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**JUSTICE TO AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE**

**STRONG STATEMENT SHOWING RAW INEQUALITIES ARISING FROM ISTHMIAN CANAL BUSINESS**

The following strong plea for adequate treatment of American ships in transportation of Panama Canal tonnage has just been received from the office of the Merchant Marine League of the United States, at Cleveland, Ohio, and of which General Charles F. Beebe, of Portland, is the Oregon vice-president; and it should receive warm endorsement in the maritime town of Astoria:

"Editor 'The Astorian'  
 Dear Sir:—We want to present for your consideration what we think is an outrage.

This country is spending millions of American dollars in digging a canal at Panama which will be, in time of peace at all events, under the present conditions, solely for the benefit of the merchant marine of our German, British, Norwegian, French and Japanese friends; and cannot be considered in any way money well spent for the benefit of American Commerce, American business interests or the American flag for the reason that we have practically no American ships, and the American flag does not wave from the masthead of anything in the way of an American Merchant Marine.

"On the Isthmus there are only American engineers, foremen and skilled mechanics. These are employed exclusively, though at higher wages than those for which foreigners could be procured.

"The dredges, engines, boilers, locomotives, rails, tools, equipment and supplies of every character are purchased in this country, although the cost is usually more than that at which these same things could be purchased in Europe. Practically everything is being purchased under the Joint Resolution of June 25, 1906 which provides that the purchase of such things shall be restricted to articles of domestic production and manufacture from the lowest possible bidder unless the President shall in any case deem the bids or tenders therefore to be extortionate or unreasonable, thus carrying out the policy of protection to American labor and American enterprise, which is probably the only right one in view of the fact that American money is 'paying the freight.' Everything that has been undertaken and everything that has been done down there, with one significant exception, is thoroughly American in every way, and that exception is that all the goods are being transported in foreign vessels, under foreign flags by foreign seamen and the profit therefrom all goes to foreign shipping corporations.

"As a result of this, in the harbor of Colon and in adjacent waters, no ship will be found flying the flag of

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the United States unless one of the four vessels of the government transport service or a warship, should happen to be there.

"The 200,000 or 300,000 tons of coal being used annually, on the Isthmus, the lumber, the machinery and supplies of all descriptions, not conveyed by the few steamers of the government line are being carried entirely by foreigners.

"If an American manufacturer asks fifty or one hundred thousand dollars for a given piece of machinery, and it can be purchased in Europe for ten or twenty thousand dollars less, the American is given the contract. But if a foreign ship bids a thousand dollars for carrying that machinery from New York or any other American port of the canal, and an American ship bids eleven or twelve hundred dollars for carrying it, on account of the higher wage scale in this country, the foreigner gets the business—every time. That is to say, protection rules one transaction and free trade the other, with the result that the construction of the Panama Canal, instead of serving American maritime interests, is actually killing off and destroying what little is left of our American merchant marine in these waters; for in addition to the reasons already given these foreign ships, having outward cargoes to Colon guaranteed, and thereby enabled to take return cargoes from West India ports away from such American vessels as might already have had that trade.

"We wish to ask if in your judgment, this is a square deal? Is it just that American laws should protect her labor and industries on land and deny protection to American interests on high seas? If American manufacturers, mechanics, farmers, miners, lumberman, etc. are entitled to preference from their government in this great National work of building the Isthmian Canal, why are not American shipowners, sailors and shipbuilders also given some measure of support instead of the building of the Canal with American money being used as a weapon as already stated, to ruin what little we have left of the American merchant marine?

It is true that the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has reported favorably to the House of Representatives a resolution, which passed without any division whatever in the Senate, applying to the transportation of materials and equipment for the Panama Canal exactly the same principle of protection or preference which regulates the purchase of materials and equipment.

"As a measure of simple justice, we ask the influence of your publication in an effort to have that bill pass the house.

"It is asserted by European steamship companies and their agents, who have influential representatives and attorneys at Washington, lobbying against the passage of this resolution—that its adoption would at least double the cost of materials and equipment to the canal zone.

It is not only possible, but may be true that American ships would, in the beginning at least, have to charge a little more for the same reason that American machinery and other articles cost more; but it is also doubtless true that if the Congress were to adopt this resolution, there would quickly be such competition for the business enterprise and ingenuity that before very long vessels protected by the stars and stripes would be upon every ocean, because of their modern methods of doing this work at less cost than foreign boats have ever attempted to do it.

"There is no place on earth where freight is carried as cheaply as it is by the steamships of the Great Lakes, as a result of the installation of the methods referred to; and what is true upon fresh water can be quickly made true upon salt water."

