Machinists Reveal Cause of Bennington Disaster.

#### BAD CONDITION OF BOILER

All Had Been Repaired Except One Which Exploded\_Safety Valves Not Used \_ Gear Was Out of Order.

MARE ISLAND, Sept. 18 .- The courtmartial on Commander Lucien Young, of the gunboat Bennington, convened here this morning. Commander Young, Judge Gear. his attorney and the full board were present. Naval Constructor Holden Evans was in the room, and this gave rise to the question of the exclusion of naval experts. After consulting the naval rules and regulations, Rear-Admiral Glass decided than Mr. Frans roust retire. The cided that Mr. Evans must retire. The charges and specifications were read, and Commander Young pleaded not guilty to

each of the six charges, Lieutenant Yates, of the Bennington, called as the first witness, was not present so Ernest E. West, the Judge-Advocate, was called and deposed that he was custodian of the logs of the Bennington at Washington, D. C. Mr. West produced them for the last days of the months of November and December, 1904, and said that for the first six months of this year the logs were not filled out under the sig-nature of Commander Lucien Young. Judge Genr objected, as the logs were no produced here, and he only had West's as serious difficulties still remain to be statement to rely on. West's statement overcome. books as a whole. Gear's objection then was withdrawn. West was dismissed and warned by Admiral Glass not to discuss the trial outside. He then resumed his pent as Judge-Advocate.

#### Hull Books Not Admitted.

Ensign Sahn, of the Bennington, was the next witness. He testified that Young was in command of the Bennington from November, 1904, to July 21, 1906, with the exception of a brief suspension at Pan-He said that on July 2, boiler B ex-ed, being forced aft against the bulklead between the fore and aft firerooms. offered in evidence. Judge Gear objected, and after discussion Rear-Admira; Glass humanity, effected the conclusion of peace upheld the objection and the books were between two great nations whose contot produced in evidence.

emination this witness was proved to have the American mission and for the experi-

Captain Drake, associate counsel for Commander Young, asked that Holden Evans be allowed to assist Judge Gear and bimself. The court declined to allow

#### Knew Gear Was Out of Order.

Boyd King Seavey, a machinist of the second class on the Bennington, testified that he knew the lifting-gear teading to both decks to be out of order from November last till the time of the explosion. He knew of no routine work requiring the agent week. safety-valves to be moved each week. and nothing to do with the was ordered set at 130 pounds pressure by Commander Young, through Chief Ma-chinist Wheeler.

Chief Machinist's Mate Charles Wheeler of the Bennington, testified that at the time of the explosion he was on the afterdeck. He had been told by Chief Machin-let Clark to let the sentinel valves alone, and had obeyed orders. He had seen the safety-valves of bollers A. C and D overhaufed February last, when they were in fairly god condition. He set the valve of boller C at about 100 pounds between Honolulu and San Diego.

## Boiler Long Out of Order.

John O. Hannon, a watertender on the Semination, was the next witness. He said that boller B had been out of order one year and four months, and the others had been repaired. He never saw Commander Young in the engine-room, but on cross-examination admitted that the commander might have been there without his section bits. out his steing him.

The court adjourned till Tuesday morn-

# PIRATE SHIP AT CHICAGO

Attacks Yacht Club, but Flees When Police Appear.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.-With a black flag flying from its masthead, and its occu-pants armed, a salling craft appeared off the foot of Thirty-third street yesterday and after a battle with members of the Douglas Yacht Club, in which the inter were forced to appeal to the police, weighed anchor and disappeared in the direction of South Chicago.

The 'pirate ship," the police say, was seen by scores of persons on the shore, and from windows in a number of houses. The vessel dropped author less than haif a mile out in the lake and the sailors clambered over the sides into a yawl and were rowed to the small building of the yacht club.

Carrying rifles and other weapons, the Invaders gave chase to those sitting on the porch of the building, and pursued them for some distance. Blows were ex-clunged, and a hand to hand struggle was engaged in, but the persons who comprised the small party at the boat house were routed and telephoned to the police. As the first policeman appeared the "pi-rates" hurried to where their yawl was, rowed back to their yacht, and sailed

The police believe that the "pirates" are youthful burglars, who live in the district south of Hyde Park, and who are wanted for a series of robberies.

