

## MUTSU'S STATUS IS IN QUESTION

Naval Officers Believe Adjustment of Situation Will Not Be Difficult

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(By The Associated Press)—Naval officials believe adjustment of the question of the Japanese battleship Mutsu will follow quickly the acceptance by Japan of the 5-5-3 naval ratio proposal. As that acceptance is held to be fore-shadowed both here and in Tokyo dispatches, they are considering ways of modifying details of the American proposals should Japan present formally a desire to retain that ship.

In the opinion of some naval officials, adoption of the 5-5-3 naval ratio will clear the road to adjustments on the Mutsu. It would be possible then, it was said, to scale upward in the list of ships to be retained on the basis of a ratio, merely making the immediate cut in naval forces less drastic than the American proposal contemplated.

In the event that Japan does desire to retain the Mutsu, it was pointed out, the United States could retain the Colorado and Washington.

The most troublesome feature of such an arrangement, it was said, would be to provide for a proportionate British increase in retained fleet strength, as no cap-

ital ships actually are under construction for Great Britain.

Retention of Mutsu without sacrifice of any ship now on the lists of retained ships would bring the Japanese capital ship tonnage up around 350,000 aggregate, while retention of the Colorado and Washington would raise the American aggregate from around 500,000 to more than 560,000.

Ruling is Adopted for Intersectional Games

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 10.—The Pacific coast college conference will hereafter arrange and conduct all intersectional football games between eastern and Pacific coast teams, under the terms of a resolution adopted today at the closing business session of the conference here. The resolution follows:

"Resolved, that hereafter the Pacific coast conference will extend the invitation to an eastern team to play the intersectional championship game on the coast. The conference will determine also what team is the Pacific coast champion."

The conference further outlined as its policy that the intersectional game shall preferably be played on a university field or stadium, but that if it were decided to play at Pasadena, as has recently been done, the arrangement shall be that of a strict rental basis, in order to remove any commercial aspect that might arise from non-college promotion. The ruling will not affect the coming New Year's game at Pasadena between University of California and Washington and Jefferson college.

## ALL-COAST TEAM IS MADE KNOWN

Seven University of California Players on Varnell's Mythical Eleven

SPOKANE, Dec. 10.—Seven University of California players are given places on the all-star Pacific coast football team selected today by George M. Varnell, veteran referee of Pacific coast and northwest conference football games.

Washington State college players were given two places, and Stanford and the University of Washington one each. On the hypothetical second team California received five places, Washington State college and Oregon Agricultural college two each, and Stanford and University of Oregon one each.

Mr. Varnell's first team selections are: Stephens, California, ends; Muller, California ends; McMillan, California and Barnes, California, tackles; Degroot, Stanford and McKay, W. S. C. guards; Dunlap, W. S. C. center; Erb, California, quarterback; Toomey, California and Eckman, University of Washington, halfbacks; and Nesbit, California, fullback.

The second team comprises: Hickey, W. S. C., and Berkeley, California, ends; Dunton, W. S. C., and Locey, O. A. C., tackles;

## ARMY'S STAR.



French, back on the West Point football eleven, who is considered the outstanding star of the year.

the concern which applied for the vessels for operation between the Columbia river and the Far East.

"The board is demanding a guarantee from us against loss in operation during a year," explained Dawson. "From Puget Sound and San Francisco operators it is not making this demand a fact which immediately places us at a disadvantage."

"It is impossible to see in advance what may transpire during a year's time. We would certainly be handicapped with steamers operating in a competitive trade to the north and south of us while they were not forced to put up a guarantee."

Big Quantity of Drugs Taken from Japanese Ship

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—Narcotics which, it peddled out in small quantities to drug addicts would bring more than \$15,000, were introduced in evidence today by

Assistant United States Attorney Fiegl in the preliminary hearing of Sosuke Katamura, arrested Sunday when customs officers found the drugs on board the Japanese ship Saikai Maru.

