Panama Canal Is Not Opposed by

Simply Fighting on Defensive to Save Millions Invested in Middle West Industries.

ARTICLE VII. By WILL M. MAUPIN.

Middlewestern shippers and ways and the Panama canal are the railroads are not oppos- beneficial, when considered as a ing the Panama canal. They part of the transportation problems are merely asking something are merely asking something mind that rail transportation is vital like an even break. The ap- to all the people of the country. plication of the railroads for Trans-Continental Rates Solution. modification of certain rates the interior sections, for the interis not based upon closing ests of agriculture and manufacture the canal to freight traffic. It alike, demand that they be protected is based upon the justice of in some way from unjust discrimina-tion in favor of other sections. This may be best done, as conditions now in competition. Even under exist, by permitting the railroads to conditions whereby the In- make trans-continental rates that will terstate Commerce commis- enable them to compete in some measion is empowered to make a lower rate for the long haul then for the short houl the than for the short haul, the dustries are enabled to ship to the longer being included in the coast at a rate reasonably competishorter, the railroads are given only a fair chance to secure a portion of the coast-to- thrive. If this reasonably competitive coast traffic.

They are not making a concerted Missouri river and the territory imattack upon the canal, but are fight- mediately adjacent to Pacific coast ing on the defensive. After investing territory, then everybody is benefittheir millions, developing a vast inland empire, and striving to build jacent coast territory. If these rea interior industries, they are not alone sonably competitive rates are denied, fighting their own battles, but are and the revenues of the railroads fighting the battles of the millions diminish until the profit line is lost, who have followed the railroads into then the rates charged the entire inthe inland sections.

Canal Did Not Develop West.

The highest possible development cultural development. Lower Long Haul Rate. of inland waterways, and a score of Nothing could be plainer to the canals across the isthmus would never have developed the vast terri- fair-minded investigator than this. tory lying between the Missouri river The whole future development of inand the western slope of the Rockies. terior industry and development is Without the railroads this vast sec- bound up in the one matter of securtion would yet be in the grip of the ing something like an even break desert. The railroads, and the rail- with coast industries in the matter of reads alone, have made its develop. transportation charges. If the Goodment possible. They are not seeking ing amendment to Section 4 is adopted now to destroy, but to continue de- the interior loses all hope of securing velopment and render greater service. that even break, and the coast indus

rate does not bear unjustly upon the

people of the territory between the

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terior must be raised, thus destroy-

ing all chance of industrial and agri-



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Because of the present discrimina- tries will be practically subsidized, to tion in favor of the water carriers gether with the water carriers, and between the Atlantic and the Pacific all at the expense of the rail carriers coasts, these shipping are reaping and interior industries. where they have not sown, and the Opposition to the adoption of this railroads are deprived of participation amendment, and applications for Shippers, Roads in the harvest of crops seeded by permission to put into effect lower them upon soil of their own prepara- rates between Mississippi and Mis-

souri points and the Pacific coast It may not be justly contended that than are possible between short haul inland waterways should not be de points, is now characterized by propaveloped, nor that and opportunities gandists as being a conspiracy on the afforded by the Panama canal should part of the railroads to destroy the not be developed. But it is contended Panama canal. It is nothing of the that both should be done with a view kind. It is an effort on the part of to benefiting the whole instead of a the rail carriers and the interior inpart; that it is manifestly unfair to dustries to preserve themselves from tax all the people for the benefit of ruin

Mountain Territory Benefited.

the comparatively few people in a restricted territory. Inland water-The opposition of the coast indushave made very low rates for the tries and water carriers to a continuance of Section 4 as it now stands is aided and abetted by the intermountain country, represented by the people, of this section should not Senator Gooding, But even cursory be stampeded by propaganda intendinvestigation will demonstrate that ed to appeal to their prejudices for

the opposition of the intermountain Proper regard for the interests of the purpose of deceiving them into country is not well founded. The zone in which the intermountain distributors now operate will not be curtailed by lower rates for the long trans-continental haul, since the effect will be merely to meet only in part the competitive situation now existing and created by the water lines. Vice President Adams of the Union Pacific points out as a fact that the intermountain territory will in reality be benefitted. He says:

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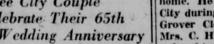
obtaining some of the Pacific coast favoring a discrimination against traffic the rallroads can increase themselves. The effort of propagandtheir net revenues, the result is a ists to make false appeal to their strengthening of such lines and patriotism by claiming that it is the consequent ability to afford a their patriotic duty to arise in their better service at lower rates to all might and resist all attempts to de-

Canal for All the People. est bunk. There not has been, and will not be, any such attempts. The "It has been many times pointed Panama canal belongs to all the peo out, and the fact should always be ple, therefore it should not be used kept in mind, that the prosperity of for the benefit of a few of the people a community depends much more on what it sells than on what it

buys. The intermountain country produces much more than it con sumes and ships much more than it receives. The markets for its products are, in most cases, far distant, and the railroads, in recogni-

at the expense of all the rest of the people.

lusions to be drawn therefrom.



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