

## SHORTS ON CANAL'S FUTURE.

WE MUST PREPARE TO CATER TO WIDER MARKETS.

A Ship Subsidy and a Deep Waterway From the Lakes to the Gulf Are Necessary, He Tells the Business Men of Chicago, or the Money Spent Will Be Wasted.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—In an address before one hundred of the most prominent business men of Chicago, Theodore Shonts, retiring chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, to-night declared that the only way the United States will benefit by the construction of the canal is by the passage of the special subsidy bill and the building of a deep waterway from Chicago to the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Shonts spoke before a joint meeting of the Commercial and Merchants clubs, and declared that the only way the United States would benefit by the canal would be in increased trade with South America and Central America.

Mr. Shonts repeated his remarks before the Knife and Fork Club of Kansas City on Thursday evening regarding the preliminary work of the Isthmian in the way of sanitation and housing employees. Comparing the work done by the French and that done by the Americans he said:

If the French had finished either one of the canals contemplated by them it would now be so inadequate to the demands of existing shipping that it would be closed to navigation and be in process of reconstruction into a canal of double width and depth.

The French had on the Isthmus when they gave possession to the Americans about 2,900 buildings, mostly houses for the employees, some excellent hospitals and some storehouses and machine shops. Many of these buildings were capable of repair and have been put into service. They left a vast quantity of machinery, all of it twenty or twenty-five years out of date and virtually worthless.

Aside from erecting fine hospitals, they had done nothing for the preservation of health. Modern methods of preventing disease were unknown in their time.

When the United States purchased from the French company its rights, privileges and property it paid the sum of \$40,000,000 for them. This was not a poor bargain, as in some cases popularly supposed. It was a reasonable estimate of the value of the property of the Panama Canal Company.

I shall not weary you with the details of what was done, but shall sketch for you very briefly the results as they exist to-day. We have in the first place made the Isthmus as safe a place to work in and live in, so far as danger from disease is concerned, as any other tropical country, and even safer than many parts of the United States.

We have established a system of government for the preservation of law and order with the result that, notwithstanding we have a mixed population drawn from all quarters of the earth, serious crime is unknown and arrests are mainly for petty offenses and violations of the sanitary laws. We have created for employees of all kinds towns and villages, varying in population from 100 to 5,000, composed of buildings constructed in accordance with the principles of sanitary science, provided with modern sewerage systems and with abundant supplies of pure water.

We have established commissaries and mess houses and placed it within the power of every employee to obtain good food, cooked and uncooked, at cost prices plus the actual cost of transportation. We have nearly completed the task of converting the Panama Railroad, which was a decrepit single track road, twenty-five years behind the times in personnel and equipment and without terminal yards or docks, into a double track road with modern personnel and equipment.

We have converted the city of Panama, which was without pavement or sewers or water supply, into the best paved, best sewered and best watered city in the northern half of South America. We have supplied the city of Colon and its neighboring town of Cristobal with an abundant supply of pure water, have paved its main street with modern brick pavement and are raising and covering the surfaces of its other streets with crushed rock. We have assembled the larger part of the great plant with which the canal is to be constructed, and we have completed the engineering plans upon which the work is to be carried forward.

Mr. Shonts had something to say as to the benefits of the Canal in the future.

With increased steamship facilities from the ports of the United States to the Isthmus and awakened feeling on the part of our manufacturers and merchants as to the possibilities in the way of trade development in the Latin American countries, there is no reason why the volume of trade between the United States and these countries should not be very largely increased each year, so that by the time the Isthmian Canal is completed the people of the United States will be ready to reap all the advantages which it has in store for them.

It is our property is to continue we must have wider markets for our goods—what better fields for exploitation exist than the territory of our next door neighbors in Central and South America? But while it is necessary to have the markets in which to sell our goods it is equally necessary to have the facilities with which to transport them. I mean by this that the volume of our export trade to-day is seriously hampered by the overtaxed capacity of our railroads, especially at terminal points.

Port terminals are already so scarce and valuable as to render adequate relief in this direction impossible, in fact, impossible at any reasonable cost. It is therefore suggested that there be created a vast interior harbor reaching from Chicago to the Gulf. The idea is not new to you, but present conditions should bring it home to the minds of all of us with greater force than ever before.

