

ASTORIA LAUNCHES NAVAL BASE MOVE

Defense Needs of Columbia Mouth and Northwest Territory Vigorously Urged.

MR. HAWLEY DRAWS BILL

Prominent Men Are Behind Campaign to Secure Congressional Attention—Committee Chairman Fully Explains Matter.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Promoting their action on the imperative necessity for immediate, adequate naval protection for the Columbia River as the port of entry of the vast hinterland of the Columbia Basin, and generally for the defense of nearly 1000 miles of littoral extending from San Francisco to the Straits of Juan de Fuca, a committee of Astoria citizens, organized under the name of the Naval Base Committee, have launched and are prosecuting a vigorous campaign for the location at or near the mouth of the Columbia River of a first-class naval base of the first class.

The membership of the committee is as follows: Chairman, F. C. Harley, president Harley's Builders & Contractors; T. S. Condit, county judge; J. K. Dellinger, publisher Morning Astorian; John E. Gracie, publisher Evening Budget; Fred J. Johnson, Mayor; C. R. Stout, general manager Astoria Flouring Mills Company, and president Astoria Chamber of Commerce; Herman Wilson, postmaster; Wallace H. Strain, publicity secretary.

The committee takes the broad ground that the movement for a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia River is in line with the present preparedness program of the general government, and are insistent that the Columbia should be given first-class recognition as the location of the third Pacific Coast naval station, equipped for the accommodation of vessels of every class of the United States Navy. The committee further takes the ground that their effort is in no sense purely local in its character, but is in furtherance of the interests of the entire Pacific Northwest, and particularly the cities and communities of the Columbia Basin.

Chairman Harley's Views. Referring to the request of The Oregonian correspondent for a statement, F. C. Harley, chairman of the Naval Base Committee, said: "I am more than pleased to give The Oregonian my opinion in respect to this important matter. "I am candidly convinced that our interests are identical with the interests of Portland and the entire interior country. If I did not think so, I would come my activities in the Columbia Basin, and the question of the adequate preparedness of the entire Pacific Coast for the eventuality of war is involved in the effort we are making here.

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protected harbor has sufficient depth of water for the free operation and mooring of the entire battleship fleet of the United States at one time, and there are promontories in the middle and behind which vessels may take refuge and be well protected. These also afford excellent locations for dry-docks and shipbuilding plants.

Interior Resources Ample. "Granting the practicability of the defense of the Columbia from attack, as well as its transportation facilities as a base of operations, the question of necessary resources immediately arises. In this connection it may be stated, taking United States Government statistics as authority, that the Columbia Basin produces annually 10 per cent of the wheat, oats, hay, fruits, salmon, beef, mutton and wool of the United States; 22 per cent of the silver; 22 per cent of the lead; 24 per cent of the copper, and has 33 per cent of the standing timber of the United States.

Movement is Indorsed. C. R. Stout, general manager of the Astoria Flouring Mills Company, and president of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, says: "I feel that the efforts towards securing a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia River should be every citizen encouraged and supported by every citizen of Oregon, South and Eastern Washington and Idaho because of the direct protection it will afford them in time of war. The Senators and Representatives of these states should insist upon the Navy Department should be anxious for it. It is not a question of politics or local graft, and the solid, reliable facts should be all that are necessary to land it."

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III Health Given as Reason—Recent Activities Said to Have Increased Enmity of Young Turks.

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PAPEN IN CANAL PLOT?

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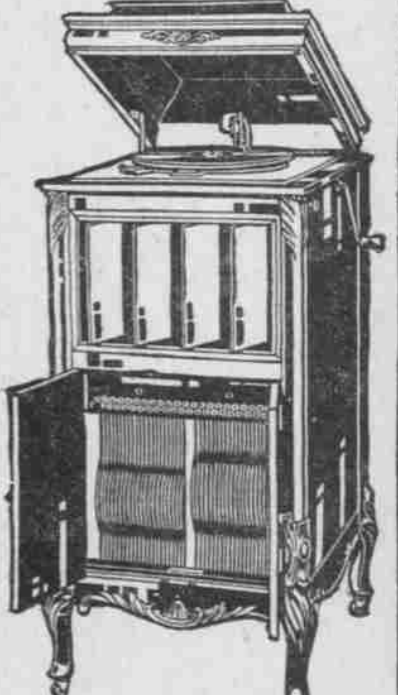
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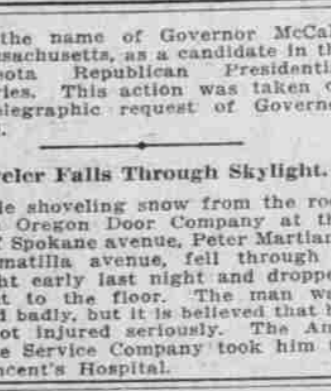
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