

WEEK-END NAVAL BASE IMPRESSES VISITORS

Committee of Congress Completes Its Inspection.

ASTORIA SITE PLEASURES ALL

Present Facilities for Repair of Great Warships Declared Inadequate to Meet Conditions.

Complete conviction of the pressing need for a great naval base at the entrance to the Columbia river is voiced by members of the house committee on naval affairs, who completed their inspection yesterday and departed late last night for Puget sound.

They spent four days in Portland and Astoria, and on the Columbia river, thoroughly inspecting the proposed site or seek a base, and giving careful attention to the array of arguments presented by the committee. To a man, the naval affairs colleagues admit the logic of the Columbia's claims, and promise that they will further them when the opportunity arises.

Great Repair Base Needed.

"I feel very kindly disposed toward the site at the entrance to the Columbia river," said Representative William J. Browning of New Jersey, senior member of the official party. "I am positive that Astoria is the proper place for a major naval base in this opinion. I feel certain that all the others concur."

"It is only too apparent that we must establish a great repair base at some intermediate point on our western coast line. The fleet is to be shared by the Atlantic and the Pacific, on a 50-50 basis. Present facilities on your coast are entirely inadequate to meet this situation, which will soon prevail."

"As present the west coast has only two repair bases, one at Bremerton and one at Mare Island. On that long stretch of coast that lies between Puget sound and San Francisco there are no intermediate facilities for naval repairs. Something of the sort, and on a large scale, must come between those points. It seems clear to me that the entrance to the Columbia is the proper place."

Astoria Site Pleases All.

"I am sure that every member of this committee is very much impressed and pleased with the Astoria site." The official party left for Seattle last night at 11 o'clock, following entertainment and dinner at the Waverly Country club. They will spend two or three days in the Puget sound district, proceeding thence to their eastern homes. Representative McArthur will return to Portland at the conclusion of the Puget sound tour.

Members of the naval affairs committee who visited the Columbia river district were Representative R. H. Jordan of New York, Hicks of New York, Oliver of Alabama, Vinson of Georgia, Browning of New Jersey, Britten of Illinois, and Padgett of Tennessee. Representative Padgett was compelled to turn homeward after the first day at Astoria, by word of the serious illness of his son. The eighth member of the official party was Representative McArthur of Oregon.

Amusement Is Expressed.

All are frankly appreciative of the west and particularly of the Columbia river district. They expressed their faith in its prosperous future and its limited development and their amazement at the strides it already has taken. And every one of them was firm in the stand that such a country, its gateway the greatest river of the west, should be afforded adequate naval protection.

"The old insular life is passing," said Representative R. H. Jordan. "All sections of the country are setting aside their petty prejudices and are beginning to realize that such is but a unit of a magnificent land of ours. It is now being brought home to them that what benefits one, benefits all."

"But the most interesting thing of the west as yet," he laughed, "is that of our people back there still have the notion that you are wild and woolly and that cowpunchers ride in and shoot up the towns when the spirit prompts them."

PORTLAND IS TO HAVE BOYS' BAND

ALL YOUNGSTERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8 AND 16 YEARS TO BE TAUGHT FREE.

An Opportunity of Lifetime for Your Boy to Study Under a Competent Teacher.

Realizing the necessity of boys learning to play band instruments in Portland is to have bands in the future, the McDougall Music Co. will organize and teach a boys' band free of charge, and have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Phillip M. Hicks to take charge of the work.

Mr. Hicks is a graduate of Kneller Hall, London, England, and has served in the army bandmasters are trained. He is also a graduate of Dana's Musical Institute and has been director of some of the foremost bands in America, and as a teacher is fully competent to teach any instrument, having made hand instruments his lifelong study. Mr. Hicks has also been appointed musical director of the Red Cross band recently organized.

