

COLONEL ANDERSON URGES FEDERAL AID

Astoria Harbor Improvement
Project Recommended.

COST WILL BE \$1,250,000

Army Board Favors Government's
Building Bulkheads and Filling
Streets With Sand.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Recommendations that the United States government assist in the reconstruction of the devastated district of Astoria, by inaugurating a harbor improvement project, the estimated cost of which will be \$1,250,000, were made by Colonel Anderson, head of the special army board, detailed to investigate the conditions resulting from the recent conflagration. Colonel Anderson telegraphed his report this afternoon to the adjutant-general of the army at Washington, and to General Morton, commanding officer of the 9th corps area, stationed at the Presidio, Cal.

Colonel Anderson was joined last night by Major H. T. Wild and Lieutenant H. M. Kerrick, of the 6th engineers, stationed at Camp Lewis, who comprise the other members of the special board.

Government Aid Urged.
After examining the ruins, Colonel Anderson held a consultation with a special committee of the general relief board, consisting of Major W. S. Gilbert, Frank Patton and G. C. Fulton and formulated his report, which recommends that the government build bulkheads or retaining walls along the streets and fill the streets by pumping sand from the harbor, also that it restore the sewage, water, police and fire wiring systems of the devastated district.

Colonel Anderson left tonight for Vancouver barracks, having been tendered the hearty thanks of the general relief committee for his prompt action and his encouraging report and recommendations.

Major Wild and Lieutenant Kerrick have been in conference all day with R. A. McLanathan, city engineer, Lars Bergsvik, water department engineer, and R. B. Barlett, port engineer, preparing engineering data in connection with the project, all of which is being forwarded to the war department in Washington for its guidance.

Loot Located at Warrenton.

The sheriff's office has located at Warrenton a number of blankets, bolts of cloth, ladies' dresses and umbrellas, valued at approximately \$250, loot which was picked up by boys during the conflagration. The property was recovered, but no arrests have been made.

A large force of men have begun laying planking on the sand fill along Commercial street so that a main thoroughfare will be opened through the city and the work of clearing away the debris can proceed more rapidly.

The general relief committee adjourned its sessions this afternoon until Tuesday morning. The entire committee will leave for Portland Monday morning to attend its conference with members-elect of the legislature.

State Highways Advocated.

Members of the Clatsop county court and legislative delegation left this afternoon for St. Helens, where they are to meet with members of the county courts and legislative delegations of Washington and Columbia counties to formulate plans to have the inside road from Portland to Astoria via the Nehalem valley designated as a state highway.

The Clatsop county court and the legislative delegations from these counties will go to Portland Monday to attend the conference there of legislators-elect from various parts of the state, the local relief committee and delegations from various commercial bodies of Portland. This proposed conference is to decide on united action for legislation to be enacted at the coming session of the legislature, authorizing the state highway commission to construct a state highway through Astoria.

ASTORIA TO OFFER THANKS

Committee of Ten to Visit Portland Tomorrow.

Astoria will personally express thanks to Portland for its work of relief since the disastrous fire overwhelmed the port at the mouth of the Columbia. The entire general executive committee of ten, charged with the handling of emergency affairs at Astoria, will visit Portland tomorrow. The ten will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce at luncheon, and while in the city will meet with members of the legislature on steps for permanent rehabilitation so far as highway plans are concerned.

The Chamber of Commerce committee at work for aid for Astoria was cheered yesterday when W. D. B. Dodson, general manager of the chamber, received a telegram from Senator McNary advising that he had obtained a favorable committee report, and that the senate had

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passed the McNary resolution providing for relief of sufferers from fire in Astoria. The amount to be expended was eliminated. Senator McNary said that being left, in accordance with senate rules, to the secretary of war. The amount to be expended will be carried later in a deficiency bill, Senator McNary advised.

Senator McNary also telegraphed Mr. Dodson that Admiral Coontz had informed him yesterday that the destroyer Yarrowbough, now on duty in Astoria harbor, has been placed under orders of the commandant of the 13th naval base for continued service there until the emergency shall have passed.

Backing up Senator McNary's efforts are others of the Oregon delegation at Washington. Representatives McArthur and Hawley advised Mr. Dodson in telegrams yesterday that they are actively supporting the movement Senator McNary has started. They informed the chamber that the war department has started an investigation of conditions at Astoria to learn the extent of federal aid that will be necessary.

