

Merchant Fleet Has Purse Value to U. S. Farmers

Subsidy Insures Disposal of Crop Surplus; Factory Products Must Have Prompt Carriage.

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THE farmer's interest in a merchant marine is evidenced by the cry of the sixteen great agricultural states, ranging from our central valleys to the Pacific, with a population of over 40,000,000 people, for the development of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway, and the widening and deepening of our rivers, including the Mississippi.

As Governor Allen of Kansas has often urged, the farmer feels the toll the railroads collect in bringing his produce to seaboard often marks the difference between ability and inability to compete abroad. For this reason, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence and the Lake-to-the-Gulf waterways are urged in the hope and belief of bringing the seacoast a thousand miles nearer to the valleys of production.

Thus the farmer admits the very essential necessity to his prosperity of water carriage abroad; and surely the same reasons make it imperative that an American merchant marine exist to insure the prompt and regular dispatch of the product of the mine and factory apply to the farmer.

Ships When Needed.

Even the most ardent proponent of our inland waterway development can no longer feel there is any possibility of success to the venture unless we have assurance of ships under our own flag, for the very nature of the commodities and of climatic conditions to be encountered make the use of the St. Lawrence waterway, for instance, seasonal, and for this seasonal purpose we must command our own vessels if we are to make sure of the bottoms when and as we need them.

The world has completely changed in consequence of the late war, and, as outlined in previous articles, no nation's needs have changed more than America's. Therefore, the old arguments that existed against the necessity of a merchant marine no longer hold. But, unfortunately, millions, including the farmer, have not had time or opportunity to develop the facts as to the changed conditions and changed needs; they hold on to the fetiches of the past.

It is often asked by those who are living in the shadows of other days why the farmer should be required to contribute to a subsidy for ships when the product of the farm remains unsubsidized. Such, of course, is far from the fact, because in the protection given by the tariff the farmer, like the manufacturer and all of us, is subsidized and, very properly, to the extent of our needs. Subsidy for ships is the identical thing that tariff protection is to home production.

Leader for Subsidy.

At the hearings held by the joint committee of the senate and house in relation to the proposed subsidy legislation, Mr. J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm federation, testified that, while his association was opposed to subsidies in principle, and certainly to subsidies save for a limited period (which is the view of the Harding administration), a careful study by experts appointed by the federation had led him to testify in behalf of and to urge the enactment of the legislation proposed for the merchant marine.

"Merchant marine rates," said Mr. Howard, "are just as important as railroad rates to the farmer. The farmer may not always realize this fact, because he is able to visualize the rail transportation and does not frequently come in contact with ocean traffic. It is a distinct factor, however, in the price of his commodities, for the surplus of our crops sold abroad largely sets the price of these commodities in this country."

Mr. Howard averred that 23 per cent of our wheat and 56 per cent of our cotton is exported. He figured closely the cost of subsidizing agricultural cargoes under the act and estimated it would amount to an average of 1-4 of a cent a bushel on wheat and 6 cents a bale on cotton.

Farmers' Insurance, He Says.

"The subsidy," said Mr. Howard, "will be a guarantee against loss from failure to reach markets regularly and when markets are best. Marketing is today the farmer's chief problem. The ship subsidy is our best insurance for the marketing of the farmer's exportable surplus."

Some make the point that in the near future America will consume all its farm products and will have no exportable surplus; but still the farmer's interest in an established merchant marine remains supreme, because through a merchant marine we can insure world trade for the products of factory and mine; it means greater prosperity at home and consequent higher prices for the farmer's product, even though none of it be exported.

So, whether it be from the standpoint that the farmer will have surpluses which, if their transportation abroad is not assured, will back up on him to the destruction of his prices; or whether he will have no surplus and relies on the prosperity of the American workers in other callings, the establishment of a merchant marine has become of prime importance.

Because the nations of Europe which owe us vast debts will undertake to buy the product of the

farm and factory that they have formerly obtained from America elsewhere in order not to increase their debt to us, we must insure prompt and regular carriage under our own flag to bring about such efficiency in delivery as will compel trade.

In a previous article I have referred to the fact that when Britain was engaged in the Boer war and had to pull her ships off to her war effort, our grain growers and wool growers found themselves in a bankrupt market because we had not the bottoms with which to export their products. Had we had our own merchant marine our growers never would have suffered this great hardship.

In the next and concluding article of this series I shall undertake to discuss how the government proposes to insure the needed sea carriage.

