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## BIG TRANSPORTATION IDEA RECEIVES MORE ATTENTION

### Water Route Through St. Lawrence from Great Lakes to Sea Making All Ports Seaports Proposed in Bill in Congress—An Old Subject Revived by Necessity

By W. S. Mann, Correspondent, 1920, by The Washington Star

Washington, April 23.—Creation of an American Mediterranean in the heart of the continent, a project which it is claimed would solve the transportation problem of the great west and relieve the fuel and power crises of the congested eastern seaboard, is receiving the serious attention of congress and of the international joint commission.

Opening up of a water route through the St. Lawrence river from the Great Lakes to the sea, making every port on the Great Lakes a seaport, has been urged upon congress by Representative A. P. Nelson of Wisconsin in a speech 100,000 copies of which have been ordered for distribution by important commercial and traffic organizations throughout the country. Mr. Nelson also appeared last week before the International Joint Commission of which Obadiah Gardner of Chicago is chairman, of the American group, with R. B. Glenn of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Clarence D. Clark of Evanston, Wyoming, as associates. This commission is now arranging an itinerary throughout the United States and Canada to conduct hearings on this project which has been endorsed by former Secretaries Lansing and Lane, by John Barlow Taylor both as chairman of the shipping board and later as secretary of the interior department, by Vice Admiral Leonard Wood and by Secretary Daniels.

Representative Nelson feels hopeful of getting a favorable report early in the next session of congress, on the project of national and international importance. It has two important phases—transportation and water-power. The importance of the project has been emphasized by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, the Geological Survey and by many engineers.

Robert Hoover in a letter to Representative Nelson says: "If it were possible to assume as comprehensive a consideration not only of this subject but of improvements of other waterway outlets from the central part of the United States and secure their operation in a definite national program extending over years, it would indeed furnish the most constructive advancement of our highly deficient transportation problem."

Edward H. Barnes, chairman of the U. S. grain corporation, declares that this project through which the nation's ever increasing production and expanding traffic might flow naturally by cheap course to the markets of the world "is of the greatest importance to the country, far beyond that of any other single transportation project which I can imagine, and of thirty years' experience in shipping largely by water."

Representative Nelson federal officials and those informed on production and transportation problems have impressed upon congress that the St. Lawrence route is of even greater importance to the western part of the country than the Panama canal to the east.

Magnus Swenson, the president of a company which takes care of the business of the Norwegian-American line doing a particularly heavy trade with Minnesota and Wisconsin, points out that this would make the tremendous saving of time and money that would accrue if we were able to send our ships to those harbors.

"As it is we find it desirable to have our boats go to Montreal for Chicago cargoes, on account of the great congestion, strikes and expense incident to New York harbor."

### DAVIDSON STUDENT WILL SPEAK SUNDAY

An Old Subject

The feasibility and desirability of this development project directly affecting fourteen of the great producing states of the middle west has been discussed for several decades. Progress was interrupted in 1914 by the world war, and the extraordinary demands on agricultural and transportation emphasized the imperative importance of such a water-route. On March 2, 1919, Senator Irvine L. Lenroot of Wisconsin had incorporated in the rivers and harbors act a provision requesting the International joint commission "to investigate what further improvement of the St. Lawrence river between Montreal and Lake Ontario, is necessary to make the same navigable for ocean-going vessels," and to report the estimated cost to the Dominion of Canada and the congress of the United States with recommendations for "cooperation by those two governments of this river."

Prominent engineers and engineering bodies have sent to congress their affidavits that the opening up of the St. Lawrence route is absolutely feasible and would afford relief not only to over-burdened transportation facilities, but also would supply needed

hydro-electric power to seaboard industries.

The development as envisioned for congress by Representative Nelson plans for a cooperative program between inland waterways and the railroads, declaring that destructive competition between those two must cease. The congestion around the eastern terminus, which was a great war-time nuisance must be removed, he said, by providing dockage on the lakes.

Save Farmers' Money

As an illustration of the value of agriculture and an incentive to increase agricultural activity in the west he pointed out that the war-haul for wheat alone through the St. Lawrence would cause a saving of \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 annually, which would go into the pockets of the farmers.

