

## Biggest Warships Ever Built Here Soon to Join Ranks of the Navy.

TWO of Uncle Sam's first 16,000-ton battleships are soon to go into commission. The Louisiana, which for the time being will be queen of the American navy, will before long share honors with the Connecticut, whose trial trip takes place within the next month.

In tonnage, battery power, speed and safety the Louisiana and Connecticut will rank with the most effective warships afloat under any flag. They will embody all the "latest improvements" in warship construction, and are over a thousand tons heavier than our next largest ships. Four more battleships of the same class are building—the Kansas, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Vermont.

A description of either the Louisiana or Connecticut would do for both, for they are sister ships. Poised on her rudder alongside the highest skyscraper in New York, the Louisiana's bow would tower 49 feet in the air 19 feet above the Park Row building. In beam these ships are 76 feet 10 inches, the width of three ordinary building lots. This huge mass is driven through the water at a speed of more than 18 knots an hour by engines of 18,000-horse power.

### CAN STEAM 5,000 MILES WITHOUT COALING.

For these powerful engines there is a normal coal supply of 900 tons, but one of the factors that will make these new battleships especially effective engines of war is the fact that they can carry enough coal to steam continuously at half speed for a distance of 5,000 miles. No battleship in any navy has ever equaled this record.

Officially, the Connecticut and Louisiana are known as sea-going battleships with two 12-inch and four 8-inch turrets. For their protection and safety, the armoring of these vessels is unusually heavy and extensive, while their bulkhead arrangements are such as to insure them against sinking under almost any imaginable conditions. There is a waterline armor belt extending from stem to stern. For a third of the length of this belt amid-

ships the armor is 12 inches thick at the top and tapers to four inches at the bottom, tapering to four inches at the bow and stern. Above the main belt, between the main barbettes, there is a continuous wall of side armor seven inches thick, reaching from the main belt to the main deck. At the ends of this armor bulkheads of 7-inch steel extend athwartship, connecting with the main barbettes.

### TO MAKE THE SHIP UNSINKABLE.

The coal bunker and the main passage bulkhead doors on the Connecticut and Louisiana as well as the armored hatches of the protective deck, are operated by electricity. Each of these doors and hatches has an electric motor which is actuated from a central emergency station on the bridge.

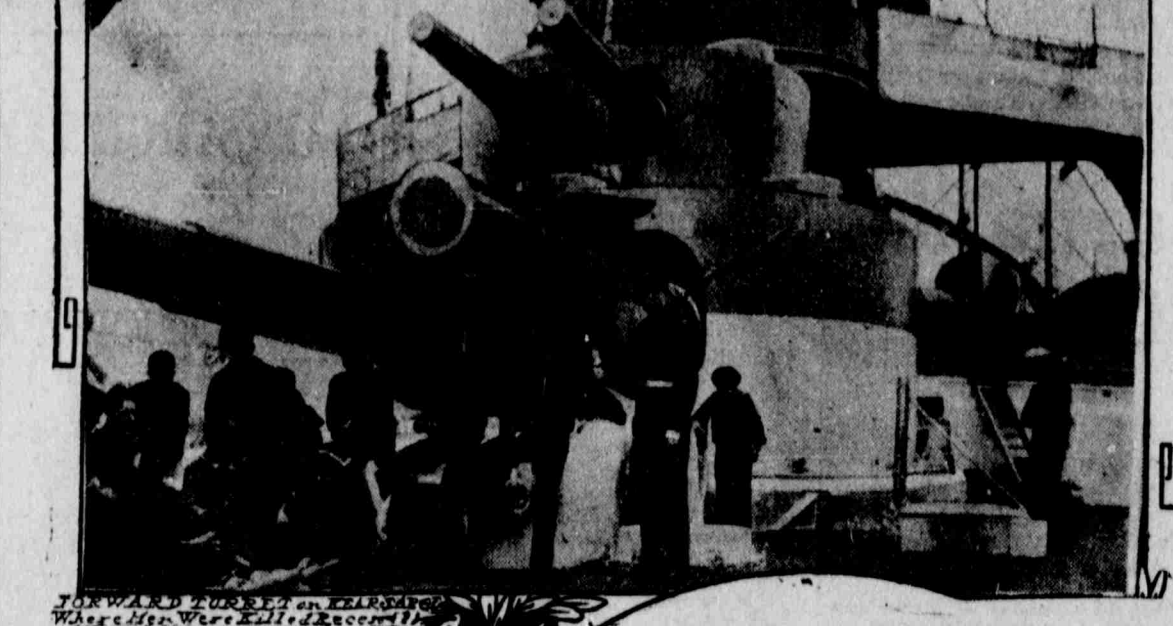
During an engagement or on the approach of danger of any kind the officer of the deck can turn a wheel and know that every compartment door vital to the ship's safety has been closed by its electric motor. This is the "Long Arm" system that the navy has adopted for nearly all the new cruisers and warships. It makes our warships practically unsinkable by assuring that their water tight doors will be closed in time to keep the ship afloat in spite of punctures below the waterline.

