

HARDING URGES HELP FOR AMERICAN SHIPS

President Advocates Subsidies for Merchant Marine in Address to Congress

PROPOSES TO SELL WAR-TIME FLEET

Chief Executive in Favor of Taking the Government Out of Shipping Business

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Harding, through a message which he read in person to Congress in joint session, presented today the administration program for development through direct and indirect subsidies of the American merchant marine, and immediately after he had outlined his views steps were taken to translate his recommendations into legislation.

Bills embodying the administration policy were introduced simultaneously before the President had left the capitol and arrangements were made for early committee consideration. Joint hearings by the Senate commerce and the House merchant marine committees, to which the bills were referred, were proposed by Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, chairman of the former. The bill will be taken up next Thursday by the Senate committee and soon also by the House committee.

In addressing the joint session of Congress President Harding declared that the policy of government operation of its merchant ships had been demonstrated to be "fundamentally wrong and practically impossible." He proposed the sale—even at an admitted sacrifice—of the government fleet built during the war and the granting of the direct and indirect subsidies, together with other aid, to private ship operators.

"Endless Embarrassment." This program, the President explained, was advanced in lieu of ineffective provisions in existing laws designed to aid shipping. These included the "subvention" or tariff rebate, provided for imports in American vessels by the present tariff law which is inoperative because of "the most favored nation" clauses of commercial treaties. The President reiterated that he did not intend to denounce these treaties, as provided in the Jones shipping act of 1920—an act which would make the tariff subvention operative—because, he said, it would "lead to endless embarrassment" and invite disturbance of cordial commercial relations.

Administration leaders in Congress later said that no attempt would be made to repeal the treaty abrogation clause of the Jones act, but that the new program would be pressed and the treaty abrogation provision left on the statute books.

The President also reiterated his approval of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway project.

Applauded As He Leaves This and several other declarations of the President were applauded at the joint session. The audience rose and applauded at length when he entered and left the House chamber.

The cost of his program next year was estimated by the President at \$15,000,000, with about \$330,000,000 as the ultimate maximum.

The plan, the President said, would "ultimately take the government out of a business which has been excessively costly and wasteful and involving a loss in excess of the highest subsidy proposed."

The audience applauded vigorously when the Executive declared America had "the aspiration, yea, the determination, to establish a merchant marine commensurate with our commercial importance."

The experiment of government operation, the President said, had been very costly.

"Much has been learned, to be sure," he added, "but the outstanding lesson is that the government cannot profitably manage our merchant shipping."

Plan Endorsed The President said that every member of the shipping board endorsed the administration program. Republican leaders in both branches of Congress said also that it had the general endorsement of the dominant party membership.

Democratic opposition to the subsidy proposal developed, however, immediately and Senator Fletcher, Democrat, Florida former chairman and ranking minority member of the Senate commerce committee, issued a statement announcing opposition to the subsidy plan.

"There is no need for subsidies in my opinion," said Senator Fletcher. "I would, however, favor the government furnishing insurance to our own and private American ships at practically cost. My inclination has been against any direct subsidy."

Other Democratic Senators also declared their opposition to a subsidy, but many said they desired to study the administration program carefully before determining their position.

KENTUCKY SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO IS HEAVY

Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 26.—Sales on the loose leaf floors during the past week aggregated 1,124,700 pounds of tobacco, which brought the growers \$174,203.80. The average was \$15.40, an increase of 58 cents a hundred over last week. The average was \$10.61 for the same week a year ago.

Sales for the season amount to 10,814,755, the average being \$15.28. Lower grades were mainly in evidence, though there was some fine leaf. The best price was \$40.

Tobacco is rolling into the city and heavy sales are expected until the season closes. Prices for the week ranged as follows:

Trash \$2.50 to \$3; common lugs \$3 to \$5; medium lugs \$5 to \$8; good lugs \$8 to \$12; fine lugs \$12 to \$15; low leaf \$10 to \$12; common leaf \$12 to \$18; medium leaf \$18 to \$25; good leaf \$25 to \$30; fine leaf \$30 to \$40.

TO GIVE AWAY SECRETS

Washington, Feb. 28.—Results of the government's investigation into the retail prices charged for necessities in various parts of the country will be made public next week, Attorney General Daugherty said today.

