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The Astorian guarantees to its subscribers the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river.

According to Washington advices, the rivers and harbors committee is anxious that the Columbia bar shall be deepened before any attempt is made to open the upper river to navigation. This is welcome news. All honest men will agree that an adequate entrance to the harbor is the first requisite for without it inland improvement would be worthless.

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Act of this character will do more to bring capital and labor to a harmonious understanding than all the strikes and lockouts that have been so persistently appealed to in the past.

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SCHLEY WILL OPEN OUT. Has Reserved Most Public Utterance for Chicago Banquet.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17.—Rear-Admiral Schley has reserved his first public utterance since the recent Sampson-Jellicoe controversy and the court of inquiry for a Chicago audience.

When the terms of Santiago stands before the banquet board as the guest of honor of the Hamilton club at the Andromeda a week from tomorrow night, it is expected he will say something of national interest. Official arrangements for this effect was made yesterday.

BOER PRISONER NEGOTIATIONS. Dutch Prisoner in London, but Result of Visit Not Yet Known.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Reuters Telegram Company has received the following from Amsterdam: Dr. Kuyper, Dutch premier, recently returned as the Boer delegate, the desirability of their giving some information to the British government of a basis on which they would entertain peace negotiations.

A conference was held after which Kuyper proceeded to London. The result of his visit is not yet known.

PEACE NOT SO CERTAIN. Negotiations Must Be Approved by Boers Who Are Still Fighting.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail says the visit to London of Dr. Kuyper resulted directly from Kuyper and the Boer delegates having been persuaded to withdraw the claim for independence pending approval of the Boers who are still fighting.

WILL NOT INTERFERE. British Government Will Not Assist in Capture of Liberator.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—According to the Washington correspondent of the Herald, Venezuela has sent the following cablegram to the British government: "Garcia, Jan. 6, 1902. Minister of State, London. The English steamship Ban High, armed for war, is in the Gulf of Venezuela."

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. The British foreign office has not replied to this note. Officers of the British warship at Leguayza, the support of Caracas, replied that the Ban High which is now called the Liberator by the Venezuelan insurgents, is a smuggling and revolutionary vessel and they will not interfere with the movements because she has no armament of any kind at all up to the present time.

MINISTERS MADE COMMISSIONERS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Lays Wade says that W. H. Taft, in his capacity of chief of the United States Marine Corps, is being considered for the position of minister of the navy.

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