The final article by Mr. Lasker will appear in The Bee tomorrow.

C. C. Farm Owners Hear Tenant Talk

Question Agricultural Expert on Proper Kind of Lease to Draw Up.

Prof. H. C. Filley of the state agricultural college discussed farm leases before the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. The committee, which includes a number of Omaha business men who own farms in Iowa and Nebraska, has been studying several months drawing up a form of lease that would be fair to the tenant, the landowner and the soil. Members of the committee who favored a long term lease as insuring more interest in maintaining the fertility of the soil questioned Professor Filley on this question. While he advocated a one-year lease in order to give the landlord more control of his property, he advised the inclusion of a clause guaranteeing renewal if the tenant was satisfactory. If the tenant were not notified before July 1 that he was not to have the farm another year, Prof. Filley said the lease should be considered extended.

A modification of the stock share partnership lease drawn up by Professor Lloyd, formerly of Iowa state agricultural college, now of Purdue university, was favored by Professor Filley, who offered to send copies of this to any one writing the state college. Under this arrangement the landlord and tenant would each supply half the machinery and live stock and divide the profits.

Autoist Who Blocked Crosswalks Is Held

Just the other day traffic officers were scored for permitting autoists to crowd pedestrians at crossings. Yesterday Traffic Officer Anton Paulson arrested J. H. Hansen on a charge of violating the traffic rules by blocking a crosswalk at Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets. Hansen was released to appear in central police court this morning by Sgt. Bert Thorpe. Hansen gave his occupation as salesman and his address as 722 South Thirty-seventh street.

Move to Reduce Postage Rates Made in House

Representative Kelly Introduces Bill to Repeal Two of Four Increases Imposed as War Measure.

Omaha Rec Lettered Wire.

Washington, June 9.—Reduction of second class postage rates, which were originally imposed as war taxes, was proposed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative M. Clyde Kelly, Pennsylvania, republican. The bill is intended to give relief to the newspapers and magazines which have made representations to congress that the continuation of high postal rates seriously affected the entire publishing industry.

The Kelly bill would repeal the last two of the four increases in postal rates which were made under the war revenue law of 1917. Representative Kelly, in a statement, pointed out that newspaper and magazine publishers of the country are in need of relief from this discriminatory war tax in order that the press may continue to function. He stated that the proposed measure retains the present zone system of postal charges, but reduces the amount of charge to the second advance in rates which became effective July 1, 1919. According to Mr. Kelly, the rates asked would still give the government 175 per cent more than the prewar rates and would not relieve the publishing industry of one cent of the other federal taxes paid by it in common with other industries.

Trunk Used as Signal of "Blind Tiger," Police Say

Charles Davis, 303 North Sixteenth street, was fined \$25 in central police court yesterday for conducting a disorderly house. Davis' place, according to the raiding squad, used to be known as the "trunk house." For a long while, officers claim, a trunk stood on the walk in front of the place whenever liquor could be purchased in safety. Later an automobile tire was used, and, more recently, a suitcase in the window.

Former Omaha Doctor Back From Trip Through Orient

Dr. Paul H. Ludington, former Omaha physician, who went to Princeton, N. J., is at Hotel Fontenelle for a few days, returning from a five-months' trip through the Orient. Dr. Ludington visited Australia, New Zealand, China, Honolulu, Korea, Japan and other places in the far east. In China, where fighting was going on, the visitor's party incurred nothing more than inconvenience.

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3,000 Straw Hats at a Price, \$1.95

This recent special purchase of spic-span brand new imported Sennet hats of fine and medium weave West Indies, Panamas, Porto Ricans and Japanese Panamas. Scores of correct new styles in yachts, telescopes, alpine, optimo and drop crown.

Hand-made leghorn hats at, \$4 to \$7.50
Hand-made straw hats at ... \$4 to \$7.50
Genuine Panamas, special \$5.00
White golf hats, special 65c

Boys' Shirts and Blouses

In a Sale for Saturday

Boys' sport blouses; plain blue chambray, special at **50c**
Boys' shirts; Kaynee and K. & S. make; \$1.50 and \$1.75 values; Saturday **\$1**
Boys' all wool bathing suits ... **\$3**
Boys' sport blouses, special ... **\$1**
Boys' wash ties, special at ... **25c**
Boys' wash pants, **\$1.50, \$2.50**
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Water Tumblers
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