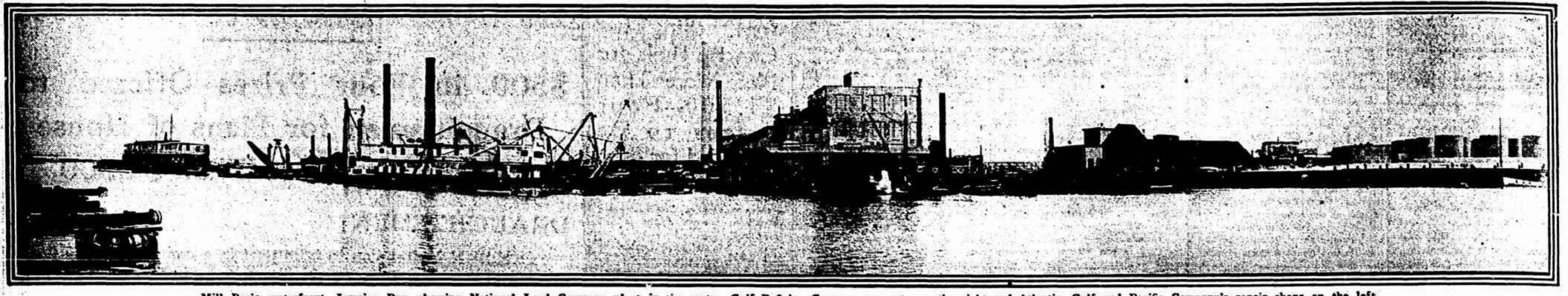
# DEVELOPMENT OF CITY'S GREAT HARBOR, JAMAICA BAY, TO BE PUSHED BY OWNERS OF LARGE WATERFRONT TRACT



Mill Basin waterfront, Jamaica Bay, showing National Lead Company plant in the centre, Gulf Refining Company property on the right and Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company's repair shops on the left.

ties of the port of Greater New vestments in land. Tork. Not only are manufacturers al-tendy located in or near New York duty of planning ahead realized, howdestries in other parts of the country considerable care set about solving the able sites to be offered, with the recent stroyed. But even when the period of of Greater New York. Practically all of There is only one problem which the are realizing the importance and in problem before it became acute. Ten tages of the few places here where they

less interesting to the civic associations abready recognized that the problem of meeting the demand for dock space at this port was not only grave but in time lack of improvement would menuce the progress of Great wiew York city. New York's commercial supremacy depends upon its harbor facilities. Once these exhausted, or what is more imporonce the available space is occutent, once the available specified, manufacturers will look elsewhere ad the city will find that it has reached limit of its industrial prosperity. The availability of the Mill Basin Sparfage affords immediate epportunity

pertion of Jamaica Bay. There are over 100 miles of waterfront in that bay made to the Government approving the which in time can be gradually developed to meet the demand for space. This ap-Only those who have had the respondelity of planning for the fuutre of New

York have realized in full the menace completion of an eighteen foot channel, ago the individual manufacturer in ties as the present harbor proper the Greater New York felt that the city's eighteen foot channel can now accom-

Recently the truth of the situation has way for manufacturers who want to been brought home to business men seek- locate on tidewater. ing waterfront sites by the almost pro-

space at Mill Basin on Jamaica has held back because he did not wish Brooklyn, had been added to the to make such extraordinarily large in-

ing for sites on tide water, but in- ever, the trend of the situation and with Rockaway Inlet, and has thirty-two toward the port of New York.

square miles of area. Its most available land is on Mill Basin, which is two and one-half miles from the geographical centre of Brooklyn and within fifty minutes on the street car from Manhattan. As a result of the investigation Jamaica Bay, because of the great expanse of property in Brooklyn which bordered it and because of its other natural advantages, including great size, was fixed on by the city authorities

on to investigate the possibilities of the bay. This was done and reports were project and recommending that steps be made to make the bay navigable. About parently solves satisfactorily the prob-lem of future growth and the supply of adequate to accomplish the part of the

The arst step in this work was the While the ultimate plan is to dredge all of Jamaica Bay channels to facturing area that until the real pinch a depth of thirty feet and make of it a The war has pushed it so far ahead that of waterfront poverty came a short time | deep water harbor, as great in possibiliharbor facilities were practically un- modate any ordinary shipping, including coastal trade, and immediately opens the While in the past there has been a