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, and it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

**LAUNCH WINONA IS A TOTAL WRECK**

VESSEL OWNED BY SIMPSON BROTHERS IS LOST AT OAK BAY.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 15.—The big cruising launch Winona, owned by Simpson Brothers of this city, was totally wrecked at Oak Bay yesterday. Her steering gear became disarranged, and the launch soon afterwards broke up on the rocks. Harold Simpson who was on board, jumped as the craft struck.

**SHE WANTED A REST.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The mystery of the coat, hat, hand baggage and other women's accessories found on the lake front on the night of February 7 has been partly cleared up by Mrs. Mary Gassway, proprietor of a rooming house. "The woman came here about two weeks ago," said Mrs. Gassway. "She said her name was Mrs. Lewis and when I asked her if she was employed down town, she told me she had no employment, but she was sick and desired a good rest. She went out for a walk every evening and was gone usually about one hour.

"I became frightened this afternoon and thought possibly the woman was dead in her room and we opened the door. There was not a scrap of paper nor a letter to indicate the woman's identity."

**DROPPED DEAD ON TRAIN**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—An unidentified man, 45 years old, believed by the police to be F. L. Woodruff, Atlanta, Ga., dropped dead, supposedly from heart disease, on a Michigan Central passenger train bound for Detroit last night. He was preparing to retire in a Pullman sleeper when he fell dead, causing excitement among other passengers.

**BELL SAVES WILSON.**

SCHENECTADY, Pa., Feb. 15.—Bob Wilson of Utica was saved by the bell from a knockout in the tenth and last round of a contest with Young Corbett here tonight.

**JUMPS TO DEATH.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—In the glare of electric street lights a young woman shortly before 7 o'clock last night stood balanced for a moment on a third floor window sill in her home. Then as her husband's restraining hand touched her skirt she drew a handkerchief before her eyes and plunged to the icy sidewalk thirty feet below. She was Mrs. Emma Betti, wife of John Betti, fruit merchant and has been in poor health for some time. It is said that she will probably die.

**A TITLE BADLY NEEDED.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—What sort of a title should a married man bear. A state law may decide this question if the proposition put up to State Senator Samuel A. Ettelson goes through. The Senator has been approached by a number of unmarried women, who say that married men are constantly imposing upon them because it is impossible from a plain introduction of "Mister" to tell whether they are married or not.

**AN OPT TOLD TALE.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—President Diaz will be president just as long as he wishes. Our only regret is that he is in the evening of his life. He is eighty years old and while he is in the best of health, it cannot be expected that he will be with us very much longer. This statement is made by Senor Jose Limantour, Minister of Finance of the Mexican government, who is at present in New York. Senator Limantour made his prediction of what might be styled perpetual Diazism, while denying a rumor that his brother would be a candidate for the presidency of Mexico. The term of President Diaz expires in 1912 but it will be recalled that a movement is already under way in Republic looking to his re-election.

Foley's Orino Laxative cures constipation and liver trouble and makes the bowels healthy and regular. Orino is superior to pills and tablets as it does not gripe or nauseate. Why take anything else? T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

**THE PARAGUAYANS.**

Lazy, Happy-go-lucky People in a Bankrupt Republic.  
 The infusion of Spanish blood and customs into the Guarani has produced a people with the faults and good qualities of both in about equal parts. Dark of complexion, with strongly marked Indian features, essentially gentle when unrestrained or not unduly excited, careless of the morrow, poor and honest, hospitable and generous, indolent and uncultured, strongly Catholic in theory, but generally lax in religious performances as to dogmas—this is a rough sketch of the native people of Paraguay. Asuncion, the capital, and even the smaller places—Villa Rica, San Pedro, Villa del Pilar, Villa Concepcion—have their aristocratic families, of which the daughters and sons are sent to Europe to be educated and which maintain an exclusiveness that must be almost insurmountable. But in general the people mingle readily.

In the early morning in the streets of Asuncion the women gather in their long white dresses and barefooted to sell their wares. The younger women, judged by our standard, are beautiful and from carrying baskets and water jars on their heads have attained an erect and graceful carriage which our young women could well imitate. Besides, when they laugh they show two rows of pearls, and their speech in soft Guarani patois is worth going far to hear.

When you see Asuncion you see Paraguay, for it is the most advanced city in the republic. Its streets are poorly paved, it has mule cars which run at long intervals and low speed, and the hotel accommodations are not exceptional, but there is a kind of lazy, happy-go-lucky gaiety about the city that represents the national feeling. Paraguay is hard up—yes, almost stone broke. The currency is paper and the value so small that for a hundred dollars one receives a basketful of ragged stuff, printed in Germany, to represent some nebulous indebtedness of the republic. Gold does not stay long in Paraguay, nor does it often enter the country.—Van Norden Magazine.

