SHIPPING BILL HELD KEY TO PROSPERIT

McAdoo Says War Emphasizes Folly of Leaving Sea Transportation to Rivals.

PRIVATE CAPITAL ALOOF

Trade Languishes While Nation Waits, Declares Secretary, Who Calls on Opponents of Measure to Offer Better Remedy.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Sécretary McAdoo declared tonight in a speech to the Commercial Club of Chicago that the Administration ship purchase bill now pending in Congress offers the only solution of the problem of how to build up an adequate American merchant marine. It promises, he said, to overcome many of the obstacles the Eu-American trade expansion and to help

The creation of an American mer-The creation of an American mer-chant marine, he argued, is not a par-tisan question, but a policy which has received the indorsement of both the Democratic and Republican parties for 65 years. Failure of the Republican party to legislate to that end in 20 years of power, he said, showed it the more culpable.

Need Emphasized by War.

"The Democratic party," he added.
"now has the power to legislate, and
it will be equally culpable if it fails to
act. It will be even more culpable if
it does nothing, since the emergency
created by the European war has emphasized as nothing else could have done the supreme folly of subjecting the foreign commerce of this great Nation to the hazards of ocean trans-portation under the flags of nations portation under the Hags of nations now engaged in the most gigantic war of all time. Regardless of these hazards, it is even greater folly from an economical point of view to continue deliberately the policy of trying to build up a great foreign trade by leaving to our rivals the control of the vitally important instrumentalities of

200 per cent, whether cargoes were for English. European or Mediterranean

"These enormous increases," he said, "constitute a heavy tax on the Amer-"constitute a heavy tax on the anter-tean producer. They are reflected in the lessened prices which he has been compelled to take for his product. The increased cost of carrying American produce and commodities to European ports since the war broke out runs into

This great sum represents a heavy This great sum represents a heavy toll that has been exacted by foreign steamship owners from American shippers and producers. It is, in effect, a penalty they are paying for the fallure of American politicians to carry out their repeated promises to the American people. Foreign owners may increase their rates overnight arbitrarily—we have no power to prevent it—and we must pay the price or stop out shipment.

Trade Opportunities Waiting.

"Opportunity to grasp a large amount of trade is knocking at the door of the Nation," the Secretary declared, "but businessmen must have assurance of ocean transportation under the American flag, equal in quality, reliability and regularity with European competitions."

"American trade in foreign markets,"
he said, "will follow transportation under the American flag and thrive as it never did before. The markets of the world are before us—the Orient as well world are before us. the Orient as well as South America. Enterprise and courage are needed to secure them." Mr. McAdoo urged that efforts to build up a merchant marine through ship subsidy had failed, that thanges in ship subsidy had failed, that changes in the navigation laws with reduced wages to American seamen would not be tolerated and that the policy of discriminating tariff duties favoring imports in American ships had been proved unworkable. Guarantee of principal and interest of bonds issued by private corporations engaged in shipping, he said, was not worthy of serious consideration. The alternative left to those who wish to see the American flag flying in every port was in the bill now in Congress, with its private corporation, of which the Government shall own 50 per cent of the stock.

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The main objection to that plan, he pointed out, has been that it puts the Government in the shipping business. That he declared, had a familiar sound. It was argued against the Federal reserve act, he said, that it would put the Government in the banking business, but the law "has proved of inestimable value to the business interests of the country." In support of his contention that the argument was not tenable, the Secretary pointed out that some of the leading business men and bankers of the country urged the passage of a war-risk insurance bill, which put the Government in the business of carrying marine war risks; he referred to the experience of the Government with the Panama Raliroad Company, whose entire stock is in its hands, and to the recent legislation to authorize the Government to authorize the Government to authorize the Government to authorize the Government to construct a railroad in Alaska.

"The objection that the Government must never go into private business, said Mr. McAdoo in conclusion, "oven though private capital refuses to emand it, is always urged against any progressive step of this character. Are we to be bound by a mere dogma of

this sort? Are we to be deterred from doing, through the agencies of Gov-ernment, what is essential to the wel-fare of our people, when private capi-tal cannot be secured?

"While I believe that the Government should not engage in business where private enterprise can be depended on for the purpose, I am not afraid of the Government going into business where private capital refuses, and where the business in which the Government is to engage is for the benefit of all people of the country. I am afraid of the Government's going into private business only when it is for the benefit of special interests or to serve the selfish purposes of some particular class. particular class.