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Greater New York, and probably not as of inquiries which are being received upon the sea, must always have the ad- terested alone in the building up of land locked, except for an entrance at inevitable trend throughout the country portionately be borne by them because matural advantages of the bay, but there

many States but lacking a factory in tance. This company has long held out against of it is New York which dom'nates them having a plant in the East. Its di- and provides them. South America, the eighteen foot channel means and expect ritory is first opened that in some measrectors have felt that they could better great undeveloped trading territory so merchandise their product by remaining far as the United States is concerned, in their present location is learning to know American goods

But the competition of the manufacof New York and who can bring his raw years toward American products is be- persons living there. This supplies the materials to the factory by boat and ginning to disappear. in time is so great that the plant located here he has lying in the harbor before on tidewater enjoys an advantage im- his place the largest tleet of ships which has been pushing forward toward on the site and it will be made a conpossible for the inland manufacturer sail to South American waters and his Jamaica Bay as the population of the dition of the deed that the plant be

manufacture and in overseas commerce experts doubt if any of the ports of for-

he nations of Europe must buy in great

of the lack of ships. New York as a is even yet the necessity for a broader Great concerns with plants located in port is expected to increase in impor-

share in the possibilities of trade with time provides a field for the distribution saving in transportation is so great as city increased. Now the built up por- erected within a certain reasonable time

to accommodate manufacturers. With mainder in proper time there is no hese same experts, will bring increased reason why those who are working for reach the plants, and as the number prosperity. For several years at least the progress of the city should not requantities to rebuild that which the turers from other States.

years ago a technical commission was there should be sufficient space available United States faces the fight for com- ble for factory sites is in the Borough face. That is the character of the manwaterfront plant at New York and are appointed by the city for the purpose of to suit the needs of any character of mercial supremacy, with everything in of Brooklyn. The plan of improving ufacturers who locate there. In the case investigating the possibilities of Jamaica plant. The manufacturer situated in- its favor except a merchant marine. Jamaica Bay as a harbor suffered to of the tract owned by the Atlantic, Gulf Bay as an addition to the harbor. The land realizes the possibilities of a plant But New York, into whose harbor come some extent at its inception from the and Pacific Company, which has just bay, as is well known to residents of on New York's waterfront. The number the ships of every nation that has ships indifference of those who were inwell known to those of other States, bor- by those who follow the situation indi- vantage of the other cities of this coun- Manhattan. True, this opposition was will not allow any plant to locate there ders on the south of Brooklyn. It is cates that there is a steady and almost try, no matter what handicap may pro- not sufficient to avail against the manufacturing process of spirit toward the project as a whole so

move more rapidly than it has in the velopment take place immediately. The Borough of Brooklyn is ready to amply provide for such a development. It 's to the same locality. supply in the country, and at the same of products to a vast population of con-

cials of the company declare that they responsible for the development.

It is also stated by the officials of

the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company The residential section of Brooklyn to those who intend creeting a factory

> norant of Janialca Bay's great advansituated within two and a baif miles of the geographical centre of Brooklyn

and has recently enlarged it. This plant was originally known as the Crooke works and is the pioneer in the Milli Pasin development. After the National of ground for each house and with ail Lead Company absorbed the property it the convenience of the modern home. demonstrate by its operation of the pany at Trenton. It is hoped to ge plant the advantages of a waterfront the latest and best advice on the sub-

The steam lighters make the trip from the Manhattan pier to the Mill Basin proved, because of minor charges which now living in that part of Brooklyn terial and take away the finished product. The saving in the cost of produc-

tion under such a system is considerable. The Gulf Refining Company recently built a distributing plant at Mill Basin. of water which runs to the basin and cial enterprises toward making plants from the plant the company can dis- as cheerful and as healthy as they car

taken an unusual and interesting experi- who desire to build their own factory of

owners in the neighborhood can gain inspiration the company has decided to erect a row of twelve model house which will be ready for occupancy by next fall. These houses will be sentdetached, one family houses with plenty Before determining upon the plans the

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site on Jamaica Bay and had consider- ject of model houses and to incorp rate able influence on the judgment of those these ideas into those which will be erected at Mill Basin. While the architect's plans have not yet been apmust be made, it is understood that the houses will represent a most interesting that they will prove very popular with the men who are looking for honnear their work. Already there have been denands for a greater number of houses than the company plans to built There is a trend nowadays in commer.

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