The relative insignificance of the estimated cost of the St. Lawrence route, \$120,000,000, only one-half of which would be paid by the United States, is shown by Representative Nelson in comparison with the estimated cost of railroad rolling stock for the next five years—\$9,000,000. The conservation of coal would reach a tremendous amount and the small income rental of the immense power-power on the American side alone would be about \$12,000,000 or a return of about 20 per cent on the investment.

### ADMIRAL BRITTAIN COMMITS SUICIDE

By The Associated Press.

Washington, April 23.—Rear Admiral Carlo Brittain, chief of staff for Admiral Henry B. Wilson, commander of the Atlantic fleet, committed suicide by shooting himself yesterday while on duty with the fleet in Cuban waters.

A dispatch received at the navy department today gave no reason for Admiral Brittain's suicide, nor did it indicate that he had been in ill health. The body will be brought to the United States on the hospital ship Solace.

Admiral Brittain was born at Pineville, Ky., 53 years ago and was graduated from the naval academy in 1888. During the Spanish war he served as a lieutenant and for bravery in the Santiago battle he was awarded the Sampson medal.

Representative Nelson had laid before congress statistics showing that twelve of the states which would be served produce \$1,138,000,000,000 worth of slaughterhouse products out of \$1,652,000,000,000, the total production of the United States. Three states alone produce \$117,000,000 worth of rubber goods out of a national total of \$225,000,000. The automobile industry of this area produces \$540,000,000 or 87 per cent of the nation's total output. The production of butter, cheese and condensed milk is \$242,000,000, or about two-thirds of the total. Agricultural implements to the value of \$135,000,000 out of a total of \$164,000,000 are credited to the states bordering on the great lakes. The census of manufacturers for 1914 gives these states credit for 37.1-2 per cent of the entire manufactured product of the nation.

### WOMAN ROBBER MADE RICH HAULS

By The Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., April 23.—Laura Wayne, said by the police to be the leader of a gang of housebreakers, was in the Cleveland jail today in default of \$3,000 bail. She was arrested yesterday.

According to the police, she made a sensational escape from a patrolman who had surprised her and a man robbing a home. Valuable jewelry and furs were found in her apartment.

Sheriff Isenhour will be at the city manager's office with the tax books for Hickory township. This will be his last round in Hickory before May 1 and persons who have not paid their poll tax should see him here Saturday.

### SEEK TEMPORARY HOME FOR LEGION

Temporary quarters for the American legion will be sought by a committee named last night by Acting Chairman J. H. Shuford at the instance of the members and the secretary of some of the buildings will be sought. These rooms will be fitted up in good style and in the meantime work will be done toward the legion building. The committee which will investigate the question of rooms is composed of Messrs. Olin H. Hester, Joe Cilley, Cecil Bost, Claude Abernethy and Harold Deal.

The question of giving a dance in the name of the legion was brought up and a motion to appropriate \$75 toward the expenses of the bon was voted down. Then permission was sought to give a dance under the auspices of the local post, with the distinct understanding that it would be free from any financial liability and this was given. The legion will lend its name, but will pay no part of the cost, it was agreed.

The dance will be by subscription if given.

### AMERICANS URGE SENDING WARSHIPS

By The Associated Press.

Washington, April 23.—American government representatives in Mexico have asked for the dispatch of warships to that country to protect American citizens and property there.

The request came from Mazatlan and Topolchampo on the Pacific coast and from Frontera on the gulf coast. Officials of the state, war and departments are investigating the request, explaining that in times of disturbance in the southern republic frequent requests for warships are made when the facts show that they are not necessary.

The tulip bed planted by Mrs. Fonda, representative of the Southern Railway Company and members of the Community Club in the plot by the railroad tracks on Federal street, is in full bloom and presents a pleasing appearance to passers by.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Stevens arrived in the city last night from Charlotte. Mrs. Stevens entered the Richard Baker Hospital for an operation.

### STRIKERS APPEAL TO ROAD MANAGERS

By The Associated Press.

New York, April 23.—Striking broad workers in the New York district appealed directly to the railroad managers today for restoration to duty and settlement of the strike in the "public interest."

## WILL ORGANIZE NEW RAILROAD UNION

By The Associated Press.

Washington, April 23.—Formation of a new national organization of railroad men has been undertaken by representatives here of striking switchmen, it was announced today.

