

SHIP SUBSIDY IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE

HARDING AND ADVISORS HAVE NOT YET FORMULATED A MARINE PROGRAM.

WAR HAS WROUGHT CHANGES

Former Bitter Opponents to Subsidy Propositions Now Apparently Want a Subsidy for Themselves.

Washington.—The revival of the Emergency Fleet Corporation has raised some important questions as to the future of the American merchant marine.

For years the subsidy idea has been warmly espoused by shipping men only to be bitterly denounced by the members of Congress from agricultural states.

It is felt that the chief source of opposition has vanished, for the agricultural element in Congress has recently come forward with a request for a subsidy themselves.

Potash Users Enter Protest.—Potash users of the South are protesting against the prohibitive duty of \$50 a ton imposed by the new tariff bill.

Irish Situation Deadlocked.—London.—The Irish situation, it was declared in responsible quarters, has developed into virtually a deadlock between Premier Lloyd George and Sir James Craig.

Fire and Riot in Penitentiary.—Pittsburgh.—Six persons were injured and ten factory buildings destroyed in a riot and fire at Western Penitentiary here.

Greek Forces Pressing Turks.—Athens.—The Greek troops in the region of Kutalia, in the southeast of Brussa, Asia Minor, have forced the Turkish Nationalists to retreat.

Bomb Outrage in Buenos Aires.—Buenos Aires.—A powerful bomb was exploded in front of the capital building. A policeman was seriously wounded.

Duty Free Crude and Fuel Oil.—Washington.—The proposed duty on crude and fuel oil was struck out of the Fordney tariff bill by the house.

Fifty Firemen Overcome.—New York.—Fifty firemen were overcome in fighting a \$1,000,000 fire in the building of the Phoenix Cheese company, on Greenwich street, on the West Side of Lower Manhattan.

20,000,000 Russians Starving.—Berlin.—Twenty million persons are on the verge of starvation in drought stricken sections of Russia.

Rise in Sam Browne Belts.—Washington.—With the war department's order restoring the Sam Browne belt for all commissioned officers, prices of this article of equipment, which had been a drug on the market, immediately began to soar skyward.

10,000 Still in Porto Rico.—San Juan, P. R.—There are 10,000 still in operation in the island, in violation of the Volstead act and local laws, in the opinion of the prohibition director's staff.

Steamer Strikes Mine.—London.—A dispatch from Lloyd's from Kustendje, Rumania, says the British steamer General Turner, bound from the Danube to Rotterdam with grain and cattle struck a mine off Callakra and sank. The crew were saved.

DEBT TO BRITAIN IS PAID BY U. S.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THAT COUNTRY TO US AT THIS TIME IS \$4,500,000,000.

CLAIM FOR TRANSPORTATION

The Claim Paid By Us Constitutes a Final Settlement of Transportation Charges of Both Countries.

Washington.—Despite Great Britain's debt of \$4,500,000 to this country, payment of \$32,688,352 has been made by the American government to the British ministry of shipping in settlement of a claim against the war department treasury officials said.

The British claim was for transportation service arising out of the war with Germany, and the payment, it was explained, constitutes a final settlement between the war department and the British minister of shipping of all claims of either party against the other for transportation services.

Secretary Mellon asked Mr. Daugherty for a ruling as to whether the act of March 3, 1875, which requires the secretary to withhold payment of any judgment against the United States where the claimant is indebted to this country in any manner, applied to such a claim.

Mr. Daugherty held the act did not apply, as it was not the practice of sovereign nations to prosecute their claims against one another in the courts and obtain judgment, but adjust such matters through diplomatic channels.

Hun Lieutenants Convicted.—Leipzig, Germany.—Lieutenant Dittmar and Lieutenant Boldt, charged with murder in the first degree for firing on life boats after the Canadian hospital ship Llandovery Castle had been torpedoed in the summer of 1918, were each sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

Horseback Riding for Harding.—Washington.—President Harding wants to take up horseback riding. He has not ridden since he was a boy, however, and may back out at the last minute, some of his friends say.

Woman 68, 13th Child.—Bland, Mo.—Mrs. Amanda Martin, 68 years old, has presented her husband with a fine, healthy boy. The father is 70 years old. Neighbors have presented Martin with a new suit of clothes. The baby is Mrs. Martin's thirteenth.

Did Not Endorse Soldier Bonus.—Cleveland, O.—The Rainbow Division Veterans' association failed to endorse an immediate cash bonus for former soldiers at the closing session of their annual convention here.

