

New Dry Dock for Puget Sound Navy Yard—The Largest United States Dock in the World; and C. J. Erickson, Its Builder

**RAPID PROGRESS
SHOWN IN WORK ON
BIG IMPROVEMENT**

**Well-Known Seattle
Builder Sets Mark for
High Achievement in
Handling Important
Contract for Govern-
ment.**

**HAS LONG RECORD IN
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

NEW records in Pacific Coast construction work on federal contracts have been made by C. J. Erickson, the builder of the new dry dock for the Puget Sound Navy Yard, at Bremerton, near Seattle. The amount of the contract is approximately \$1,900,000. Work has been sent forward so rapidly that the dry dock is nearly completed and will be ready for the navy department to take over some time in advance of the arrangements made by navy officials.

The new dry dock will unquestionably give to the Puget Sound Navy Yard a commanding po-



Contractor C. J. Erickson.

sition above other federal navy yards on the Pacific Coast. The award of the contract marked the inauguration of a new era in the development of the Puget Sound Navy Yard in conformity to plans submitted some years ago by the

late Rear Admiral Burwell, then commandant of the yard. More than ten years ago, Admiral Burwell foresaw the necessity for the construction of new dry docks at the Puget Sound Navy Yard and strongly urged upon the authorities at

Washington the wisdom of the continued development of the plant at Bremerton. In this respect, Admiral Burwell's opinion was backed up by the most prominent members of the committees of the House and Senate on naval affairs at Washington.

C. J. Erickson, the contractor, is one of the best known builders on the Pacific Coast. He has handled millions of

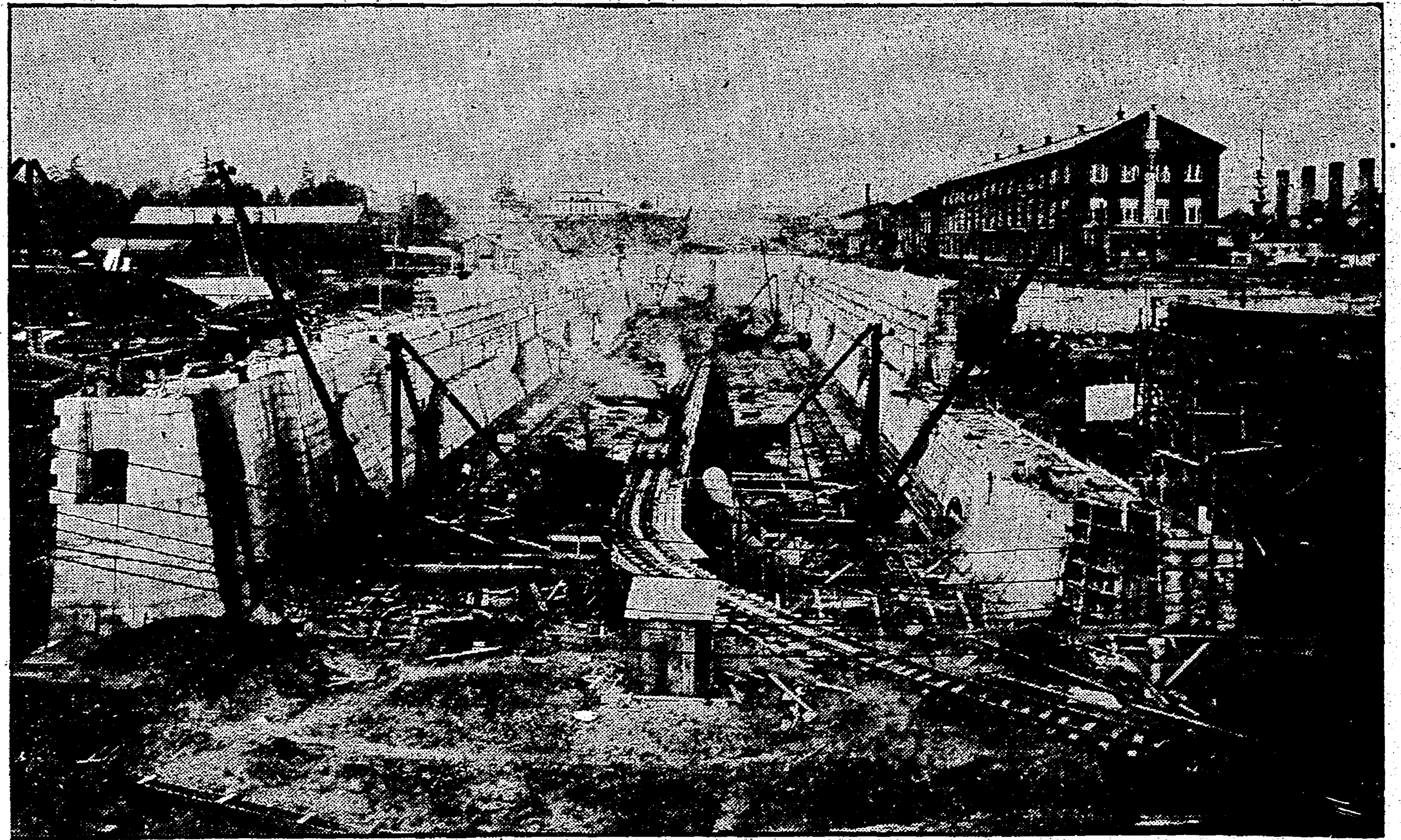
street improvement contracts in Seattle. At the time, some twelve years ago, when the mighty regrade improvements in this city were just being undertaken, Erickson obtained some of the first contracts. The Pike Street regrade was one of these. This work first gave to Seattle folks an idea what could be done by regrading main arteries of traffic and the astonishing improve-

ment in general business conditions that would follow.

Since that date Mr. Erickson has been among the foremost and most active contractors in this section. Although one of the busiest men in the Queen City, Mr. Erickson finds time to devote much effort to worthy civic enterprises. He helped to establish the Adelpia College and has long been a sincere and

energetic supporter of that institution. He is also president of the Erickson Memorial Association, which is shortly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the great battle between the Monitor and Merrimac in Hampton Roads.

The construction of the new dry dock for the Puget Sound Navy Yard is by many of Mr. Erickson's friends regarded as his greatest work.



Latest view of the new dry dock at Bremerton, the government's largest dock, capable of berthing the greatest Dreadnoughts afloat.