The Attorney General has announced his intention of prosecuting wherever evidences of profiteering by retail merchants through illegal agreements are uncovered by the department, but has indicated that he would rely mainly upon the publicity given the price information to enable the public to demand the proper levels.

CIVIC LEAGUE PLANT AND CAKE SALE

At the old Cafe's stand on Friday, March 3rd from 3 till 6 p. m. the Civic League will have many pretty pot plants and delightful cakes of all sorts for sale at reasonable prices. There will be whole cake, cut cakes as well as small ones, in order that our house-keepers may be enabled to purchase according to each individual need. No home is home-like without some growing plants—these will be there also, of many varieties. This is the housekeepers, and home-makers opportunity, and the League solicits the patronage of everyone.

COURT CONVENES MONDAY, MARCH 13

Court convenes in Manning March 13th, Judge Shipp presiding. The following is the petit jury:

- R. P. Gibbons, Turbeville
- J. I. Walker, Summerton
- D. M. Evans, New Zion
- C. S. Rigby, Manning
- A. M. White, Alcolu
- J. B. Bagnal, Wilson
- C. B. Timmons, Wilson
- T. M. Kennedy, Manning
- A. J. Walters, Silver
- H. P. DuBose, Manning
- C. H. Wheeler, New Zion
- J. M. DuBose, Turbeville
- W. J. Brunson, Summerton
- P. R. Alderman, Alcolu
- D. W. Barwick, Alcolu
- J. Q. Mathis, Summerton
- H. H. Evans, New Zion
- J. R. Hodge, Alcolu
- S. D. Coker, Turbeville
- Ragin Mathis, Summerton
- N. H. Phillips, Summerton
- S. C. Way, Silver
- J. R. Thames, Davis Station
- L. H. Kennedy, Gable
- P. W. Stukes, Manning
- F. M. Rhodus, Wilson
- J. W. McFaddin, Sardinia
- M. E. Worsham, Lake City
- O. P. Johnson, New Zion
- R. P. Barrow, New Zion
- M. W. Ardis, Wilson
- R. M. Felder, Summerton
- J. A. Corbett, Manning
- S. M. Briggs, Lake City
- D. M. Gibson, Silver
- C. D. Bell, Manning

SECOND WEEK JURY

- W. R. Davis, Silver
- G. M. Lee, Alcolu
- J. T. Worsham, Lake City
- W. M. Morris, Turbeville
- N. K. Timmons, Manning
- C. G. Cutter, Wilson
- T. C. Gamble, Turbeville
- D. M. Roberson, Turbeville
- T. C. Wadford, Summerton
- M. R. Thames, Davis Station
- J. B. Hicks, Gable
- C. W. Thames, Wilson
- J. A. Green, Turbeville
- W. F. Rush, Turbeville
- E. R. Morris, Turbeville
- A. W. Frierson, Silver
- S. E. McFaddin, Sardinia
- J. K. Harrington, New Zion
- C. M. Thigpen, Manning
- W. O. Land, Manning
- A. H. Reese, Manning
- W. M. Ridgill, Manning
- C. L. McElveen, Manning
- E. L. Ard, Alcolu
- J. L. Geddings, Paxville
- W. D. Scurry, Manning
- T. L. Floyd, Turbeville
- N. G. Hemmingway, Summerton
- T. M. Beard, Gable
- J. L. Elliott, Silver
- W. J. Tomlinson, New Zion
- L. M. Graham, Alcolu
- L. H. Godwin, Summerton
- R. H. Corbett, Alcolu
- E. L. Johnson, Manning
- G. A. Frierson, Wilson

TAYLOR MURDER SOLVED IF WOMAN IS RIGHT

Six Drug Peddlers Caught in Raid on Los Angeles House—"House-keepers" Says They Killed Movie Man.

Los Angeles, Feb. 28.—The mystery of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director "is solved if the story told by Mrs. John Rupp in connection with the arrest here today of six drug peddlers is correct," tonight declared Detective Sergt. Herman Cline, one of the police squad assigned to the case.

When Sergt. Cline, head of the police homicide squad, made this statement Mrs. Rupp, who told the police she had "kept house" for the men, had been rigidly questioned by two detectives of the district attorney's office. Officers said they would check up every detail of her statement.