### POISONED IN OPIUM DEN

Son of Wealthy Man Comes to Miserable End.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 118.—A Chinese woman today called the police to a three-story building at 53 Pium Alley, where, on the third floor, the officers found a dead Chinese sitting bolt upright on a cot, while in the same room another Chinese, who appeared to be insane, had kindled a fire on the floor, apparently in an attempt to destroy the building.

On the floor below, the police found a young white man known as "Eddie"

Merode dying from what the police found with man known as "Eddie" Merode dying from what the police helicis to be optim poisoning. There were evidences that Merode had been dragged down from the floor above.

Merode was taken to a hospital

where he died at 8 o'clock this evening without making a statement, and the Chinese who was setting fire to the building was arrested. The Chinese woman who gave the slarm cannot be found. The principal Chinese settlement of the city is in Plum Alley.

Young Merode was an acrobat who recently has been giving exhibitions in local vandeville houses. He had some money when last seen by his friends on Sunday night. This and his watch and chain are missing and it is be-

where he was found. He was recently with Barnum & Bailey's Circus. Merode's true name proves to have

been E. J. Baer, and an acquaintance said tonight that he was the son of a wealthy cotton manufacturer, now deceased, of Wilmington, N. C. Some years ago, said that friend young Baer received \$20,000 from his father's estate, which he spent before going into the circus business.

FRANCE AND GERMANY FAIL TO AGREE ON CONFERENCE.

Unfavorable Turn of Negotiations Due to Obstinacy on Both Sides. Envoys Not Named.

PARIS, Sept. 18 .- Franco-German negotiations relating to the Moroccan conturn, causing anxiety in official and diplomatic circles, and renewing the depression on the Bourse. This is due to the continued insistence by both sides on points which were considered to be susceptible of compromise.

Therefore the rumor circulated naming the plenipotentiaries and fixing the date of the conference is purely speculative.

ONE LONG ROUND OF FEASTING

Chaffee and Staff Loaded With Honors by French Generals.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—Lieutenant-General Chaffee, U. S. A., and other visiting American officers were entertained at luncheon today by General Brugere, com-manding General of the French army. Minister Berteaux proposed the health of President Roosevelt, saying that all present understood the sincere emotion underlying his utterance when the Presiwhose generous initiative and tenaclous will had, for the happiness of

flict had distressed the whole world." Emil Prederickson, a watertender in the There were many exchanges of ameni-orward fireroom on the Bennington, was on the stand at the commencement of the afternion session. He testified to being Chaffee gave a dinner at the Hotel Ritz aware of boilers A. C and D being overtonight to General Brugere and his staff. hauled and repaired, but did not know of General Chaffee proposed the health of boiler B had been. He also testified there was no routine in the engineer department. French army during the recent maneuis no routine in the engineer department. French army during the recent maneu-which safety-valves were lifted once a vers and thanking his hosts for the spienweek when not under steam. On cross-ex- did entertainment given the members of

Ambassador McCormick will give a din-

FORTIFYING THE BOSPHORUS

Turkey Continues Work Despite Protests of Russia.

CONSTANTINOPLE. Sept MG - The steady progress of work on the new forti-fications on the Bosphorus is causing friction between Russia and the Porte. Fortiand while the sentimel valves were obso-lete, they had nothing to do with the safety of the boilers, as far as steam was concerned. The safety valves had not been used except on boiler C. On the trip upon this pretext as a means of carrying from Honolulu to San Francisco the boller | out a scheme of fortifications which she had long desired, but which had always been opposed by Russia.

It is understood that the question was discussed at the recent audience which the Russian Ambassador, M. Zinovieff, had with the Sultan, the Ambassador ng out that the further fortification of the straits was incompatible with friendly relations between Turkey and actively pushed, though they can hardly

leted for several months. The Ports continues its irreconcilable attitude regarding the proposed interna-tional financial control of Macedonia.

## Bids Opened on Library.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 18.—(Special.)—At meeting of the Eugene Library Board saturday, bids were opened for the construction of the proposed new library for ity. The lowest hid was \$556 being by W. O. Heckert, and the contract vill be awarded to him.



AWARDED

Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis. Paris 1900, Buffalo 1901, Chicago 1893.