United States naval constructors have been the first to learn and apply the lesson of scores of disasters, due to the fact that bulkhead doors could not be closed by hand in time to save the ship. The naval authorities are taking no chances with vessels that cost millions and which may some day stand between the victory or defeat of American sea forces.

A continuous protective deck from one to three inches thick, 10-inch armor for the main barbettes, 12-inch armor for the main turrets and 8-inch armor for the four 8-inch gun turrets completes the protective features of these ships.

### HAVE GREAT GUN POWER.

Offensively as well as defensively, the Connecticut and Louisiana will be splendidly equipped even for this day of ever heavier guns. They will carry four 12-inch guns in two turrets fore and aft and eight 8-inch guns in turrets, two on each broadside. The em-



KEARSARGE'S DEATH TURRET DRAWS CROWDS.

Of all the great fighting machines in the North Atlantic fleet, now anchored in the North river, the two that comes in for the most attention from thousands of visitors are the Kearsarge and the Missouri; the first because of the deplorable accident in her forward gun turret, with everybody who went aboard wanted to see; the second because of the marvelous record in gunnery in Guantanamo bay, and which places the Missouri's marksmen almost within grasp of the world's trophy.

The rivalry between the crews of these two battleships is keener than between any other two ships in the fleet, and the men of the Kearsarge are by no means willing to concede that they are not as close to capturing the coveted world's record as the Missouri's men. The cup is held on the Asiatic station, and its next holder cannot be determined until after the 12-inch gun performance of the battleship Ohio is completed.

placement of these guns is such that the two forward turrets have an arc of fire from dead ahead to a point well aft of the beam, while from the aft turret gun fire may be directed forward of beam to dead astern. Firing through casemates on the gun deck is a powerful battery of 12 7-inch guns. The 7-inch pieces are something

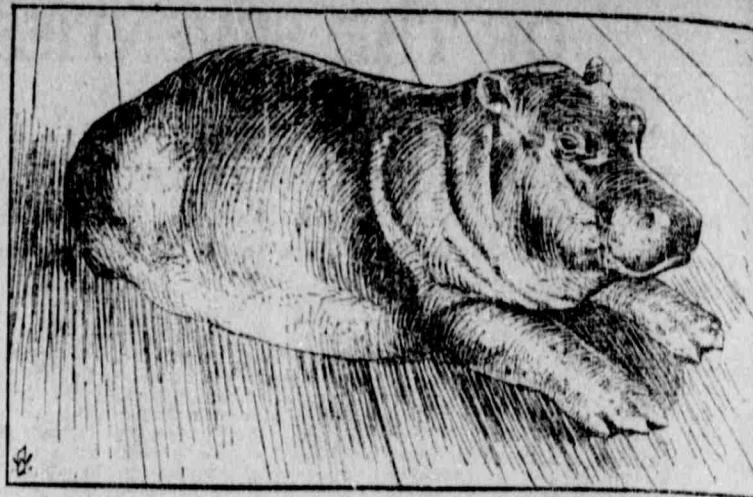
new in ordnance, having exceptionally high velocity and penetration. To this formidable array of heavy guns is added 12 3-inch rapid fireers, the same number of three-pounders, and 14 machine guns distributed on the superstructure, bridges and fighting tops. It was not intended originally that the Connecticut and Louisi-

ana should carry any torpedo tubes, but afterwards it was decided to add four such tubes to their equipment.

