

SHIP SUBSIDY OR TARIFF ONLY HOPE MERCHANT MARINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Preferential tariffs or a subsidy remain the only methods of insuring maintenance of an American merchant marine, the shipping board declared today in its annual report to congress. Elimination of discriminatory legislation as a means of indirect aid, the board held, "would seem to leave as the sole way out the assumption by the government of the excess cost of operation."

"This in turn can be accomplished by either of two methods," continued the report. "First by subventions to American vessels while engaged in carrying cargoes to and from the United States sufficient to enable them to compete with foreign ships; or second, by the complete assumption by the taxpayers of the entire cost of operation, the resulting loss being the country's contribution toward a national merchant marine."

From the standpoint of efficiency and economy there can be no choice: Private operation, personal responsibility and individual initiative would require a relatively slight assistance to be placed upon a competitive basis with foreign ship owners. On the other hand, operation by the government with its system of checks and balances has obvious and serious disadvantages."

The report listed these four factors as operating to the disadvantage of American shipowners:

The high standard of living in the United States, with consequent effect on labor costs, which would make "an American built ship represent an investment 25 per cent greater than a similar vessel constructed on the Clyde."

High wage scales on American ships "amounting on an ordinary cargo steamer to approximately \$10,000 a year" more than the wages on a similar foreign ship.

The difficulty of raising capital in the United States for strictly maritime enterprises, as contrasted with certain foreign countries where this field is a popular one for investors.

The advantage held by foreign lines through long careers in the business.

"Some of these handicaps may disappear in time," the report continued. "The most serious, however, are those due to restrictions which are imposed upon our ships by our laws for the general good of the country as a whole. For example our laws require that only citizens of the United States shall be licensed as officers. Because of this they receive and are not begrudged a wage nearly twice that which foreign officers enjoy."

"We can not cavil at the wisdom of such requirements, but the unwisdom of expecting private capital to bear for the national welfare a greater charge than would be imposed under a foreign flag is shown by the pre-war situation."

"Obviously if the country is to impose a financial burden upon its shipping, it must, in order to obtain such shipping, be willing to bear from the national treasury the higher costs which such impositions bring."

INTER-STATE COM. COM. REFUSES TO GRANT INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The inter-state commerce commission today refused a demand that it reconsider all of its work in the physical valuation of the country's railroads.

Petitions making such a demand, presented by the national conference on the valuation of American railroads is headed by Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin were dismissed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—New basis for the application of inter-state express rates were laid down today by the inter-state commerce commission in a decision which refused the American Railway Express company the right to make general increases which it asked. Express companies were ordered to establish new schedules on or before February 21 next, incorporating the charges.

Present inter-state express rates applied to food articles of nearly all kinds, the commission held, are too high and should be reduced by amounts ranging from 10 to 11 per cent. The companies were required to make the reductions by installing changes which will equal those in effect on October 13, 1920, when their increases to the present levels were made.

Cotton Breaks 74 Points
NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The cotton market broke 74 points shortly after the opening today. March contracts were down to 35 cents or \$5.59 a bale from the recent high. Increased crop estimates by private authorities caused a general unloading movement, following weakness in the Liverpool market.

A Nation of Toast Eaters.
CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—A nation of toast eaters is sought by the wheat council of the United States through its "eat more toast" drive opened today. Increased consumption of wheat is expected by the council to result from its concerted move.

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