R. J. Newman, announcing the movement, said that efforts would be made to enroll all railroad craft both in the United States and Canada. He estimated that the membership would be 75,000 at the start and would include many thousands.

J. P. Foley, of the Cleveland yardmen's association, said the committees in Washington represented 49,000 men in the non-associations and that elections would be held for a grand council.

## CAILLAUX IS GIVEN THREE YEARS' TERM

By The Associated Press.

Paris, April 23.—A sentence of three years' imprisonment was imposed today upon former Premier Joseph Caillaux for correspondence and commerce with the enemy. The time which he spent in prison will be deducted, leaving him a month to serve.

## REINHARDT NAMED FOR STATE SENATOR

Mr. W. A. Reinhardt, of Newton, was re-nominated for the state senate by the Republicans of Catawba and Lincoln counties at their convention in Maiden yesterday. Three other nominations were before the meeting—Mr. R. H. Shuford, of Hickory; Mr. J. W. Mullen, of Lincoln, and Mr. W. H. Barkley, of Hickory.

Reinhardt would not be a candidate. The other names were not voted upon when he came into the convention and announced that he would be a candidate again.

The following account of the convention is furnished by the Record by Mr. J. P. Clark, editor of the Times-Mercury:

The Republicans of the 50th Senatorial district, composed of Lincoln and Catawba counties, met in Maiden Thursday, W. A. Reinhardt, of Newton, was nominated for the Senate by acclamation. The following officers were elected: J. C. Sizemore, of Newton, chairman; L. P. Klutz, of Newton, secretary; for executive committee, H. H. Abbe, of Hickory, and J. W. Mullen, of Lincoln.

At 12:30 Chairman R. E. Lueberzer, in a timely speech, called the convention to order, and asked W. C. Mullen to act as secretary. By motion the temporary organization was made permanent. The chairman stated that the object of the convention was to nominate a candidate for State senator, and that nominations were in order.

H. H. Abbe placed in nomination R. H. Shuford, of Hickory. This nomination was seconded by C. E. McFadden, R. J. Mouser placed in nomination J. W. Mullen, of Lincoln. This nomination was seconded by C. A. Jones, P. A. Setzer placed in nomination W. H. Barkley, of Hickory. This nomination was seconded by J. P. Barber.

While they were discussing candidates and how to proceed, the Newton delegation arrived and Kinder stepped the convention. Eugene Sizemore, register of deeds, placed in nomination W. A. Reinhardt, of Newton, the present senator for the district. His nomination was duly seconded. This was a surprise to the convention as the senator had said he could not accept it. But being present and saving he would accept, he alone was voted on and hence, nominated and that by a clamorous. Good delegation present.

## CAVALRY HORSES WILL ARRIVE MAY 16

Lieut. Wade V. Bowman was notified today that 16 head of cavalry horses for the Hickory platoon would arrive here May 16 with a complete outfit of feed and equipment sufficient for 45 days. The horses had not been expected before June 1, but the announcement that they will be in half a month earlier will be good news. The saddles, sabers and other equipment already are in the army. That the school for officers and non-commissioned officers will be held at Camp Jackson, Columbia, beginning May 16, instead of Camp Gordon, Atlanta, as originally planned, and he and eight non-commissioned officers will attend.

The platoon had a good drill last night and the boys are fast brought into condition. Several of them have seen service overseas and the cavalry has the advantage of seasoned veterans in its ranks. The public is welcome to all drills, which are held every Thursday night.

## DEATH TOLL LARGER WITH FRESH REPORTS

By The Associated Press.

Birmingham, April 23.—Information received direct from the stricken areas, together with reports to the governors of two states, gave the following toll of deaths in Tuesday's storm:

Mississippi, 150 dead; 100 injured. Alabama, 78 dead; 500 injured. Tennessee, 5 dead; 30 injured.

Families made homeless in the three states totaled close to 500 and losses to livestock and property will approximate \$2,000,000.

## MRS. SPENCER IN SERIOUS CONDITION

By The Associated Press.

Morehead City, N. C., April 23.—Mrs. Neva Gaskill Spencer, postmistress at Lupton, N. C., who poisoned her two children and drank a quantity herself and then tried to hasten death by cutting her throat, was still alive today with small prospects of her recovery.

