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Waterways and National Defense

A Close Connection Between the Two That Should Appeal to the Business Sense of the Country

By J. HAMPTON MOORE

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A member of congress need not necessarily be a jingo because he talks about our national defense. Any business man who will take enough time from his counting house to inspect the Atlantic seaboard or the Pacific coast will readily understand why proper equipment of our harbors and inland waterways for commerce or defense is not extravagance either in the matter of money or enthusiasm, but is unquestionably in the line of common sense. We need good harbors on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, on the Gulf and on the Great Lakes, because they are essential to our commerce, which means the product of the farm as well as of the factory, while they also afford the medium by which at least one-third of the revenue of the government is obtained.

Recently there has been much jubilation among waterways men along the Mississippi valley over the decision of the state of Illinois to connect up the Great Lakes with the lower Mississippi river through the Illinois river. It is an old project and well worth the expenditure, since the missing link in Illinois will make it possible, if the federal government ever awakens to the importance of it, to connect up in one continuous chain the inland waterways of the Atlantic coast with the gulf, the Great Lakes and the Mississippi river. The question is: will the people of the middle west so study their own necessities in times of peace that they will induce their representatives in congress to join with the representatives of the coast states in providing such waterway connections as will provide for common progress in time of peace and for common defense in times of war?

Any casual observer will agree that we ought to be well fortified in the Hawaiian Islands. We have an army there at the present time of about 9,000 men. We have certain fortifications but there is only one harbor, that at Honolulu, where a naval vessel or a merchantman can run up into a dock. And even at Honolulu the harbor facilities are exceedingly meager. It is said we might put the entire fleet into Pearl harbor when it is ready, but dry dock and dredging and some other problems considered—the question is—when will we be ready? If

an enemy should break through our defense at Hawaii, the Pacific coast might well begin to take alarm. True, we have the navy yard at Bremerton and certain defenses at San Francisco and a good harbor at San Diego, but what of the hundreds of miles of coast in between?

Over on the Atlantic seaboard, where we have the bulk of the population of the United States and most of the wealth of the country, what should we say of the seven foot canal between Philadelphia and New York, which, in the event of a hostile attack might become absolutely necessary for strategic purposes? Or what of the antiquated Chesapeake and Delaware canal, with its depth of nine feet, blocking our own vessels, even to the smallest of our gun boats or boats carrying provisions, and holding us at bay in the very center of our naval activities, with the capital on the Potomac as much exposed to the enemy relatively as it was when the British captured and burned it in 1814?

In the light of our experiences of 1814, (and few of us like to talk about the very unhappy circumstance of the sacking of the nation's capital), or of our experience in the Spanish-American war when we certainly wasted time and money in getting ready for action, what should we say of our business instinct, even if we do not care to discuss strategy, when we recall that we have permitted commerce to fall behind and have increased our own danger by neglecting and permitting to fall into disuse the rivers and waterways, the improvement and preservation of which are dictated by nature and common sense?

The emperor of Germany did not permit the Kiel canal to slip away from him. To a certain extent England did permit her waterways and inland passages to be neglected and abused. We ought to be as wise in this country as the wisest have been in Europe and we ought not to haggle about the cost. The expenditure of public money for the improvement of our harbors and inland waterways means an honest kind of employment to labor, certain inducement to commerce, and a positive defense against our enemies.

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POOL HALL MEN ARE IN DANGER OF LAW

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND THE REVOKING OF LICENSES CONFRONTS THEM.

Sioux City, Nov. 23.—Billiard and pool hall proprietors who have violated state and city laws in allowing minors to frequent their establishments face criminal prosecution and the revoking of their licenses, according to an announcement made by members of the board of education.

Evidence of violations has been unearthed by a detective employed by the school authorities, and this in many cases has been corroborated by several school directors who have made personal investigations.

Issuance of warrants for the alleged violators through the police department or the county attorney's office awaits the formal action of the board which probably will back the charges. Several members of the board are out of the city, and the special session at which the matter will be acted upon will be held late this week. The school directors started their campaign several weeks ago at an executive session, and the hiring of a special investigator was the first step.

"TWILIGHT SLEEP" METHODS ARE USED

Waterloo, Nov. 23.—The use of the twilight anaesthesia in major operations has been introduced by Dr. Joseph A. Jerger, a general surgeon of this city, and with very successful results. This anesthetic eliminates all the disagreeable effects of ether, toxicum, terrific vomiting and other complications, and its success is being followed closely by medical men.

