

URGES CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF PORT

R. A. C. Smith Says It Is Vital If City Is to Have Proper Harbor Facilities.

NEED PERMANENT BODY Consistent Development Impossible With Frequent Changes of Authority.

Centralized port control, perhaps a joint commission made up of Federal, State and city authorities, such as would marshal the resources of the port of New York intensively and economically is the greatest problem to be solved in all of the big problems of port development.

This is the studied opinion of Commodore R. A. C. Smith, whose many years of experience as a practical shipping man, whose recognizedly brilliant service as Commissioner of Docks under the late Mayor John Purroy Mitchel, and whose knowledge of port conditions, frequently consulted by the engineers of the War Department, lend unusual importance to his views.

A need almost as great, Commodore Smith holds, is for a consistent policy of port administration—some definite course of action which would run without break or interruption, unaffected by the mutations of political power.

Sketches Defects and Needs. In the business of obtaining opinions from officials and citizens cognizant of port needs and strongly concerned as to the future, all toward the end that action be taken speedily by Federal, State and city governments, each within its sphere, toward preserving New York's commerce.

"The Atlantic ports to the utmost," said Commodore Smith, "the port of New York particularly, has been a vast clearing house through which men and supplies were poured to the battlefields of Europe."

"First and foremost, it will be necessary to hold the gains in port efficiency which Federal control has made possible to work for the future."

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"The real trouble with the port of New York, or at least with the New York city portion of it, has been the impossibility of carrying out a consistent policy of port administration."

"An excellent example is the discussion now going on over the transfer of the Sound steamer to the East river. It is not generally known that in 1856 the then City Council advanced placing the Sound lines on the East River."

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A letter from one of his son's brother officers brought word yesterday to James Butler that his son, Lieut. Pierce H. Butler, had died in France of wounds received in battle October 24.

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The Nation's Honor Roll

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