

THE NEW NATIONS.

People in free countries have felt the appeal of Polish history, and have sympathized with the cause of Polish independence. The Allied Governments, sharing this sentiment, stipulated for the redress of ancient wrongs, even to the extent of demanding the return to Poland of provinces in Germany and Austria largely peopled by the Polish race. The friends of Polish liberty therefore hope that Poland can clear herself of responsibility for the series of Jewish pogroms in some of her own cities and in Galicia. Otherwise they will begin to fear that Poland is not yet ripe for the gift of full freedom. Poles in the United States and Canada, who are concerned for the good-will and moral and material support of their adopted countries, are naturally concerned over the stories of these massacres. The Polish Council in Canada is informed by the Polish National Committee in Paris that the pogroms were the result of German and Russian Bolshevik intrigue. The Polish organization in the United States, realizing that impartial evidence is needed to reassure Americans, has asked the Washington Government to appoint a committee of three Poles, three Jews, and three Allied representatives to conduct an inquiry, a proposal endorsed by the Canadian Poles. Polish troops have gone from Canada and the United States to fight with the Allies, and thousands more will go to their native land, where they will be a steadying influence, eager to vindicate the good name of Poland in the eyes of the world.

The conflict, almost fratricidal, between the Poles and **Ukrainians** in Galicia is an illustration of the difficulties that will face the Allies at the Peace Conference in delimiting the boundaries of the smaller nations, new and old, in Eastern Europe, and setting final limits to their territorial aspirations. With such a conglomerate of races to try to satisfy, the problem will be vexatious, and it may have to be solved by the plebiscite, giving the people in disputed territories the right of choosing their political homes by a majority vote. If the settlement is not based on principle, if masses of people are transferred to this or that sovereignty against their will, the seeds of trouble will be sown and there will be a future crop of wars.