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## SHIP ASSIGNMENTS PROMISED FOR TODAY

Admiral Rodman to Make Selection for Portland.

BATTLESHIPS ARE WANTED

City Demands Creditable Fleet and Will Protest Vigorously if This Is Not Granted.

B. F. Stone, president of the Port which it was stated that the "Birming-ham and six destroyers should reach Portland September 5."

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The Birmingham is a third class cruiser with a displacement of but 3750 tons, little more than the cruiser Boston, which is in the same class and

cruiser assigned to Portland, vigorous at this end and a delay of two or more protest is certain to be made by Portand citizens, as assurances made by Washington have inferred that Port-land's allotment would include at least one dreadnought of the latest type. Efforts by Mayor Baker to obtain assignment of ships some weeks ago from Admiral Rodman falled, it having been decided to await the return of Secretary of the Navy Danlels from kinds of apples and six pears has been produced by Henry Flater, of this city, to be sent to Portland.

Information Due Today.

Captain Speler was sent to San Francisco by the city council and the Portland chamber of commerce to confer with Secretary Daniels and Admiral Rodman and to obtain an allet-ment of ships for Portland which would compare favorably with that given western ports.
his message yesterday Captain

Speler said that assignments would not be made until after the review, which was held in San Francisco yesterday. Definite information on the allotment of ships to Portland is expected to-day. Should this be unsatisfactory, Mayor Baker will communicate direct-

with Secretary Daniels, It took considerable effort on the part of Captain Speler, during his re-cent visit to Washington, to convince engineers of the navy that Portland's harbor is of sufficient depth to ac-comodate ships of the latest type.

papers declare it totaled 5000 kilo-grams and that, at present prices, it was valued at 3,500,000 pesos. In the raid crude opium valued at 23,000 peros was selzed it is said, and thou-saids of tiny empty tins, supposedly used for retailing the present decree used for retailing the prepared drug

According to the newspapers, the profits of the opium trade, on the one shipment referred to, an into millions of pesos. It is said that an involved system of smuggling resulted in most of the narcotic being sold in the United States. It was shipped as "cigars," ing nowhere to go, was given sert over the line in automobiles modations in the Essex workho equipped with double gasoline tarks til he expiration of the lease an open control of the lease and the lea and carried across in hand baggage by a band of Germans, according to the revelations here.
Since the Mexican law does not pro-

Since the Mexican law does not prohibit importations of opium, the federal
department of health being concerned
only in its sale, the drug dealers confined their operations to sales by devious methods in the United States.
Branches of the organization are said
to have operated at Nuevo Laredo,
Mex., New York and San Francisco.
During their campaign against the During their campaign against the traffic the papers printed charges and names of personages as though libel laws did not exist.

## SAILORS REJOINING NAVY

High Cost of Living Held Responsible for Desire to Re-enlist.

WITH THE PACIFIC FLEET.— While officers of the navy are growing anxious because of the many enlisted men who are asking and obtaining discharges under the ruling which makes discharge easy for those who entered for the duration of the war, there is a tendency among those who

This tendency is growing those who get out to get back in again.

This tendency is growing too, and, in the opinion of petty officers of the Pacific fleet, it is likely to grow still more. They say the high cost of living is responsible for many discharged men deciding to rejoin.

"These goys who are getting out," said one petty offcer, "think they can get out and get some of the high wages they read about They forget the wages

will grow less with the increase of men who ask them.

"When they get out, they begin to realize what the high cost of living means. They think of the old 'three squares' a day and the certain pay they get in the navy—and they come back."

### FORT TO BE ABANDONED Far North American Army Post in

Alaska No Longer Needed. NOME, Alaska.-Fort Davis, a few miles from Nome, one of the five American army posts in Alaska, is to be abandoned, according to word re-ceived here. Next to Fort Gibbon, at Tanana, Alasks, Davis is Uncle Sam's

Tanana, Alaska, Davis is Uncle Sam's farthest northern army station.