Tariff Rates on Dyes Stands.—Washington.—After refusing by a vote of 122 to 106 to eliminate the three-year dye embargo from the Fordney bill, the house jumped suddenly into a partisan fight over oil.

International Marriage.—New York.—Another American woman is soon to be married into the British peerage, it was disclosed here when a license was issued to Lord Queensborough and Miss Edith Starr of New York.

General McAndrew Very Ill.—Washington.—Major General James W. McAndrew, president of the general staff college and former chief-of-staff for General Pershing in France, was in a serious condition at the Walter Reed army hospital.

Brazilians Are Worried.—Rio Janeiro.—Dispatches from Washington that the tariff bill places a 15 per cent ad valorem duty on hides caused consternation among Brazilian hide exporters.

President Wins a Victory.—Washington.—The administration won its battle in Congress when the Senate, responding to President Harding's recent request, recommitted the soldiers' bonus bill.

Population Deserting Towns.—Sidney, N. S. W.—Inactivity in the copper mining industry has caused the practical desertion of the population from the towns of Cobar and Broken Hills.

To Loan Liberia \$5,000,000.—Washington.—The state department having made its recommendations, the application of Liberia for a \$5,000,000 loan is now Congress for final decision.

Heavy Duty on Hides.—Washington.—Hides, raw, green and pickled—were thrown off the Fordney tariff free list by the House, which voted 152 to 97, to impose an ad valorem duty of 15 per cent, to be followed by another amendment taxing all leather products, including shoes.



JAMES B. JONES. James B. Jones, of Youngstown, O., has been appointed assistant federal prohibition commissioner to assist Roy Haynes, the new commissioner.

WOULD LEASE THE NO. 3 DAM

Stipulates That Lease Shall Run 100 Years, For Which He, or His Estate Will Pay \$1,500,000 Annually.

Washington.—Secretary Weeks announced that he would ask congress for authority to accept a proposal by Henry Ford for acquiring the government nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, if the offer was found to be "substantial."

Mr. Ford offers to buy the nitrate plant, equipment and lands for \$5,000,000, and lease for 100 years the Wilson and No. 3 dam, when complete, at an annual obligation of \$1,500,000. He proposes to convert the works into a fertilizer plant, the profits of which would be limited to 8 per cent and to keep it in readiness for the manufacture of explosives by the government in time of war.

More Trouble in Mexico.—Mexico City.—Federal troops have been dispatched to the State of Tamaulipas and San Luis Potosi to put down rebellious movements headed by Daniel Martinez Herrera, Gen. Alejandro Chao and Lieut. Col. Horatio Munoz.

Passion Play to Be Revived.—Oberammergau, Bavaria.—Thirty performances of the Passion Play are scheduled for 1922 by the committee of twenty-one which is directing the spectacle.

Canucks to Build School.—Woodsocet, R. I.—The French Canadians of this city have launched a campaign for the purpose of raising \$500,000 for the erection of a textile and manual training school here.

Nine Killed in Alps.—Berne, Switzerland.—Nine mountain climbers, including Professor Schaefflin, an Austrian, are reported to have been killed in a series of accidents in the eastern Alps.

Urged to Pray for Rain.—Paris.—Cardinal Dubois, archbishop of Paris, called upon the people to pray for rain because of the prolonged drought, which has caused much damage and much suffering.

Provide Bible Reading.—Atlanta, Ga.—After a considerable debate, the state senate passed the Fleming-Bond bill providing for the reading of the Bible in the public schools of Georgia.

Australian Population.—Sidney, N. S. W.—The census returns for Australia give a total population of 5,419,702, an increase of 964,697 since 1911.

Long-Lived Methodist Pastors.—Chicago.—There are thirty ministers over 90 years of age in the Methodist Episcopal church. There is one minister over 98 years of age, one nearly 97 years, and three about 96 years.

Jusserand Cancels Leave.—Washington.—Probability of international conferences here on disarmament and Pacific questions caused Jules J. Jusserand, French ambassador, to make an eleventh-hour change in plans for a leave of absence in France.

General Tariff Debate Closed.—Washington.—The house concluded general debate on the Fordney tariff bill after the longest session of the six days since unlimited discussion began.

Weather Conditions Vary.—Washington.—Considerable rain fell during the past week in most sections of the cotton belt, although it continued dry in some localities, particularly east of the Mississippi river, the weekly crop bulletin of the department of agriculture said.

ATTEMPT TO LIFT BURDEN OF TAXES

WANT PROGRAM ADOPTED THAT WILL GIVE FREE REIN TO BUSINESS INITIATIVE

STAMP TAX ON EVERYTHING

"Business and Industries of Country Are Carrying Bulk of Load Which Should be Shared Generally."

