

### Why American Economic Stability Is Dependent Upon Merchant Marine

By A. D. LASKER, Chairman U. S. Shipping Board.



Until there is an awakened consciousness on the part of all citizens of America that economic stability is dependent on the disposal of our surplus wares and products in world markets there can never be an American merchant marine.

Until the farmer in Kansas, the industrial worker in Indiana, the miner in Arizona realize that the regularity and volume of their daily wage is in a measure as dependent on the establishment of an American merchant marine as is the continuity of employment and the wage of the dock worker in Baltimore or San Francisco, there can be no assured hope that the flag of the United States will be maintained as it should be on the seven seas. Sound economics accept as fundamental that national prosperity is based on continuity of employment at wages consonant with American standards of living.

When surpluses accumulate, prices are demoralized and employment ends until the excess has been consumed.

As long as America had a virgin empire to explore and develop, the need generally for world markets to consume surpluses was not pressing. In our beginning, with 13 states, a narrow strip along the Atlantic, we were a seafaring nation; and immediately after the War of 1812, under wise protective laws, the American flag floated proudest of all on the seas. Beginning with the period of 1849 the opportunity for wealth in our uncharted and undeveloped central and western empire challenged the imagination of America's youth, and the lure of salt water gave place to the call of the unclaimed riches that awaited the overland emigrant.

But America, self-contained and self-sufficient while it was conquering an empire of magic wealth, finds itself now approaching the time of vast surpluses which must be sent into the lands of the world beyond the seas if employment at home and maintenance and stabilization of domestic prices are to exist. We can not rely on foreign bottoms to carry this surplus, for the foreign bottoms necessarily are owned by those nations which have the foreign trade, and when they find our competition pressing the most they will also find reasons and conditions not to give us the bottoms necessary to carry our commerce.

### Amendment That Would Put Sharp Teeth in the Transportation Act

By B. W. HOOPER, Vice-Chairman Railroad Labor Board.

An amendment which would put teeth in the transportation act sharp enough to prevent railroad strikes is needed. In my judgment congress should not have perpetrated the irony of pulling the board's teeth and then telling it to go forth and bite those who interrupt traffic and strangle commerce. The transportation act needs legislative dentistry.

The transportation act uses the word "shall" up to a certain point and there its mandatory provisions cease. It says that the carriers and employees "shall" confer and negotiate for the settlement of their disputes; that if they do not agree they shall take the matter before the railroad board, and that the board shall decide the dispute.

Here the law ceases to be imperative. The board may make its decision, but public opinion is the only force which can be applied toward enforcing it. There is no other court, tribunal, or agency of the government that does not possess the power to inflict penalties for the violation of its decisions.

### United States at the International Exposition in Rio de Janeiro

By FRANCIS J. POSTERLAND, New York.

Decision of congress that this country shall be recognized at the international exposition in Rio de Janeiro next year will have a wholesome effect upon relations of South and Central American nations with the United States.

Virtually every nation in the civilized world will be represented at the exposition. There will be a real opportunity for the people of all nations to become acquainted with the activities of every other nation. And that is really one of the most important things of the present era, for if we know our neighboring nations there is little likelihood of a misunderstanding or quarrel.

The United States government owes it to the citizens of this nation to see that the representation of this country is fitting to the position it occupies as one of the greatest powers of the world. The business interests of this country and the people of the nation generally have a great deal to gain by cementing that spirit of friendly cooperation and affection which the Pan-American Union has aroused between the nations of the Americas.

### One Country That Can Never Dispute an Obligation Once Issued

By REPRESENTATIVE W. BOURKE COCHRAN of New York.

There may be some governments willing to ignore their obligations to us. But there is one country that certainly can never dispute an obligation which she has once issued.

England's greatness depends entirely upon her reputation for commercial probity. She was not the leading country of the world when the system of coinage established on the advice of Locke and Newton assured every man who deposited a thousand pounds in an English bank, that he would get it back in money of precisely the same value. It was this reputation for commercial probity that made her the depository of the money of the whole world.

The world has for many years divided at the feet of England, not because of her fleets or her armies, but because her commercial probity has never been questioned.

### THE KITCHEN CABINET

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I'm proof against that word "failure." I've seen behind. The only failure a man ought to fear is failure in cleaving to the purpose he sees to be best.—George Eliot.

#### A FEW NUT SALADS

The amount of nuts added to any combination used as a salad adds greatly to its nutritive value.

**Peanut Salad.**—Take one head of lettuce, wash and separate the leaves, then wrap and put away to drain. Remove the seeds from a green pepper, also the white membrane, and cut the pepper into wafer-like slices. Rub the

skins from one cupful of peanuts and chop coarsely. When ready to serve, place the lettuce in a salad bowl, scatter the pepper and nuts over it and decorate with forms cut from pimento. Season well with salt, paprika and pepper. Serve with French or boiled dressing.