The most complete assortment of GOOD Shoes in the Pacific Northwest. New Fall styles now on

149 THIRD ST.

Between Morrison and Alder SOLE AGENTS For These Celebrated Shoes

# THE GREAT AUTUMN INAUGURAL SALES

And Fete d'Automne of Fashion Make This Week Eventfukin the Year's Store History

# The Value of Knowledge

The machinery was out of order in a large Eastern cotton mill. Several machinists were sent for to repair it. All declared it could not be repaired but that a new engine would have to replace the old one. An Irishman employed about the place as an "extra hand" asked permission to try and fix the engine and obtained consent. He went at it, hammered away a while, put in a few screws and finally got it working all right. He was asked to send in his bill for the job, which he did; it amounted to \$200.50. The overseer asked him what the 50c was for and why he did not make the bill an even \$200, so long as it came so close to that figure, and he replied: "The 50c was for doing the work, the \$200 is for knowing

Wise Pat, and what a lot he said in those few words. It's the "know how" that employers pay for in this work-a-day world, quite as much as the actual work one does. The American Manual Training School fits boys for the practical work to be done in life, shows them how to do it-and do it right. Manual training is the most effective weapon you can put into your boy's hands with which to go forth and fight the battles of life. This store has obtained

### Three Scholarships TO GIVE AWAY-FREE

The three scholarships we have secured will be awarded on Thanksgiving day to the three boys or girls who receive the three highest totals in the popular voting contest now on A vote will be issued with every 25-cent purchase. Hallot-boxes are distributed conveniently about the store, as in former contests, and thee three boys or girls receiving the largest number of votes before 6 P. M. of Wednesday, November 29, will each receive A FREE SCHOLARSHIP.

#### Who's Got Too Many 'Kerchiefs?

Not you, reader-we ween. Never saw the person yet with too many. So easily lost, so prone to wearing out and disappearing. We can replace them at prices less than usual today. Read:

Handkerchiefs for Everybody-Less Than Usual to Pay. First-Floor Shops

121/2c For Linen Handkerchiefs Worth 20c. Ladies' Fine Sheer Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs - manufactured by the famous Richardson Manufacturing Co., and imported by us direct from Ireland. Very dainty handkerchiefs and our 20e

# The Wonderful September Sales of Silks and **Dress Goods Attract Throngs**

The first question that naturally jumps to the lips of all who are acquainted with the present condition of the silk market is:

"How can Olds, Wortman & King sell silks underprice when raw silk is 80c a pound higher than last year?"

That would surely puzzle the laity. But it's just the condition that pleases our silk buyer best. Raw silk is selling at \$4.65 a pound where it sold for \$3.85 at this time last year. There's where the power of Knowledge with Capital at its back comes in. Our buyer got into market early with cash in hand, found makers with more silks than money, some had borrowed money from the banks on their stocks and were anxious to take up their notes. And that's the reason we secured so many good silks at a bargein. Silks that are staple are included in the lot. Every piece is fresh, bright, clean and fashionable. Plaids, which are the season's most prominent favorites, are represented. We have every reason to expect this will be the season's most successful Silk Sale. A glance through the list printed below gives one an idea of the savings to be made in buying today-or tomorrow.

Today and Wednesday we place on bargain tables in the Silk Store the largest assortment of New Fall Suit Silks, in all the latest weaves and colors shown on the Coast; everything that is new in color and design is in this lot; they are our regular unmatchable 24-inch all-silk Crepe de Chine, in all evening and street shades, blacks included 19-inch Colored Taffeta-The best wearing Taffeta on the market, in white, ivory, cream, 

# Fall Exposition of Newly Imported Dress Goods---Exclusive

Dress Goods Salon-Fifth-Street Annex. First Floor.

It is a very quiet year in dress goods fashions, but all that is new is either here now

or a-coming. Paris says: No pronounced effects in dress

Paris says: Plain tissues-chiffon, broadcloths, cheviot, serge, silk-and-wool colinne, all-wool, or all-silk, and kindred fabrics. For deviations from this rule, Paris says:

Mannish-looking checks, plaids, mixed suitings, basket weaves, herringbone weaves, shadow checks, small embroidered figures, or pastel cloths with buttonhole embroidery. For gowns of ceremony and party frocks,

robes of chiffon, soft India silk, crepe de Knowing the tastes of conservative and well-dressed Portland women, as is only natural for this store, which has served them so long, we have been able to make a selection of dress goods exactly suited to this

They are none the less exactly the things that Paris will be wearing. Many of them are exclusive with this

In connection with the new dress trimmings they are full of suggestions for Fall suits and gowns.

