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Why Sacrifice Our Ships?

We can not exactly see the connection between failure of President Harding's ship subsidy bill and the intention of the president and Chairman Lasker of the shipping board to take the government entirely out of the shipping business. The subsidy was not for the government operation of ships but for private ship operators. However, the best interpretation of the administration's determination to sell government-owned ships is that if the administration can not help private shipowners by a subsidy, the government does not propose to compete with private operators by government operation of ships.

The next thing on the shipping program is thus announced in a Washington dispatch: "Abandoning all hope of a ship subsidy, Chairman Lasker of the shipping board on Monday submitted to President Harding an alternative plan for disposition of the government merchant fleet under the terms of the Jones act." The meaning of that is that the administration proposes to sell all government ships at whatever they will bring. This plan has been under consideration for some time, Chairman Lasker explains, in order that a shipping program could be announced promptly if the subsidy bill failed of passage.

The board is either to sell or scrap all government merchant ships, but Chairman Lasker withholds official announcement of his plan to "liquidate" the government's shipping business, so the government can retire from all kinds of maritime business whatsoever. It is said at Washington that the best of the government's ships are to go to three private corporations, and the balance of the vessels are to be sold to whomsoever wants them. President Harding favors the plan so as the immense cost of keeping these ships in condition while they are idle can be lifted off the government.

The government (at least the Harding administration) has never seriously undertaken to carry on a merchant marine business, because the Republican plan has been to take the government out of business. Since the government has never tried to carry on commerce, so anybody can notice it, there is no wonder that its great fleet of ships is idle and rusting at the docks in certain ports. If the ships are to be sold at whatever the shipping board can get, congress ought to take a hand in the sale. However, the Jones shipping bill is supposed to provide the means for selling our idle ships.

Some time ago it was said that one corporation organized to buy ships of the American fleet intended to resell them in Europe. If that were done, European ship operators get them at a bargain and be in a better position to compete with American ship operators. If the ships are to be given away, they ought to be disposed of to Americans. We might like to have a half dozen or more of them be operated out of Wilmington and other North Carolina seaways.

It is said that President Harding and the shipping board have a plan which is soon to be announced. The general proposition is to sell the ships to two or three corporations on easy terms, but it has been suggested that a better plan would be to transfer the ships to private firms formed for the purpose of operating them out of the various ports of the country.

If the government does not propose to remain in the shipping business, and it does not, a good plan would be to give corporations or private indi-

viduals at every port an opportunity to take over a number of those ships on easy terms. If North Carolina, under Governor Morrison's plan, is not going to invest in a few ships, it might be a good idea to organize a North Carolina maritime corporation, composed of North Carolina business men, for the purpose of operating a number of ships out of North Carolina ports. At least 17 North Carolina products already go by exports to foreign countries, but only one of our state products goes through a North Carolina port.

There is plenty of business in North Carolina for ships going out of North Carolina waters, now going out of other waters. Since North Carolina is rapidly developing her industries and is attracting New England manufacturers on account of her natural advantages, we may as well anticipate now that the prime necessity of any greater industrial development is a deep water port and regular sailings of ships out of that port.

New England has more than one deep water port, and North Carolina had at least one major port, it would tremendously increase industrial opportunities in North Carolina. The fact is, a deep water port for North Carolina's industries is imperative. North Carolina does not seem to have waked up to the fact that cotton goods, manufactured tobacco, and leaf tobacco, passing out of the state for export are valued at not less than \$200,000,000 annually. It is a rather singular fact that most of North Carolina's exporters and importers confine their activities to central and piedmont Carolina. The volume of export and import trade of some of our interior North Carolina cities would astonish the natives.

If any South Atlantic state needs a deep water port and a maritime business to go along with it, that state is North Carolina. If the government wants a maritime policy, let it give all the country's ports the first chance at the government's idle ships. Uncle Sam has an opportunity to equip his ports with ships, and work out a plan for doing it.

Those of Little Faith

Page the knocker! Lord Carnavan, chief publicity agent for the defunct Egyptian royalty, has been giving us glowing accounts of the beauty and wonder of ancient art specimens from the tomb of King Tutankhamen, supposed to have been buried 3,500 years ago, but along comes a director of the Egyptian museum, at Turin, who says the objects unearthed at Luxor are neither particularly beautiful nor new.

