

# STEEL CONCERN TO CUT CRUISER COST

### Offer of 10 Per Cent to Navy Department Dictated by Patriotism.

## BUILDERS' BIDS TOO HIGH

### Bethlehem Company Offers to Reduce Material Charges so That Saving of \$1,000,000 Can Be Made on Each.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Navy Department faces the possibility of repeal by Congress of the authorization of the construction of four new battle cruisers unless the expense, as estimated by shipbuilders for construction, can in some way be reduced, according to a telegram from Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy, made public here today by the Bethlehem Steel Company, which received the message. The shipbuilders' bids are \$1,000,000 in excess of the \$16,500,000 limit fixed by Congress on each cruiser, says Mr. Roosevelt's telegram.

**Way to Effect Saving Seen.**  
The company informed Mr. Roosevelt that it estimated that "if other interests meet you in the same spirit" the desired \$1,000,000 saving on each cruiser can be effected.

**Secretary Roosevelt's Telegram, after alluding to the shipbuilders' bids being beyond the maximum limit fixed by Congress, read:**  
"To avoid the necessity of asking Congress for increased appropriation, thus involving delay and the possibility of not securing the increase, or of repeal of authorization for construction, the department is endeavoring to find ways of reducing the cost of construction."

**Some Shipbuilders Aid.**  
Some of the shipbuilders, the message continues, are meeting this situation "in a commendable way" and are in Washington in consultation endeavoring to find further means of reducing cost of construction.

**Offer to Share Is Made.**  
"It is our disposition always to do our part and, to meet you in this direct appeal, we will be willing to make a reduction of 10 per cent in the prices already quoted. This to apply alike for two, three or four ships."  
"We estimate if other interests meet you in the same spirit that you can effect the desired saving. We trust the Navy Department will recognize the position we are taking in this instance and reflect same in future relations."

**Saving of \$4,000,000 Possible.**  
The cost of material necessary to build a \$16,500,000 cruiser is about \$10,000,000, it was asserted, but all of this material would not be supplied by the Bethlehem if it received the contracts.

**What part the company might furnish a spokesman for the company would not disclose, but if the Bethlehem's offer of 10 per cent reduction is accepted by the Government and other material supply companies meet the Navy Department's appeal in the same spirit, it was declared, the department could save \$4,000,000 of the shipbuilders' total estimated cost of the construction of four ships.**

**It was stated further on behalf of the Bethlehem company that its reduction offer would apply to material which might be furnished should the cruisers be built at Government navy-yards.**

**Tyrol Avalanches Kill 60.**  
GENEVA, via Paris, Jan. 6.—Sixty persons were killed or injured by avalanches in the Tyrol during December, according to Innsbruck newspapers.

**The snowfall is said to be the heaviest in many years. On the Brenner pass Thursday an avalanche killed 10 and injured 18 workmen who were clearing a road.**

## CURED HIMSELF OF THE LIQUOR HABIT

**A Missouri Man After Drinking for Thirty-Five Years Banished His Craving for Liquor With a Simple Home Recipe.**  
Mr. Thos. J. D. O'Bannon, a well-known resident of Missouri, living at R. F. D. No. 3, Fredericktown, Mo., banished his craving for liquor with a simple recipe which he mixed at home.

**Mr. O'Bannon recently made the following statement: "I am 51 years old and had drunk for thirty-five years. My craving was so great I could not quit liquor. More than a year ago I had the following simple recipe filled and began taking it and it entirely banished my craving for liquor. To 3 oz. of water add 20 grains of murate of ammonia, a small box of Varlex Compound and 10 grains of pepsin. Take a teaspoonful three times a day. Any druggist can mix it for you or supply the ingredients at very little cost. This recipe can be taken of your own accord or given to anyone secretly in coffee, tea, milk or in food, as it has no taste, color or smell and is perfectly harmless. I believe any drunkard can cure himself with this simple recipe."—Adv.**

## PRINCIPALS IN SPICY DIVORCE SUIT AND STAR WITNESS AGAINST DEFENDANT-WIFE.



## GIRL'S STORY SPICY

### Mrs. Nolker's Former Protege Testifies Against Her.

## HUSBAND SEEKS DIVORCE

### Wife of Aero Club Official Accused of Visiting Apartment of Russian Count Before Nobleman Has Risen From Bed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—"Baby" Marlowe had her inning today when she testified in a divorce case before a referee against Mrs. Robert E. Nolker, who previously had caused Miss Marlowe's prosecution on a charge of stealing \$1000 from Mrs. Nolker's handbag as the two were in a beauty parlor.

## WASCO AWARDS BONDS

### \$200,000 ISSUE DRAWS 19 BIDS. PORTLAND HOUSE WINS.

Offer of \$6500.20 at 4 1/2 Per Cent by Clark Kendall & Co. Is Accepted. Road Work Is Started.

## BOOTLEGGER IS DEFINED

### KANSAS COURT MAKES DISTINCTION FROM "JOINTIST."

Former Has No Well-Defined Place of Business, While Other Is Established in One Spot.