The soldlers at Davis are to be transferred to Fort St. Michael, Alaska, which lies south of here near the mouth of the Yukon river. Washington probably thinks St. Michael a better place for the men as the point is busy during the summer months with the transferring of passengers and transferring of passengers and

freight from ocean steamers to the Yukon river steamboats. Nome does not want to see Fort Davis abandoned and a number of pro-tests have teen sent to Washington. The order to give up the post was made

n line with the government's new rerenchmen policy, it is believed.'
Davis is located closer to overseas
oreign shores than any other American mainland army post, it has been pointed out. The Nome Nugget, a newspaper, speaks of the sad plight fortless Nome would be in if a sloop load of hostile bolsheviki should sail across from the eastern Siberian shores, not far from here.

## FLOUR SPOILED IN SHIPPING

Complaints Made in Brazil About Manner of Loading Cargoes.

PARA, Brazil.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The effort of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce at Washington to induce ex-porters to pack their merchandise se-curely for shipment is having good results. Merchandise is now arriving in South America in better condition than formerly, it is said, when poor packing resulted not only in loss of goods, but in injury to the market for erans of North.

American products.
Importers are making complaints against the manner of loading cargoes Assignment of the ships of the Portland will not be made until today, according to a message received yesterday by W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the Portland chamber of commerce from Captain Jacob Speier, Portland's harbormaster, who is now A shipment of 160 against the manner of loading cargoes on steamers. A striking instance was the case of a recent shipment of flour to Para. It was stowed away among barrels of kerosene and turpentine, being used to pack the barrels snugly. The flour was useless when it was received here and had to be thrown away.

from a New York state manufacturer arrived here on an east coast steamer, of Astoria, received a message yester-day from Admiral Rodman's aide, in via Callao. Callao is on the other side of the continent—farther away from

Another small matter which irritates local merchants and business men is the frequent sending of mail from the United States without sufficient stamps. which lay in Portland's harbor for The minimum postage for South America number of years as the training ship for the Oregon naval militia.

Should the Birmingham be the only cruiser assigned to Double or the only cruiser assigned to Double or the only or this and any or this any or this and any or this any or th

## OLD APPLE TREE WONDER

Six Kinds of Pears and 32 Kinds of Apples Grafted on Limbs.

after years of experimenting.

The tree, declared by experts to be

one of the most exceptional horticul tural wonders ever produced, was the last of the famous Vance orchard. Whon Flater went to work on it the trunk was decayed in a number of places. Limbs were dead and farmers declared it never would yield again. Filling the holes with cement and bracing the broken limbs with chains, Flater grafted on a number of kinds of opples. Year after year he added new grafts until this summer the tree giving more than three dozen kinds

of fruit.
The tree is more than 75 years old and is bearing apples from early summer until late fall.

### LONDON BOYS PLAY SOLDIER Trafalgar Square Favorite Drill Ground for Youngsters.

LONDON .- The war is ended and the

Suffering Caused. LONDON.—Scarcity of housing ac-commodations throughout England is causing much inconvenience and not a

little suffering.
One man with a wife and 10 children was compelled to give up his house at

the expiration of the lease and, hav-ing nowhere to go, was given accom-modations in the Essex workhouse un-The government building programme, which contemplates the construction of half a million houses, is being delayed. it is alleged, by endless rolls of official red tape.

# FEDERAL PENSIONS

Recent Reunion in Georgia Makes Request.

MONEY HELD DUE SOUTH

ATLANTA.-Following throughout lebate at the recent reunion of the Georgia State Veterans' association, held at Dawson, Ga., a preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted in regard to the payment of pensions confederate veterans by the national

to confederate veterans by the national government.

The preamble sets forth in full detail the various amounts of money which have been paid by the south in various manners since the conclusion of the war between the states and the resolutions urge that the present congress not only take off the hands of the different states the payment of pensions to the confederate ment of pensions to the confederate veterans, but also that congress as-sume the responsibility for the care of all negroes, born in slavery, and new, by reason of advanced age, unable to care for themselves.

Preamble and Resolutions. The preamble and resolutions in full

The preamble and resolutions in full are as follows:

"When the poeple of the northern states pay their money for the purpose of discharging the pension burden, the money goes into the treasury and in due course, after a time, comes back to them and the same sums and amounts virtually stay at home and the same body politic has the use of it again. it again.

"But when we, of the south, pay \$50,000,000 or \$60,000,000 a year to-wards federal pensions, the money goes across the line; is distributed among the northern public and never comes back again.

"Let us rapidly and as briefly as possible consider the figures and the burden of this tremendous pension problem—federal pension problem—as now borne by the present generation of southern people.