**Cream Cheese, Grape and Pecan Salad.**—Take one pound of California grapes, remove the seeds and mix with one-quarter pound of pecan nuts broken in bits; add French or mayonnaise dressing and place on head lettuce. Take one cream cheese, mix with cream to soften, then press through a ricer over the salad. Decorate with halved nuts and forms cut from canned red peppers.

**Almond and Banana Salad.**—Peel and scrape three bananas, cut in quarters lengthwise and sprinkle with lemon juice. Chop one-half pound of salted almonds very fine; roll the bananas in them. Arrange on head lettuce and sprinkle with seeded grapes. Pour over French dressing made by using lemon juice instead of vinegar.

**Walnuts and Potato Salad.**—Chop six cold boiled potatoes, one-half cupful of nut meats, one small cooked beet, three or four pickles, a stalk of celery, one-half of a green pepper, finely shredded, and one cupful of thick, rich, highly-seasoned boiled dressing. Press into a mold and let stand to chill; serve on lettuce that has been sprinkled with onion juice.

**Hard Sauce.**—Cream one-half cupful of butter; add one cupful of powdered sugar, then fold in the stiffly beaten white of an egg. Cream may be used in place of the egg, whipped until stiff, using two tablespoonfuls of butter instead of the half cupful.

If, instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the gift of loving thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving, I think, as the angels must give.—George MacDonald.

#### SEASONABLE GOOD THINGS

Those who are fond of cottage cheese will find some suggestions from the following recipes:

**Cottage Cheese Loaf.**—Take one cupful of chopped cooked carrots, one cupful of ground peanuts, one cupful of bread crumbs, one cupful of cottage cheese, two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of sweet fat, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, a little onion juice, one-half teaspoonful of mustard, one teaspoonful or less of salt, a few dashes of cayenne and paprika.

**Cheese Salad.**—Put cottage cheese mixed with two tablespoonfuls of boiled salad dressing—using one cupful of the cheese—through a ricer and heap on hearts of lettuce. Serve with a spoonful of the dressing on the top of each.

**Luncheon Croquettes.**—Take three-fourths of a pound of cottage cheese, one cupful of chopped carrots, one onion chopped fine, one tablespoonful of flour, two eggs, salt and pepper and one cupful of yellow corn meal. Boil the carrots in salt water ten minutes then add the chopped onion and cook until tender. Season the cheese, add one egg well beaten, then the cooked vegetables. Mould into croquette shapes, roll in corn meal, dip in egg and fry in deep fat until crisp and brown. Serve with or without sauce.

**Cottage Cheese Sandwich Filling.**—Chop one-quarter cupful of candied cherries, add to one cupful of cheese that has been enriched with cream (to the consistency for spreading, season with a dash of salt and sugar and spread on white buttered bread for sandwiches.

**Brazil Nut, Orange and Pineapple Salad.**—Wash the heart leaves of lettuce and arrange for individual service. Take one cupful of pineapple cut in dice, two oranges divided into sections and one-half pound of Brazil nuts, with skins removed and cut in thin slices. Mix well and add whipped cream, with two tablespoonfuls of boiled salad dressing and seasoning to taste to one cupful of whipped cream. Serve on the lettuce.

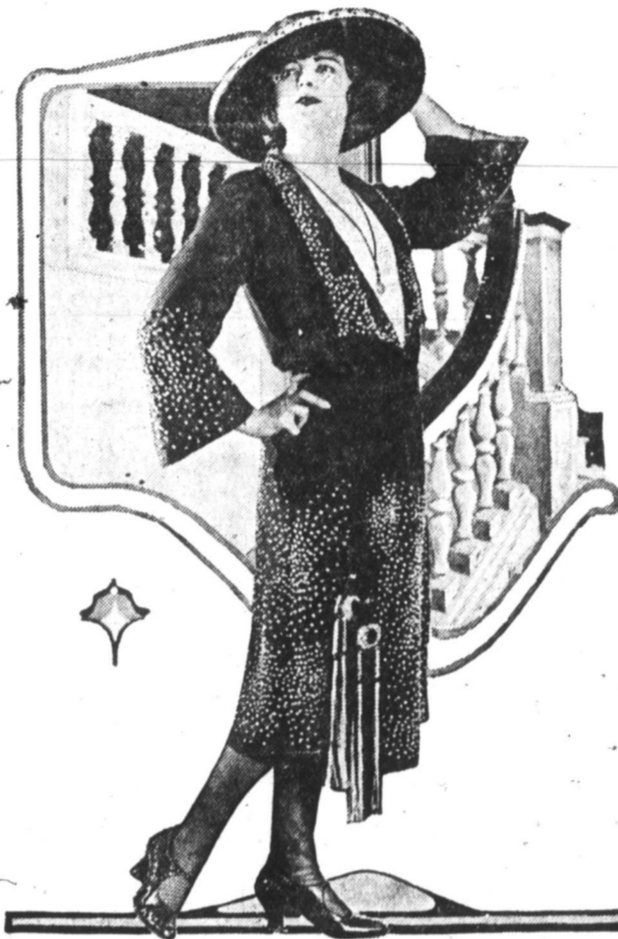
**Rhubarb and Pear Salad.**—Bake two cupfuls of rhubarb with one-half cupful of sugar until tender but unbroken; chill. Mix with four tablespoonfuls of olive oil, two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, a teaspoonful of powdered sugar and salt with a dash of cayenne. Arrange the rhubarb over halves of pears; pour over the dressing and sprinkle with a little chopped candied ginger.

