

**BELIEVES BRITISH WOULD HEAD OFF SHIPPING GROWTH**

**Hale Calls For Investigation Of Propaganda Against Our Interests**

Washington, D. C., April 17.—Following evidences of an organized effort to alien interests to check the development of new American trade routes by forcing the immediate sale of our government owned merchant marine and at the same time securing the cancellation of certain export rates, Matthew Hale, in behalf of the South Atlantic states association, has asked for an investigation of British propaganda in this country.

He has addressed a letter to the eight senators, representing the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida, calling their attention to the fact that Delos W. Cooke, associate director of British canal lines, under Sir Ashley Sparks, heads the list of the committee which will appeal to the Trunk Line association, and the Interstate Commerce commission for the cancellation of export freight rates to South Atlantic ports, which compete for traffic in the middlewest with Halifax, a British port.

**Points Out Agitation**  
Attention is also called to the agitation certain large shipping interests which formerly operated to a large extent under British flag, are conducting up of our huge new merchant marine. This activity is said to be in direct accord with the policies desired by British shipping firms in their fear of American competition. It is claimed that some American railroad and shipping interests as well as commercial organizations have been induced by misrepresentation of facts, to cooperate with what is essentially pro-British activity. The letter asking for congressional investigation, is as follows:

"April 16, 1920.  
Senator F. D. Simmons, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.  
Dear Senator: On behalf of the South Atlantic States association, composed of over forty commercial bodies of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, we wish to call your attention to something serious enough in our judgment to warrant prompt congressional investigation. We refer to what seems to be definite British propaganda designed to handicap the development of our new trade routes so necessary to the commercial expansion of the middlewest, the South Atlantic ports and the Gulf ports: First, by attempting to bring about the immediate forced sale of our government-owned vessels, and second, by opposing the recent export rate revision which gives manufacturers and shippers of the Mississippi valley freer access to foreign markets.

"As you know, the South Atlantic States are now enjoying increased prosperity due to the export freight rates recently established by the railroad administration to the South Atlantic ports. These rates place southern ports, for the first time in their history, on a par with New York. The great British steamship lines do not relish the diversion of traffic which results. Apparently, with their approval, Delos W. Cooke, associate director of the British canal lines, second in command to Sir Ashley Sparks, has joined with him some of the more selfish and less broadminded shipping and railroad interests of the North Atlantic, and is actively striving to obtain the cancellation of these rates.

"The fact that certain commercial organizations in various North Atlantic ports have been induced by misrepresentation of the facts to cooperate, should not disguise from us the essential pro-British character of this activity.

**Want Rates Cancelled**  
"The enmity of these forces does not stop here. At the same time they are agitating for the cancellation of export rates to South Atlantic ports, not served by their steamship lines, they advocate the continuance of similar export rates to Halifax, a British port which is served by their lines. They ask in substance that export freight from the middlewest be hauled to Halifax at practically the same rate as to New York, although Halifax is obviously much farther from the middlewest than our South Atlantic or Gulf ports.

"In regard to the merchant marine, Lord Inchcape disclosed the definite interest which British shipping firms have in the precipitate dissolution of our huge new merchant fleet. He said: 'If the United States government will only turn the shipping board over to private owners and leave the owners to compete with private enterprises in this country, I am not afraid, but if the government on the other side of the Atlantic are out to tax the people to build up a merchant marine at all costs, the outlook for the shipping board industry of these islands is anything but rosy. I am hopeful, however, that the government of the United States will leave the shipping industry of the world, including their own, to look after itself.'

"The agitation for the immediate sale of our merchant marine started from big New York shipping companies which operated to a large extent under British flag, or were financially allied to British shipping interests. Their aims are, perhaps naturally, to compete the accord with Lord Inchcape's wish that the huge fleet owned by the government be broken up into smaller units under private control, with which competition is easy.

**Quotes Benson.**  
"Admiral Benson in a recent speech, said in referring to the shipping board and its work: 'The unusually high record of performance is often forgotten because of the malicious spreading of exaggerated accounts which now and then appear in the press frequently under foreign data-line. The art of propaganda is still being used in an attempt to tear down what we are both proud and American merchant marine, made up of ships built by Americans, owned by American capital, and carrying the products of this country.'

**HIRAM'S STRENGTH IN ILLINOIS RACE WORRIES OTHERS**

**Neither Lowden Nor Wood Jubilant Over The Result Of Primary**

(Special to The Star)  
Chicago, April 17.—Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois is still in the presidential race, but his tail feathers are somewhat bedraggled. He carried his home state by approximately 75,000 over General Wood. Yet his backers are far from being radiant. They have issued jubilant statements—professing a cheerfulness they are far from feeling. General Wood's headquarters here issued a similar statement—and feel about the same way. General Wood's managers, at the last moment, had confidently claimed the state, had made a thorough canvass and had spent a vast amount of money. They advertised heavily throughout the state; held daily meetings in the big Chicago theaters, and the blare of Wood bands made the day hideous to "loopy" workers in Chicago for ten days prior to election.