Of course they are not new, but they are interesting because we are fed up on the allegation that they belonged to a civilization which existed more than 3,000 years ago. Ancient treasures which Luxor news hounds glowingly describe are even called "junk" in the American language. Certain Egyptologists in England, who were not in on the exploration of King Tut's tomb, have let it be known that they are from Missouri as to the particular value of any revelations forthcoming from the royal burying ground of the Pharaohs.

Where mysteries are involved in disputes we can rely only on faith, so it is safe to predict that one Dr. Percy Stickney Grant of New York is not ready yet to affirm his belief in anything relating to ancient times. He depends on science, although real scientists announce most every day that some of the accepted tenets of science are constantly being exploded. Even science seems to be in more of an evolutionary state than religion. Nothing seems to be absolutely settled about theories, doctrines, dogmas and faiths. After all, the allegations coming from Luxor, nor the new Broadway religion, nor the exigencies from Main street settle nothing.

What Does Harding Mean?

President Harding is being praised and criticized for making a frank proposition for American recognition of the permanent court of international justice for the trial and decision of international causes by judicial methods. The court, the president pointed out in his message to congress last Saturday, "is organized and functioning." Since the United States is a competent suitor in that court, Mr. Harding urges this country's full participation in that court provided it will not involve our recognition of the league of nations. We find in the New York Times of Tuesday this comment:

It seems that the senate of the United States has lost the power of looking straight at any given proposal and judging it on its merits. There are always senators who ask, "What is behind this?" Concealed inventions and unworthy motives are always suspected. So we have today the senate shying like a horse at imaginary obstacles and wondering what the president could really have meant by asking at the present time for approval of his plan to enter the international court of justice. Was it simply that he was stealing a march on Senator Borah? Did he choose this method of trying to reassure Europe that the United

States would not wholly abandon her? Was the president's idea merely to get the subject before the country so that he might discuss it in speeches this summer and make it a part of his campaign for a renomination next year? These are the questions which so take up the time of senators that they can not give any thought to the actual big issue which the president has placed before them.

Another difficulty in the way of action is the make-up of the senate committee on foreign relations. That committee was so carefully packed against the league of nations that it can not now be unpacked. It has more than a fair proportion of irreconcilable senators in its membership. President Harding really is willing to accept the best part of the league of nations without being willing to acknowledge this country's obligations to that body. Instead of being a "super nation," as irreconcilables and even President Harding once saw it, the despised league is such an orderly body that it has actually created the only means by which international controversies may be settled. Indeed, in doing that, the league itself has functioned grandly. With the United States ignoring the league, if not snubbing it, the league has provided for us the only way we can escape international difficulties. Instead of being a power likely to use a league army to overawe the world, the league has supplanted itself with a court which is to settle controversies by judicial process.

While it is evident that the course suggested by the president shows the hand of Secretary of State Hughes, Mr. Harding fathers it and has to stand up for it. If we get into the world court without recognizing the league, the main issue in the presidential campaign next year, on the part of the Democrats, will be recognition of the league of nations. The president has made it the issue by recognizing the league's biggest accomplishment, and the Republicans are welcomed to a situation they have created themselves.

Here are the different ways it is being spelled: Tutankhamen, Tuteankhamen, Tut-ankh-amen, Tu-tank-hamen, etc. The Houston Post says: "Spell it as you please. There is not a highbrow in the country who can call you down." The Montgomery Advertiser says: "Neither one was the king's Christian name, anyway." Since this Pharaoh is alleged to have been born 3,500 years before the Christian era, his regular name might have been something else.

A member of the British cabinet declared the other day: "We haven't found out yet what France expects to get by her invasion of the Ruhr." Well, she's already got what she wants. The future map of France will explain everything.

When cotton went up to 29.62 cents a pound last Tuesday, L. M. Wise, a farmer who lives near Prosperity, S. C., went to market and sold 500 bales of cotton. A farmer who can pocket close to \$75,000 for his hoard of fleeces must be more or less interested in farming under boll weevil conditions. Probably, the people who have to worry about the ravages of the boll weevil are the manufacturers and the wearers of cotton goods.

CONTEMPORARY VIEWS.