### PROTECTION FOR OFFICERS.

Among the many other lessons of the Russo-Japanese sea fights, it was shown that better protection was needed for officers directing a warship in

## ONLY BABY HIPPOPOTAMUS IN CONFINEMENT.



The young hippopotamus, or river horse of the White Nile, shown in the cut is the only living specimen of his age on exhibition. He was captured recently and sent to England in a specially constructed cage. He is still fed on milk and consumes about forty quarts a day. This young animal is valued at \$1,000.

action. The Connecticut and Louisiana will be as safe in this respect as a man-of-war can be made. The forward conning stower is protected by nine inches of Krupp steel, and the aft conning signal tower, located below the aft bridge, has five-inch armor.

Keen interest has from the first surrounded the Louisiana and Connecticut on account of the unusual conditions under which they were built. What developed into a ship building race began when the government decided to construct the Connecticut at the Brooklyn navy yard, giving the contract for the Louisiana at the same time to the Newport News company.

The Louisiana was launched a month ahead of the Connecticut, but the score between them lately narrowed down to 2 or 3 per cent. The reason why the race cannot be definitely decided one way or the other is that allowance must be made for a number of factors that do not appear in the official progress figures. The Louisiana is undoubtedly in the lead, but the builders of the Connecticut have ex-

planations for this, one being that Congress has not provided men and material as rapidly as the builders could have used them.

But one thing is certain—both governments and private yards have made splendid records on the Connecticut and Louisiana. It is equally certain that the normal time for the building of a battleship would not have been reduced from 41 to 30 months if there had been no contest. This was a world-beating performance until Great Britain launched the Dreadnought in four months with every prospect of completing this new sea monster in a year and a half.

### CHEAP RATES.

To New Haven, Conn., from Chicago direct and via New York City, June 2nd, 3rd 4th and 5th. Extended return limit June 30th. Write Nickel Plate office, No. 311 Seventeenth St., Denver, Colo., for particulars.

## MONDAY!

89c for Embroidered White Skirting Flannels, values up to 1.50

Eight pieces in the lot. Beautiful new patterns, hemstitched and scalloped, all one yard wide and embroidered on the best white flannels. As the quantity is limited—just enough to last a day out—we would suggest early attendance.

## MONDAY!

Children's Knitted Waists, 25c Value on Sale at 12 1-2c

Children's white knitted waists strongly taped, with double row of bone buttons, come in sizes for girls and boys 2 to 12 years. Here's an excellent 25c waist on sale Monday only 12 1-2c at

# ANOTHER WEEK OF BARGAIN SURPRISES

LIES JUST AHEAD!

Embracing Underprice Offerings of a Most Important Character. Every day during next week we will introduce Special Offerings that are possible only at the Auerbach Store--and you can rely on the "Auerbach Values" every time--they are genuine and always satisfactory.

## MONDAY!

\$1.69 for White BED SPREADS, worth \$3

When you see them you'll say the Greatest Bargain Ever, just as we did—but there's only \$2 in all, so you'll have to hurry. Heavy Real Marseilles Spreads, pearl hemmed, and cut cornered. Heavy fringed Quilts. You positively can't match them under \$3.00. Monday at \$1.69

ESTABLISHED 1864  
*F. Auerbach & Bro.*  
ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD

## MONDAY!

Unheard-of Bargains in Table Felt, Instead of 60c—at 39c a yard.