**EXPLOSIVES.**

Best Way to Destroy Gunpowder and Nitroglycerin.

The best way to destroy ordinary black gunpowder is to throw it into a stream under conditions that prevent any harm coming to human beings or animals through the dissolving of the saltpeter. If no suitable stream is available, the gunpowder may be stirred with water in tubs, or the dry gunpowder may be poured out on the ground in a long thin line and ignited with a fuse at one end. To destroy dynamite cartridges the paper wrappings should be carefully removed, the bare cartridges laid in a row with their ends in contact and the first cartridge ignited with a fuse without a cap. Even with these precautions a simultaneous explosion of the entire mass may occur, so that it is wise to retire to a safe distance. The row of cartridges should be laid parallel with the wind and ignited at the leeward end, so that the flame will be driven away from the mass.

Frozen dynamite should be handled with special care, as its combustion is peculiarly liable to assume an explosive character. A small quantity of dynamite may be destroyed by throwing it in very small bits into an open fire, or the cartridges may be exploded one by one in the open air with fuses and caps.

Dynamite should never be thrown into water, as the nitroglycerin which it contains remains undissolved and capable of doing mischief. Other explosives which contain nitroglycerin should be treated in the same way as dynamite.

Ammonium nitrate explosives may be thrown in small fragments into an open fire or if they do not contain nitroglycerin may be destroyed by means of water. Explosive caps should be exploded singly with pieces of fuse.—Scientific American.

His Vocabulary.  
 He was an only child. They were very particular about his manner of speech, constantly correcting him so that he would use beautiful English. He, however, was allowed now and then to associate with other children. He played with a neighbor boy a long while one day, and when he came home there was an ecstatic smile on his face.

"I like that boy, mother," he said. "I like him very much. He swears beautifully. He knows every word."—New York Press.

Getting In Deeper.  
 "Who is that singing so dreadfully out of tune?"  
 "It is my wife."  
 "Perhaps the accompanist plays out of tune."  
 "She is accompanying herself."—Meggendorfer Blatter.

One Recompense.  
 "That sheet iron clothing a chap had to wear during the middle ages must have been far from comfortable."  
 "Still, a fellow could have a permanent crease put in his trousers."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Not a Bark.  
 "Then you don't have any dog-watching on this craft?" Inquired the anxious passenger, according to a writer in Life.  
 "No. This is a catboat."

For artificial evils, for evils that spring from want of thought, thought must find a remedy somewhere.—Lowell.

**TOO MUCH MILITARY COIN SAYS HALE**

LA FOLLETTE AND DIXON ALSO CRITICIZED NAVAL METHODS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The Senate devoted the most of the day to considering the naval appropriation bill and there was much discussion concerning the growth of the government. The expenditure for military purposes, Hale declared, unless a halt were called, it would be necessary for congress to issue bonds or to increase taxation. La Follette and Dixon criticized naval methods, especially of the use of public funds for the construction of navy yards. Hale warned the senate unless more rapid progress was made night sessions would soon be come necessary.

**TUNNEL FIRE.**

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 15.—A fierce fire is raging in raging in the Great Northern tunnel at Teton station, 50 miles east of here and it will be completely burned out. A large force of men are working in an effort to check the flames but as they have no water they can't accomplish much.

**LOOKING FOR RABIES.**

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Feb. 15.—Until an examination of the head of a dog which ran amuck in Mount Clair, Bloomfield, Glenridge and East Orange, N. J., is completed at the Pasteur institute, New York, considerable anxiety will be felt in the towns mentioned, for the animal bit two persons and six dogs before being killed.

**Revolts at Cold Steel.**

"Your only hope," said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., suffering from severe rectal troubles, lies in an operation, "then I used Dr. King's New Life Pills" she writes, "till wholly cured." They prevent Appendicitis, cure Constipation, Headache, 25c at Charles Rogers & Son's drug store.

**ATTELL WILL MEET DISCOLL**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—An agreement was reached today for a ten-round bout here Friday night between Abe Attell the champion featherweight of the world and Jim Driscoll, the featherweight champion of England.