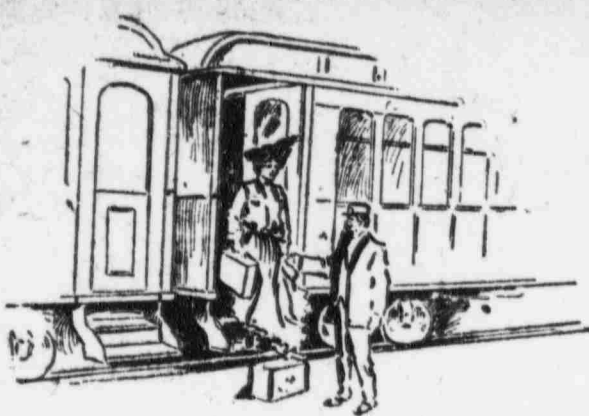
The beneficial effects of such a harbor are many and obvious. In the first place it would furnish opportunities for the creation of terminal facilities along its entire length. In the second place it would build up and develop the entire Mississippi valley by giving it the advantages of terminal ports brought close to its doors. In the third place, and this has a far-reaching effect on our canal proposition, it would give the people of our great middle West, with their geographical proximity and their superior transportation facilities, a distinct advantage over the rest of the country in commanding the South American trade.

Where are the American ships, you may ask, in which to float this commerce? That opens a subject quite too large for more than cursory treatment at this time, but I have no hesitation in saying that, with Secretary Root, I think we should recognize the fact that we are living in a world not of a natural but of a subsidized character, and that we should overcome the artificial disadvantages imposed upon American shipping through the action of our own and foreign governments by an equivalent advantage in the form of a subsidy or subvention.

What is the use of expending millions of American money in the construction of a new highway for American commerce when we have no American ships which to carry that commerce? What is the use of canvassing for trade in South America, when we have no means, save in foreign ships, to transport our goods after we have secured a market for them? Gentlemen, the answers to these questions rest with you and with other American citizens.

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## IN SOCIETY.

A number of notable weddings are scheduled for February, led off by that of Miss Pauline Morton and J. Hopkins Smith, Jr., next Saturday in St. Thomas's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morton, the bride's parents, are living in the fine new establishment of Elihu Root, 733 Park avenue, which will be the scene of the big reception.

Miss Elsie Whitehouse Ladd and Alexander von Gontard are to be married on Tuesday, February 5, at St. Bartholomew's Church. Another big wedding of February 5 will be that of Miss Beatrice Morgan and Frederick S. Prunyn of Albany at St. George's Church. On the following day Miss Louise Vanderhoef and G. Maurice Heckscher will be married in St. Bartholomew's Church, and on that day the wedding of Miss Irene Shepard and B. Devereux Barker of Boston will be celebrated in the Church of the Incarnation. On Wednesday also will occur the wedding of Miss Nellie Shaw and Elias S. Gifford of Boston, the ceremony taking place at the St. Regis, and of Miss Florence Flower and Pierre Lorillard Mabley, who will be married at St. Thomas's Church.

Miss Adaline Havemeyer and Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen are to be married in St. Thomas's Church on Thursday, February 7. This will be the third Havemeyer wedding within two years. Mrs. Perry Tiffany, who was in her maiden days Miss Marie Havemeyer, remarried, and Frederic Havemeyer was married a few months ago to the divorced wife of the late William R. Travers. These two are cousins of the bride-elect.

