

VENAL NEWSPAPERS WHICH CON- DEMN THE HANNA-PAYNE BILL.

Some people call this bill a "graft." I know just exactly where that criticism comes from. The people who say that the subsidy is intended for a few ship-owners on the Atlantic Coast are those people whose interests will be disastrously affected by the increase of our commerce. This criticism is for the most part paid for.—Senator Hanna at Board of Trade Dinner.

It is absurd to talk of such a bill as promoting the development of an American merchant marine. And so far as the building of ships is concerned, it is more than doubtful whether our builders of steel ships need any subsidy. We are now producing steel fabrics of all kinds at less cost than any other country in the world, and there is apparently no reason why we cannot compete successfully with any other nation in the building of steel ships. In all probability the steel trusts, and, perhaps, a shipbuilding trust, would manage to appropriate, if not the whole, at least a part of the subsidy in increased prices for material and construction. So that it is doubtful whether the shipowners would derive enough benefit from the subsidy scheme of the Payne bill to encourage them to add any new ships to their existing fleet, even if anything was left after the latter had drawn the bounties to which it would be entitled under the bill. It is possible that the bill might be so amended on the lines suggested by Mr. Stevens and other western members as to remove some of the chief objections to it. But unless amended in such a way as to be plainly promotive of the upbuilding not only of an American merchant marine but of American trade with foreign countries, it will be difficult to justify the taxing of the American people to pay subsidies to ship-owners.—St. Paul Pioneer Press (rep.).

We are glad to know that there is a most excellent chance to defeat the Hanna-Payne subsidy bill. In a special to the News of yesterday it was pointed out that the republican congressmen of the West are beginning to feel the pressure of public opinion. Republican opposition will come from Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. These men have found that the bill has become associated in the minds of their constituents with trusts and the general capitalistic tendency. We hope to hear that some of our Indiana congressmen have seen the light on this subsidy business, and that they will not allow themselves to be whipped into line by Payne, Hopkins and Grosvenor. The people are against the bill, and they are right.—Indianapolis News (ind.).

"Our industries stand in battle array against the reciprocity treaties," says

the San Francisco Call (rep.). "They measure fairly the damage those conventions threaten to American labor and production. That damage has its radix in the cheap labor of the tropics. The further issue is, will we multiply the harm by adding to the small amount of such labor in Jamaica the millions of tropical toilers in our own islands?"

A plan of the Quay leaders in Pennsylvania to insure their control of the republican legislative caucus next year is to exact from republican candidates for the legislature a pledge not to accept an independent nomination if they are defeated by the party convention, and to attend the senatorial caucus and abide by its action if nominated and elected.

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