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## LASKER PLEADS FOR MERCHANT MARINE IN U. S.

Is Necessary in Order That Country May Hold Export Trade

NATION OWNS 1430 STEEL SHIPS

By Albert D. Lasker, Chairman U. S. Shipping Board

Nations, like individuals, are seldom the master of their own destinies. Whether America wills it or no, the time has come when we must perforce occupy the first place on the stage of world commerce—a place never occupied in history by any nation not strong in its own right in sea power. Sea power means a strong merchant marine; for there is no need of a navy save to protect the nationals, the shores, and the water transportation of a nation.

The first act ever passed by an American congress was one designed to encourage American shipping. During the period from the establishment of our republic until the civil war, America developed into one of the leading maritime nations of the world.

Halted by Civil War

With the finding of gold in California, the lure of adventure and profit attracted our young men from the seaboard and the Alleghenies to the great and at that time undeveloped westward. The movement then inaugurated (a movement of vast importance to ourselves and, indeed, the whole world) marked the beginning of the decline of the American merchant marine.

The hurt given our merchant marine through the civil war, historically known to all, followed by the great demand for men and capital in the development of our country resulted in a steady drop of interest in shipping.

At Outset of World War

At the start of the world war in 1914, America's passenger fleet in the North Atlantic had dwindled to the shameful total of six, to wit: The Finland, Kronland, St. Paul, St. Louis, Philadelphia, and New York. The aid given them in the way of postal subsidy by our government was undoubtedly the chief reason: four of them were able to continue in service at that date.

In other words, 1914 found us no longer a merchant marine power, but one utterly dependent on foreign flags for the carriage of our surpluses and, of course, we had had to pay, and pay heavily, for the service rendered by them.

Fortunately for us Great Britain and its allies, in the prosecution of the world war, needed all the materials we could give them, and therefore sent their ships to our shores in their own interest.

Building to Fill a Gap

We all remember the feverish enthusiasm with which, through treasury drains, shippers were created at all available points, resulting in government building of more than 1,700 ships with more than 11,000,000 dead-weight tons capacity.

We started to build these ships that we might quickly and in great quantity carry our men and supplies to the battle front. No one factor brought the war to a quicker conclusion than the Kaiser's recognition that America was verily arranging to span the Atlantic with a bridge of ships.

So that if every ship built or then being built by the government, involving a total cost of more than three billion dollars, had been dismantled or sunk at the war's end they would properly have paid for themselves in the short cut that resulted in the ending of the war and in the saving of men and treasure.

Restless Return of Prosperity

Happily, while everything else created for war purposes has had to be scrapped as scrap, America's war merchant marine has been turned into a peace time asset, thus ensuring the possibility of turning it over into the private hands. It is a fact that after the war terminated the great prosperity America

## ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL WILL BENEFIT STATE

PHILADELPHIA, July 7.—The approval of the Army Appropriation bill by President Harding, it was pointed out at the headquarters of the Atlantic Deepwater Ways Association, means much to the North Carolina district, which will benefit materially from Annual River and Harbor allowances as now carried in that bill. For this work, it will be remembered, Congress substituted the estimates of the Chief Engineers amounting to \$42,815,661 for the \$27,000,000 proposed by the Director of the Budget, on the ground that an intelligent estimate was to be preferred to one admittedly arbitrary and insufficiently considered. What this means to the North Carolina district is clearly shown by the following figures:

Supperong River	\$15,000
Neuse River	12,000
Beaufort Harbor	24,000
Inland Waterway Beaufort to Jacksonville	20,000
Cape Fear River (2 projects)	105,000
Sundry smaller projects	17,000

## JUNE WEATHER REPORT.

Notwithstanding the fact that the rainfall last month was very heavy there were 16 clear-days in the month which was more than half. The report of Observer Chas. Hatsell shows that there were sixteen clear days, four cloudy ones and ten partly cloudy. The hottest temperature recorded was 86 degrees which occurred on the 11th, 12th and 29th. The rainfall for the month was 12.01 inches which was the heaviest so far for this year. The temperature figures follow:

1	78	69
2	77	68
3	79	69
4	80	70
5	77	62
6	79	62
7	82	73
8	82	74
9	80	74
10	82	70
11	86	75
12	86	75
13	84	73
14	84	71
15	80	66
16	85	67
17	83	73
18	81	69
19	83	73
20	82	70
21	82	73
22	85	69
23	82	67
24	83	68
25	85	70
26	85	75
27	82	71
28	84	71
29	86	77
30	81	72