Meanwhile the chamber continued its own drive for relief funds for Astoria with success. The following subscriptions were announced yesterday:

| Name | Amount |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Meier & Frank company | \$8,000 |
| "K" B. | 500 |
| Albert Moulton | 250 |
| Lyla Varley | 250 |
| Alice Varley | 250 |
| M. O. Kurzweil | 250 |
| Portland Seed company | 100 |
| Lipman, Wolf & Co. | 100 |
| Foundation Company | 100 |
| Frederick V. Holman | 25 |
| F. S. Harmon & Co. | 25 |
| Andrew F. Wilson | 25 |
| E. Salden | 25 |
| E. K. Wood Mortgage company | 25 |
| Oregon Typewriter company | 25 |
| S. and E. C. Brown | 25 |
| Portland Lodge of B'nai B'rith | 25 |
| Atchaf company | 25 |
| Touhin company | 25 |
| William D. Wheelwright | 100 |
| Simmons company | 250 |
| M. Bards & Sons | 25 |
| John C. Baird | 10 |
| Carl Spahn | 25 |
| R. Koehler | 25 |
| D. C. Wax Office Equipment house | 25 |
| A. C. Rose | 25 |
| Oregon City Manufacturing Co. | 250 |
| Hirsch-Wels company | 250 |
| Wiggins Company, Inc. | 100 |
| Total | \$12,550.00 |
| Previously reported | \$5,705 |
| Grand total | \$18,255.00 |

Among previous gifts to the Astorian relief fund but not reported in earlier lists was \$150 given by O. A. Ritan and \$50 by Mrs. Cora E. Wheeler.

Tillamook Relief Fund \$2000.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—A committee having in charge soliciting money for relief of the sufferers at Astoria reported to Mayor Moulton that \$2000 had

been subscribed. Of that amount the Tillamook Creamery association, representing the cheese associations of the county, subscribed \$500. The mayor notified the relief committee at Astoria by wire that the \$2000 would be forwarded immediately.

RELIEF MEASURE ADOPTED

Senate Acts Promptly and Sends Resolution to House.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 16.—Relief for the Astoria fire sufferers is provided in a resolution adopted by the senate this afternoon. The measure was offered by Senator McNary. Immediately following its enactment the resolution was hurried over to the house, where it is hoped the final approval of congress will be given.

Following the senate form in such cases, the resolution makes no appropriation, but authorizes the secretary of war to proceed with the relief work, to include subsistence, medical supplies, hospitalization and temporary housing, the cost to be reported back to congress. The amount so expended by the secretary of war will then be included in a deficiency appropriation bill.

GUARD SERVES 12,000 MEALS

Largest Number Fed at Astoria in One Day 2142.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—More than 12,000 meals were served by the Oregon national guard detachment at Astoria dur-

ing the last week. Last Saturday, immediately after the fire, 519 were fed. Sunday the total jumped to 2142. Wednesday was the largest day of the week, when 2142 people were served.

The cold weather has caused an increased demand for woolen army blankets from the national guard stores shipped to Astoria. More than 800 blankets and several hundred coats were issued the latter part of the week.

The Salem Kiwanis club today sent \$106 to Astoria to be used for the relief of fire victims there. A telegram also was sent to President Harding urging congress to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the relief of the stricken city.

AUTO PERMITS FALL OFF

1923 License Receipts Decrease Slightly From Last Year.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Automobile license receipts to December 15, this year, covering the two weeks' receipts for 1923 licensed were slightly less than the corresponding period last year, State Treasurer Babcock announced today. Receipts this year totaled

\$184,256.40, as compared with \$188,032.05 last year. The decrease is attributed to cold weather and snow slowing up applications. As 1922 plates are useless after December 31, a rush of applications is expected during the next two weeks. Up to noon today the license department had mailed approximately 8300 sets of 1923 plates, being held back by lack of applications. Next week it is expected to hit the maximum of 20,000 sets per week, which will be continued until the demand is met.

NEWSPAPER MANAGER RESIGNS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—L. L. Lester, general manager of the Daily Record and Morning Olympian for the last eight years, today announced his resignation. Mr. Lester will go to Hoquiam January 1 as general manager of the Daily Washingtonian. Representative Johnson's paper, he said.

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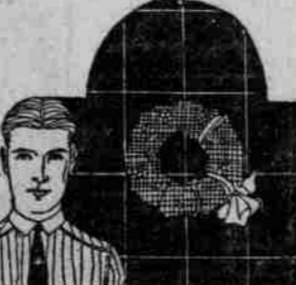
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