### REFLECTING SPANISH MODES; WOMEN TURN TO BLOUSES

WITH consummate skill the designer of the handsome afternoon toilette shown here has cast the glamour of Spanish modes over a gown that is constructed along strictly fashionable lines. With the grace and dignity of this season's styles it combines the vivacity and dash that belong to those of Spain—it speaks American with a delightful Spanish accent, and is one of the finest examples of practical adaptation of foreign ideas to our own. The hat that is worn with this gown should be, and is, entirely in keeping with it. Again we have clothes designed for

keep up a continuous and interesting performance. They are busy now making blouses for spring, and resourceful women can imitate them, using their indoor time to prepare for their spring and summer needs.

For present wear there are many crepe de chine blouses in colors and black, others in which crepe de chine and georgette are combined, and two or three colors used. Black blouses of crepe de chine, trimmed with bands of the same material, printed in the brilliant colorings of Paisley shawls, are among handsome novelties and these Paisley patterns are also used



IN THE SPANISH MODE

ladies, and this costume proves that they need not be tame.

This gown, as illustrated, employs black crepe-satin with an embroidery of knots in putty-colored chenille, that has the effect of beading. The embroidery design is very unusual. The flaring sleeves and long collar repeat the decorative feature that covers three-quarters of the skirt and the most is made of the vogue for tassels, with immense and handsome ones at the ends of the girdle.

Since the slim silhouette appears to have come to stay for some time, and skirts are growing longer, the straight-line dress must be redeemed from plainness by the ingenuity of designers. They are depending much upon girdles, draperies, panels, plaits and contrasting materials, and the vogue for decorative and unusual sleeves is an ally that saves the day for them in many a dress. Their resourcefulness is so great that we have ceased to be astonished while we continue to be fascinated by the wonderful decorative features brought out in the season's gowns. Crepe de chine, georgette and other crepes, with crepe-satin and chiffon velvet are the vehicles that best

in the body of blouses combined with plain crepe de chine in dark colors. Black with jade or other vivid green, or with strong blues, has many admirers along with various other color combinations. Henna continues to be a favorite for dressy blouses and is very rich in satin or crepe de chine.

Over-the-skirt styles are in the ascendancy, but they vary from the very short pelum to long costume blouses; length is a matter of preference. Decorative sleeves and the low waistline are points that reflect the most successful style features of frocks and the two dressy blouses pictured are fine examples of the mode. One of them made of crepe-satin, has very wide kimono sleeves, short pelum and long waistline, indicated by a sash with long ends, which is merely a French fold of satin. Embroidery in bright contrasting colors is used on these dark-colored blouses and they are very smart with velvet skirts.

Lace, in company with georgette plays an important part in the other model shown. The lace appears in a panel that is fastened in at the front, but hangs free at the back. It lengthens the sleeves with a flounce and all



SMART MODELS IN BLOUSES

interpret the styles of today in afternoon dresses.

One is safe in choosing crepe de chine and other crepes, as they are scheduled to play an important part in next summer styles and are more than likely to hold the center of the stage.

When winter apparel begins to grow monotonous, and the wardrobe needs spicing, women turn to blouses. There are always new and beautiful ones, brightening up the interval between seasons, and an occasional smart model is an inspiration that almost any woman may allow herself. Therefore blouses come and go in endless procession—their designers

the edges are bound with satin. Black lace over georgette makes opportunity for such popular combinations as black and king's blue or black and jade green.

Julia Bottomley

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The Ostrich Plume. The single plume of the ostrich has a variety of uses. It is tucked in with velvet flowers at the girdle, used as a one-plume fan or tips the ends of wide ribbon streamers.

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