With this anaesthetic recovery from an operation is much more rapid than under the ether or other general anaesthetics. John Adams, of this city, underwent an operation Sunday for the removal of his appendix following an application of the twilight anaesthesia. He slept eight hours and awoke without any pain. The second day he ate a hearty meal and on Tuesday, the third, was discharged from the hospital. Recovery has been almost as rapid in other cases where the anaesthetic was used.

HUNTER ORDERS 20 MORE JURORS DRAWN

Centerville, Nov. 23.—By order of Judge Hunter, twenty jurors have been drawn to report next Monday when court will convene after a vacation over Thanksgiving week. The criminal docket will be taken up at that time and County Attorney W. B. Wilson will be one of the busiest men in town for a few days with the numerous prosecutions for bootlegging.

Cases settled are: The F. P. Coulson road case resulted in his getting verdict for \$720.41. He was originally given \$325 and sued for \$1,200.

The Moulton I. O. O. F. lodge got judgment against Newman Daniels for \$19.

When the accused were called in court Jim Ferrell failed to respond and action has been started on the \$1,000 bond for his appearance.

Ettie Marshall was given a divorce from Gurn Marshall on her cross petition after he started the action.

CHILD SWALLOWS A LITTLE TOY WATCH

Nevada, Nov. 23.—A small daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar Reinertson, of near Slater, met with a peculiar experience and one which might have proven very serious. While playing with a toy watch the child swallowed it. The mother noticing that the child was choking was unable to locate the trouble for a time but finally missed the watch and suspected the trouble. A physician was called and the child taken to Des Moines where an X-ray examination located the watch in the esophagus just below the pharynx. The obstacle was forced through into the stomach and was later passed from the body.

EVANS BLOCK AT SALEM BURNS DOWN

Salem, Nov. 23.—The Evans block, west of the park was consumed by fire Sunday morning. Fire was discovered about five o'clock but had gained such headway that all efforts to save the building were of no avail. It was a two story brick structure and was occupied by Perle Bonser, and family as a hotel and restaurant. Mrs. Bonser and son were visiting at Lowell. Mr. Bonser had gone to the country very early in the morning. The family not being at home at the time it is not known how the fire originated. The building was partly covered by insurance. Mr. Bonser carried \$750 insurance on his stock.

ASKS FOR \$5,000 DAMAGES

Monticello, Nov. 23.—Theron Tracy, the young man who was injured by an automobile driven by Clarence Mattheissen and Mrs. Etta Welch, the widow of the late Wm. Welch, for \$5,000 damages. He claims in his petition that the car driven by Mattheissen was running at a reckless and unlawful rate of speed when it struck him.

WANT JAMES ELLISON

Mt. Air, Nov. 23.—Police in surrounding towns are asked to aid in the search for James Ellison, who broke jail here. He was under two indictments for selling liquor to minors and bootlegging and is also wanted by the federal authorities.

LIABILITIES, \$17,333; ASSETS, \$120.

Des Moines, Nov. 23.—Charles W. Clark, Eddyville farmer, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. He schedules his liabilities at \$17,333.70 and his assets at \$120. All of the latter is claimed exempt.

Dinner Stories

An English publican was prosecuted in London recently for selling a bottle of whisky during prohibited hours. A bottle of whisky similar to that sold was produced as evidence.

The jury heard the evidence and retired to the jury room. They presently returned.

"My lord," said the foreman, "the jury are quite satisfied as to the sale of the bottle, but they are not sure of its contents. May they have the bottle to satisfy themselves?"

"Certainly," declared the judge.

After a brief period the jury filed into the box again.



"Well, gentlemen, have you reached a decision?" asked the judge.

"No case, my lord," said the foreman. "There was not enough evidence to go around."

An actor who recently returned from a successful season in Europe, tells a story of a very old Irishman, who one day astonished a friend by announcing that he was about to get married.



"Married!" exclaimed his friend. "An old man like you?"

"Well, you see," the old man exclaimed, "it's just because I'm getting an old boy now. It's a fine thing to have a wife near you to close your eyes when you have come to the end."

"Ah, don't be so foolish!" exclaimed his friend. "What do you know about it? Close your eyes? Indeed! I've had a couple of them, and, faith, both of them opened mine."

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PLANS UNDER WAY TO DREDGE RIVER

SOUTH STREAM THROUGH WARREN COUNTY WILL BE STRAIGHTENED.

Indianola, Nov. 23.—A second contract has recently been issued for the further dredging of South river. This new contract will make it possible to have the river straightened throughout Warren county. The last contract was let to Philan Shirley & Co., of Omaha, and involves the expenditure of \$110,000.