Kitamura, who was chief sailor and storekeeper on the vessel, made a signed confession through an interpreter, which was also introduced in evidence. The Japanese was represented by no attorney and has signified his intention of pleading guilty to the charge. He is held in default of \$2000 bond.

The contraband drug was concealed in a paint bucket which hung in the paint shop, according to customs officials who made the raid.

Hot Food is Served to Pupils at Gervais School

The high cost of living does not worry the 45 pupils attending the Gervais public school, as

the school directors have arranged matters by which the pupils are given something hot to eat every school day for a total of 25 cents a month.

In the schoolhouse there is an extra room, and this has been equipped with a first class kitchen range. The district has also installed tables and tableware sufficient for the noonday luncheon.

This 25 cents a month is not intended to pay for a varied luncheon. Each pupil brings a lunch, but all are taken into the dining room, where one article of hot food is served.

Mrs. Wiegand is superintendent

ent of the school and has associated with her Mrs. Lenna Perdue.

A few evenings ago a health pageant was put on at the schoolhouse and a general program taking up matters of better living and better hygienic conditions.

## COMPOSER DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Victor Jacobi, 38, musical comedy composer, died today in a hospital here.

## THE WEATHER

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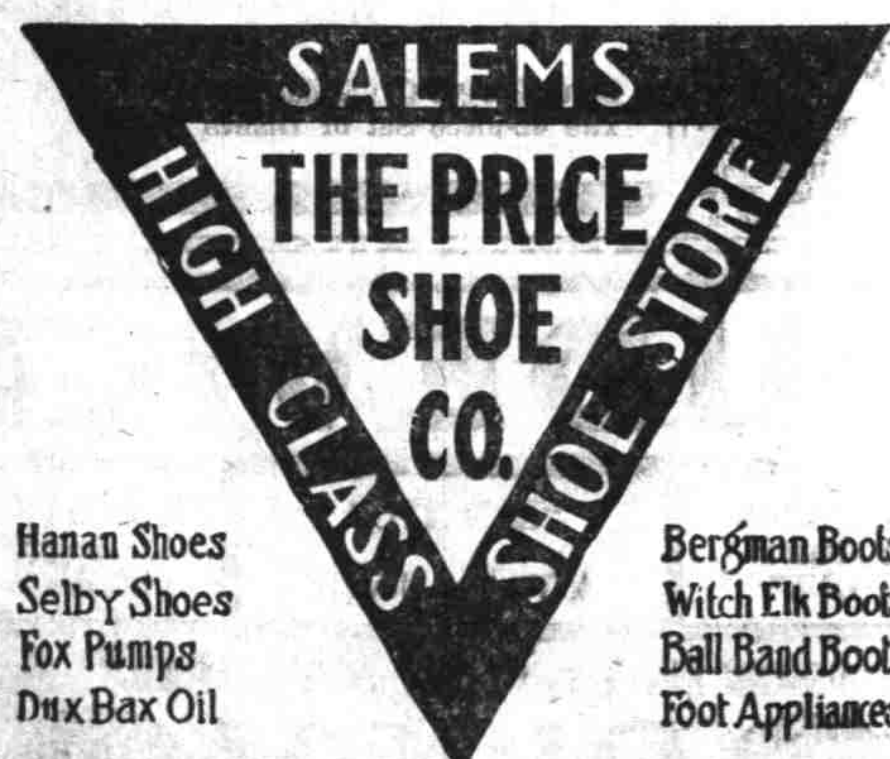
Men's Brown Kid House Slippers, a good \$4.00 value, all sizes, while they last, go at—

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## New Applications for Water Permits Filed

Nine new applications for authority to appropriate water from Oregon streams for various purposes are on file with the state engineering department. They are:

By Stephen V. Moore, of Days Creek, Or., covering the appropriation of water from South Umpqua river for irrigation of a 10-acre tract in Douglas county.

By A. T. Zeek, of Hood River, covering the appropriation of water from Ferguson creek, tributary of Indian creek, for irrigation of a five-acre tract in Hood River county.

