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OUR MERCHANT MARINE
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However gentlemen may differ in other respects, there is no room for an honest difference of opinion among patriotic Americans as to the desirability of restoring our merchant marine to its former position of importance upon the high seas. Its languishing and dying conditions has been a matter of regret and humiliation for fifty years, and yet Congress has taken no effective steps to enable American mariners to meet their deep-sea rivals successfully in the contest for carrying our own goods into the markets of the world which are today accessible only by water. The great international contests of modern times are not concerned with armored navies and 13-inch guns, but they have to do with trade, with commerce, with the interchange of products of industry, and the weapons used are skill and thrift, labor, tariffs, and subventions and subsidies. The universal cry from every civilized nation is trade and ever more trade, markets and ever more markets, as the power to produce overtakes by leaps and bounds, with the application of steam and electricity, the power to consume and the rivalry for access to the markets and the possession of the markets of the world intensifies. It not only intensifies in energy and aggressiveness, but it intensifies in necessity and utility. Adequate markets for the consumption of our surplus products are indispensable, for they have to do with the welfare of our laboring people, our manufacturers, and our merchants. They touch the prosperity of the farm and of the workshop, as well as of the counting house.

The situation is such that we cannot any longer afford to ignore it. The body of our merchant marine lies prostrate and bleeding before us. The situation is too serious to be ignored in the interest of an academic attitude of mind. It is a question of national protection, of national security, and of the universal welfare of all classes and of all interests among all our people and not of a construction of the Constitution.

It is of two-fold significance. First we should have the carrying capacity, giving us access to the markets of the world for the purpose of commercial profit; second we should have a navy and a body of seamen in constant readiness to assist our armored ships in case of conflict for the purpose of national security.

Our production of minerals equals the output of our factories; our railroads have increased so tremendously that if put in a single line they would reach to the moon; our telegraph wires have increased by hundreds of thousands of miles; our telephone wires have reached an equal distance. Our interstate commerce reaches proportions far in excess of all the exports and imports of all the exporting and importing nations in the world, ourselves included. For the past seven years we have grown richer at the rate of \$8,000,000 each day, holidays and Sundays included.

The great prosperity which has blessed this country has been for no single class, but has reached to the poorest paid toiler in the most crowded cities of the land. We live on a higher plane of physical comfort; we pay the highest wages in the world, and the output in any line of human endeavor is higher in this country for individual workmen than anywhere else in the world. Almost all of our multiform enterprises are protected by a system of tariff laws so adjusted as to overcome the natural disadvantages against which we otherwise would be compelled to struggle, such as the lower plane of living and the lower wages prevailing in other countries of the world. We protect the farmer and the artisan; we protect the mechanic and the manufacturer; we protect the output of the North, the East, the South and the West, and under the stimulus of this protection the creative energies of the American people have surprised and bewildered the world.

But there is one industry—one calling, not less noble than scores of others thus carefully protected—which seems to have been systematically neglected, if not wholly despised, and that is the carrying of our own goods to the markets of our neighbors. Ninety per cent of the people of this world who are possible customers of ours must be reached by means of the deep sea. We furnish 14 per cent of the export trade of the world—we carry less than 1 per cent of it. We pay \$210,000,000 each year for freight and passenger service on the deep seas, of which ships bearing the American flag receive less than 10 per cent. In 1910 we carried 90 per cent of our foreign trade; in 1890, with 1,200,000 tons of registered vessels, we carried 65 per cent of our foreign trade; this year of grace we have only nine sea-going steam-propelled vessels carrying our goods on the Atlantic, with a tonnage less than 30,000, and on the Pacific only seven steam-propelled vessels, with less than 50,000 tons.

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tower 250 feet higher than the Washington monument—living off our commerce in times of peace, to utterly destroy up in times of war, together with our commerce! These two boats alone can carry as many men and munitions of war as all of our Atlantic merchant vessels combined.

The most prejudiced mind must admit that this is an unnatural and an unhealthy condition of things, and the intelligent observer realizes at a glance that it is an entirely unnecessary condition of things; it is not necessary for us, who have succeeded in every single direction to which we have turned our attention, to be whipped by all the world, including the newest comers into the family of nations, on the high seas; our people have proven time and again their masterfulness and their natural superiority at sea.

HON. J. SLOAT FASSETT.

The Changes of Time
 Painted Warriors of a Few Years Ago Now Organize a Bank.

Indians of Nez Perce tribe, which under the leadership of Chief Joseph, led Generals Howard and Miles such merry chases almost a third century ago, are organizing a company to establish a bank at Fort Lapwai, Idaho, southwest of Spokane, in which the chief business will be with red men, who are to receive approximately \$150,000 from the federal government this year as interest and money due them on the sale of their lands. The bank will have a paid-up capital of \$15,000, of which \$12,000 is held by Indians, five shares being the maximum allotted to any single individual. The board of directors will be Indians, with Corbett Lawyers, a graduate of Carlisle, as cashier. He is now clerk in the office of O. H. Lipp, agent on the reservation. Others interested are Edward S. Riboynd and Thomas Moore. Most of the Indians on the reserve are wealthy through the sale of their lands and many of them have accounts in banks in various parts of the northwest. It is expected that the bank will have deposits of \$200,000 in a short time. This is the first institution of its kind in the Pacific Northwest.

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Wise talks by the office boy
 Some one sent the boss a bunch of books entitled, "Business Nuggets," "The Road to Success," "The Man in Front" and such like. I think he's been looking them over, for when I came to work this morning he handed me this: "Everything comes to those that wait, and the lazy boy waits to greet it; but success comes on with a rapid gait, to the man that goes to meet it." I had to laugh, because he's the boss; but to tell you the honest truth, a boy on this job doesn't get any chance to apply these wise hunches. Actually it's no credit for a fellow to be industrious here, because he can't be anything else. If he lets up for an hour he wouldn't get his orders out and then there would be people coming in and saying lots of fierce things, but nothing about "business success" or the "lazy boy waits to greet it."
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