IMPORTANT FACTOR OVERLOOKED

It has always been so that the man who does not need help can get it. So-called labor leaders and statesmen since the memory of man runs not to the contrary have been loud in protesting that they would provide relief for the honest poor men who are struggling for a foothold, but when the remedies are sprung it is found that in order to benefit by these "remedies" one must first do certain things which if the aforesaid honest but poor men could do they would not need help. One sometimes hears a beautiful story about an honest young man with nothing but character getting substantial backing that enables him to succeed and become the pride of the community. In these stories the inference always is that if the young man will furnish the character and energy and determination he can find somebody with money and large faith who will invest in him. But an important factor is always overlooked. That important and necessary factor is the man with money who is big enough to invest in character and ability. He is in a position to invest in the man who will furnish the character and ability. The rarity of such instances is due to the scarcity of the men with money, or who control money, big enough to invest in character, and not to the scarcity of deserving men.

Never forget that character is necessary; absence of character is a handicap that no amount of ability can offset; but high-placed men who sit at ease and twirl their thumbs and moralize largely on these things should remember that when a poor man who has shown that he possesses character and brains and energy needs temporary financial assistance that it takes a bigger man to render the assistance needed than it does to help those who do not need help; that it takes a bigger man to invest in character and ability than it does to invest in stocks and bonds and real estate.

And ventured measures for relief of small farmers—most often it turns out that those who do not need help, and those who do not need assistance can get it. Coming to hand after practically all the above had been written, the following letter from a subscriber fits in with it: "Dear Mr. Editor: I read the article in last week's Robesonian, 'Where Help is Needed,' and I thought of the condition of our small farmers, because I happen to be one. And I wondered why more men like you and Senator Giles didn't or couldn't see our condition. Now there are several small farmers that have been able to buy small tracts of land, forty or fifty acres, and they can't borrow money enough to

put up a little home, and there are other small farmers whose land is under mortgage, and that has been valued and taxed to three thousand dollars, who cannot borrow a thousand dollars, for they have tried. Some even paid as much as \$20 to file their applications, only to have the applications turned down and find themselves minus 20 hard-earned dollars. "Don't you think that is cause enough for discontent?" If more editors would write such articles we feel like the problem would soon be solved."—Lumberton Robesonian.

Harold M. Church Buried in Henderson

(Special to The Star.) HENDERSON, Feb. 28.—The funeral of Harold Maylon Church took place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Isaac Wayne Hughes, and Lewis N. Taylor. The honorary pallbearers were G. E. Stevenson, Alvin Barnes, Joseph S. Lawrence, D. Boyd Kimball, Jr., A. J. Harris, C. L. Rickerson, James Boddie, W. M. Young, N. F. Henderson, Vernon Bennett, Burroughs Wilkins, S. R. Rogers, Maurice J. O'Neil, W. H. Kimball, M. Dorsey, C. M. Wall, W. H. Fenner, H. H. Bass and W. H. Furman. The active pallbearers were W. S. Goodwyn, H. M. Polston, E. B. Clayton, W. B. Stone, Henry Lowe and W. L. Wood. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Church, six sisters, Misses Helen, Katherine, Frances, Rachel and Rebecca, of this city, and Mrs. George H. Spooner, Jr., of Wilmington; Joseph brothers, Frank and John Cameron Church; grandmother, Mrs. H. D. Church, and several aunts and uncles, all of whom were here to attend the funeral. Among others from out of town to attend the funeral were Miss Mary Joseph Stewart, of East Carolina Teachers' Training School, Greenville, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Weather and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gregory, of Raleigh, Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids. There were many beautiful floral designs.

Ten Deeds Filed in Office of Register

Deeds filed for record yesterday in the office of the register of deeds at the courthouse included the following: John Hines and wife to Clara Hines, for \$100 and other considerations, lots 102 and 103, in the subdivision of the Suburban Land company, Harnett township. Albert Steljes and wife to S. R. Elms, for \$500 and other considerations, lot 21 on east side of sixth street, 84 feet south of Queen, 41x103 feet in size. R. A. Brand and wife to L. W. Moore, for \$100 and other considerations, lot 27 of Garden City sub-division, 76x200 feet. C. McIntire and wife to Gladys Johnston, for \$1 and other considerations, lot No. 85 in Winter Park Gardens, on north side of Wrightsville avenue, 60x330 feet in size. A deed for the same property is made by Gladys Johnston to G. C. McIntire and wife. Katherine E. Vollers and others to William Struthers, Jr., and wife, for \$100 and other considerations, tract of 30 acres on Myrtle Grove sound. A. J. Burriss and wife to William Struthers, Jr., and wife, for \$100 and other considerations, lot at northeast corner of Surry and Wooster streets, 4x66 feet in size. L. L. Hanby and wife to Harvey E. Lee, for \$10 and other considerations, lot No. 10 on Poplar street, Summer Hill, 33x165 feet in size.

