

HARDING TO URGE GOVERNMENT AID TO U. S. SHIPPING

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Washington, Jan. 27.—President Harding will go to congress in a fortnight and read a special message advocating government aid to an American merchant marine.

After several months of study a plan has been completed which takes into account many of the traditional prejudices against ship subsidies and attempts at the same time to save the American government from immense loss in the future on the ships involuntarily placed in its possession during the war.

Limitation of the profits that can be made by private operators is one feature and a system of indirect as well as direct aids is another.

The president has given his approval to the Lausker plan, which contemplates putting the American merchant marine on a paying basis in a short time by means of a temporary subsidy. It means that instead of a permanent subsidy, the plan when worked out will within 10 years make it possible for American ships to operate without direct aid. The plan looks toward the stimulation of the American merchant marine rather than to permanent bounties.

GREAT PROJECT APPROVED
The president already has approved the deep waterways project, whereby the Great Lakes will be closer to the ocean going trade and get the direct benefit of an increased merchant marine. This is done so as to insure the support of the agricultural middle west, which has hitherto been lukewarm to subsidy programs.

The subject will be a non-partisan one as leading Democrats like Senator Ransdell of Louisiana and other members of congress from Southern states with ocean ports will be vitally interested in the success of the program.

Briefly, the system of indirect aid contemplates an amendment to existing law whereby traffic to and from the Philippines shall be considered as "coast-wise America." Only American ships can ply in coast-wise trade, and the inclusion of the Philippines in coast-wise trade will materially help American ships plying through the Panama canal and from Pacific ports to the Philippines.

Similarly it is intended to give American ships the business hitherto done by the army transport service. Also it will be provided by law that at least 50 per cent of the immigrants coming to the United States shall travel in American ships.

PLANS ARE TEMPORARY
These three systems of indirect aid will in many cases bring in enough revenue to enable private American ship companies to operate at a profit without any further government aid. The hope is that eventually all shipping concerns will be able to get along with indirect aid.

The government's plan contemplates a system of automatic diminution of direct aid as soon as revenue from the indirect aid approximates a fixed percentage of profit. In other words when shipping companies make a profit by one form of government help they will not be entitled to any direct financial support. Under no circumstances can the private concerns make exorbitant profits.

The ingenious mind of Chairman Lausker has been at work for months on just this problem, with the result that a hole-proof scheme has been evolved.

Those who have seen the plan differ in their estimates of its worth, depending upon their own interests. Strangely enough certain American shipping people, who, it might be expected, would be enraptured over the prospect of a subsidy, at last are not so eager for it now because of the privileges and favors being granted them by certain foreign companies.

Foreign governments have already shown their hostility to the plan, for they see in it an America-first idea which may take from Great Britain at any rate as much of her advantage on the seas in peace time.

ISSUE PRO-AMERICAN
The issue will probably be made a pro-American one by President Harding. At one time German shipping interests were discovered lobbying in the Ameri-

can congress against ship subsidy and the chances are the administration will not hesitate to fight foreign influence openly and vigorously.

The new plan does not guarantee American shipping concerns a profit. They must make it. Already the passenger vessels of the shipping board in the North Atlantic are making money, and so are many of its cargo vessels. Careful examination of the testimony just given by the chairman of the shipping board to the house appropriations committee shows that it is costing about four millions a month to keep up the ships and cover the board's expenses. At least two and a half millions will have to be spent for the next two years in liquidating claims whether any subsidy plan is adopted or any ships are operated. So it's beggars choice.

The government is just now operating 400 ships on routes of trade hitherto untouched by American ships. The government is not losing any more than are private ship concerns in this era of low freights, but in the spring when the upturn in freight rates is expected, the government loss will be cut down materially, possibly to a million or a million and a half dollars, and the experts figure that there is a good chance of making a profit in the next year.

The government must sell the ships it has, sink them or operate them. The benefits of government aid for a few years, are held by the administration to be these:

First—The preservation of an American merchant marine for use in case of war.

Second—A reduced cost to the American people on the carrying of their goods to foreign ports.

Third—A stimulus to American industry by enabling the American producer and manufacturer to sell as low in other parts of the world as do the Europeans and the Japanese shippers.

EXPENSES INCREASE
President Harding seems to make the matter of a subsidy a major part of his administration. He has been gratified lately to learn that the new shipping board has at last gotten the loss under control. For months the expenses of keeping the ships were growing like a fire. The house appropriations committee now is satisfied that within a year the loss will be reduced to a minimum.

Broadly speaking, it is estimated that the temporary subsidy may cost the government about \$25,000,000 for a period of 10 years, and that this sum will be constantly diminished by the fact that the private ship concerns will gradually make money out of the indirect aids which cost the government nothing except the scratch of a presidential pen on an act of congress giving American ships preference in American trade over foreign bottoms. The experts say that if the government spends \$25,000,000 annually the American people will save at least that sum and much more in lower freights and will make more money through increased foreign trade.

**Body of Baby in
Gunnysack Found
On Lot by Youth**

Wrapped in a gunnysack, the body of a baby girl, born less than 48 hours before, was found near the intersection of Hamilton avenue and Terwilliger boulevard, shortly after 5 o'clock Thursday evening, by Anthony Slovick, a 10-year-old milk boy, who stumbled onto the little body on his rounds, as he took a short cut through a vacant lot.

The body was tied in the sack, but when young Slovick stumbled onto it, with a boy's curiosity, he opened the bundle and rolled its grim contents out on the ground. Covering up the find with an old piece of discarded carpet which he picked up near the place, he hastened to give an alarm.

The emergency hospital doctor who answered the call said that the child had been dead several hours. A preliminary examination was not sufficient to determine whether the child was murdered or had been born dead, although Leo Goetsch, deputy coroner, is inclined to believe the former is the case. An autopsy will be held today in an effort to determine circumstances of the child's death.