The new contract specifies that the work shall begin near Ackworth and shall extend in a nearly straight line to the point where South river empties into the Des Moines river some twelve miles distant. About 1,116,000 cubic yards of dirt, will have to be moved at a cost of about 7-13 cents per yard.

The first contract was issued over a year ago to O. P. Herrick, a Des Moines contractor. This contract calls for the straightening of the river for a length of about eleven miles, necessitating the removal of about 645,000 cubic yards of earth. Work on this contract has been much hampered by the excessive rains of last summer and it is doubtful if the work is completed by the time of the expiration of the contract which is Jan. 1, 1916. All summer whenever it was possible to work a night and a day shift was kept busy. The ditch will have an average width of about twenty feet at the bottom and will have a side slope of one-half foot horizontal to every vertical foot. It will drain about 48,000 acres, of which 9,200 are in the overflow region.

JUDGE VERMILION OPENS MONROE TERM

Albia, Nov. 23.—Judge C. W. Vermillion opened the Monroe County district court here Monday for a four weeks' term. Nothing of importance was taken up today but the assignments of cases were made.

EQUITY SOCIETY MEETS.

Waukon, Nov. 23.—The annual convention of the American Society of Equity will be held here Nov. 27. The local committee on arrangements are Dan Williams, John Plage and Carl Hixom. Delegates will be elected to the national convention and National President Chryst and other notable Equity leaders will be present.

school average was 18 per cent lower than the university.

SUGAR TAX NEEDED.

Information from Washington is to the effect that "free sugar" is no longer a dream, but rather a nightmare. The administration which forced through a new tariff law providing for the complete removal of the duty on sugar in 1916, now finds that its free trade tariff, plus its income tax, plus the "war tax" is insufficient to cover mounting expenses of government under present methods, and it is now felt that the tax on sugar must be retained. As the matter stands, the partial removal of the duty has wiped out the beet sugar industry in this country while the public has not been repaid by a reduction in the price.

TIME TO PREPARE.

Hudson Maxim, inventor of many implements of war and more especially of high power explosives, says that the chief lesson to be gotten out of the European war is that in time of peace, we should prepare against war. From his study of war, he is led to believe that any of the first class powers now fighting in Europe, would be able to land an army in the United States and dominate the entire slope east of the Alleghenies in a period of two weeks after the first man stepped ashore.

"Easy Street" is pretty much of a mythical place—at least there are fewer people who are totally relieved from financial worries, than the average person suspects. Lots of men who look mighty prosperous during the day, work late into the night figuring up some way of making ends meet.

Newspaper advertising will be read even more closely and by more people than usual during the coming month. Readers are to be secured, but also get valuable hints as to the kind of Christmas gifts to buy.

The primary election system has not proved a howling success in Illinois and there is a demand for changes. But each party wants credit for making the changes if any are made so the politicians still have something to make into an issue.

Carranza will remain dictator of Mexico as long as he can find some one that will stir up a revolution and that is a cinch in Mexico.

It begins to look as though when the allies set foot in the Balkans, they stepped on a tack.

STATE IS BUSY ON FISH HATCHERIES

Ocheyedan, Nov. 23.—The state is doing great work at the fish hatcheries between Spirit Lake and East Okoboji. Some of the ponds are already completed and the work is still going on, the remainder to be put in this fall. The ponds are now planked with wood, it having been found that cement is worthless for this purpose. Each pond has been lengthened out, and between each pond there are gravel walks and at the corners there will be flower beds. The ponds will cover several blocks when completed and the cost of the ponds and the hatchery to be erected on the site will be \$26,000. With the new hatcheries completed and filled there is no doubt that Spirit Lake will be filled with game fish within the next three years. The pike placed in the lakes this year are developing very rapidly and they are there in great abundance, and this is the first year there has been any real work along this line.

C. B. ATHLETE IS DEAD.

Council Bluffs, Nov. 23.—Horace Barton, 20, a recent graduate of Council Bluffs high school where he excelled in athletics and studies, is dead from having his brain punctured by a nail. He was assisting his father in tearing down a house.

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WHAT IS EDUCATION? What constitutes a practical education? Does a student have to be in touch with present day facts and current news, or is it sufficient to have a grasp of "readin', writin' and 'rithmetic," in order to lay claim to being educated? This is a problem that is attracting some attention at the University of Minnesota where the junior and senior classes quite recently demonstrated that their knowledge of current events is rather limited.