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Several Cases are Before the Recorder

Mose Graham, negro, accused of selling whiskey and of larceny of \$47 in cash, was cleared of the larceny charge yesterday in recorder's court, and the whiskey charge went off under a nol pros with leave. Ed Critt, negro, got four months on conviction of larceny. A nol pros with leave was taken in a similar case against Robert Moore. Alex Gause, traffic violator, was held not guilty. Tom Sanders, accused of keeping a disorderly house and obstructing an officer, was discharged under a nol pros with leave. The cases against Lany Moseley and J. H. Kinsey, violation of the sanitary law, were held open until today. Ralph Evans was found guilty of a traffic violation, but on payment of costs, judgment was suspended. Robert Jones was held to be guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to three months. Carry and George Patterson, negroes, accused of housebreaking, were discharged, no probable cause being found. Several cases were continued.

Prominent Educators to Visit Davidson

DAVIDSON, Feb. 28.—Presidents of two leading southern universities, Dr. H. W. Chase, of the University of North Carolina, and Dr. Henry Louis Smith, of Washington and Lee university, will be among the host of distinguished visitors expected at Davidson college for the installation of the Davidson chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa national scholarship fraternity, to be known as the Gamma of North Carolina, on the evening of Thursday, March 1. Approximately 30 men will be taken into the Davidson chapter at this time. These consist of 24 alumni, one honorary member and five students. The alumni include some of the most prominent literary graduates of Davidson who have been out of college for at least 15 years. The student membership is confined to seniors, more of whom will be initiated into the local chapter at the next ceremony during the commencement exercises of this year.

VOGUE FOR GRAY

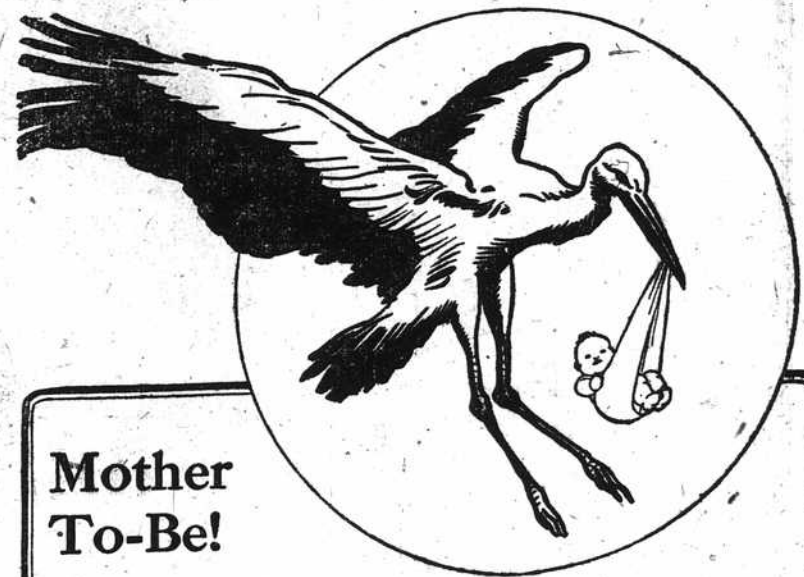
Gray is to be one of the popular colors for spring in millinery, as well as in gowns and in shoes. It is frequently combined with a more vivid color, or shaded into orchid or blue.



A MAN WHO BECAME FAMOUS

Doctor E. V. Pierce, whose picture appears above, was not only a successful physician but also a profound student of the medicinal qualities of Nature's remedies, roots and herbs, and by close observation of the methods used by the Indians, he discovered their great remedial qualities, especially for weaknesses of women, and after careful preparation succeeded in giving to the world a remedy which has been used by women with the best results for half a century. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is still in great demand, while many other so-called "cure-alls" have come and gone. The reason for its phenomenal success is because of its absolute purity, and Dr. Pierce's high standing as an honored citizen of Buffalo is a guarantee of all that is claimed for the Favorite Prescription as a regulator for the ills peculiar to women. Send 10c. for trial pkg. to Dr. Pierce's Invalids Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

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