Washington.—President Harding has made it clear to republican leaders in Congress that he wants a tax program adopted which will lift restraint from business initiative.

While the tax program is in embryonic condition, certain fundamentals are practically agreed upon. For instance, imagining that, with repeal of the excess profits tax, the government would be obliged to increase materially the corporation taxes.

Plane Smash Kills Four.—Oakland, Calif.—An airplane from Jascuzzi Brothers' airplane factory in Berkeley fell at Modesto, killing the pilot and three passengers, according to word received by the Oakland Tribune.

Use Crude Oil and Cotton.—Enid, Okla.—Crude oil and cotton were substituted for the customary tar and feathers by masked men, who removed Walter Billings, a wealthy theater owner and real estate dealer, from his automobile to the country and whipped him.

Japan Accepts Suggestion.—Washington.—Japan's acceptance of President Harding's suggestion that a conference be called to discuss limitation of armaments has been received.

5,000 New Cases of Cholera.—Riga.—More than 5,000 new cases of cholera have been reported in Russia in the last fortnight, says the Moscow Izvestia.

Sheriff Is Impeached.—Montgomery, Ala.—George W. Mitchell, sheriff of Lauderdale county, was impeached and ordered removed from office by the Alabama supreme court.

Turks Are Deporting Greeks.—Samoson, Asia.—The deportation of Greeks into the interior by the Turkish Nationalists continues. The deportees included hundreds of employees of American tobacco firms.

The World Cotton Crop.—Washington.—The world cotton crop of the year 1920-21 is placed at 19,595,000 bales of 560 pounds gross, or 478 pounds net, by the bureau of markets and crop estimates.

Cotton Consumed During June.—Washington.—Cotton consumed during June amounted to 461,656 running bales of lint and 48,683 bales of linters, the census bureau announced.

Hanged Without Confessing.—Griffin, Ga.—Jack Kelloy was hanged here for the murder of LeRoy Trexler, an Atlanta taxicab driver. Kelloy never confessed the crime.

Fresh Outbreak of Pellagra.—Washington.—A new outbreak of pellagra, particularly in the South, is alarming the public health service.

Women's Smoking Compartments.—Montreal.—Smoking compartments for women are to be provided on the Canadian Pacific railroad trains.

Dial Stands by President.—Washington.—Senator Dial announced that he would stand by the administration in its position respecting the postponement of adjusted soldiers' compensation bill.

Forest Experiment Station.—New Orleans.—Southern timber and the various uses to which it can be adapted will be studied by a staff of technical experts working out of a forest experiment station to be established here by the United States forest service.

Disqualified by Advanced Age.—Berlin.—Prof. Lujo Brentano, who has been informally considered by the cabinet as German ambassador to the United States, has notified the government that he is not available because of advanced years.

Trainman Meets Death.—Tifton, Ga.—S. F. Webb of Valdosta, Ga., freight conductor of the Georgia Southern & Florida railroad, was scalped to death and three trainmen injured when a southbound freight train was wrecked.



MRS. WENDELL PHILLIPS. Mrs. Wendell Phillips, the American delegate (and the only woman delegate) to the inter-allied conference for indemnities and reparations.

OTHER NATIONS SYMPATHETIC

Administration Officials Are Confident of an Early Acceptance From the Government at Tokio.

Washington.—Additional pledges of co-operation have reached Washington from several quarters in response to President Harding's proposal for an international conference on limitation of armaments and other world problems.

Definite acceptance of the President's invitation to participate were received at the state department during the day from Great Britain and Italy, while informal advices came to official circles here that a favorable reply from China might be expected in the near future.

Utilities Company Bankrupt.—Little Rock.—Suit was filed in the United States district court here asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Arkansas Light & Power Co., a corporation operating public utilities in a score or more of towns of the state, and the Citizens' Ice & Utilities Co., of Junction City, Ark., a subsidiary.

Investigate Ku Klux Klan.—Pensacola, Fla.—Both federal and state officials are conducting an investigation into the activities of an alleged organization of the Ku Klux Klan here. Chris Lochas, the man who was ordered to leave town by the alleged klanmen, has returned.

Occupation to Continue.—Paris.—France has informed Germany that she will continue the occupation of the Rhine region until Germany has complied with the conditions of the Treaty of Versailles relative to the punishment of those who violated the rules of civilized warfare in the world war.

Greeks Forced to Retreat.—Paris.—A column of Turkish Nationalists attacked the Greeks west of Brussa, Asia Minor, and the Greeks were forced to retreat after suffering losses, says a dispatch from Ankara.