Another witness, new in the case, and whose exact connection with it, and whose name was not made public officially, was taken before District Attorney Woolwine, to whom he was said to have told a "very important story." This witness is called "Frenchy George" by the detectives, who decline further information.

"Frenchy George's" story, however, was believed to relate to the arrests of the six men, who were accused of having sold drugs and liquor to motion picture actors and actresses and others in the Hollywood district.

The six men in custody were caught in a raid at Mrs. Rupp's home. They gave their names as William East, thirty-six; Walter Kirby, twenty-three; John Herkey, twenty-five; Ray Lynch, twenty-six; George Calvert, twenty-five, and Harry Amorheim, twenty-seven. Police were holding them incommunicado tonight.

According to the police, Mrs. Rupp directly charged two of the men with the murder of Taylor. The officers quoted her as saying Kirby and Calvert had made threats against Taylor in her house, asserting that the director had "injured their business." She declared they showed nervousness the night of February 1, when Taylor was murdered; were away from her home for a time early that night, and returning, "stayed up all night."

The police stated Kirby and Calvert were no strangers to them. Shortly before Taylor was slain, according to the police restatement of Mrs. Rupp's story, three of the six men returned to her home, and told her:

"He double-crossed us; wouldn't pay for the booze we brought him. We'll get the ———. We're going to kill him."

The name of the director was not spoken, however, it was stated. Mrs. Rupp said she dismissed the threat from her mind until the day after the murder. Then, she said, while she and the two men were at dinner, she suddenly cried out to one of them:

"You are the man who killed Taylor."

"He turned perfectly white and sagged in his chair," Mrs. Rupp was quoted. "Then he said, 'Good God, don't say that again.' Don't ever mention that again."

"I never did," Mrs. Rupp was said to have continued, "but during the next two weeks, one man would frequently come running into the house and hide in his room. Once he said to me, 'The bulls are after me. Help me hide.'"

Mrs. Rupp was said to have given the police the name of an alleged bootlegger from whom the six men were reported to have obtained the liquor they were charged with having sold. The officers were said to be searching for this man.

The arrests today revived the theory brought forward several times and as often said to have been discarded, that Taylor was slain because of his alleged activities against a narcotic ring. It was even declared that the officers had practically proved the director once, engaged in a physical encounter with a drug peddler he caught negotiating with an actress friend.

A detective attached to the district attorney's office said officers would pay another visit to Mabel Normand, film actress, who is recovering from what her physicians announced as a severe attack of influenza, and nervous breakdown.

UNION PRESSMEN LEAVE PAPERS

New York, Feb. 28.—Union printing pressmen on all New York morning newspaper press rooms abandoned their posts tonight, according to an announcement by the Publishers' Association of New York City.

Long after its usual hour of publication, the New York Herald issued an eight-page paper, captioned "strike edition." An eight-column announcement on the front page explained that press room forces were "on strike" and that the press room was temporarily crippled.

BONUS QUESTION IS IN DEADLOCK

Republicans Fail to Reconcile Differences

MACNIDER SEES HARDING

National Commandar of the American Legion Says He is Satisfied

Washington, Feb. 28.—House ways and means committee Republicans spent three hours trying to reconcile their differences over the soldiers' bonus, but without success. After they had adjourned until tomorrow, Chairman Fordney announced that he had been "authorized to say that the committee has arrived at no conclusion."

It was understood that there was a general discussion of the whole question of finances, acrimonious at times, and that at the finish the situation was just where it was before the special subcommittee tentatively agreed upon a special tax program which subsequently was disapproved by President Harding.

Want to Meet President

The discussion today was reported to have revolved largely around the proposition to write into the bill some kind of financing provision that would meet the President's views at least half way. The sales tax suggested by the President and rejected by the special committee last week by an overwhelming vote, was not pressed particularly, it was said, and the impression went out that some members had in mind a special tax program.

Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, and John Thomas Taylor, vice chairman of the legion's legislative committee discussed the bonus situation with President Harding at the White House today. They said afterwards that they were "perfectly satisfied" with the results of the conference and expressed confidence that there would be no delay in the enactment of the adjusted compensation legislation. They added that the President "was heart and soul" with the legion and understood its position fully.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The American Legion and the Woman's Auxiliary entertained about fifty young folk with a bridge party last Wednesday night. Chocolate with sandwiches was served to the guest.

Last Friday the bankrupt stocks of Weinberg Co., and L. D. Nettles were sold. Morris Ness bought the Weinberg stock. Lester Weinberg the Nettles stock in Manning and J. M. Nettles the stock in Alcolu.

INCREASE OF COTTON ACREAGE GREAT MISTAKE

Columbia, Feb. 28.—Convinced they say, that any increase in cotton acreage this year would be absolutely ruinous to the state, officials of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association today issued a statement setting forth the facts in the situation, as they see them, and urging every interest in South Carolina to unite in an effort to hold the acreage down at least to that of 1921.

A further reduction would be strongly advisable the association says, four major reasons are given by the association why the acreage should not be increased and it says there are numerous minor reasons, the four principal ones are:

"First. An increase in cotton acreage would cheapen all collateral held by Southern banks.

"Second. Under boll weevil conditions an increase in acreage means an increase in possible disaster by the boll weevil.

"Third. An increase in cotton acreage means a decrease in food and feed crops. Let's make the Southern farm self sustaining before we again undertake to raise a surplus of cotton.

"Fourth. After bearing the brunt of deflation neither our bankers, merchants are in a position to finance a large crop.

Under existing conditions we ought not to run the risk of a crop failure and thus embarrass banks, merchants and farmers. Plant only such crop as can be financed with comparative ease."

The association in its statement takes the view that while "a large acreage this year would not by any means insure a large crop, it would certainly very greatly depress the price for the next eight or nine months any way. If we overproduce prices will be ruinous, if we overplant and the boll weevil repeats her 1921 performance, ruin is certain, either way you look at it our only salvation is in a very small acreage."

The association says that it feels it to be its duty to sound this note of warning to the farmers of the state and it reminds them that "it is better to be safe than sorry."

THE RED CROSS PUBLIC HEALTH NOTES

Report for February

Nursing visits	33
Instructive visits	37
School visits	16
Social service visits	3
Conference visits	115
Total visits	204
Mileage	790

Schools inspected	4
Pupils inspected	444
Defectives	353
Total defects	814
Defective eyes	106
Defective ears	18
Defective nose and throat	219
Defective teeth	259
Miscellaneous	38

Home visits to tubercular patients	19
To diagnosed cases	15
To suspect cases	4
Examinations secured by nurse	4
Cases found positive	3

Prenatal visits	2
Postnatal visits	2
Visits to infants under 2 years	26

Talks to school children	24
Attendance	679
Dental corrections	17
Eye corrections	7
Throat treatments	3

Patients first of month	43
New cases	11
Prenatal	2
Postnatal	1
Infants under two years	2
T. B.	5
Other communicable disease	1
Patients discharged	2
Recovered	1
Improved	1
Patients last of month	52

As in most schools the teeth need more careful attention. The teachers and all the pupils seem anxious to raise their standard of health. We are hoping much will be accomplished for better health.

Summary report of the Foreston School:

No. pupils inspected	13
No. vaccinated	2
Defective eyes	2
Defective nose and throat	5
Defective teeth	12
Anaemic	4
Poor nutrition	8
Miscellaneous	2

Here, too the teeth are being neglected, both as to cleanliness and dental work. Teacher and pupils have promised co-operation for better health and cleaner teeth.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 30, 1902

Mr. Connor Wells of Jordan is quite ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Rigby left last Monday night for the Charleston exposition.

Railroad Commission J. C. Wilborn went over the Alderman railroad last Friday to inspect and receive it.

The dispensary profits for the quarter ending March 31st has been turned over to the treasurer amounting to \$1,540.12. This amount is to be divided between county and town.

Miss Virginia Galluchat leaves tomorrow evening to visit friends in Portsmouth, Va.

Miss Lillian Harvin is quite sick; she was very ill Sunday, but better today.

The Pine Grove school at Turbeville has elected Mr. A. T. Helms, a graduate of Wofford College, principal of the Pine Grove Academy.

