

COURTS RULE THAT JAPS MAY NOT BE NATURALIZED

Government Accepts This as Final, but
Supreme Court Has Not Passed
Upon Question.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 11.—Naturalization authorities here say the question of whether Japanese subjects can become citizens of the United States already has been settled adversely by the circuit courts in the United States, which have declared that, not being either white persons or persons of African nativity, they are not entitled to that privilege.

The question, it is said, has never been taken to the supreme court of the United States. The decisions of the circuit courts in construing the law on this subject have been accepted by the naturalization officials as final.

Heretofore, either through misconception of the law or through ignorance, Japanese in some cases have been allowed to file declarations of intention to become citizens. Strict orders have been given in this matter and an effort will be made to have this practice stopped.