Atlantic City Secures Elks.—Los Angeles, Calif.—The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in convention here, selected Atlantic City, N. J., as the 1922 convention city.

\$50,000,000 Live Stock Pool.—Chicago.—The \$50,000,000 livestock pool subscribed by bankers at recent conferences here and in New York will be in operation July 18, Everett C. Brown, president of the National Live-Stock Exchange, said.

Must Have Warrants.—Lynchburg, Va.—A government revenue agent or prohibition agent not armed with a warrant for search or seizure is not an employee of the government at the time, was the ruling in the district court here.

Harding Signs Navy Bill.—Washington.—The annual naval appropriation bill was signed by President Harding. The bill carries approximately four hundred and ten million dollars.

Death of Harry Hawker.—London.—Harry G. Hawker, the famous aviator, was killed on the Hendon Flying Field. His machine burst into flames as it alighted on the field.

Italy Favors Disarmament Idea.—Rome.—The foreign ministry officially notified the American embassy that President Harding's plan for a conference for the limitation of armaments meets with the full approval of the Italian government.

DeValera Arrives in London.—London.—Eamonn de Valera and the other Irish republican leaders who are to participate in the conference with Prime Minister Lloyd George here, has arrived in London from Dublin.

LACY DECLINES TO REFUND AUTO TAX

STATE TREASURER IS ACTING UNDER ADVICE GIVEN BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

AMOUNT INVOLVED \$265,000

Suits Will Now Probably Be Instituted by the Several Automobile Companies to Enforce Payment.

Raleigh. Treasurer Lacy has sent a letter to J. S. Griffin, local attorney, declining to make any refund of automobile license taxes paid to the state by four automobile concerns doing business in North Carolina.

It is understood that the attorney general has advised the treasurer not to pay any of the taxes back, even those paid under protest, and that suit will be instituted for the recovery of approximately \$265,000.

Mr. Lacy's letter follows: "Your favor of the 12th has just been received, demanding the refund of \$2,000 to the Olds Motor Works, Lansing, Mich.; \$1,000 to Kissell Motor Car company, Hartford, Wis.; \$2,000 to the Cole Motor Car company, Indianapolis, and \$1,000 to the Marmon Motor Car company, money collected from these automobile manufacturers under section 72 of the revenue act."

"In reply will say that after consultation with the attorney general I am advised not to refund any of these license taxes."

Kohloss Is Named Director.—Washington (Special).—R. A. Kohloss, of Salisbury, was appointed prohibition director for North Carolina. His assistant is to be A. E. Coltrane, of Trinity.

Secretary Mellon signed the Kohloss appointment. The senate has nothing to do with it. Therefore the fight is over.

C. M. Justice, of Greensboro, has been appointed chief of the revenue agents of the United States.

Inspection Law Distributed.—Mr. D. C. Crutchfield, of Winston-Salem, state secretary of the T. P. A., is sending members of that organization copies of the state law requiring the inspection of hotels and restaurants. These laws and amendments were drafted and enacted through the efforts of the North Carolina division, T. P. A. board of directors and legislative chairman.

Texas Makes Doleful Report.—Washington (Special).—Returning here from an inspection trip through North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, Representative Summers, Texas, chairman of an agricultural sub-committee investigating the cotton situation, declared in a statement that the poor farmers were having a hard time getting food for their families and stock, and that he was certain a large part of the people were underfed.

Applicants for Work Placed.—Out of 161 applications, 143 were placed for work during the week of July 9 through the local government employment bureau, according to W. H. Vause, director. Of the number placed only 50 were unskilled laborers, the remainder being skilled workers, such as carpenters and cement finishers.

Special Session December 6.—The North Carolina general assembly will be called in extraordinary session, December 6, it was announced by Governor Morrison. The governor's announcement was made following the meeting of the council of state, which considered the question of an extra session to validate the 1921 municipal finance act.

School for County Agents.—The annual school for county agents of the North Carolina Home Demonstration Division will be held July 18th-29th at the State College for Women, at Greensboro.

Fire Losses in State.—The state insurance department announces that the North Carolina fire loss, exclusive of forest fires, was \$313,760 against \$385,000 in May and \$1,248,000 in April. The total for the first six months period is \$3,713,882.

The June loss, Commissioner Wade states, would have been phenomenally encouraging, but for the burning of a lumber plant near New Bern, June 29, with a loss of \$150,000, and iron works at Wilmington, valued at \$75,000, nearly half the loss of the state for the entire month.

