FISHERMEN MAKE THE BEST SAILORS

The receding of subsidies will strike a blow to both sides. There is no reason for the Merchant Marine, say members of the Merchant Marine and competing industries. We cannot enter on a discussion of subsidies but it may be mentioned that the competing industries have never needed any artificial aid to growth and productivity. The self-sufficient industries whose future benefits would outweigh present government spending.

But fishermen make the best sailors. The boat is their ship and is kept in order through constant service, and it is obvious that it is always in the interest of the crew to handle graver emergencies. From building bridges in Alexander Hamilton's day, the army likewise engages with success in a wide range of pursuits which only increases its efficiency and renders valuable service.

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CHILD LABOR AND THE STUDENT

Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, in an address against the proposed child labor amendment to the Constitution, declares that if the amendment were ratified it would be possible for Congress to prohibit child labor from working in any college. If the amendment would constitute such a real threat to the self-sufficiency of the nation it should be particularly interested in the battles that are going on in Massachusetts and other states toward that legislation over its ratification.

When the amendment was submitted to the states by Congress in 1924, and had been ratified in only five states before Roosevelt's election. In an endeavor to make permanent the gains that have been made through the child labor laws, the state legislatures had carried out the requisites of the amendment during the past year. The amendment required Congress to call a conference of "Congress shall have the power to limit, regulate, or prohibit the labor of children under twenty years of age" and contains no prohibitive provisions in itself.

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The evils of child labor are so generally acknowledged that both the supporters and foes of the amendment are in agreement that it plain that they are opposed to this form of exploitation. The question is whether or not the amendment is necessary? The amendment requires Congress to call a conference of "Congress shall have the power to limit, regulate, or prohibit the labor of children under twenty years of age" and contains no prohibitive provisions in itself. It is obvious that the age limit is so low that few college students who have outside work would be infected; and it is extremely doubtful that Congress would exercise the power it would have, were the amendment passed, to deprive those few of their employment. Congress is still a representative body and any law that would deprive the poor boy's working his way through college of the opportunity to work in the outside country where it is the common belief that many of our students need to work in order to continue the education they are obtaining.

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IN DEFENSE OF THE SPLIT INFINITIVE

I N VIEW of the long continued disdain and calumnry which has been heaped on the head of the demonstrative and unfortunate split infinitive we feel it our duty to strongly protest against such undue and preposterous censure. Going its way in peace, harming no man, the split infinitive has been misinterpreted by half of the representatives of those flabby minded people whose feelings are jarred by any difference of opinion. The reasonable use of the split infinitive should be encouraged if only to make the English language less hackneyed and worldly.