

PLAN REVIVAL OF MERCHANT MARINE FLEET

Herald Washington Bureau
 WASHINGTON, April 28. — A British fight to either amend or repeal the LaFollette seaman's act so that American shipping can compete with the merchant fleet of the world will be one of the developments of the present congress. Its abolition or modification so that the cost of operating American ships will not be greater than that of foreign competitors means much to the shipping of the Pacific coast and the ports of Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Already the tying up of scores of shipping board vessels because of Japanese and British competition due to low rates and low cost of operation has delayed if not impaired the development of the United States merchant marine, particularly on the Pacific. While Andrew Furuseth is coming on from San Francisco to lead the fight to keep the La Follette bill on the statute books in its present form the head of the seamen's union has before him the fight of his life. Close observers say that there is every probability of a modification at least, of the law which now makes the operation of merchant ships of the United States almost impossible with scant cargo available and a great differential in favor of foreign owned and operated ships.

Strange to say this fight does not start on either the Atlantic, Gulf or the Pacific coast but comes from the Great Lakes where shipping interests have always insisted that the law was never meant to operate. There have been several embryonic attempts to change the law by the owners and operators of lake vessels but this time the whole lake country is in collar fighting for relief. It came about in this way.

Some months ago the great Detroit and Cleveland Navigation company which has for years operated steamers to Mackinac Island announced that this service would be abandoned this summer. Following this announcement comes announcement from all the other smaller lines which were fed by the D and C boats that they have also abandoned their lines. This

New Viceroy



Lord Edmund Talbot has been named viceroy of Ireland under the new home rule act. Irish leaders expect no change in the Irish policy through his appointment by Lloyd George.

leaves the Mackinac and northern resorts without service and many of the city of northern Michigan face a real disaster with the summer tourist and resort traffic cut off. More than 40 of the Chambers of Commerce of Michigan held a joint indignation meeting in Detroit the other day and their representatives are now here ready to start the war to a finish on the LaFollette law which they contend is the real cause of the suspension of all steamship service to the resorts. This is but the starting point and shipping men and merchants of the middle west are going to back up the proposition, to say nothing of the ship owners of the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts. They contend that there is no chance for American shipping to compete with the merchant fleets of the world as long as the law remains for the differential forced against the American ships is too great for any corporation to overcome.

In congress in both houses there is a growing sentiment that the law is both expensive, harmful and without economic justification. Some of the senators will call attention to the fact that seamen crossing the Pacific on merchant vessels of the United States insist on their rights and collect their full pay and allowances in Japanese or other ports and that after carousing and spending all their wages they appeal to the United States consuls and are under this same law returned to the United States as government expense as indigent seamen.

Andrew Furuseth, the head of the Seamen's union, is coming on from San Francisco to make the fight of his life, for if the opposition to the LaFollette act keeps on in volume and speed his organization is doomed either to be wiped out or to accept some radical changes in this measure.

Chiloquin Nine Wins From Modoc Point

"The Chiloquin Punchers" of the Chiloquin grammar school, played the Modoc Point schools in a game of base ball last Friday afternoon. The game lasted over two hours, both teams doing some hard playing. The score was 12 to 5, in favor of the Chiloquin Punchers. The Chiloquin nine are:

Thurmond Jackson, captain and catcher; Ernest Cartwright, pitcher; Francis Silvers, 1st base; Theodore Moore, 2nd base; Gail Cartwright, 3rd base; Patrick Silvers, short stop; Arthur Miller, left field; Alvin Jackson, center field; Elks Jaquete, right field.

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