Special Prices on Both Colored and Black

DRESS FABRICS A grand opportunity for dressmakers and

home sewers. COLORED DRESS GOODS.

Pure Silk and Wool Crepe de Paris-this dressy, wanted fabric, so much in vogue at special reductions for two more days, should bring every lady in our city who needs a pretty, dressy gown during the coming sea-

son. Every evening and street shade is here, including cream. Our reg. \$1.00 grade, special, yard, \$ .76 Our reg. 1.25 grade, special, yard, Our reg. 1.50 grade, special, yard, Our reg. 1.75 grade, special, yard, grade, special, yard, Our reg. 2.25 grade, special, yard, 1.78

These are for two more days only-Today and Wednesday.

Rainproof fabrics for less, right at the time they are needed most. All the leading colors and weaves are here, and for three days we place the following grades at special prices:

Our reg. \$3.00 grades, special, yard, \$2.69 Our reg. 2.50 grades, special, yard, 2.19 Our reg. 2.25 grades, special, yard, 1.94 Our reg. 2.00 grades, special, yard, 1.69 Our reg. 1.75 grades, special, yard, 1.49 ...

We also call your attention to our Moravin, Chiffon, Broadcloth, at \$3.00 per yard. This cloth is sponged, shrunk and warranted spot-proof. Call and see this cloth,

### BLACK DRESS GOODS SPECIAL.

54-inch all-wool Panama Suitings, in plain and neat novelty weaves. These are the newest weaves and best wearing fabrics ... made. These fabries are purchased direct from the makers, thereby saving the mid-dleman's profit. Without doubt they are the best values ever shown in the city at our regular prices of \$1.75 per yard;

### HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIES AMONG TODAY'S SPECIALS

A choice line of Hardware Everything for home use of standard makes and guaranteed

### Chic and Fetching Pace Veils

Veiling Counter— First Floor. Very chie and beauti-fully fetching new Chiffen Vells, in lig-yard
lengths, all
colors and
black and
white some plain, others in dotted designs, Our regular \$1 48C



Women's Fall Petticoats and Gowns Underprice; Children's White Aprons Less

Second Floor-Annex. 97c For Ladies' Plannelette Gowns Worth \$1.35.

Ladies' Flannelette Nightgowns, in dainty pink and white or blue and white stripes; made high neck with turnover collaryoke, collar and cuffs trimmed with fancy finishing braid-all regular and extra large sizes to No. 19; our \$1.35 value, Ladies' Petticonts.

We are now showing our full line of Ladies' Fall and Winter Petticoats. One of the new features among them is a Jersey Top-Petticoat, with 18-inch mercerized sateen flounce; priced at, each ...... \$2.00 Children's White Aprons for 23c. Children's Pretty White Aprons, made of lawn, tucked or embroidery trimmed, in a good assortment of styles-sizes 4, 6, 8

and 10 years; values from 35e to 60e

#### Today's and Wednesday's Special Inducements in

UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY First-Floor Shops.

Women's \$1.50 Underwear for \$1.19. Women's fine white cashmere Vests and Pants; vests with long sleeves, silk trimmed; pants ankle length, with French bands; an extra good value at \$1.50, special sale price, each ..........\$1.19

Children's Fine Ribbed Cream Tinted Vests and Pants. Fleece lined, splendid for Fall and Winter

Sizes 18 to 26; our 35c value, special at, th garment ...... 33¢

Women's 50c Hose for 35c. Women's fine ribbed, black cashmere Hose, with double or single sole; our 50e value, 

A Brilliant Assemblage of Beautiful RIBBONS

At Bargain-Prices Today At the Ribbon Counter-First Floor. 35c and 45c Ribbons for 25c.