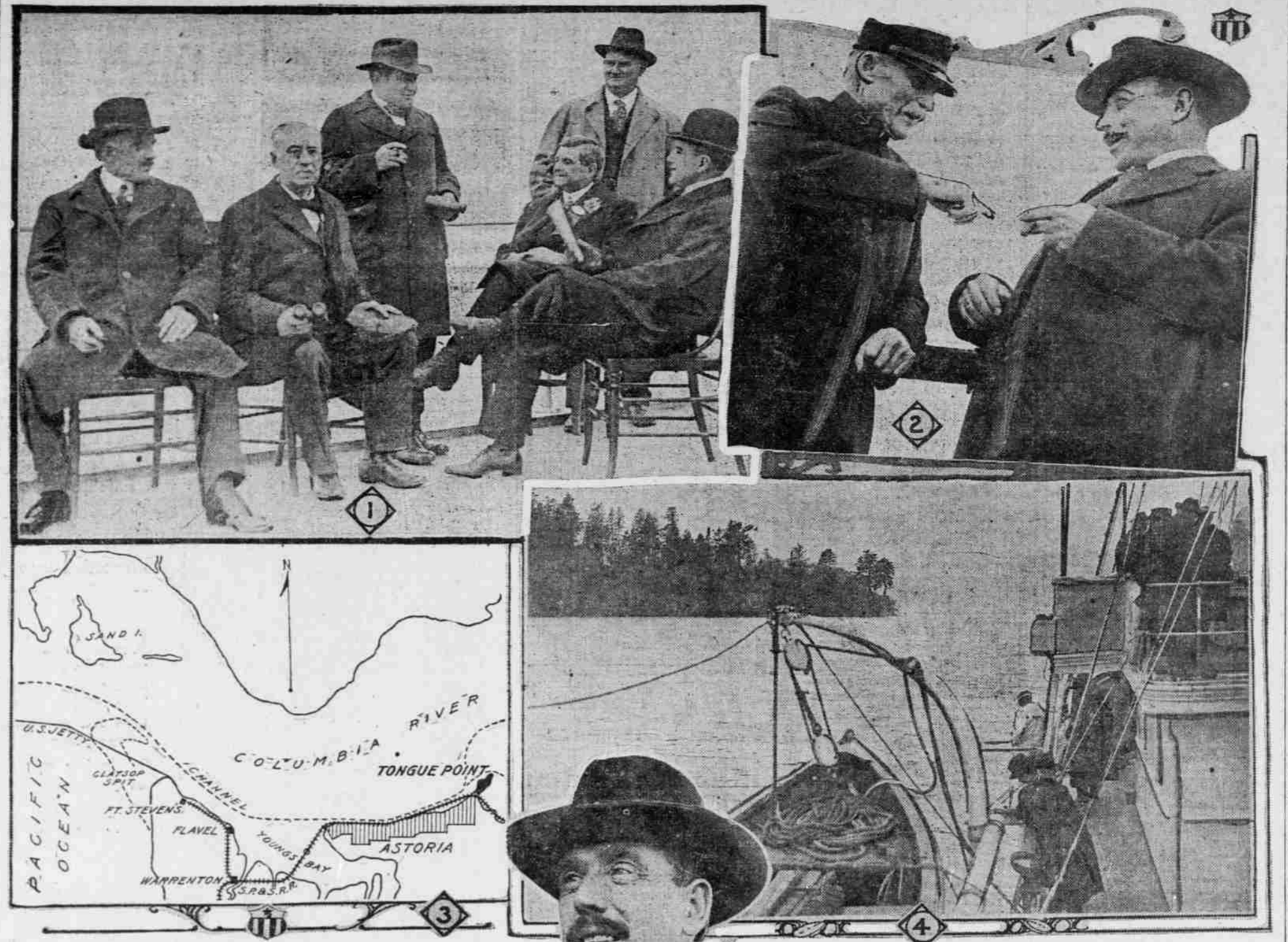
All boys between the ages of 8 and 16 years interested in band work are invited to call and see Mr. Hicks and have the proposition fully explained. Parents who have boys that play or contemplate playing a band instrument will find it to their advantage to visit Mr. Hicks at McDougall Music Co., 325 Alder St.—Adv.

Omega Oil

The Great Family Liniment

Omega Oil relieves most pains that can be reached externally and reduces swellings and inflammation. It removes soreness and stiffness caused by exercise or overexertion. Always keep a bottle handy for an emergency.

SOME BITS OF CAMERA TROVE FROM THE VISIT OF THE HOUSE NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEEMEN TO THE MOUTH OF THE COLUMBIA, WHERE THEY WILL ADVOCATE A NAVAL BASE.



They have the Bill Hart idea of the west.

Mr. Rioridan Will Come Again.

"None of them realize what you have here unless they personally have paid you a visit," he declared. "I have always wanted to come to this section. Well, I have been here. The recollections that I take away are almost pleasant ones. I don't suppose when I come again—I'm coming."

Yesterday morning the visitors were taken on a motor tour of Portland and its industrial plants, afterward visiting Vancouver, where they were entertained at luncheon by the local business men.

Shipbuilding Plants Inspected.

The naval affairs committee personally inspected the shipbuilding plants of the Albina Engine & Machine works and the Peninsula company, in Portland, and the plant of the Standifer Corporation at Vancouver.

All members of the official party made brief talks at the Vancouver luncheon, which was served at the St. Elmo hotel, while Representative Albert Johnson of Washington acted as toastmaster. They expressed again their faith in the future of the Columbia river basin and their intent to further its development and insure its safety by recommending the establishment of a naval base at the mouth of the river.

Representative Johnson, whose home district includes Clarke county, expressed his thanks to the Portland committee for arranging the visit to Vancouver, and added that he regretted only that the naval affairs committee was unable to visit Grays Harbor on this trip. Mr. Johnson, who accompanied the party to Puget sound, will return April 15 to spend several days.

NEGROES LOCATE IN NORTH

Thousands of Colored Men Lured by Increased Wages.

WASHINGTON.—At least 200,000 and possibly 350,000 negroes emigrated from the southern states to the north during the war, according to figures compiled by the department of labor. The movement extended through the last half of 1917 and the entire year 1918.