"For 50 years we have waited for private capital to provide an American merchant marine. For 50 years our foreign trade has languished while we have waited. Shall we wait any longer

CORVALLIS & EASTERN SHOPS REOPEN, GIVING TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 9. - (Special.)-After being shut down for almost a month, the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad shops in this city reopened this week with practically a full crew. About 60

men are being employed now. The shops closed down the first of December to cut expenses, and only a few necessary men were employed during that month. It was not known at the time how long this shutdown would continue, but improving conditions made it possible to reopen the entire plant.

The carshops at this city have been enlarged several times in the past few years. Ten years ago only eight men were employed in the shops and now, under normal conditions, 70 men are employed, the average pay-Foll being more than \$5000 a

upon a fatuous hope and lean any longer upon a broken reed?

"If the shipping bill is objected to by our opponents, what practical suggestion or remedy have they to offer? The American people will not be content with academic objections. They do not want a practical plan dejected unless a better substitute is offered. Let the opponents of this bill present such a substitute or let them hold their peace."

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"So long as our competitors own the ships, they make the rates, they control the service and they determine the routes. With this power it is easy to favor their own commerce and discriminate against ours.

Trade Subject to Dangers.

"So long as England commands the sea, our commerce will not be stopped. But who can foretell the eventualities of a great war? It is concelvable that a daring German squadron about with the town at the state and every day that it continues eut foreign trade is subject to its vicins situdes and dangers. Is it fair to our producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants and our manufacturers to force such risk upon them? Are we justified in putting the producers, our merchants are to five any producers, and until june as to the Malphane to five with a subject to its and the control to the prosperity of the subject to its and the producers o

INQUERY MADE IN CONGRESS

Member Wants Figures Bearing on Price of Foodstaff.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A resolution calling on the Secretary of Agriculture for information as to the production, consumption and exportation of cereals, beef, pork and other food products, and for details as to the prices of wheat, was introduced today by Representative Farr, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Farr explained that he wished to ascertain whether there was any danger of a lit promised the institution of a joint method of using state and Government funds in the development of the West, for it would, I feel sure, have been adopted by other state.

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It promised the institution of a joint method of using state and Government funds in the development of the West, for it would, I feel sure, have been adopted by other state. whether there was any danger of a food shortage in the United States because of the enormous increase in ex-

ropean war. Smaller loaves of bread, or an increase in the price, is one likely result of the rise in wheat, in the opinion of Charles J. Brand, chief of the Federal Bureau of Markets.

Moreover, Brand believes the American State of the Federal Bureau of Markets.

can farmer will not be a first-hand beneficiary of the soaring prices. With good prices and good markets which have prevailed for the last few months. Mr. Brand believes a major portion of the 1914 wheat crop no longer is owned by the farmers, but has passed to the hands of the elevator men and the grain

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Appropriation for Oregon Not Opposed by Secretary of Interior.

PAST NEGLECT ADMITTED

Legislature May Decide Whether to Provide for Additional Work or Take Chances on Separate

Federal Allowance.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary Lane, in a letter today to Representative Sinnott, expressed his willingness that Congress shall make an unconditional apgress shall make an unconditional appropriation of \$450.000 for building a Government irrigation project in Eastern Oregon, to be selected later by the Interior Department. The Secretary also agreed to withdraw his former recommendation that this appropriation be made available only on condition that the state appropriates a like amount for co-operation.

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In conversation with Representative Sinnott, Secretary Lane said he would allow his conditional allotment of \$450,000 for co-operative work to stand until July 1, so that every opportunity would be given the state to take up the co-operative offer. The Secretary explained that if the State Legislature at its coming session would appropriate \$450,000 for co-operation, the money he already has allotted would be lumped with the state funds and be available until used. If the state fails to provide \$450,000 before July 1, the Federal allotment will lapse under the law. Therefore, it is up to the Legisla-Therefore, it is up to the Legisla-ture to decide whether the state will join the reclamation service in build-ing a \$930,000 project, or will take chances on Congress' appropriating half that amount for a purely Govern-

ment project. Investigations Under Way

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"Nevertheless, I shall raise no objection to the allotment of this amount to Oregon, for I am well convinced that in the past too little consideration has been given to be needs and to opportunities for development in that state, which I attempted somewhat to remedy by the extension of the Umatilla project and an effort to meet the suggestion as to co-operation in the Deschutes Valley."

With Secretary Lane's letter as a basis, Representative Sinnott will make an effort to secure a provision in the forthcoming reclamation appropriation bill in conformity with the Secretary's amended recommendation

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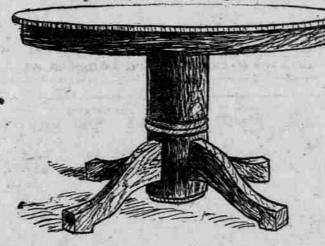
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