To test the students' knowledge of facts that are of such recent date that few histories carry them as yet, a list of fifty questions covering a rather wide range, was submitted to the two upper classes at the university. Following are some of the answers received from young men and young women who are soon to be handed their sheep skin signifying their education is finished and that they are ready to go out and take their place in the world with the added advantage of being "college bred":

William Jennings Bryan is now president of the United States, Mary Pickford recently was shot to death by German officials after being convicted of espionage, Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson are among living former presidents, A. P. Eberhart is governor of Minnesota, and St. Paul received the ten commandments, according to answers submitted to Raymond A. Kent, assistant professor of education, who conducted the test.

Three students declared Sherman is vice president of the United States, one gave Fairbanks the honor and still another had Secretary of State Lansing holding that office.

Much confusion was encountered in attempting to locate the "Golden Horn," some students placing it on Wall street and others fixing the location near Gibraltar.

A few answers gave Edison credit for inventing the telegraph and in fixing the temperature of the normal body figures ran from 60 to 110 degrees. Also there was a wide diversity of opinion as to the corresponding weight of ice and water.

One question put to the students was to name the motto of the United States and this brought forth interesting answers, which included, "United we stand, divided we fall"; "In God we trust"; "Union forever" and "Millions for defense but not one cent for tribute—in God we trust."

Prof. Kent, who is also principal of the University high school, submitted the questions to his high school pupils with a view to reaching a comparison. The high

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MR. AND MRS. WALLJASPER CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY AT HOME.

West Point, Nov. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walljasper of West Point reached their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, November 21, 1915. Owing to Mr. Walljasper's illness, there were no services at the church. Rev. William Jacoby reciting the prayers for the occasion at the home in the presence of the children and grand children.

Mr. and Mrs. Walljasper were married in West Point, November 21, 1865 by Rev. Mathias Michel. They have made their home in West Point ever since. They have lived on the present fifty acres, just west of town for the past forty-five years. They recently sold their adjoining farm of 185 acres.

Mr. Walljasper was born in Westphalia, Germany, December 6, 1837. He came to this country with his parents and one brother in 1846, settling first in St. Louis, where they remained for five years. In the fall of 1851 they came to West Point.

Mr. Walljasper took up the carpenter trade at an early age. Many of the old and substantial buildings in this vicinity stand as a monument to his skill and ability. St. Mary's parochial school being the foremost.

Mr. Walljasper retired from active life about seven years ago. He has held a directorship in the independent school district of West Point for the past forty years. He is also a director of the Farmers and Citizens' State bank.

Mrs. Walljasper was born in Westphalia, Germany, October 21, 1840. Her maiden name was Mary Rotzger. She came to this country with her parents in 1847 and settled on the present Rotzger farm at St. Paul, Iowa, where she lived up to the time of her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Walljasper have two daughters and a son. Catherine C. is the wife of F. H. Oesenbrink of West Point; Mary G. is the wife of F. X. Friedel of Pleasant Ridge township; Anton B., married Miss Kate Dingman of St. Paul, Iowa, and lives west of town. Two sons died while in infancy. They also adopted one daughter, Mrs. Bert Lyon of Fort Madison. They have nine grandchildren.

Friends and acquaintances visited the happy couple during the day, wishing them many more years of happy wedded life.

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RAISES 100 BUSHELS OF CORN TO ACRE

Knoxville, Nov. 23.—Ralph Arnold, farmer and stock raiser of the Fairview neighborhood, south of Pleasantville in Marion county, says that he raised more than 100 bushels of excellent corn to the acre this season for the first time in all of his forty years of experience in agriculture.

This unusual yield came about in this manner: Mr. Arnold was formerly extensively engaged in stock feeding—cattle, sheep and hogs—and had several small tracts of from one to three acres on his farm that were formerly used as feeding lots. This season he plowed up these tracts and planted each to corn.

In a common or dry season, he says that the richness of the soil would have burned the crop to death. As it was, cold and wet, the conditions were ideal and the result is an extraordinary crop that fully matured long before the first frost.

A \$70,000 LAND DEAL.

Shenandoah, Nov. 23.—Fred Anthony of near Randolph, sold his farm last week to N. S. Heaton for a little more than \$200 per acre, bringing just about \$70,000. Mr. Heaton's son, C. E. Heaton, will get 150 acres of the farm. Mr. Anthony contemplates moving to Shenandoah to make his home.

JUDGE'S WIFE RECOVERING.

Nevada, Nov. 23.—Mrs. E. M. McCall, wife of District Judge McCall, is recovering from a second operation. The operation was for an abscess which formed after her previous operation.