Southern Losses Large. "The illegal cotton tax amounted to \$68,000,000. Proceeds of captured and abondoned property amounted to over \$25,000,000. This total, \$93,000,000 went \$25,000,000. This total, \$93,000,000 went into the treasury of the United States and has been there ever since. Five per cent is less than what it should have made should it have been left in the owners' hands where it belonged. Add annual interest, which amounts at 5 per cent to 4,650,000, even without compounding, that is 50 years from 1867 to 1919, makes \$240,800,000 and principal and interest added together makes the sum justly due by the government to the south under this head alone \$323,800,000.

"The south has been forced to contribute annually at least \$50,000,000 to federal pensions, which for the 30 years amount to \$1,500,000,000.

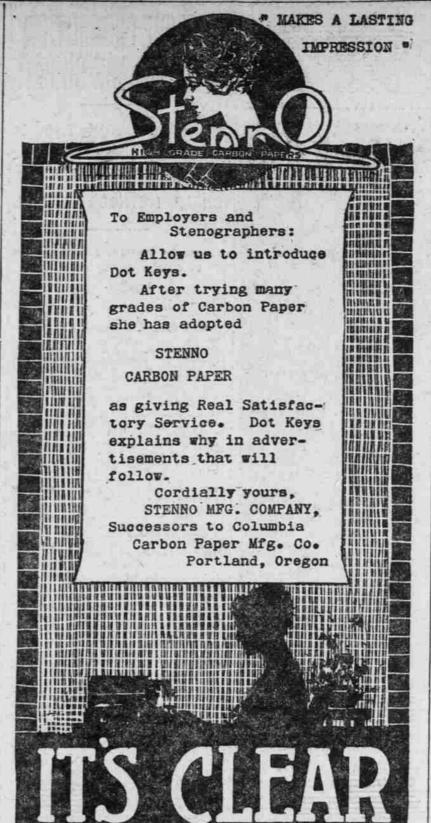
sult of the war.

"Remember, the war ended 50 years ago. But this penalty continues to be levied, added to and increased at the praise of at least fifty million (\$50,000,000) dollars a year in northern pensions exacted and collected now, not from the southern men who ought in the war, for they are nearly all dead and gone, but from their innocent grandchildren and innocent negroes of the south.

"History furnished no parallel to wrong like this. The democratic party is session, entirely relieved of the burden of pensions to confederate veterans by the national government taking that burden upon itself, preferably using the pension laws, methods and officers of the different states as the best and already existing agencies for the correct discharge of this duty, and that the grading and classifying and amount of pensions should be made the same and no less to each confederate veteran, whether officer or private, then in like case to the union veterans.

"Resolved second, That a fair and just pension should be paid by the

House of Quality



MEXICO CITY—A shipment of crude optium contended to the contended of the c

do the manly thing and stand say half of the loss. That is two billian doliars (\$2,000,000,000).

"The above named items or amounts added together makes a total of four billion eight hundred and thirty-three million (\$4,833,000,000) dollars indemity and penalty inflicted on the southers suit of the war.

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"Resolved first, That the souther states with existing population ought to be, by this present congress now in session, entirely relieved of the burden of pensions to confederate veterans by the government as a result of the war.

"Bernember, the war ended 50 years"

Woman's Weakness Played Upon.

Examining Magistrate—"Madam, you persistently deny that you committed this act, though the description of the culprit fits you exactly—beautiful face and figure, extremely youthful appearance, most attractive—"

The Defendant, —"Your honor, I confess all—yes, it was I!"

Case to the union veterans.

"Resolved second, That a fair and just pension should be paid by the United States government to each negro man and woman born and reared in slavery and now too old to work, who by emancipation lost the protection, care and comfort which in time of slavery the law of every southern state required the master to bestow upon her or him."

"Unanimously adopted. June 19, 1919."

Dowling and Corley told of their strug- I hope he ain't worryin' over it, Mrs.

"Well, it do bother him a bit," she "And well it might," said her neigh-

bor. "When my old man lost his hair he felt the cold somethin' terrible." "Oh, it ain't the cold that worries Alf," replied Mrs. Crimp. "It's the bother he has when he's washin himself. If he doesn't keep his hat on, poor dear, 'e can't tell where his face

Coombs-He is a very ingenious in-



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