Two New Railway Heads.—Wade H. Harris, editor of The Charlotte Observer, is president of the North Carolina railroad, and Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville, editor of Charity and Children, is secretary and treasurer; while C. D. Bradham, New Bern, is president of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and W. Stamps Howard, Tarboro, is secretary and treasurer.

These appointments were announced by Governor Cameron Morrison when, with one exception, he wiped the old directorate slate clean.

Cameron Favors Fair Play.—Col. Bennahan Cameron, whose interest in good roads is well known, is very much opposed to any diversion of State and Federal funds from the Lee-Jackson Highway from Lexington, Va., to Durham, to any other route, notably the route proposed by Person county citizens, via Virginia and Roxboro.

"Eastern and Southern North Carolina, including New Bern, Wilmington, Goldsboro, Raleigh, Pinehurst, Fayetteville and Durham," said Colonel Cameron, "is interested in getting into the valley of Virginia by the shortest route, which is via Roxboro, South Boston and Lynchburg. The Lee-Jackson Highway from Lexington, Va., to Durham will not only accomplish this but it will also be an important link in a great international highway from Miami to Toronto. I congratulate Durham and Person county on bunting their respective sections, but I would deplore any diversion of state and federal funds from this route to any other, especially when thereby a link in this grand international highway is broken and travel is switched off into the bushes, without connection with the state system of highways in Virginia, which is required under the North Carolina law."

"The counties in Virginia through which this road passes have voted bonds on the assurance that we will do our part. The State Highway Commission of Virginia has allotted \$600,000 to this connection.

Early Aid Is Necessary.—Prospects of a special session of the legislature switched from municipalities to state, with council of state members advancing the belief that early legislative aid will be necessary whether the cities and towns submit data that is convincing or not.

The \$650,000 deficit in the public school fund is, as State Superintendent of Schools E. C. Brooks declares, a state obligation and one that should be met by the state as soon as possible.

No Epidemic of Fever.—No epidemic of fever exists in North Carolina, and the increased number of cases as compared with last year is probably more apparent than real, declared Dr. W. S. Rankin, state health officer, in discussing the prevalent reports that there is more fever in the state this year than ever before.

More cases have been developed, he said, because the typhoid season came earlier by six weeks this year.

Craven County Showing Faith.—Craven County is showing its faith in co-operative marketing by signing up cotton and tobacco contracts at a great rate, according to W. R. Pate, who has been in charge of the campaign. Mr. Pate brought in a big batch of contracts to Raleigh and said there were a lot more to come.

Over 60 per cent of the growers are signing up in the territory so far covered by the farm-to-farm canvass.

Tobacco Crop Cut in Half.—Last year's over-production of tobacco in North Carolina of 431 million pounds has been cut about half this year with a forecast of 214,635,200 pounds. The acreage planted compared with last year shows a reduction of 34 per cent and the 65 per cent condition is 16 per cent lower than July 1st a year ago. This indicates a yield of 520 pounds per acre.

Employment Service Places 86.—Despite the depression that pervades many sections of the state, the Employment Service directed by "\$9,999" Commissioner M. L. Shipman, placed 86 men and women in profitable jobs during the past week. Classified, the number reads: skilled labor, 23; unskilled, 32; clerical and professional, 14; industrial, 3; domestic, 6.

Harrisburg-Newells Road Route.—Unanimous decision was reached by the State Highway Commission to adopt the Harrisburg-Newells route for the road between Concord and Charlotte, with the proviso that all of the four grade crossings on the road must be eliminated in construction.

Horses and Cattle in State.—The total number of horses on farms in North Carolina on January 1, 1920, was 171,043, according to the report of the bureau of census. Pure bred cattle in the state number 10,732, which is 1.7 per cent of the total, 644,779 head.

Automobiles a Source of Evil.—That the automobile is a source of profit and pleasure was admitted by Judge J. Bis Ray in criminal court, but he held serious doubt whether the cars are not a greater source of evil than of benefit to society. He told the grand jury to see that all ordinances relating to automobiles, and especially those relating to immoral purposes, should be fully enforced.

Judge Ray's charge was not a cut and dried affair, but was one that he had gathered from his varied experiences with the world.

Hog Premiums Revised.—The premium list on hogs shown at the State Fair this fall has been revised upward materially while housing facilities have been greatly improved and increased, according to W. W. Shay, superintendent of the swine department. "It will be possible for the best pen of three barrows to win \$57.00, if said pen lands also 1st, 2nd and 3rd in singles and sweepstakes in one breed," says Mr. Shay. "Breeder's young hark of the same breed: possible winnings, \$92.00."