This morning we offer two great Ribbon One lot of brand new Taffeta Ribbons, 5 and 51/2 inches wide, in white, black and all colors; our 35e and 45e values, special 

40c to 65c Ribbons for 25c. A lot of Beautiful Ribbons in Roman stripes, shaded effects, polks dots and an endless variety of Fancy Ribbons; our 40c, 50c and 65c values; special at, the yard 25¢

### PLEASING SURPRISES IN THE

Our reg. 2.50 grade, special, yard, 1.93

## Linen Store and Domestic Shops First Floor.

This is a sale of surprises. Suprisingly little prices for surprisingly good goods. Surprisingly many different staple articles in surprisingly complete ranges of size and style. The few items we quote are the illustration of this important Autumn Sale. You'll find the savings in every case worth

Linen Tea Cloths 38c-Tea Cloths made of heavy linen-finish tiger cloth, plain hemstitched, size 30x30; special at, each 38¢ Scarfs for the Dresser-Hemstitched and

fancy drawn work, size 19x48; special at, each ...... 59¢ and 79¢ 90c Doilies 48c-About 50 dozen all-linen fringed Doilies, slightly soiled; regular value 90c, special, the dozen ..... 48¢

Huck Towels, large size; special at 20¢ Linen Russia Crash 121/2c-Heavy all-linen Russia Crash, 18 inches wide, soft and absorbent; special at, the yard ..... 121/26 Table Linen Remnants-Remnants of Table Linen and odd half dozen Napkins at

Huck Towels 20e-Extra weight all-linen

greatly reduced prices. New Fall Flannels-Fall Flannels, in white embroidered, scalloped and hemstitched effects; values, the yard 65¢, 75¢, 85¢ White Angora Cloaking-For opera capes and children's coats, 54 inches wide; and dark Outing Flannels; specials at 5¢

# Corset Buyers Favored

Just received another shipment of new

Plaid Waistings, patterns of all the different

A second day of rare values in Standard Corsets, Testerday the corset salons were thronged with buyers who were enthusiastic over the values offered. There are as good bargains today as yesterday. Be early, An extra corps of fitters to accelerate buying. A salvage sale of

\$2.75 Royal Worcester CORSETS

This Corset, style No. 586, is a popular and down-to-date model and is suitable for almost any figure. Has il-lach front steel, Princess hips and hose supporters attached; is made of white or drab coutille and black sateen—sizes 18 to 30. This is not a discontinued line of corsets Our regular \$2.75 value. Special sale price, each. \$3.37

special for two more days only \$1.31 ... Special Values in Women's Dainty

**Autumn Neck Dress** 

First-Floor Shops. Ladies' Linen Collars, with two rows of .. hemstitching, made to launder; our 15e value, special at, each ..... 10¢ .. Also Ladies' Plain Three-Ply Linen Collars, New Washable Stock Collars, with front

Waist stocks; priced at, each 25¢, 35¢ The Smartest Evolvements Needed in the "Makings" of New Pall Procks

tabs, in white, also some fine embroidered

#### and Gowns. HANDSOME TRIMMINGS AT MODEST PRICES

First-Floor Shops New Out Out Taffeta Bands-Trimmed with silk venise edges and insertions, 3 inches wide, some in square centers, some in .. round centers-a trimming that is entirely new, and very swell; price, yard \$2.45 Elegant Black Silk Venise Bands—From one to four inches wide, very stylish and desirable as a trimming for this season's new gowns; priced at, the yard, up to \$5 Black Silk Venise Edges—With net top, suitable for sleeves, ruffles and bertha

Chiffon Applique-In white, black and Persian effects; price, the yard, 35c up .. Elegant New Braid Trimmings-In plain and fancy designs, 1/4 to 11/2 inches wide; priced, up from, the yard ...... 5¢ . Handsome New Embroidered Bands-With edges to match, in black, white and col-

effects; priced at, the yard, up to \$5.00

ors; suitable for trimming collars and cuffs of dresses, jackets, etc. Swell Persian Bands-In all colors; priced at, the yard, up from...... 25¢ Elegant New Velvet Persian Bands-One to three inches wide; priced at, the yard,

up to ......\$2.00 EXQUISITE LACES. The newest things in Laces are Baby Irish

Crochet Lace Sets, consisting of allover lace, bands and edges to match. New Net Top Venise Edges-With bands and allovers to match; priced at, the yard, tions to match, suitable for trimming .

handkerchiefs, waists and fine underwear;

priced at, the yard, from 10c to 45¢ ..

Maltese Sets-With edges and insertions to match; priced at, the yard, from 10e 

sertions to match, suitable for trimming children's jackets, ladies' waists, etc., . very fine quality; priced at, the yard,