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**FEBRUARY TIDE TABLE.**

FEBRUARY 1909.				FEBRUARY 1909.										
High Water.		A. M.		P. M.		Low Water.		A. M.		P. M.				
Date.	h. m. ft.	h. m. ft.	Date.	h. m. ft.	h. m. ft.	Date.	h. m. ft.	h. m. ft.	Date.	h. m. ft.	h. m. ft.			
Monday	1 9:54	8.5	11:44	6.7	Monday	1 4:10	3.7	5:10	0.4	Monday	2 5:10	3.7	6:00	0.7
Tuesday	2 10:47	8.6	12:37	6.8	Tuesday	2 5:10	3.7	6:00	0.7	Tuesday	3 6:05	3.5	6:42	0.9
Wednesday	3 11:35	8.7	1:28	6.9	Wednesday	3 6:05	3.5	6:42	0.9	Wednesday	4 6:50	3.3	7:18	0.3
Thursday	4 1:08	7.3	2:12	8.7	Thursday	4 6:50	3.3	7:18	0.3	Thursday	5 7:28	3.1	7:52	0.5
Friday	5 1:40	7.4	2:55	8.3	Friday	5 7:28	3.1	7:52	0.5	Friday	6 8:04	3.0	8:20	0.1
Saturday	6 2:10	7.6	3:32	8.0	Saturday	6 8:04	3.0	8:20	0.1	Saturday	7 8:35	2.8	8:45	0.4
SUNDAY	7 2:35	7.7	4:05	8.0	SUNDAY	7 8:35	2.8	8:45	0.4	SUNDAY	8 9:07	2.6	9:07	0.8
Monday	8 3:00	7.7	4:38	7.7	Monday	8 9:07	2.6	9:07	0.8	Monday	9 9:33	2.4	9:33	1.2
Tuesday	9 3:27	7.9	5:11	7.3	Tuesday	9 9:33	2.4	9:33	1.2	Tuesday	10 10:10	2.2	10:00	1.8
Wednesday	10 3:55	7.9	5:40	7.0	Wednesday	10 10:10	2.2	10:00	1.8	Wednesday	11 10:52	2.0	10:35	2.3
Thursday	11 4:28	7.9	6:07	6.5	Thursday	11 10:52	2.0	10:35	2.3	Thursday	12 11:45	1.8	11:15	2.9
Friday	12 5:06	7.8	6:30	5.9	Friday	12 11:45	1.8	11:15	2.9	Friday	1 12:47	1.6	12:47	1.6
Saturday	1 5:51	7.8	6:57	5.3	Saturday	1 12:47	1.6	12:47	1.6	Saturday	2 1:40	1.4	1:38	1.2
SUNDAY	2 6:47	7.8	7:24	4.6	SUNDAY	2 1:40	1.4	1:38	1.2	SUNDAY	3 2:30	1.2	2:28	0.7
Monday	3 7:52	7.9	7:52	3.8	Monday	3 2:30	1.2	2:28	0.7	Monday	4 3:15	1.0	3:11	0.2
Tuesday	4 8:59	8.2	8:10	3.4	Tuesday	4 3:15	1.0	3:11	0.2	Tuesday	5 4:00	0.8	3:58	0.0
Wednesday	5 10:01	8.6	8:11	3.1	Wednesday	5 4:00	0.8	3:58	0.0	Wednesday	6 4:40	0.6	4:44	0.0
Thursday	6 11:00	9.0	8:00	2.7	Thursday	6 4:40	0.6	4:44	0.0	Thursday	7 5:15	0.4	5:31	-0.7
Friday	7 12:00	9.4	7:50	2.2	Friday	7 5:15	0.4	5:31	-0.7	Friday	8 5:45	0.2	6:05	-1.1
Saturday	8 1:05	9.8	7:35	1.6	Saturday	8 5:45	0.2	6:05	-1.1	Saturday	9 6:10	0.0	6:35	-1.4
SUNDAY	9 1:45	8.7	7:15	0.9	SUNDAY	9 6:10	0.0	6:35	-1.4	SUNDAY	10 6:40	0.0	7:00	-1.3
Monday	10 2:25	9.0	6:55	0.2	Monday	10 6:40	0.0	7:00	-1.3	Monday	11 7:00	0.0	7:30	-1.0
Tuesday	11 3:05	9.2	6:35	0.6	Tuesday	11 7:00	0.0	7:30	-1.0	Tuesday	12 7:15	0.0	8:00	-0.4
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Friday	2 5:18	8.7	6:25	0.5	Friday	2 7:45	0.0	9:00	0.0	Friday	3 7:55	0.0	9:23	0.0
Saturday	3 6:13	8.3	7:52	0.1	Saturday	3 7:55	0.0	9:23	0.0	Saturday	4 8:05	0.0	9:50	0.6
SUNDAY	4 7:15	8.0	9:20	0.1	SUNDAY	4 8:05	0.0	9:50	0.6	SUNDAY	5 8:15	0.0	10:15	0.6

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