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

A Meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held in their headquarters Monday evening at 8 o'clock. In the absence of President Seeley, Vice President W. A. Mace presided over the meeting. A committee composed of F. R. Seeley, U. E. Swann and W. L. Stencil was appointed to draft resolutions in memory of M. C. Holland a former member. G. W. Huntley asked to be relieved from serving on the Bicentennial and U. E. Swann was put on his place. A resolution expressing the pleasure of the board because of the action of the County Commissioners in arranging for the services of A. H. Harris as County Farm Agent and was unanimously passed. The Third District Bankers Association is expected to hold a convention in Beaufort at an early date and a committee composed of J. A. Hornaday Jr., Julian Hamilton and W. G. Mebane was appointed to make the arrangements for their entertainment.

## BANK STATEMENTS GOOD.

The statements of the banks here appear in the News this week and should be read by the business folks of the county. The statements show that the banks are in a healthy condition and they will compare with those of any town in the State of the size of Beaufort.

## BOLL WEEVIL IS MAKING HEADWAY

Crop in N. C. Is Late and Grassy—Prospects Now Indicate Three Fourths of Crop.

RALEIGH, July, 8.—The cotton crop is short of the probable needs despite everybody saying "I told you so" concerning the ten per cent increase in acreage of the cotton crop. The condition of 71 per cent of a full crop was lower than expected, for that is only two per cent above last year's condition for Jun 25th. North Carolina is forecasted by the National Crop Reporting Board to have a 13 per cent increase in acreage and three-fourths of a full crop prospect, which is nine per cent better than at this date last year, but 12 per cent less than the final conditional average showed.

"The state's acreage is still less than in 1919, reports the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service for North Carolina. The condition of the cotton crop is expressed as late grassy, small and in need of dryer condition to permit of cultivation and grass killing.

"The national prospect of 11,065,000 bales, would be 139 per cent more than last year's crop but only 82 per cent of that made two years ago. It is claimed by some organizations that the present prospect will not meet the trade's requirements.

"In North Carolina, the boll weevil is gaining conspicuous headway along the southern border in Robeson. The crop perhaps will be damaged heavily. No appreciable reduction has been made in any of the counties excepting Columbus 50 per cent, Brunswick 65, and slight decrease in acreage of counties just north-east of these.

"The areas of increased acreage is just north of the effective area of the weevil. Lincoln to Polk shows considerable increase. Also Northampton to Hyde and the adjoining portions of Harnett, Johnson, Wake and a strip along southern Nash through Edgecombe.

"The fertilizer sold for the past spring shows an increase of almost 40 per cent in North Carolina but the heavy rainfall will reduce its effect considerably. A considerable reduction in the usage of cotton seed meal is noticeable.

## MR. BUCKMAN LEAVES.

Mr. Cecil Buckman left this morning for Baltimore after having spent four weeks in Beaufort as the guest of his sister Mrs. N. W. Taylor. The trip to Baltimore will be taken thru the country in Mr. Buckman's car. He will be accompanied by his sister and Mr. Nelson Taylor Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Taylor and Mrs. E. G. Porter will be in the party as far as Goldsboro.

From Baltimore the three will continue to Boston to visit Mrs. Taylor's son Mr. Cecil Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor will be gone most of the summer and may meet her son George Edward at Annapolis in September upon his return from a cruise to southern islands and lands.

Miss Geraldine Smith, daughter of Reverend O. F. Smith who is spending some time here arrived in Beaufort Friday evening from Louisville with her friend Miss Lucy Perry Burta.

Dr. F. C. Smith of Philadelphia who is now doing work with the state board of health spent the week-end in Beaufort with his parents Reverend and Mrs. C. F. Smith.

County examinations for school teachers were held in the Court House Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Messrs James Clawson and Hugh Baker went to the cape Friday in search of fish and came back with seventy or eighty pounds of mackerel, flounder and trout.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Register of Deeds Troy Morris has issued only one marriage license so far this week. The fortunate couple were Vivian A Chadwick of Gloucester and Adelaide Willis of Smyrna.

