

Middle West Men Testify in Ship Subsidy Hearings

Witnesses Emphasize Public Sentiment Is Mainly in Favor of Bill to Provide Outlet.

Washington, April 20.—Support of the middle west for the administration ship subsidy program is dependent on a guarantee that trade routes, established by the shipping board from various south Atlantic and gulf ports, will not be discontinued, two representatives of commercial organizations in the Mississippi basin told the senate commerce and house merchant marine committees today.

After more than two weeks of testimony by shipping board officials, the committee began hearing the views of other proponents of the legislation, with W. L. Ware, Chicago, representing the Mississippi Valley association, the Chicago Association of Commerce and the Chicago World Trade club, and Malcolm Stewart of Cincinnati, chairman of the middle west merchant marine committee, as witnesses.

Both emphasized the public sentiment throughout the central west was, in the main, favorable to the bill providing an outlet for their products to foreign markets through southern ports. They advocated an amendment, endorsed, they said, by numerous commercial bodies in the Mississippi valley, which would require the shipping board to continue operation of ships on all established routes for five years, unless it could sell the vessels to interests which would agree to operate the lines.

The committees were told that manufacturers and farmers in the central west had lost "millions" by being obliged to move their goods to foreign markets through a few congested North Atlantic ports.

Cross-examined by various members of the committees, both witnesses declared that hostility of the middle west to ship subsidy proposals had largely died down.

Mr. Ware said the middle west had taken a "now or never" attitude on the subsidy question, believing that if a powerful American merchant marine was not established now, it never would be possible to get one on a paying basis.

Youth Says He Stole Auto to Hurry Up Enlistment

Earl A. Noel, 19, Route No. 5, Lincoln, was so eager to don the army khaki that he stole an automobile in Omaha to drive to Fort Crook and join the army, he told Lieut. Jack Pisanowski of the police auto theft bureau.

Noel was nabbed Wednesday at Papillion in an automobile alleged to have been stolen at Twenty-fifth and Farnam streets from A. Romey, 2580 Crown Point avenue.

The youth admitted his guilt in Central police court yesterday morning and was held on trial on \$1,000 bond.

Railroad Employees' Suit to Be Tried in Federal Court

A suit filed recently in district court by 120 railroad employees in the name of Jason D. Morledge seeking from the government a total of more than \$250,000 for extra time pay during their service while the railroads were under government control during the war has been transferred to federal court. Railroads named in the suit are the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon and Washington Navigation company.

I. C. Net Income Declines

Chicago, April 20.—The Illinois Central railroad earned net income equal to \$8.89 a share on its \$109,296,000 capital stock for the year ended December 31, last.

This compares with \$12.41 a share in 1923. The reduction is attributed to special charges of approximately \$7,000,000 in connection with the company's accounts with the government.

The Center of the Stage



Price-Fixing Is Urged in Petition

Congressman McLaughlin Not in Favor of Plan Advocated by York County Farmers.

By E. C. SNYDER.
Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.
Washington, April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman McLaughlin of the Fourth Nebraska district today filed a petition signed by about 150 citizens of York county, farmers largely, urgently requesting congress to enact a law requiring the United States Grain corporation. The petition points out conditions existing last year, so far as the price of grain was concerned, and urges some price-fixing law that will insure farmers against a repetition of the losses that attended last year's crop.

Mr. McLaughlin, while presenting the petition of his constituents, does not hesitate to say that the revival of the grain corporation would, in his opinion, be bad policy at this time.

He seems to be recovering from the financial depression resulting from war conditions," said Mr. McLaughlin, "and we should do nothing to stop the upward trend towards normal ways. Better prices are bound to prevail when hysteria gives way to normalcy, and a steady market will follow in the long run than by creating some instrumentality to fix prices."

"Should we resort now to any price-fixing proposition for a year or two, in my judgment, at the end of that period we would, in all human probability, have to go through the same depressing experience we are now happily recovering from. For one I do not want to go through the same experience again."

Army Orders

Washington April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Capt. George E. Thompson, quartermaster corps, is relieved from duty at Fort Crook, Neb., and will proceed to Camp Knox, Ky.

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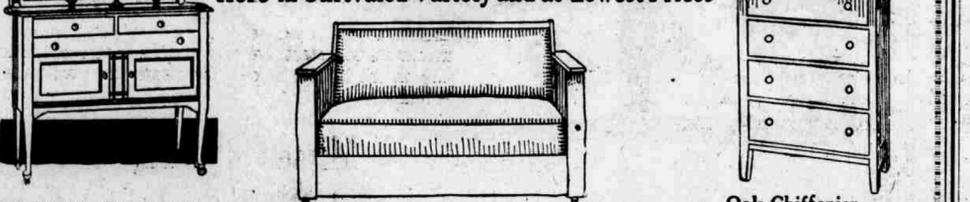
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