

accessible for ships of certain tonnage and would be impossible for purposes of coast defense for ships of the Navy of the United States, and, that, if the proposed channel across Dry Straits be made it will be a matter of greater importance to this nation to know that the largest ships of war could be moved through the Inside Passage via the proposed canal, which could never be done via Wrangell Narrows.

That a copy of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs and to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

THEREFORE, we, your memorialists, request and petition that steps be taken by the United States Government, as early as possible, for the dredging of Dry Straits.

And your memorialists will ever pray, etc.

Passed the House, April 19th, 1917.

Passed the Senate, April 23, 1917.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10.

TO THE HONORABLE, SECRETARY OF WAR OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Third Regular Session assembled, Do most respectfully and earnestly represent, That,

WHEREAS, the West Coast of the Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, is totally without any telegraphic communication, and,

WHEREAS, a very extensive area of highly industrial and commercial enterprises, consisting of many mines and prospects of copper, gold, and other minerals, of eight large salmon canneries and the largest mild curing stations in Alaska; of the largest marble quarries on the Coast; of extensive timber and saw-mill operations, and of many towns and villages having important commercial relations; that the business interests there are probably larger than in any other part of Alaska which is similarly isolated; that a weekly mail service from the town of Wrangell is now the only means of communication with the people in that section, and

WHEREAS, every season cases of emergency arise, such as accidents in the mines and at the canneries, loss of deep sea vessels, and various situations, involving risks of life and

property, and the dangers of navigation, which would be greatly relieved by the establishment of a wireless station at the town of Craig on the west coast of the Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the said town of Craig is a convenient point of call for the halibut fleet to whom market information and other advantages of wireless telegraphic communications at that point would undoubtedly result in an improved development and control of the Alaska deep sea fisheries; and that the town of Craig is conveniently located and that a wireless station there would be of great benefit and convenience, and

WHEREAS, this very important section of these highly valuable enterprises is greatly handicapped by lack of telegraphic communications in transacting their affairs, receiving and making their extensive shipments, running into tens of thousands of tons annually, and protecting lives and property, and,

WHEREAS, it would be of inestimable worth and value to the Government of the United States to establish and maintain a wireless station at the said town of Craig on the west coast of the Prince of Wales Island, to be operated by the Signal Corps of the United States Army in connection with the wireless and cable station at the town of Wrangell, Alaska, and especially so in view of the fact that a state of war exists between this Government and certain foreign nations,

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your memorialists, request that steps be taken, as early as possible, to establish a wireless station at the town of Craig on the west coast of the Prince of Wales Island, Alaska.

That a copy of this memorial be sent to the Secretary of War of the United States to the Secretary of the Interior of the United States and to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

And we, your memorialists, will ever pray.

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