## PRISONERS WILL WORK THE ROADS

County Commissioners Decide To Create Convict Road Force

The minutes of the county commissioners on the first Monday were not received by the News in time for last week's issue and therefore they appear in this number. The official report follows: BEAUFORT, N. C. JULY 3rd, 1922.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met this the 3rd, day of July, 1922, at their regular meeting place in the Court House at Beaufort, North Carolina, with all members present to wit: C. R. Wheatley, Chairman; Geo. G. Taylor; J. L. Edwards; Henry O. Piner and B. F. Small.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. D. H. Reed came before the Board and presented a petition signed by the citizens from various parts of the County, requesting that a whole time health officer be employed. Petition was ordered filed.

No other business appearing the Board took recess to meet again at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Board reconvened again at 2:30 o'clock P. M. with all members present.

Mr. A. H. Harris, County Farm Agent, came before the Board and presented an outline of the work for the coming year. Said outline was approved by the Board.

Ordered by the Board that work on the Oyster Creek road be discontinued immediately.

Ordered by the Board that the County Auditor be instructed to buy from the County Board of Education the Bonds for the following schools respectively: Sea Level, Stacy and Davis. Bonds to be approved by the County Attorney. Said purchase to be in lieu of sinking fund now on deposit in the bank.

Chairman of the Board and County Attorney are directed to settle with the Auditor for taxes collected by him for he years from 1917 to 1920 both inclusive.

Commissioners, B. F. Small, Henry O. Piner and J. L. Edwards did on the 23 of June inspect part of the road built under contract by Mr. W. J. B. Shull, and have recommended that the road from Oyster Creek to station 162 be received as completed; and also recommend that the road be closed to traffic until all bridges are completed. Any one passing over said road will do so at their own risk.

The following resolution was ordered spread upon the minutes.

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County in regular meeting assembled, and held at its regular place of meeting in the Court House, Beaufort North Carolina, on the 3rd day of July, 1922, that there be, and the same is hereby created, a road force for the purpose of working the convicts of said Carteret County on the public roads thereof.

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of said resolution be presented to the Governor of the State of North Carolina, with special prayer and petition, that his excellency modify the sentences of any or all convicts of said Carteret County that may have been assigned to work on the roads of any other County, and who are now confined in the common jail of the said Carteret County, to the end that the work to be performed by the said convicts may be performed on the roads of Carteret County.

Done by order of the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County this 3rd day of July, 1922.

C. R. Wheatley Chm. Troy Morris

Clerk, Board of Commissioners of Carteret County, North Carolina.

The returns from the election were opened, canvassed and the result found to be as follows:

No of registered voters in said district 177 No voting for bond issue tax and special tax 150, No voting against bond issue tax and special tax 27. Majority in favor 128.

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## THIRD DISTRICT BANKERS TO MEET IN BEAUFORT

What is called a group meeting of the bankers of the third division will be held in Beaufort on the 9th day of August. The third division comprises some fifty three banks that are located in Sampson, Duplin, Lenoir, Jones, Craven, Onslow, Pamlico and Carteret counties.

Mr. U. E. Swann of Beaufort who is chairman of the executive committee attended a meeting of the committeemen in New Bern Wednesday night and extended an invitation to the association to hold its convention here and the same was accepted. This is the first time the bankers have ever met in Beaufort. They have visited New Bern, Goldsboro and other places and a meeting is to be held in Mount Olive in the near future.

Chairman Swann sent out a number of letters today to the bankers telling them of the meeting and urging them to attend. It is thought that many of them will attend and bring their families with them. It is possible that 150 people will be here for the convention.

Allen T. Bowler, Secretary of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will be present at the convention and will make an address. There will also be other speakers. A committee from the Chamber of Commerce here will assist in arranging some form of entertainment for the visitors. They will probably be carried over to Atlantic View Beach and given a supper there. On account of the crowded conditions of the Hotels it will probably be necessary to entertain some of the visitors in private homes.

## TOWN OFFICIALS FIGHT.

The verbal and written controversy that has gone on for some time between Mayor Bushall and Commissioner Huntley resulted Tuesday evening in a fight. The incident occurred about 7:30 in front of the store of R. N. Dickinson near the post office. As the News heard it Mr. Huntley spoke to Mr. Bushall about a recent letter in the News and the word lie was passed back and forth between them and each struck a blow at the other. Mr. Dickinson and Captain Beveridge separated the men and neither of them received an injury of any consequence. Wednesday morning both entered a plea of guilty of assault, in the court of Justice of the Peace T. S. Martin who suspended judgement upon the payment of costs, amounting to the sum of \$2.20 each.

