

SHIP SUBSIDY "ANTIS."

Some sort of ship subsidy bill will undoubtedly be passed either by the Fifty-sixth congress at its last or the Fifty-seventh at its first session, says the New York Press. It may not be that now before the houses, vastly improved as that measure has been out of its original speed premium shape. Warned by the experience of the St. Louis convention in declaring for the alluring and logical but impracticable revival of discriminating navigation laws, the body which met at Philadelphia committed itself only to "legislation which will enable us to recover our former place among the trade carrying fleets of the world."

This legislation is matter of party policy and not necessarily party principle, and party faith would not be broken by a failure to enact it. It will be passed because there is no other possible way of reviving our shipping, and it is unbusinesslike, wasteful and extravagant to allow our shipping to languish further.

This truth is nowhere so plainly demonstrated as in an examination of the arguments against such a measure. Not one, so far as we have been able to observe, fits existing conditions. Each is beside the point, is aimed in the air. For instance, the New York "Times," stretches its limbs and rubbing its eyes after a nap in the Catskills, mumbles drowsily the old formula of "Free Ships."

Let the American who wants to freight goods be permitted to buy his freighter abroad is its time-honored recommendation. But if the American bought his ship abroad he would have to have a subsidy to man it at home. It is not the cost of building that keeps American vessels out of the foreign trade. Thanks to protection and domestic competition, the price of an American ship is no longer so largely in excess of that of a foreign ship as to make the difference between profit and loss in the shipping trade. The increased investment owing to the employment of American yards by shipowners will not, to meet its interest charge, call for an appreciable portion of the subsidy. It is not the cost of making, but the cost of running a ship at the American wage rate that counts. It is that which gives a foreigner the advantage of at least one Atlantic voyage a year. The "Free Ship" shibboleth is as anachronistic a survival of good old colony times, economically, as was "God save King George!" of good old colony times, politically.

So the smug, self-contained, observation of the Boston Evening Record as "to the time and period of our lead in the abundance and cheapness of fuel and steel" being the "least logical" of all "occasions for the passage of a ship subsidy bill," is for the same reason merely inane. We are not to subsidize shipbuilders, but shipowners. It is wages and not material which supply the prohibitive obstacle to their pursuit of foreign trade which the subsidy would overcome.

The great increase in shipbuilding is taken by other journals, notably the Evening Post, as an argument against the bill. But this not merely misses the mark. It rebounds in boomerang fashion. There is no increase worthy of mention, as we have before demonstrated from the commissioners' reports, save in the protected shipping trade. Cuyahoga Creek, not the Delaware, is the Clyde of America. The fresh water town of Cleveland has taken the palm from generations of Philadelphia shipwrights. Our great steel tonnage is being laid down 500 miles from the ocean. It is there and in the increased coasting trade to Hawaii and Porto Rico that nine-tenths of our unsubsidized increase of shipping is

found. The other one-tenth is due to the expectations of the subsidy. The big Pacific freighters were ordered as soon as the twelve-knot amendment went into the bill.

No one, we fancy, today gives much heed to the parrot cries of "steal" at this appropriation of public money. Every one interested in the subject knows by this time that no nation's commerce has been developed except by such a "steal." This is the single industry which universal experience has indicated as the proper recipient of a bounty. Germany may subsidize beet sugar, Japan cotton manufacturers, Canada beef cattle, but all countries, except the United States, subsidize ships. In consequence international commerce has grown in the last century 1,233 per cent, while international population has grown 135 per cent. If one cannot indict a people, how can one indict a world? The Philadelphia Ledger is, however, a conspicuous example of the journals which attempt it in relation to the ship subsidy bill. It can see nothing in it but "a gift of the great sum of \$9,000,000 to a few shipbuilders and shipowners out of the pockets of the people." The \$200,000,000 of foreign freights which this sum will reclaim to the "pockets of the people" is beyond its line of vision. This is the saddest case among the ship subsidy "antis."

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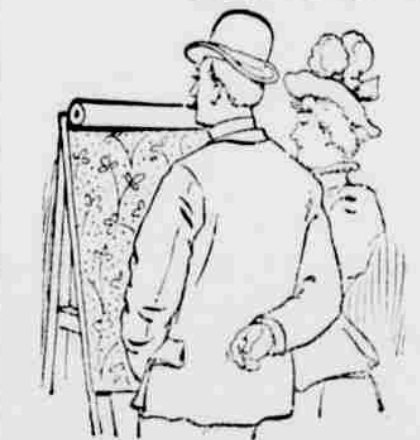
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