54 inches wide Table Felt, used as a covering for Dining Room Tables—protects the Table and adds to the wear and the appearance of the Table Cloth. Value 60c. On sale Monday at, per yard, 39c

## MONDAY!

\$1.29 for Handsome \$2.50 BAGDAD COUCH COVERS

100 bought at practically half price from one of the largest manufacturers in Philadelphia, hence this sale of handsome Bagdad Couch Covers, 3 yards long and 50 inches wide, fringed all around, positively worth \$2.50. Monday \$1.29

## Attractive Ready-Made Garment Values

Announced for Next Week, with which we can safely predict the most enthusiastic kind of buying. The lowness of our prices keep this department continually crowded.

## Our Monday Special!

\$1.25 Short Kimonos—73c.

Twenty-five dozen Short Kimonos, made of fine quality silk finished crepe in pretty, Oriental designs, new style sleeves, satin border, to match predominating color; all sizes. For Monday only

73c



## Silk and Dress Goods Bargains!

That the Thrifty Will Garner This Week Without Fail.

46c A YARD FOR 60c QUALITIES—Strictly all wool Crepe Albatross and Fine French Balloons 35 to 40 inches wide in a big assortment of all street and evening colors, regular 60c grade.

SPECIAL (see list) 46c

83c A YARD FOR \$1.10 QUALITY—FINE ALL WOOL CHIFFON PANAMA, 44 inches wide, in all colors, including black, regular \$1.10 Grade. SPECIAL (per yard) 83c

29c COLORED WASH SILKS, 29c—2 1/2 yards of Fancy Colored Wash Silks, in small and large size checks and stripes, a beautiful quality suitable for cool, summer shirt waists and just the thing for Children's Dresses, regular price 50c and the sale price will be (per yard) 29c

59c BLACK PEAU DE SOIE—19 in. wide, elegant soft and firm quality suitable for Shirt Waists and entire dresses, also Children's Coats, regular value, 85c; sale price 59c

WHITE SILKS FOR WAISTS AND DRESSES

59c 50c Peau De Cygne, 19 inches wide, Sale Price 59c

69c 50c Peau De Cygne, 19 inches wide, Sale Price 69c

79c 50c Peau De Cygne, 20 inches wide, Sale Price 79c

## Unmatchable Values in MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

For Ladies and Children—Typical Auerbach Offerings the Kind That Have Been Important Factors in Building Up Our Immense Business in Muslin Underwear.

Children's white Muslin Skirts—an extra good quality; cut full width; made with 7-inch deep hemstitched ruffle headed by tucks; sizes 1 to 7, for girls 25c

Children's fine Cambric Skirts—two of the prettiest styles, trimmed in Torchon Lace Edging and Insertion, full length; made in all sizes; excellent 50c values—go on sale at 50c

40 dozen Ladies' Corset Covers, made of fine soft-finished Cambric; trimmed with two rows of Torchon Lace Insertion and ribbon drawn beading and Lace edge on neck and arm holes—a splendid 50c value—the sale price 29c

25 dozen Ladies' Muslin Drawers, trimmed in Torchon-Lace Edging and Insertion and tucks; come in all sizes; open or closed; regular 50c value—on sale at 25c

Ladies' Night Gowns, two styles; made of good muslin, trimmed in Lace or Embroidery and tucks; all sizes; regular 75c grades—on sale 49c

Ladies' Night Gowns in a great variety of pretty styles, all made of the best Cambric or Nainsook; come with long or short sleeves in all sizes, the trimmings are prettiest: Laces or Embroideries and tucks. You'll consider them cheap at \$1.50 and \$1.75 each; the sale price, 1.00

Ladies' Skirts, made full width of extra quality muslin, several styles; Embroidery or Lace trimmed to choose from; regular \$1.25

Ladies' Skirts in a great variety of pretty styles, beautifully trimmed in fine embroideries and laces, styles and qualities that sell regularly up to \$2.25 each, are on sale here this week \$3.50

## Still Greater Wash Goods Values!

The throngs of enthusiastic women tell the story of values combined with Beauty in a more forcible manner than mere tongue or pen. Each day the sales increase in volume and still the pretty Wash Stuffs are coming in on an underprice basis. These for the week's Great Selling!