WOMAN HOLDS TO LIFE

Miami, Fla., Feb. 28.—Although physicians said there was no hope for her recovery, Mrs. Edgar C. Frady, shot three times by her husband, who then slashed his own throat Sunday afternoon in a local hotel, still clung to life tonight.

Frady, while in a serious condition, was said to be on the road to recovery. He is under arrest and is being guarded in the hospital by a deputy sheriff.

Frady declared, when questioned by the sheriff, that he did not remember shooting his wife. He admitted that they had scuffled for possession of the revolver, the officials said, but declared that his memory failed him on subsequent events.

SENATE OVERRIDES VETO OF GOVERNOR

Wells Tax Extension Resolution Favored, 32 to 3

ADDRESSES PRO AND CON

Measure Now Goes to House and if Passed Over Objection Will Become Law.

Columbia, Feb. 28.—By the vote of 32 to 3 tonight the veto of Governor Cooper on the Wells' resolution extending the time for the payment of taxes until June 1 was overridden by the Senate. The Senate will meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Senate tonight took up the veto message. Senator Moise, of Sumter, favored the passage of the bill over the Governor's veto. He differed with the Governor in the latter's statement that the credit of the State would be impaired and that the proviso relative to allowing taxpayers to vote would be unconstitutional.

Senators Johnstone and Beasley also differed with the Governor. They thought that he was right to exercise his opinion as he saw it but they felt that the resolution should be passed for the benefit of the people who are in distress.

Senator Duncan took exception to the Governor in that he thought the Governor had not sought the advice of the members of the Senate supporting to resolution. He said that the people had asked for the extension and it should be granted. He also said that he felt outraged that the wishes of the people should not be acceded to.

Senator Wells thought it was for the best interest of the people and of the State institutions to pass the resolution. He took exception to the Governor on the ground that the credit of the State would be impaired.

Senator Hart said that he would vote to sustain the Governor's veto. He agreed with the Chief Executive that it would hurt the credit of the State. He sympathized with those who were financially hit but he could not see how an extension would aid the taxpayers.

Senator Wideman spoke for the passage of the resolution over the Governor's veto in order to give the people what they sought.

Senator Wideman insisted on overriding the tax veto because of conditions, Senator McCrady said Heaven had smiled on Oconee and he felt the up-country should come to the help of the low-country. He wished to override the veto.

Senator Laney felt the Governor was convinced he was doing the right thing but he thought he was mistaken. He had no criticism but felt the Governor had made an error of judgment. He felt that the banks were doing a good service to the State and were to be commended and were necessary. There were extraordinary conditions and the best thing was to extend the time and he believed it possible to continue to borrow the necessary money.

Senator Goodwin wanted the relief and favored overriding the veto. On a roll call the veto was overridden by a vote of 32 to 3. The three Senators voting to sustain the veto were Senators Bailes, Hart and Miller.

The tax extension amendment now goes to the House on the veto issue.

The Senate will meet at 11 o'clock in the morning. A favorable report with amendments was made on the bill from the House to provide for a State board of engineering examiners and a similar report was made on the "dog tax bill."

A favorable report was submitted on the bill providing for a tax on stock exchanges dealing in cotton futures.

The Senate tonight after some debate, killed the bill by Senator Goodwin to require manufacturers and dealers in fertilizers to state whether the ammonia contained therein is potential and available and also the nature of the filler contained in the fertilizer. The bill, it is said, was aimed to get a better product of fertilizer.

THE RED CROSS CHAPTER CALLS FOR KNITTERS

The women of our County are again called upon to knit for our soldiers. This time for our disabled ones. We want every woman who can, and will, to knit sleeping capes for our tubercular soldiers, who have to spend their nights as well as their days in the open. Surely the women of Clarendon County will come forward now, as they did, when these same men were fighting for us. The wool and explicit directions for knitting these capes will be furnished by the Red Cross. Any one who will help in this need please communicate with Mrs. J. A. Weinberg, Box 219, Manning, S. C.

AMERICAN LEGION MOVES

The local Post of the American Legion has moved its club rooms from the Manning Hardware Building to the second floor of the Levi Building where spacious and convenient quarters have been secured. The first meeting in the new rooms will be held Tuesday, March 7th.