

DULUTH MEN ARE ENTHUSIASTIC FOR WATERWAY

Shipbuilder Says Four-Fifths Of Ocean Ships Would Be Able to Navigate Channel.

Duluth, Minn., June 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Four-fifths of the ships now sailing the high seas will be able to navigate the Great Lakes as soon as a deep channel is provided up the St. Lawrence river, C. C. West, shipbuilder of Manitowoc, Wis., told the international joint commission at Duluth. Mr. West based his statement on statistics furnished by Lloyd's register of shipping, the largest register in the world. He said that a larger percentage of the ocean ships would be able to ascend the St. Lawrence in a 30-foot channel, but that four-fifths of all the ocean freighters would be able to navigate the prevailing

channels of 22 feet in the lake ports and in the connections between the lakes. O. P. B. Jacobson, a member of the railroad and warehouse commission of Minnesota and a former sailor, declared that sea captains generally believed the St. Lawrence deep water way project feasible and that directors of ship lines would show no hesitancy in sending ocean vessels into the lakes. Mr. Jacobson said he formed this opinion after conversation with scores of sea captains at the port of New York and after consulting with a commissioner of the Norwegian-American steamship line.

The testimony of West and Jacobson opened the high commission's investigation of the shipping aspect of the St. Lawrence navigation and power project. Mr. West said Lloyd's register gave the following table of number of ships in the world: Less than 1,500 tons, 12,500; from 1,500 to 3,000 tons, 3,251; from 3,000 to 7,000 tons, 5,000; over 7,000 tons, 3,000; over 15,000 tons, 238. "The limiting draught of 22 feet in the Great Lakes will accommodate ocean type vessels of 6,500 to 7,000 tons dead weight," Mr. West said. Mr. West said he did not believe ocean vessels would enter the lakes

and compete with the lake type vessels in inter-lake freight movement. He said lake carriers cost \$100 a dead weight ton, and ocean vessels from \$150 to \$185 a ton. He said it would be impossible for the ocean vessels to compete with the lake carriers in movement of coal and ore, but that the ocean ships could easily carry grain, but not as economically as the lake carriers. "A large ocean fleet could be marshaled to handle the fall grain crop," Mr. West said. "They would

get out of the lakes at a safe time before the close of navigation, so that they could continue to travel on the high seas in winter." **Ex-Ambassador Released.** Washington, June 4.—Former Ambassador Ygnacio Bonillas, who has been imprisoned in Mexico City since his capture at the time of Carranza's death, was released from prison on June 2, according to official advices at the State department.

Albion Community Club Will Seek Farmer Members Albion, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The Albion Commercial club voted to change the name to Community club. This action was taken to get the farmers interested in community development. It is the desire that farmer and merchant may work alike for a common good. It is the plan to reorganize on the plan outlined by E. J. Sias, who spoke at the annual banquet last

month. Election of officers of the new community club will not be held until a farmer membership is obtained to help in the election. **Graders Start Work on Paving 45 Blocks in Albion** Albion, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—Paving contractors have begun the grading necessary to get the streets

in condition for paving. Albion will pave 45 blocks in the resident district this summer. It is planned to have the paving finished by the time of the Boone county fair in September. **Alleged Mann Act Violator Is Arrested in Houseboat** Nebraska City, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—James Leeper, living in

a houseboat on the Missouri river a short distance north of this city was arrested by Sheriff Fischer on request of Douglas county officials, stating that the man was wanted there for alleged violation of the Mann act. The "woman in the case" is a married woman, with a husband in Omaha, it is said. They have been in this locality for several weeks. Bee Want Ads Produce Results.



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