





Military Committee to Review Project Approved by U.S. Calling for \$23,605,000

The transport Chaumont, bearing members of the senate and house naval affairs committee, and the cruiser Seattle, with Admiral Robert E. Coontz, new commander of the United States fleet, aboard, will arrive at Bremerton next Tuesday.

There the legislators and Admiral Coontz, former commander of the navy yard, will take up recommendations of the Rodman committee, recently approved by the navy department, calling for expenditure of \$23,605,000 in the course of

the next twenty years on improve-ment of the Puget Sound navy yard. The improvements recommended include extension of present dry docks and construction of new gooks and construction of, new ones, capable of accommodating the capital ships of the present battle fleet and the speedy fleet of scout cruisers now building.

TWENTY-YEAR PROGRAM

TWENTY-YEAR PROGRAM

The twenty-year program covers the fiscal years from 1925 to 1945 inclusive. The first appropriation of \$\$23,000, the experts recommend, shall include \$600,000 for additional yerthing at the navy yard; \$130,000 for roads and walks and locomotives and fire apparatus, \$\$5,000 for improvements at the torpedo station at Keyport, including a fresh water system, sower extensions and additions to the storchouse, to accommodate 640 additional torpedoes; \$10,000 for the extension of the ammunition building at Ostrich Bay, and \$3,000 for autopsy work at the hospital.

On Aug. 22 the committee is to arrive in Seattle and on the following day will inspect the Sand Point air base gite. The naval boards have recommended the acquisition of this site by the navy department, and the expenditure of \$1,491,000 on its development, starting with a \$130,000 appropriation in 1926. Legislative authority for the acquisition of the site will first have to be obtained from the next congress.

congress.

REAR ADMIRAL ON TOUR

REAR ADMIRAL ON TOUR
Rear Admiral L. E. Gregory, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, is accompanying Admiral Coontz on the Seattle. Read Admiral Gregory, like Admiral Goontz, is a former Bremerton resident, having been stationed there as captain of the yard.

Vessels of the battle fleet, which will be divided among Seattle, Tacoma and Bellingham, during the period Aug. 17 to 27, will be visited by the congressional delegation.

Board Will Inspect Port Angeles Aug. 26

PORT Angeles Aug. 26
Special to the Post-intelligencer
PORT ANGELES, Aug. 13.—That
the congressional delegation inspecting naval bases will view Ediz
Hook Spit at this port, with a view
of its possibilities as an advanced
submarine or air base, is the opinion voiced here today upon receipt
of a letter by Mayor H. M. Fisher
to the effect the congressmen would
spend Aug. 26 and 27 at this port,
coming aboard the U. S. S. Chaumont and U. S. S. Seattle.

\$23,605,000 for Sound Naval Base Approved

Navai Dase Approved
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Recognition of the strategic importance
of the Pacific was seen today in the
approval by the navy department of
recommendations for a board for
the development of American shore
stations.

the development of American shore stations.

More than 67 per cent of all appropriations for bases and naval depots and air stations during the next twenty years will go to the erection of first and second lines of support for the navy in the Pacific under the provisions of the report, which, through the signature of Acting Secretary Roosevelt, became the basic policy of the department.

came the basic policy of the de-partment.

Among the important projects to which the board and the depart-ment have given formal approval

ment have given formal approval were:
Naval base, Honolulu, \$42,528,000; naval base, San Francisco, \$26,529,000; naval base, Puget Sound, \$23,605,000; naval base, Canal Zone, \$1,815,000; naval base, San Diego, \$17,101,000.
These projects, covering the Western Coast approaches, contemplate the expenditure of about \$111,000,000 of the \$155,486,000 aggregate of the entire program.

Warships Assemble in Sound for Maneuvers

Sound for Maneuvers

special to the Post-Intelligencer.
PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 13.—
Nine first-line battleships and
thirty destroyers assembled in
Port Townsend Bay this afternoon,
where they will remain until
Thursday, to engage in maneuvers
and shore drill for the men. The
maneuvers will take place in the
Strait of Juan de Fuca west of
Point Wilson. The entire fleet, including the destroyers, will partici
pate.

5 - 0176