**No Clean Cut Victory**  
There was no clean-cut victory for anybody, as General Wood defeated Lowden in Cook county—which is practically Chicago—by over 27,000 votes, and if the farmers had not rallied to their governor to the tune of about a hundred thousand plurality Lowden would have lost.

As it is, General Wood will have fifteen of the state's delegates. Lowden will have all the rest, but one. Senator Hiram Johnson will have one lonesome delegate, but the real victory in Illinois belongs to the California man nevertheless.

Only the names of Lowden and Wood appeared on the ballot. Those who wished to vote for anybody else had to write his name on the ballot. In 1916 an attempt was made to get the Illinois endorsement for Colonel Roosevelt for the republican convention. He was not a formal candidate, and an organized effort was made to have voters write in his name. About 15,000 responded. This week, with no attempt whatever by Johnson's friends to get any votes for him, over 40,000 men and women in Cook county wrote his name on the ballot, and in the entire state his vote exceeded 45,000. This was about one-eighth of the vote polled for Governor Lowden, in whose behalf an elaborate campaign was made, and about one-sixth the total of General Wood, who canvassed the state thoroughly and for whom a vast amount of money was spent.

**Lowden Forces Grieved**  
The Lowden forces are grieved at the governor's failure to carry the largest county in the state, and at a substantial portion of the state's delegation being instructed for other candidates.

The result showed the farmers were against him, since Illinois, the leading farm state of the country, snubbed him under in the rural districts.

And both the Wood and Lowden managers are thoroughly scared at Johnson's unexpected strength, especially following the smashing Johnson victory of last week in Michigan.

Many far-reaching results may come about through the Illinois primary. It had engendered low bitterness between Wood and Lowden. In their common fear of the growing Johnson movement, some of this may abate, although there is no surface—or even sub-surface—indication of this.

Both the Wood and Lowden managers assert that the Johnson vote was largely induced by the activities of Mayor William Hale Thompson's cohorts. They point out that Mayor Thompson—who himself won a sweeping victory in the fight for control of the republican party machine in Chicago—had given no indication of his preference for the presidency.

**No Real Friendliness**  
It is common gossip here that Lowden and Thompson are about as friendly as a bull-dog and a tom-cat thrown together in a pit. Thompson is outspokenly against military training, of which General Wood is the foremost protagonist. Thompson has a closely knit and wonderfully effective political machine which has been winning consistent victories in republican factional battles in Chicago for the past two years.

Both the Wood and Lowden people say if word went forth quietly among Thompson workers to support Johnson, this would account for the writing in of Johnson's name, and perhaps this is true.

However, since Thompson's triumph here, a new "dark horse" has been added. His name is "William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago." The mayor's followers insist that the real victory in Illinois was his; that none of the other aspirants to the nomination have shown qualities necessary for successful leadership, and that he is therefore available.

This may impress the nation generally as a joke. It impresses most people not affiliated with the Thompson machine. But the Thompson people do not regard it as a joke. They are really in earnest. There is a large number of voters here who actually believe William Hale Thompson to be a great statesman.

Of course, he cannot be nominated, but the addition of his name to the list of candidates favoring congressional legislation to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and light wines. The fight will be carried to both conventions, it is announced.

There was no contest on the democratic side at the Illinois primaries and nothing of interest in democratic politics developed during the week.

My friend from Kalamazoo says that he has lost his faith in men so he has taken to playing games. He says chessmen are always above board, and checkers are generally found to be on the square.

China is to have an extended system of aerial travel routes for the carrying of passengers and freight.

Bunghaw Aprons and House Dresses at Renner's Department Store. (adv.)

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- 50c curtain net with lace edge, worth 65c per yard. On sale Wednesday for, per yard ..... **40c** (This is a special bargain)
- \$2.50 feather pillows: full size, neat, fancy ticking ..... **\$2.00**
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- \$5.00 large rag rugs in all light shades. Wednesday sale price ..... **\$4.25**
- \$150.00 Wilton velvet rugs. Wednesday special ..... **\$120**
- \$80.00 Claxtonola—The world's greatest talking machine. Special for Wednesday ..... **\$60.00**
- \$7.50 straw matting rug, 9x12 size. Special Wednesday ..... **\$5.75**
- \$15.00 gardeners and vases. Special for Wednesday ..... **\$12.00**
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