his head and fell into the arms of the ministers. Secret service men surrounding the President killed the assassin. President Paes was hurried to the San

Jose Hospital, where he died in five min-utes. The body was embalmed and later removed to the Belen Palace, where it removed to the Belen Palace, where it will lie in state in the Louis XV room until next Saturday, when the burial will take place. Yesterday large crowds filed past the catafalque, among them The Government has issued a procla-

mation appealing to the patriotism of the people to maintain law and order in interest of the national defense. Parbe elected by direct vote of the people as Doctor Paes ordered after the suc cessful revolution of last year, or by Parliament, as provided by the Consti-

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Louglas and his party will be driven
from the sea front to the Admiralty pier
station, where a civic address will be
presented the field marshal. Later he
will drive to the town hall. Lady Haig
will be present.

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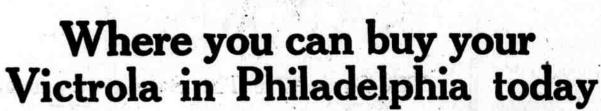
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