50 pieces linen finished Dimities in the prettiest shades of pink, light blue, green, red, navy blue, tan, lavender and black, value 20c

Special for the week, per yard 12c

About a dozen pieces Organdy Curtaux—swell fabrics, fine and sheer—that will be greatly worn during the summer months—a most artistic variety of floral and dotted designs. Never sold anywhere for less than 25c, here per yard 17c

The new Venado or Mohair Wash Suitings—Shirt Waist Suit Fabrics in dainty peeped hair line effects—all the most popular shades. This 27c

Mercedized Blumine and Glace Checks, Parisian Novelties in the most fashionable colorings. This week 27c

Sutaine Silk. A handsome silk and linen fabric, looks like Jap Silk and will outwear the highest priced silk. A most dependable Wash fabric in the most popular shades, Value 65c, this week per yard 49c

## A Few Drapery Specials!

From a Really Remarkable List of Money-Savers That We Offer For Next Week.

50 pairs White Battening Curtains, made of a strong Bobbinet, with a real Battening edge, 3 yards long and 45 inches wide, value \$2.25. This week, a pair \$1.35

Champagne Colored Plaided Madras curtains, with green, red or olive stripes, can be used for either window or door, 3 yards long and 42 inches wide. Value \$3.00, this week, \$1.69

20 pairs of Extra Quality Reversible Bagdad Striped Portieres, made in fine rich colored stripes with contrasting bands, value \$4.00. Special 2.85

Reversible Corded Dentelle Arabian Curtains, heavily corded on both sides, made on English Cable Net, size 24x50. Value \$8.50. Special for this week, a pair \$5.90



## Special Values! Young Men's AND Boys' Clothing

For Graduating Exercises.

Stylish garments made to your good service and the prices are one of their best attractions. In blues and dark colors, made of most fashionable materials smart summer fabrics artistically tailored and endowed with all the style smartness the most clever craftsman can work into them.

We know from our experience with others, that if you will come here and examine and try on a few suits of your size that you'll not go away without buying one, not if you want really good clothing at a moderate price. Make the test by coming to see our large and incomparable collection of sack suits at \$5.00 to \$15.00. We can fit you in any style.

### A Special in Buster Brown Suits.

BUSTER BROWN SUITS—Serge and Chevots, colors in Blue and Tan, the material in these garments are of the very best quality, durable and fast colored fabrics sizes from 4 to 8 years.

\$10.00 Suits at \$6.50 5.00 Suits at \$3.45

7.00 Suits at 4.15 4.00 Suits at 2.65

## SHOES! SHOES!

You cannot expect better Bargains than these nor a better variety to pick from.

Children's Tan or Black Oxfords, the new and popular shoe for spring and summer, sizes 5 to 8, worth 95 cts. \$1.25. Special next week.

Same style as above, in sizes 8 1-2 to 11, worth \$1.20 \$1.50, go at—per pair \$1.45

SAME STYLE AS ABOVE IN SIZES 1 1/2 TO 2. WORTH \$1.75, GO AT— \$1.45

### BOYS' SPECIAL!

EXTRA GOOD BLACK VICI KID LACE SHOES FOR BOYS SUITABLE FOR STREET OR DRESS WEAR, SIZES 1 1/2 TO 2. WORTH \$2.25, GO WHILE THEY LAST AT PER PAIR \$1.39

LITTLE GENT'S TAN OXFORDS, SIZES 8 TO 13 1/2, WORTH \$1.75, SALE PRICE \$1.35

SAME STYLE AS ABOVE, SIZES 1 TO 2, AT— \$1.45



## Special Leaders In Our White Goods Dept.

For Next Week which should bring a host of buyers. Just the Goods that you need right now. Prices are very special.

30 pieces White India Linon, regular price, 25c. Special for this week, per yard 16c

20 pieces Imported White Dimities, 20c. Special for this week, per yard 21c

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10 pieces White Lingerie Batiste, 40 inches wide, a beautiful round thread mercedized sheer cloth, just the fabric for high class lingerie, value 20c. Special for this week, per yard 21c

5 pieces elegant White French Lawn, full 45 inches wide, sheer and pure, regular price 65c. Special for this week, per yard 39c