

**WOULD SPLIT UNION**

Secretary Shaw Advocates Division of United States.

FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Would Set Apart Certain Districts for Purposes of Manufacturing and Cut Off Tariff—Interest in Rivers and Harbors Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Secretary Shaw would split the Union. This does not mean that he is a secessionist or that he contemplates a renewal of conditions that precipitated Civil War, but he has just advanced an idea that has caused Washington authorities to sit up and take notice.

The head of the Treasury would segregate certain portions of the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts into which raw materials from abroad would be admitted free, including coal and other fuel, to be used in the process of manufacture. He would cut these sections off absolutely from the operation of the United States tariff laws, making them essentially manufacturing districts and not permitting the erection of any residences or business houses other than establishments devoted to manufacture. In this way the Secretary believes that he would create a veritable "foreign market for American labor."

Mr. Shaw has turned the scheme over in his mind for many months, and he dwelt at length upon it this week in an address before the New Hampshire Board of Trade at Concord. At the present time there are bonded factories in which products for the export trade are made from imported materials in which no duty is paid, the materials being held in bond until they are shipped out of the country as finished goods. Mr. Shaw's scheme is merely to extend this policy by bonding well-defined sections of land, and permitting factories established upon this land to turn out by wholesale manufactures worked up from material brought from abroad.

American commerce, because of the conditions under which it labors, always has experienced difficulty in entering foreign markets.

The principal handicap of the American manufacturer are the enhanced cost of raw materials in this country, and the fact that American labor is the highest paid in the world. Despite these two disadvantages, American manufacturers build up an export trade of \$19,000,000 in 1906, an amount which totaled 41 per cent of the total exports. This was accomplished in the face of the fiercest competition, through the process of consolidation. American business men, realizing that individual effort could secure for them no share of this rich foreign trade, organized and set out to capture the foreign markets.

This was the beginning of the corporation, and in the present struggle for the trade supremacy of the world the corporation has come to stay. The United States, laboring under the handicap of high prices for both raw materials and labor, cannot hope to compete with foreign rivals unless it extends and elaborates this system of concentration of effort and combination of interests. This fact is thoroughly appreciated here, where a broad view of business conditions is obtainable but the existence of this truth is not seen clearly by the individual States.

This fact is worrying the national government not a little, for State legislatures now are busy enacting laws that are certain to hamper the efforts of the administration to control and direct the big corporations. It is realized that Federal control will be difficult in the face of a conflicting and unsatisfactory jumble of state legislation.

Probably never before in the history of any one piece of legislation has Congress been petitioned for its passage by so many States, as has been the case with the Rivers and Harbors Bill. This week strong expressions of opinion were received from Illinois, in which State Governor Deneen devoted

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such a case in his message to the subject of waterways development. In addition, the Missouri legislature adopted a resolution urging greater appropriations for the Mississippi River and declaring that the four million people of that State are eager for the development of the stream.

Undoubtedly the strongest document received was a resolution adopted by the legislature of Arkansas and passed unanimously by the House and Senate, in which the petition of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress was heartily endorsed. This petition asks for the annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 at the hands of the government for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the country. The Arkansas solons displayed the broad spirit that is animating Congress, by refraining from asking for any special appropriations for development within the confines of their own state. They recognize that the work is one of national importance, and, with an adequate appropriation each year, they feel assured that the rivers of their own commonwealth are certain eventually to receive a just share.

Congressman Joseph R. Ramsdell of Louisiana, who is president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, has declared that the organization will bring all its influence to bear to gain the point to which it is pledged.

He contends that with an expenditure of \$50,000,000 annually the rivers and harbors of the country will not only be developed scientifically and quickly, but their development will increase greatly the commercial activity of the United States, and, as a consequence, foster the national prosperity. To the end that the influence of the

organization be increased, J. F. Ellison of Cincinnati, Ohio, its secretary, has just issued a call urging every river improvement association, commercial organization, city, town, state and individual interested in the question, to become members of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. It is hoped that this call will be responded to enthusiastically and that the members in attendance at the next convention will establish a record. At the last convention, held here in December, delegates were present from thirty-two states, two territories and the District of Columbia, while the governors of fourteen states and the mayors of twenty-six cities sent representatives.

It is recognized here in Washington that the need for an additional system of transportation in this country is urgent. The congestion of traffic on the railroads, resulting in coal famine in the northwest and financial suffering in the midst of plenty, has opened the eyes of Congress to the fact that something must be done to supplement the existing channels of commerce. Naturally, attention is focused on the waterways of the country, for the United States will have the most magnificent system of rivers and harbors of any nation in the world once they are developed.

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