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The American Merchant Marine lost one of its best friends in the death of Congressman Dingley. The only law adopted by congress for the encouragement of our merchant shipping since the close of the civil war was prepared by Mr. Dingley. But for that law, emasculated as largely as it was by democratic amendments, we would not now have a single first-class merchant steamship under the American flag, and the country would have been deprived of the benefit of the best part of its auxiliary navy during the war with Spain.

During the year 1897 the nations of Europe furnished 56.36 per cent of our imports and took from us a total of 77.39 per cent of our exports, which shows that 68.49 per cent of our total foreign commerce was with Europe during that year. But what shall we say for ourselves when we learn that American vessels carried only 2.96 per cent of our commerce with Europe? May we wonder that the agitation for a revived American merchant marine will not down? Let us not deceive ourselves, however: our ships will have a hard time even under the most favorable conditions, in supplanting foreign ships in our trade with Europe.

OUR MARATIME WEAKNESS.

"Our weakness as a maritime power," says the commissioner of navigation in his annual report for 1898, "lies in the unimportant position we hold in trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific trade . . . Conditions of competition on the Atlantic and the Pacific differ in many essentian respects" . . . Where the trade is greatest our shipping is least; where the carrying pays the highest freights, there American ships are almost unknown. In the trade adapted to small vessels, there our ships are seen in larger number; but in the whole of the foreign trade of the world American ships are, relatively speaking, conspicuous by their absence.

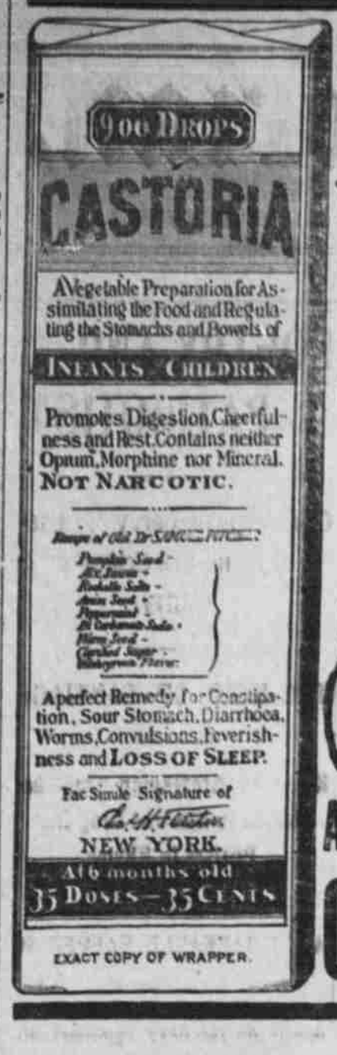
Discussing the subject of our maritime weakness in greater detail, our commissioner of navigation points out:

"The aggregate tonnage of American vessels entered and cleared at ports of the United States from and for Europe in 1897 was only 820,061, while foreign vessels aggregated 22,014,093 tons, the share in the trade under the American flag being less than 4 per cent. . . . Navigation between the United States and Europe cannot, moreover, be intelligently considered by itself. The entries of foreign vessels from Europe amounted to 10,490,468 tons, while the clearances of foreign vessels for Europe amounted to 12,523,625 tons. Thus over 2,000,000 tons of foreign shipping entered the United States from some other continent, took on cargo and then returned to Europe."

It is a well known fact that Europe sells to South and Central American countries more than three-quarters of all that the latter buy from abroad: on the other hand, fully two-thirds of all that is exported from those countries comes to us. It is believed that if American ships did our foreign carrying there would be a readjustment in our South, Central American and West Indian trade that is now so unfavorable to the United States. There is no reason why we should not sell our neighbors to the south as much in value as we buy from them. We produce the same kind of things that they buy, and ours is the market in which they dispose of their surplus products. They, as well as ourselves, would be delighted to secure more intimate relations with the United States.

In our trade with Europe the great foreign steamship lines are well intrenched. There are several lines in our trade with northern Europe which have a tonnage greater than the entire tonnage under the American flag in the navy of the United States. The greatest lines in the world send their finest ships to the Atlantic ports of the United States. It will be hard, if not impossible, to supplant these lines with American lines of American ships. In truth, what we may expect, if we legislate wisely, will be to secure a goodly share of the increase in our European trade—we shall do well, for a half century to come, to do that much.

Our great immediate chance, however, is upon the Pacific. The commerce that will float upon that ocean does not yet exist; it will be rapidly created and as rapidly expand under the stimulus of cheap transportation rates, sure and soon to be offered between our Pacific ports and the orient. Here is where wise and astute statesmanship will show itself; it is here that we can build up a great and powerful merchant marine while we are building up a greater commerce. Let us not lose a point upon the Pacific and there is much of promise for a great marine and a great commerce upon the Pacific, with large profits. What we can do there quickly we can only do on the Atlantic coast slowly—and in the trade with South America our opportunities are vast, if we but grasp them.



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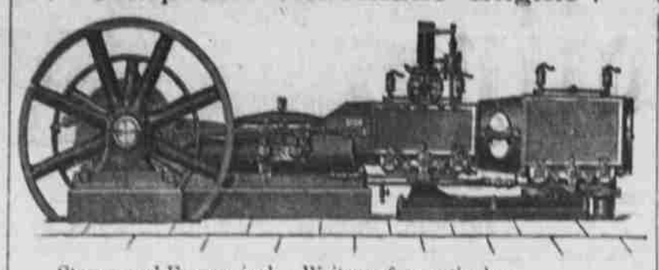

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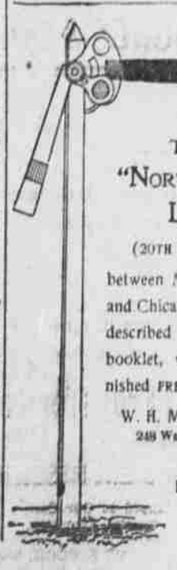

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