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THE SHIPPING BILL.
The argument in favor of the slip sulssidy bill in congress is presented very fully and fairly by the
Francisco Call in the following Francisco Call in the following: republicans in congress have joined to prevent action our merchant marine. argument worthy of the name bas been made againgt that measure in the senate or the opposition press.
A great deal of mouthing bas been done by parties who are withou knowlenge of the
tentions of the bill.
It is intended to extend to deep
water ships the same equalizing policy of protection which has so lmmensely developed our lake and
coast shipping. The latter is exclusively American. No ship flying a foreign flag is permitted in the coastwise trade. Therefore the 25 per cent higher cost of building and
35 per cent higher cost of running an Americsn ship are not felt in and cheaper vun foreign ships ar not permitted to enter
pete with ours.
On deep water, however, we hav to meet that cheap competition, and we have not, so they get the trade and we pay thenryout a year for carrying our products,
which ought to be paid to our own people.
Senator Hanua has been called on senate debate, giving the purpose and effect of the bill. From has analysis of the measure it is seen
that its advantages are open to any American alip that is in first class condition; lt does not exclnsively
favor any type of ship or route; slow favor any type of ship or route; slow
ships may under it compete with fast ships, and single ships with lines of ships; compensation is based on
size of ship and distance sailed, wit extra for steamships exceeding twelve ship now
must build a new tonnage equal to
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per cent of the existing ship within ten years. For every forcign register equal new tonnage must be built in the United States for its built ships admitted to American register receive but balf the com. pensation given to American citizen until he has constructed new tonnage and put it in operation in deep
As foreign ship owners now carry 92 per cent of our foreign sommerce it is only natural that they oppose dependent of them in a few years, No one expects that they will permit
the passage of the bill if they can prevent it. For their American allies an excuse equally innocent cannot be given.
Thes Awerican friends of the oreign ship builder and owner premarine may be revived by free American citizens to buy cheaply built foreign ships, put them under compete for derp water regade. This is a vain scheme. The cost of run. ing an American ship due to our more than the cost of running foreign ship. That shuts us out of the pay of A merican sailors to the oreign standard, or equalize the cost of operating ships
The nations with which we must carry our own merchandise pay their ships in bounties and subsidies more get in addition to the advantage of eheaper conotruction and operation.
So Americans who attack this bill
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