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING.

A recessed meeting of the board of town commissioners was held at the City Hall Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Those present were Mayor Bushall, commissioners Dunham, Ford and Lewis. The session was a short one and commissioner Huntley arrived just as the board adjourned. The object of the meeting was to adopt the license tax schedule for ensuing year. With a few exceptions the license taxes remain the same they were last year. The board recessed until next Monday night when the tax rate will be fixed. A motion was passed authorizing that the military police doing duty here during the encampment be fed at the town's expense.

## WORD FROM THE SOUTH SEAS.

Mrs. N. W. Taylor has just received word from her son George Edward who is with the four U. S. Navy ships cruising the south seas. Mr. Taylor had just left Colon when the letter was written and told of having a fine time while there and of meeting a number of people from Kentucky. The ships will visit besides Panama, the islands of the West Indies the Bermudas and will then voyage to Halifax Nova Scotia. They will later return to the proving grounds just off Norfolk and put up at Annapolis. Ernest Davis also of Beaufort is with the fleet though stationed on another ship than the one George Taylor is on.

Mr. Taylor was with the fleet in its cruise last year when visits were paid to European countries where the mid-shipmen were received by Royalty.

## SOLDIERS INVADE CAMP GLENN AGAIN

Twelve Hundred Men Assembled for Practise Drill Governor Morrison to Review Them

The 120th North Carolina Infantry arrived at Camp Glenn last Saturday, to encamp for a fifteen days stay. Eighteen companies of men are on the ground making in all between twelve and fifteen hundred soldiers. In the regiment are, a howitzer company, a machine gun company from Durham and one from Wilson and a headquarters company from Winston-Salem.

Captain Don E. Scott is commanding officer and finds that the men are looking good this year. Most of the men are newly enlisted but there are a good number of those who saw service in the A. E. F.

Morhead, Beaufort, and the beach have been filled with kiki all this week and the shuttle train which runs every hour between the Camp and Beaufort has been carrying a goodly number of the soldiers. The military police who have been keeping guard over our town are privates Bynum and Burns under the command of Sargent Mathews.

Instruction began Monday and included school of soldier squad and platoon, camp sanitation, military courtesy and discipline. Target practice of rifle companies began today.

Athletics are to play a big part in the program and a plan has been found by which winners in the different contests can be fittingly rewarded. Last year private individuals were allowed to set up stands and to sell candy, drinks, tobacco etc., and they got away with lots of regiment money. Another feature of last year's stay was that when the time to reward the athletic champions came it was found that the treasury held only five dollars. This year the selling of the drinks and other things will be in the hands of the regiment and all the profits will be turned into prizes.

Contests are being carried on now and the weak are being eliminated by the stronger ones. Wrestling, boxing and baseball are the most important in the athletic part of the program. Besides these contests the Y. M. C. A. which is with the encampment furnishes about eight reels of moving pictures every night in an open air theater. Besides this the "Y" furnishes the camp with Post Office service and provides a place for the boys who wish to write home.

General A. J. Bowler who is in command of Camp Bragg, near Fayetteville is visiting Camp Glenn this week. He and Governor Morrison will review the troops in a few days. On this occasion there will be many people from all parts of the county as well as elsewhere to witness the drill.

## JULY 17 TO 26.

July 17 to 26 has at last revealed its identity. Its a revival. For days and weeks past people have been asking "What in the world is to happen from the 17th to the 26th?" All over town little yellow slips have been posted, boldly announcing these two dates.

Reverend J. D. Hart is the evangelist and comes from the First Baptist church of Oxford N. C. to hold a ten days revival here. As he begins his service in Beaufort on Monday he will miss his own church but one Sunday.

Reverend H. A. Day of the Baptist church here has had experience with this evangelist in Fayetteville and knows his worth. Reverend Mr. Hart is a great story-teller and will be sure to interest those who want the old fashioned gospel preached in a way which appeals to the modern world.

Mrs. Alex Stewart and daughter Margaret of Washington D. C. are here on a visit to Mrs. Stewart's mother Mrs. Emma Bell.