Lack of labor in the north, due to the cessation of immigration, was the principal cause. Among the causes operative in the south to induce the exodus were general dissatisfaction with conditions, the ravages of the boll weevil, floods, changes of crop system, low wages, poor housing, poor schools, unsatisfactory crop settlements, rough treatment, cruelty of the law officers, unfairness in court procedure, lynchings, desire to travel, labor agents, aid from negroes in the north and the influence of the negro press.

The movement at first was due largely to labor agents, but after the initial group movements negroes kept going north in small numbers, attracted by letters from their friends who had already gone. Better wages were offered "Every negro who made good in the north started a new group on the way," one of the investigators reported.

"FLU" FATAL TO BUFFALO

Epidemic Kills 31 Animals in Yellowstone Park.

CHOUTEAU, Mont.—Now the buffalo have the "flu." An epidemic that recently ran through the herd in the Yellowstone park killed 31 and gave the park authorities no end of a scare, for the United States has not enough buffalo to afford to lose any.

The veterinarians and bacteriologists did not call it influenza. Their name for it was hemorrhagic septicaemia, but they admit that it comes pretty near answering the general description of influenza.

FLAG GREETS AMERICANS

Banner of the Free Waves Welcome in Streets of Omsk.

OMSK, Siberia.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—An American flag floating above the sidewalk and the flag of President Wilson in a window beside the flag, is one of the first sights the American sees after a long, tedious, and even dangerous trip from Vladivostok, he is driven at lightning speed in a tiny sleigh or sled down the principal street of Omsk.

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ROAD PLANS PROGRESSING

Millions to Be Spent on Highways in Next Few Years.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington.—The bureau of public records which is subordinate to the secretary of agriculture, is taking hold of the federal aid road-building programme with vim. Secretary Houston has had conferences with 27 representatives of agriculture, in taking hold of the federal aid road-building programme with vim. Secretary Houston has had conferences with 27 representatives of agriculture, in taking hold of the federal aid road-building programme with vim.

BAKER ATTACK IS RENEWED

Failure to Answer Inquiry of March 8 Rolls.

WASHINGTON.—Irritated because Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, has not answered his inquiry of March 8 for information on the demotion of Brigadier-General Holt, the secretary of the Senate, renewed his criticism of the secretary, and urged that revision of the court-martial law is necessary because it involves "the lives and rights of men."

"The question will never be settled until it is settled right," said Mr. Johnson today. "The secretary of war stated recently that with his own acquaintance of the facts he is convinced that the conditions implied by the recent complaint do not exist and have not existed."

"It will always be a matter of regret to me that the secretary of war possesses so little information about the army of which he is in charge, because these of us who have been in it know that there is injustice, and that the enlisted man has absolutely no opportunity for a fair trial if those in charge do not desire him to receive a fair trial."

RISK HELD NEED IN MINING

WIDOW ADVISED TO PUT MONEY IN LIBERTY BONDS.

Mining, Because of Element of Chance, Said Not to Be Strictly an Investment.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—"Mining an investment, a speculation or a gamble," was the subject of an address made here before the International North-west Mining Congress by T. A. Rickard of San Francisco, editor of The Mining and Scientific Record. Even the best of mining propositions contain a certain element of risk according to Mr. Rickard, "but" he added, "risk is the very essence of mining; it is its life, and the true miner faces the risk with cheerful confidence." Certain promoters he described as men who tried "to sell nothing for something to a man who expects something for nothing." He said in part:

TURKS ARE NOT STARVING

Food Prices High but Lower Than in Balkan States.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Contrary to reports, Turkey is well supplied with food, and while prices are unusually high, they are much lower than those prevailing in the Balkan states and in some other countries of Europe.

British Sent Clocks Ahead.

LONDON, March 29.—Summer time in the United Kingdom will begin Sunday. The clocks will be advanced one hour at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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Nothing Like Plain Bifluorophosphate to Put on Firm, Healthy Flesh and to Increase Strength, Vigor and Nerve Force.

Judging from the countless preparations and treatments which are used for the purpose of making thin people fleshy, developing arms, neck and bust, and replacing ugly hollow and a gaunt beauty, there are evidently thousands of women who keenly feel their excessive thinness. This is a great pity, as it is a condition which is usually due to a deficiency of phosphorus. Our bodies are made of phosphorus and it is this phosphorus that is contained in plain Bifluorophosphate.

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The change, generally, is applauded. In most cases, those objecting to getting up quite so early have been given the same lines of business agreed with them—of changing their working hours to an hour later this morning. But that is nothing revolutionary. Up to 2 o'clock this morning the regular schedule will prevail on trains departing. It also will prevail on trains leaving after that time for none are scheduled to depart between 2 and 3 A. M. and little confusion should result.

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Warding economy of light is to be tried out in peacetime, and, as last year, many people will be introduced to the beauties of the sun-rise who never expected to put a foot out of bed until the sun came on his daily ride through the heavens.

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Those not in the majority, or in the technical 35, were called to the realities when they heard the church bells pealing this morning an hour ahead of the time their clocks registered.

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