By C. S. Aikin, of Rogue River, covering the use of water from Evans creek for irrigation of 11 acres in Jackson county.

By E. T. Carnegie, of Merlin, covering the appropriation of water from South Fork of Panther creek and from Picket creek, for irrigation of eight acres, and for placer mining purposes in Josephine county.

By J. E. and Laura M. Coppock of Grants Pass, covering the use of water from east and west forks of Gold brook for irrigation of a 12-acre tract in Josephine county.

By Albert Sherwood of Lorella covering the appropriation of two second feet from Sherwood reservoir for irrigation and supplemental supply for 167 acres in Lake county. The construction cost is estimated at \$2,000.

By J. E. Reeves, of Stanfield, covering the appropriation of water from the Umatilla Drainage District ditch for irrigation of a 25-acre tract in Umatilla county, at a cost of approximately \$600.

By the city of Canby, by W. J. Lee, covering the appropriation of 300 second feet from Mill creek and Molalla river for power development in Clackamas county.

## Exhibit of Books Proves To Be Unusual Attraction

The exhibit of books at the Salem Commercial club yesterday, under the auspices of the Salem Woman's club, was one of the most successful efforts in this line ever made, according to the general opinion of all who thronged the club during the afternoon and evening.

A total of 295 books was shown, all of special interest for Christmas shoppers. In the evening many men who have an interest in buying right books, came to the club to look over the exhibit.

For adults, there was 68 books exhibited, in charge of Mrs. J. M. Clifford and Mrs. E. C. Richards. Of interest to all was the selection known as the "Golden Staircase," in charge of Mrs. F. W. Selee and Miss Lucile Crockett.

The Boy Scout and Girls' Reserve book table was in charge of Miss Elizabeth Macleay and Miss Marie Churchill. The Child's Home Book library table was exhibited by Miss Gertrude Morton and Miss Nell Thielsen.

Of general miscellaneous interest was the book table in charge of Miss Elizabeth Putnam and Mrs. J. W. Harbison. The picture book table was exhibited by Mrs. W. F. Fargo and Mrs. L. H. Mahan. Magazines for children were grouped on a table exhibited by Mrs. Max Buren and Mrs. Frank Meyers.

## Discrimination Against Portland in Shipping Seen

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 10.—Portland will not be allocated "502" type combination freight and passenger steamers on a parity with Seattle and San Francisco, which have been allocated five and seven steamers, respectively, according to a message today from Washington to K. D. Dawson, general manager of the Columbia Pacific Shipping company,



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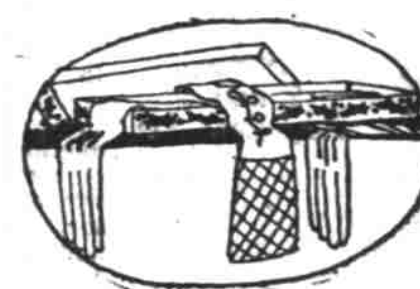
**\$4.75 and \$5.75**



## Lingerie and Underthings

Silk Camisoles in crepe de chine and wash satin; colors are flesh, maize, navy, and cardinal, 98c, \$1.50 and \$1.98.

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## Ladies' Gloves

in Fine Kid and Washable Kid Leathers, black, white and brown—

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## Ladies' Hose

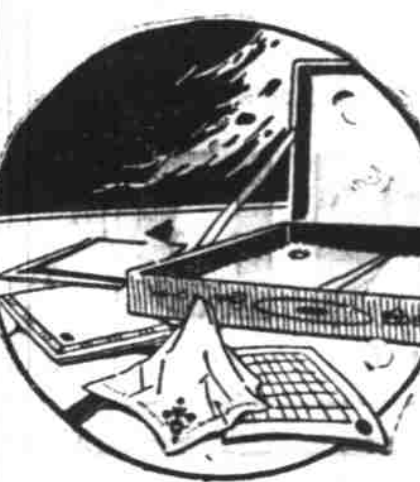
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in cotton and Silks, all marked at reduced prices—

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