The table decorations were very effective at the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Whitridge on Tuesday night before their dancing party. The supper tables at Mrs. Fuller's party on Tuesday night were all trimmed effectively with red and white flowers. Miss Frances Gordon Alexander, of whom the elaborate theatre supper of the dinner to be given on Friday night, February 1, will be that of Mr. and Mrs. William Pierson Hamilton, and another will be given by Miss Frith, for her debutante sister, Miss Helen Fish. On Saturday night, Miss Justus Ruppert of 140 East Seventy-first street will give a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ruppert.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. C. Taylor, who sailed on Tuesday for Europe on the Kronprinz Wilhelm, will return in August, when they will go to their cottage at Newport. They will remain a while in London and

Paris and then go to Naples and Cairo.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lewis Rogers were one of the newly married couples who sailed yesterday to pass their honeymoon on the other side. Their wedding on Tuesday was celebrated in the studio of Mrs. George W. Baker, 23 West Sixty-seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turnbull returned from a brief preliminary trip in time to sail for Europe yesterday. They will remain absent until spring and will continue to reside in New York. Mr. Turnbull, who is the youngest son of the late William Turnbull, and his bride are cousins. The latter, who was Miss Alice Winifred Post, presented a charming appearance at the wedding on Tuesday afternoon, in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, in a white satin costume trimmed with old lace. Her veil of this fabric was caught with a wreath of orange blossoms and her only ornament was a diamond pendant, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, who has one debutante daughter, Miss Harriet Alexander, this season and four other girls likely to be introduced in as many successive winters, has charge of the first big fashionable Lenten tableaux vivants to be given in the big ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on Friday, February 15. Many of this winter's girls will pose and the affair will be very similar to that of last year.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Halsey are now on their wedding journey. Mrs. Halsey, who was Miss Helen Garthwaite Wheeler of East Orange, N. J., looked remarkably pretty in her going away gown, which was of gray cloth, braided. The waist, of lace of the same hue, showed some green ornamentation in slashes and the gray felt hat was trimmed with feathers. At the wedding in Grace church on Wednesday Mrs. Halsey's costume was of the richest cream satin, with duchess lace yokes and trimmings.

Mr. Vay de Vaya, who arrived recently from Hungary, has been considerably entertained at the St. Regis. He is on a mission to Corea and will visit Canada before leaving for the Far East. Sir Henry Pellet has attended some of the dinners of the past week. Baroness von Kottwitz arrived on Wednesday from Germany. Vicomte de Martel, who arrived yesterday from France accompanied by Mme. de Martel, is the newly appointed third secretary of the French Embassy. Marquis and Marquise Bené d'Audigne, who were here for a time, have gone on to St. Augustine, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson and their daughter, Miss Corinne Robinson, will leave to-morrow for Washington, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Robinson's brother and sister-in-law, President and Mrs. Roosevelt, at the White House.

Mr. and Mrs. William Goadby Loew, now with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Baker, will occupy at once their new house, 280 Madison avenue.

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college and other settlements will be given to-morrow afternoon and evening and on Tuesday evening in the Berkeley Lyceum Theatre, in West Forty-fourth street. The organization is now in its seventh year and the debutantes of the season are always in the cast of the plays.

Mr. and Mrs. Caspar S. Crowninshield, whose wedding was celebrated in Naples last Thursday, will remain in Italy probably for some time, as the bridegroom is the commercial agent of the United States at Castellamare di Stabia, Italy. He is to be transferred to Naples in June. Mrs. Crowninshield was Miss Grace Scolling and has been living abroad for the last three years with her mother, Mrs. Edward Temple Kane, Mrs. Newbold Le Roy Edgar, Mrs. P. Cooper Hewitt and Mrs. James Lawrence Brees.

Miss Gladys Mills returned from Washington, where she was visiting with Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, in time to be present at the dinner dance of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, on Wednesday night. She wore a pretty pink satin costume. Miss Mabel Gilly returned later in the week from a visit to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Barton Jacobs, near neighbors at Newport, at their fine Baltimore establishment, where they gave a

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dinner for her on Wednesday night. Mrs. Jacobs was the wealthy widow Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stokes of 68 Park avenue gave an Ibsen and Grieg matinee musicale on Friday afternoon.

Among the many dinners of the week were those given on Tuesday night by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson, Jr., and Mrs. Sanford Bissell, who also entertained on Wednesday night. Others who gave dinners on Wednesday were Mrs. Maturin Livingston, Mrs. Whitney Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver

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The annual junior promenade of the New York Homeopathic Medical College will be held at the Hotel Majestic, Friday evening, February 8. The committee in charge consists of F. M. Smith, P. J. Sheridan, J. S. Maeder, W. E. Duell, W. W. Ruggles and W. W. Bry.