

HARDING GOES LIMIT FOR SHIP SUBSIDY

Representatives Summoned to White House for Personal Conferences

MEASURE GAINING IN HOUSE

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1917, by Public Ledger Company Washington, Nov. 24.—President Harding is making a more direct effort to put his ship subsidy measure through the House than he has ever done before for any piece of legislation. He sends daily for individual members of the House and argues with them in behalf of his bill. He is not using patronage or coercion, only persuasion.

His favorite argument is the story of Mark Hanna's experience with the subsidy issue twenty years ago. Mr. Hanna was campaigning in Ohio and devoting most of his energies to the martyred President McKinley. His audience were respectful, but not enthusiastic. Mr. Hanna, who was a young politician at that time, suggested that Hanna talk about the merchant marine.

Mr. Hanna objected that the farmers of Ohio are not interested in ships and that they are against a subsidy. Afterward Mr. Hanna took Mr. Harding's advice and met with a cordial response from his audience. So Mr. Harding tells the Congressmen that they would find their constituents favorable to the subsidy if they had the courage to present the issue fairly.

The chief danger of the Subsidy Bill in the House is from the absence of its normal supporters. About fifty Republicans who were not re-elected are not in attendance. Telegrams have been sent to them urging them to come for the vote on the subsidy. But it is hard to get men who are working from office to give much time to Washington. They are looking after their business or their law practice preparatory to returning to private life.

There is little doubt, however, that the bill is gaining strength in the House. The chief consideration that is aiding it is that the present situation with regard to American shipping is impossible, and that no alternative suggestion to that put forth by Mr. Harding is made. The weakness of the Progressives on this, as on the railroad issue, is that their attitude is purely destructive.

If the subsidy is rejected, the country has to go on owning ships that are tied up at the docks, losing money on them steadily and failing, although it receives the subsidy, to build an ocean-carrying fleet.

The Nation has tried ever since the war ended to transfer its ships to private ownership. It is impossible to say. It has tried Government operation of them. After years of this experimentation, one-half the Government-owned ships are being sold.

The world depression in business, and especially in foreign commerce, does not sufficiently account for the failure of American shipping. The figures show this. This country has much less than one-half the world's shipping. Yet 50 per cent of the world's shipping is tied up in part is American.

How much this had showing is due to the poor quality of the ships built by this country during the war, how much of it is due to the inexperience of this country in shipping, how much of it is due to the disadvantage to which American ships are put by American shipping laws, it is impossible to say. But it is evident that an immense inertia is to be overcome before an American merchant marine is created. And the argument for a subsidy is that it can only be overcome by Government aid to private ship owners. For this contention is the argument that everything else has failed.

Bill Weak in One Respect

The weakness of the subsidy position is that there is no certainty that the Government aid proposed by Mr. Harding would be adequate to induce private owners to take the ships off the coast into the hands of opponents of the measure. Opponents of the measure are afraid that the \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000 proposed by Mr. Harding would be only a guarantee that a certain year when it had failed to accomplish its purpose, vasty large expenditures would be asked for, that the country would be committed to a course of subsidizing of which no one would see the extent.

According to Mr. Harding's figures, the Government is losing \$20,000,000 a year on its ships. This does not take into account the interest on borrowed money. Private owners have to pay interest on investment and have regard to depreciation. Also they must have profits. How, if it is asked, will \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000 in Government aid put private owners in a position to operate ships on which the Government loses \$20,000,000, not counting interest on investment and depreciation?

In other words, though it is admitted that the present situation is intolerable and that the Administration brings forward the only constructive suggestion, could it be proved that this suggestion will work?

Still Mr. Harding has the best of it in the House. The opponents of the bill are trying to beat something with nothing. In the Senate his bill is likely to be talked to death.

JAMES CLEARY WILLS \$55,000 TO CHURCH

Catholic Institutions to Get Estate After His Wife's Death

Catholic churches and institutions are to benefit ultimately from the will of James Cleary, 125 East Durham street, who bequeathed his \$55,000 estate in trust for his wife, Marcella.

On her death the estate is to be divided in this way: St. Joseph's Church, Williams Alley; Holy Cross Church, Mount Airy; Sisters of Mercy, Merion, and the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, Overbrook, \$2000 each; Brothers of the Christian Schools, Philadelphia, \$1000, and St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, and the diocesan seminary at St. Louis, \$500 each.

The residue is to be distributed among St. Magdalene's Asylum for Colored Girls, Germantown; St. John's Orphan Asylum, St. Vincent's Home, St. Joseph's House for Homeless, Industrial Boys, Little Sisters of the Poor, Germantown; the West Philadelphia Industrial School, and St. Joseph's Convent, Mount Airy.

Other wills probated were those of: Michael Holly, 3411 Baynton street, \$44,000; Alice C. Harding, 3411 Hamilton street, \$39,000; Joseph B. Frederick, Mount Holly, \$30,000; Michael Nixon, Polyclinic Hospital, \$25,400; William Edward West, North Twenty-sixth street, \$14,400; Lizzie Hill, 1824 Diamond street, \$19,200, and Daniel McGuigan, 4014 Billings street, \$6000.

AN APPRECIATION OF LINCOLN An Australian singer, Helen Blingsworth, who strongly resembles the martyred President in personal appearance, made "Abraham Lincoln" was the greatest man since Christ. An unusual illustration of a woman's face also appearing in the Magazine section of the Evening Press Ledger. Make it a

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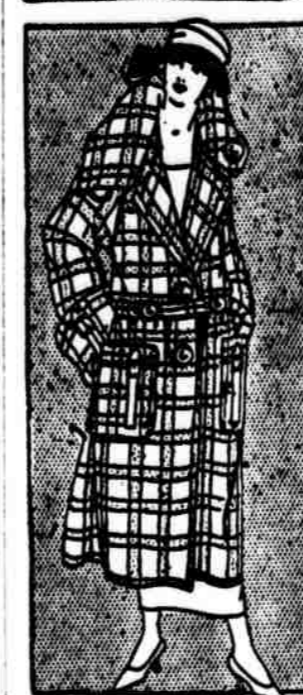
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