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THE PACIFIC, largest of the oceans, would be, because of the great distances involved, an almost impossible field of operations for the navies of the three great sea powers, the United States of America, Great Britain, and Japan, were it not for the fact that it is dotted with numerous islands.

● Even as it is, the vast cruising spaces that separate the most important of the islands make the Pacific the number

one naval problem of the world. Between San Diego and Yokohama, for example, lie 5,000 miles of sea. A round trip between these two ports would constitute a cruise of 10,000 miles. While there are types of war vessels that can cruise at a reduced rate of speed, without refueling, a distance of more than 10,000 miles, there are other types with cruising ranges of far less than that distance, the destroyers, for example, with ranges (Continued on page four.)