## Business Man Taking Farm Course.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Albany has graduated from college and is one of the most influential business men in Albany, Percy A. Young is again attending college, having enrolled at Oregon Agricultural College for the Farmers' week course. Mr. Young and his father, composing the firm of E. Young & Son, own a large number of farms in this sec-

## JAPANESE NOT TO BE NAMED IN BILL

### Senate and House Conferees Virtually Agree on Immigration Measure.

## GENTLEMEN'S PACT STAYS

### Effort to Be Made to Pass Bill Over President's Head if, as Expected, He Vetoes It Because of Literacy Test.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Senate and House conferees on the immigration bill virtually agreed, after a conference with Secretary Lansing today, to accept the measure in the form that it passed the Senate without mention of Japanese among persons to be excluded. That would leave the present gentlemen's agreement regarding the entrance of Japanese laborers into the United States unchanged.

The Secretary was asked to make clear to the conferees particularly the views of the Japanese and Italian governments. He understood them to have explained that the Italian government believes some provisions regarding inspection on immigrant ships are in contravention of treaty. That the Japanese Embassy feels that some of the phrasing relating to Oriental exclusion is not entirely the same as that of the bill as agreed upon at the last session of congress. They are said, however, to be no more than differences of wording, and members of the committee expressed confidence tonight that the bill as perfected would entirely satisfy both governments.

The bill probably will be reported early next week and prompt action is expected in both houses. Confident account of the literacy test provisions, sponsors of that section are making every effort to pledge enough votes to the final draft to pass it over the objection of the Japanese.

## IS EPILEPSY CONQUERED?

### New Jersey Physician Said to Have Many Cures to His Credit.

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 6.—Advice from every direction fully confirm previous reports that the remarkable treatment for epilepsy being administered by the consulting physician of the Kline Laboratories of this city is achieving wonderful results. Old and stubborn cases have been greatly benefited and many patients claim to have been entirely cured.

## NAVY GUNNERS IMPROVE

### AVERAGE MARKSMANSHIP MERIT MARK IS 52.002.

Battleship Texas Makes High Score With 68.854—One Class Makes 204 Hits With 287 Shots.

## NEW NATIONAL PARK URGED

### Grand Canyon of Colorado Proposed as Government Playground.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Conversion of the Grand Canyon of Colorado into a National park was urged at today's session of the National Parks Conference by speakers who declared thousands of tourists last year left that great natural wonder disgusted with conditions which rob visitors of enjoying its beauties.

## COUNTY AUDITOR'S FEES \$6950.

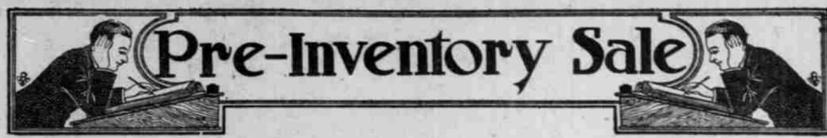
KELSO, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—County Auditor Olson's records show that more permits were issued in Cowlitz County in December than during any two previous months; the total number in that month being 322. During the year 1237 liquor permits were issued in Cowlitz County, and the three highest totals were preceding the holiday seasons. In 1916 there were 170 marriage licenses, 200 automobile licenses and 1475 hunting licenses issued through the Auditor's office. The total receipts of the office in fees were \$5949.55.

## ECHO MAN HURT BY FALL.

ECHO, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—William Doagan, a laborer in the employment of the Furnish Ditch Company, is suffering from a broken collar bone. He was thrown from a rear seat in a motor truck when the machine skidded on a turn in the road.

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## Second Week of Our Great Annual



## Pre-Inventory Sale

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See our special window display. Included are all popular styles, with high, medium or low bust. Also "Topless" models. Materials are fine coutils, batistes and brocades in white or flesh tints. Every corset guaranteed, although you pay a lowered price. Don't fail to profit by this sale.

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### The Season's Best Models, Selling \$12.95 Regularly to \$30.00, to Close.....

The materials are fine Serges, Poplins, Broadcloths and other high-grade fabrics in fashionable shades—navy, black, green, brown, etc. Correctly tailored Suits in models suitable for all figures, including stouts. Come early, for first and best choice.

## Women's Poplin Dresses at \$4.45

Four popular styles to select from in navy, brown or green; well made, neatly finished dresses from our regular stock lines.

## Pre-Inventory Sale Laces & Trimmings

10c YARD for Frogs, Tassels, Edges, Bandings, selling regularly to 35c a yard.  
29c YARD for Gold, Silver or Silk Metal Edges, selling regularly to 50c a yard.  
69c YARD for 18-inch Metal Flouncings on Silk Nets; lines selling to \$1.50 a yard.  
69c YARD for Metal Edges in Gold, Silver or Colored Silk Embroidered on Silk Nets.  
49c YARD for Silk Shadow or Chantilly Laces—12 and 18-inch widths—worth to \$1.25.  
98c YARD—imported Tulle Nets in 42-inch width; both light and dark colors.  
\$1.29 YARD—Silk Radium Laces, black, ivory, shantung, two-tone. Values to \$2.25.  
\$1.69 YARD—Silk Tulle 72 inches wide, evening shades, \$2.00 and \$2.25 qualities.  
\$1.59 YARD—Metal Flouncings in 27-inch width, gold and silver on silk net, values to \$2.50.

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