**Delegates Certified
By Idaho Secretary**

Nampa, Idaho, Jan. 27.—The secretary of state certified the number of delegates from each county which each political party is entitled to send to its state convention. The state central committee of the parties are allowed to select places of meeting. The Democrats have 110 delegates and the Republicans 202.

CARDINALS GATHER TO ELECT NEW POPE

By Henry Wood
Rome, Jan. 27.—(U. P.)—The secret conclave which will elect a successor to Pope Benedict XV will be Italian by a small majority, according to indications today. Twenty-six foreign cardinals and 28 Italians are expected to be ready for the election February 2.

Cardinals Dubois, Maurin, Lucon and Vidal arrived yesterday and Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, who stopped off at Milan, was expected today. The 54 cardinals expected to be here when the waiting up ceremony takes place and will be closed within the apartments on the first three floors of the Vatican early next Thursday. A vote will be taken that same day, but the cardinals will not be able to leave the Vatican until a decision is reached. A two thirds majority is required to elect a new pope.

Predictions as to Benedict's successor narrowed today to Cardinals Gasparri, Ratti, Merry Del Val, Mercier and La Fontaine.

Each cardinal will take with him into the Vatican before the walls and doors are sealed one priest and one servant. In addition, there will be walled up a number of masters of ceremonies, whose duty it is to summon the cardinals to the various masses and sessions for voting, also two physicians, one pharmacist, who must be a member of the religious order of San Giovanni de Rio, barbers, cooks, a few servants and a few workmen.

**Salesman Accused
Of Grand Larceny**

W. J. Robinson, Seattle salesman, was arrested by Inspectors Hellyer and Mallott Thursday afternoon at the automobile show, in the Auditorium, on a telegraphic warrant from the sheriff's office of King county, Wash., charging grand larceny. His bail has been placed at \$1500. Robinson has been in Portland several weeks, engaged as a bond salesman for a local automobile concern. He said he was ignorant of the charges placed against him.

CHURCHILL JOINS FRATERNITY
University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 27. Phi Delta Kappa, national educational fraternity, initiated J. A. Churchill, head of the state educational system, into its membership Wednesday. While on the campus the superintendent spoke on "Some Needs of the Educational System in Oregon."

Mrs. Lyda Southard Healthy in Prison

Twin Falls, Idaho, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Lyda Southard, convicted of the murder of her fourth husband, Edward Meyer, is in excellent health, according to word brought from the state penitentiary at Boise by Sheriff Sherman of Twin Falls. Her attorneys are working on an appeal.

WANT PIPER TO SPEAK
Nampa, Idaho, Jan. 27.—Efforts are being made to get Edgar B. Piper of Portland as speaker at Idaho's Lincoln day banquet in Boise.

Celestial Peddler Of Dope Fined \$100

Ho Sing, Chinese, was Thursday fined \$100 and sentenced to 120 days in jail on a charge of selling narcotics. He was arrested at Second and Ash streets by police, in company with John Wallery and Francis Spick, who were charged with vagrancy. Wallery was sentenced to three weeks in jail and Spick was discharged.

**Coast Marine Pool
Meeting Arranged**
Washington, Jan. 27.—(U. P.)—Representatives from all the Pacific coast ports will meet with shipping board representatives here February 8 to discuss the plan for the gigantic merger of Pacific coast shipping interests. Chairman Lasker announced Thursday.

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Professing to work for the peace of the World, America invited the nations to the Washington conference, where she has "tricked them one and all." This scathing reproach of the Tokyo Yoroduz gives the intensive form of a feeling of disillusion about the Washington conference that is revealed in some sections of the Japanese press. "Hateful and haughty," indeed, is America, the Tokyo Yoroduz says, picturing Uncle Sam as "an international boor" toward whom "we entertain a grudge" and "have no reason to show good will." Going further, this newspaper adds, "imitation of armaments may be a step toward peace," but "a peace thus brought about is a peace without liberty, a slavish peace. Do the Japanese people wish for such slavish peace, after Japan has been kicked and trampled down by America? We are firmly resolved to reject such a slavish peace." At a mass meeting, reported in the Tokyo Japan Advertiser, a speaker is quoted as saying "that the negroes in America would rise against the Americans should a war break out between a 'certain country' and another 'certain country.' Japan, he assured them, need not be afraid even if America should build a large number of war vessels or build other means of offensive warfare." At this same meeting, Dr. Soyeyima said that the Japanese-American war was already begun in the Washington conference, and that America has won a first battle without even appealing to arms.

But not all Japan is so disgruntled with the Washington Conference, as we may judge from the widely circulated and influential Tokyo Jiji, which says: "We should congratulate ourselves on the success of the Washington Conference. It will not be too much to call this success a great undertaking to save the world. We therefore express our undivided sense of congratulation and at the same time thank the government authorities at home and abroad for their efforts to bring about the success." For more news of Japanese opinions regarding the Washington Conference, read the article, "Oh, Hateful, Haughty America," in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week.

Other vivid, accurate, timely reflections in text and picture of what the world is thinking and doing, as mirrored by the press of all countries, and given in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, January 28th, are:—

France's New Leader Germany's Implacable Foe

Under the Leadership of Raymond Poincare, Who Has Always Insisted That Germany Must Pay to the Last Penny, "France Is Going to be Heard and Listened to Instead of Being Told What She Must Do," Declares a Paris Paper

French Chagrin at Washington
Henry Ford's Bid for Muscle Shoals
What Hays Can Do for the Movies
Senator Newberry's Innocence
The Missing Link Still Missing
China and the Pacific Pact
Our War With the Insects

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