One of the children died shortly after reaching here, but the other will recover.

Mrs. Spencer, who became postmistress at Lupton a month ago, is believed to have become demented when she found that her accounts did not balance.

## MANAGERS WON'T TREAT WITH STRIKERS

By The Associated Press.

New York, April 23.—Railroad managers today flatly rejected a direct appeal of strikers in the New York district that they be restored to duty with full seniority rights and the strike be settled in the "public interest."

Edward McHugh, chairman of the executive committee of the strikers sent a letter by messenger to J. J. Mantell, chairman of the general managers' association, declaring the public demands the operation of trains. The message said:

"Our immediate restoration to duty without discrimination and with full restoration seniority rights in order to 'relieve the wheels of industry.'"

## PACKERS ACCUSED OF PROFITEERING

By The Associated Press.

New York, April 23.—Indictments charging profiteering in meats were returned by the grand jury in Brooklyn against the Chicago packing houses of Armour & Company, Swift & Company and Wilson & Company and their representatives here.

The jury was out nearly 21 hours. It was reported that members stood 9 to 3 for acquittal from the taking of the first ballot. Judge Malone later sent for Assistant District Attorney Smith and directed him to place Colonel Porter on trial again next week.

Contradicting defendants counsel, Mr. Smith said the jury voted 11 to 1 for guilty on 14 ballots.

## PORTER JURY FAILS TO REACH VERDICT

By The Associated Press.

New York, April 23.—The jury in the court of general sessions, which heard the case of Col. Augustus Drum Porter, indicted on a charge of immoral conduct, reported at 11:06 o'clock today that it had been unable to reach a verdict. It was immediately discharged.

## FOOD SHORTAGE NOW FACES COUNTRY

By The Associated Press.

Washington, April 23.—A shortage of farm labor as acute as that of 1918 threatens to curtail food production, Secretary Meredith said today in an appeal to business men, students and others to spend their vacations assisting in the production of food.

The shortage of farm labor is 72 per cent, compared with 85 per cent last year, he said. The fact that this shortage exists in spite of a wage increase of 15 to 20 per cent is regarded as highly important by Secretary Meredith.

## SPLENDID MEET OF DISTRICT CLUBS

A meeting of the 11th district, federated clubs, was held in Newton yesterday and representatives from practically all entire district were in attendance. The meeting was delightful from every standpoint and the women of Newton are to be congratulated in their gracious hospitality to their sisters from neighboring clubs.

The opening session began at 11:30 o'clock in the First Methodist church and was presided over by Mrs. D. F. Long of Statesville, district chairman, and Mrs. W. D. Cochran one of the club presidents of Newton. Rev. P. W. Tucker, pastor of the church opened the meeting with divine worship and the meeting was then turned over to the leaders and regular routine business was transacted. Addresses of welcome were extended by Mrs. Loy Sizemore, president of the Victorian Club of Newton, Mrs. W. D. Dore Book Club of Newton, Mrs. W. B. Gaither, president of the Women's Club of Newton and Mrs. F. M. Williams of the Newton chapter U. D. C. Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, president of the Hickory Community Club, responded in her usual inimitable style.

As Mrs. B. F. Long of Statesville district chairman, section was in order, Mrs. Rufus Gwyn of Lenoir receiving the nomination.

At 1 o'clock the meeting adjourned and luncheon was served at the home of Mrs. R. B. Knox.

The afternoon session started at 2:30 and lasted until 5 o'clock. Reports of club work were given by representatives from Statesville, Albemarle, Morganton, Lenoir, Salisbury, Newton and Hickory. From the latter place Mrs. A. M. West, secretary of the Thursday Study Club and Mrs. R. J. Foster, secretary of the Community club, read reports. In passing it might be well to state that the work undertaken by the club women of North Carolina is stupendous. Over 7000 North Carolina women are members of federated clubs rounded out her second year as president of the club women of the latter place Mrs. A. M. West, secretary of the Thursday Study Club and Mrs. R. J. Foster, secretary of the Community club, read reports. In passing it might be well to state that the work undertaken by the club women of North Carolina is stupendous. Over 7000 North Carolina women are members of federated clubs rounded out her second year as president of the club women of the latter place Mrs. A. M. 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