Shipping Problem First

cause Congress would never sanction the present method of operating Government ships if it ever got at the facts.

The new policy which Mr. Harding was about to put into effect is more in line with congressional sentiment than any plan that has yet been proposed. And after all the Shipping Board is not an executive department but an independent establishment responsible to Congress.

What Mr. Farley is proposing to the President is that the Shipping Board shall turn from one form of Government operation to another. The Government has always operators of ships—ever since the war. But the actual work was done and is being done still by agents known as "managing operators." / They have established lines and companies. The Government pays these managing operators a commission on gross revenue. It doesn't matter whether a line is making money or not. The commission must be paid just the same. As a matter of fact most of the lines have been losing money and the Government has been meeting the losses. The companies organized by these managing operators arrowned by them—all the good will and contracts for facilities are the property of the private operators. The Government heretofore has simply depended upon the agents for operation. ply depended upon the agents for

operation.

All this was to be changed by President Harding following the defeat of the subsidy bill. He sensed the opinion of Congress to be that public funds could not be used to enrich private individuals. If a subsidy wasn't to be granted, then a commission would be equally disapproved. Preparations were made to have the American Government enter into direct operation, hiring personnel not on a commission basis but our salaries. The lines were to be grouped into from 12 to 18 corporations which the Government was to

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at once whether the policy approved by the late President Harding shall be continued or amended. He must act at once.

The President thus far has given the impression of a man who doesn't know what it's all about but who wants to tread cautiously and familiarize himself first with the why and wherefore of the whole matter.

The fortunately shipping is such a complicated affair that a few conferences with Chairman Farley and the members of the Shipping Board will hardly give the President and the members of the Shipping Board or see the whole thing disintegrate before him. Mr. Harding speat more time on the shipping guestion than anything else. Searcely a day went by that he didn't work on it. Chairman Farley came into office with a distinct understanding that President thanding and over the opposite and there are rumors that he wants to do so but the truth is the President doesn't know enough about it to have such a rumor circulated when he gets down to the bottom of it, he will approve what has been laid before him. He will do so because Congress would never sanction Governess method of operating Governess ships if it ever got at the facts.

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Coolidge Has To Settle

Must Make Up Mind and That Before Congress Convenes
Whether Will Approve Policy of Harding or Listen
to Entreaties of Private Interests

By DAVID LAWRENCE
Convenient 1921 by The Daily Advance
Washington, August 18.—President Coolidge has come face to face with his first major problem—shipping policy—and he cannot wait for Congress to convene but must make up his mind at once whether the policy approved by the late President Harding shall be continued or amended. He must act at once.

The President thus far has own in entirety, facilities, good-will, given the impression of a man ships, equipment—everything. Natwork of the Monor of standing on this his toric spot a few moments ago white at the landing I tried to visualize the ships of the Mother country salling who doesn't know what it's all urally the agents who now have the poput but who wants to tread commission system without any of the Mother country salling "Our ancestors came here and seven the campaign closes." when the campaign closes

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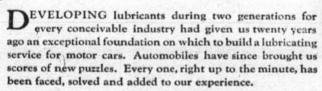
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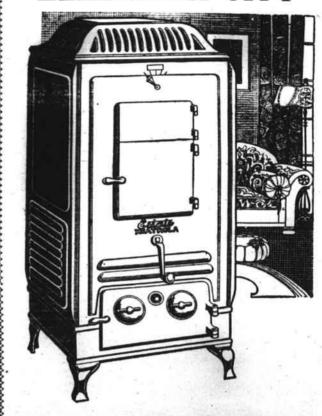
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