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The Rise and Decline of U.S. Merchant Shipping in the Twentieth Century René De La Pedraja Tomán,1992 War II and the War shipping administration the decline of the U S tanker fleet the growth of governmental regulatory agencies the effects of the Cuban revolution the energy crisis and ultimately the great shakeout and the survivors De La Pedraja introduces vital yet little known facts about numerous fascinating individuals and the fast changing fortunes of such major enterprises as Pacific Mail United Fruit American Hawaiian Lykes Brothers Waterman

A Historical Dictionary of the U.S. Merchant Marine and Shipping Industry René De La Pedraja,1994-08-23 A foremost authority has written the first comprehensive reference about the U S Merchant Marine and American shipping from the introduction of steamships to today s diesel containerships showing the impact of politics economics and technology on maritime history during the last two centuries Over 500 entries describe people private companies business and labor groups engineering and technological developments government agencies terms key laws landmark cases issues events and ships of note Short lists of references for further reading accompany these entries Appendices include a chronology diagrams of government organizations and lists of business and labor groups by founding dates An unusually extensive index lends itself to the varying research interests of students teachers and professionals in maritime and economic history business labor government relations and military studies

The Atlantic Transport Line, 1881-1931 Jonathan Kinghorn,2012-01-27 In 1881 the dynamic Baltimorean Bernard N Baker established the Atlantic Transport Line an American owned but British operated steamship company with service from London to New York that became famous for shipping expensive livestock and for carrying only first class passengers Although moderately sized the company remained a significant presence in international shipping until World War I caused major business disruptions followed by changed priorities during peacetime Finally the Great Depression led to its closure This volume chronicles the history of the line and its absorption into J P Morgan s gargantuan and ill conceived International Mercantile Marine Company against the background of efforts to revive the American mercantile marine Descriptions of life on board Atlantic Transport Line vessels individual histories of every vessel owned by the line and biographies of key figures associated with the company make this the most complete account of this important player in the history of American trade

Military Power, Conflict, and Trade Michael P. Gerace,2004 This is a book about how military spending and international trade interact among great powers about their peacetime patterns of conflict and about the peacetime roles played by military power

Historical Dictionary of the U.S. Maritime Industry Kenneth J. Blume,2011-12-22 From the Spanish galleons of the 16th century to the cruise ships and crude oil tankers of the 21st maritime industries have been central to American economic political and cultural life Great American fortunes were built in the maritime industries and the workers in that industry both the sailors on board the ships and the dockworkers at the port contributed significantly to the nation s growing economy The development of interior waterways especially the canal system

paved the way for a transformation of inland North America In the Historical Dictionary of the U S Maritime Industry author Kenneth J Blume provides a convenient survey of this important industry from the colonial period to the present day from sail to steam to nuclear power This concise new reference work captures the key features of overseas coastal lake and river shipping and industry An introduction provides an overview of the industry while the dictionary itself contains more than four hundred cross referenced entries on ships shipping companies famous personalities and major ports A number of appendixes including statistics on foreign trade maritime disasters famous ships and major ports supplement the dictionary and a comprehensive bibliography leads the researcher to further sources This book is an excellent access point for students researchers and anyone wanting to know more about the maritime industry in the United States *Arsenal of World War II* Paul A. C. Koistinen,2004 Prolific munitions production keyed America s triumph in World War II but so did the complex economic controls needed to sustain that production Artillery tanks planes ships trucks and weaponry of every kind were constantly demanded by the military and readily supplied by American business While that relationship was remarkably successful in helping the U S win the war it also raised troubling issues about wartime economies that have never been fully resolved Paul Koistinen s fourth installment of a monumental five volume series on the political economy of American warfare focuses on the mobilization of national resources for a truly global war Koistinen comprehensively analyzes all relevant aspects of the World War II economy from 1940 through 1945 describing the nation s struggle to establish effective control over industrial supply and military demand and revealing the growing partnership between the corporate community and the armed services Koistinen traces the evolution of federal agencies mobilizing for war including the National Defense Advisory Commission the Office of Production Management and the Supply Priorities and Allocation Board and then focuses on the work of the War Production Board from 1942 1945 As the war progressed the WPB and related agencies oversaw the military s supply and procurement systems stabilized the economy while financing the war closely monitored labor relations and controlled the shipping and rationing of fuel and food In chronicling American mobilization Koistinen reveals how representatives of industry and the armed services expanded upon their growing prewar ties to shape policies for harnessing the economy and how federal agencies were subsequently riven with dissension as New Deal reformers and anti New Deal corporate elements battled for control over mobilization itself As the armed services emerged as the principal customers of a command economy the military industrial nexus consolidated its power and ultimately succeeded in bending the reformers to its will The product of exhaustive archival research *Arsenal of World War II* shows that mobilization meant more than simply harnessing the economy for war it also involved struggles for power and position among a great many interest groups and ideologies Nearly two decades in the making it provides an ambitious and enormously insightful overview of the emergence of the military industrial economy one that still resonates today as America continues to wage wars around the globe *The Way of the Ship* Alex Roland,W. Jeffrey Bolster,Alexander Keyssar,2008 *The Way of the Ship* offers a global perspective and

considers both oceanic shipping and domestic shipping along America's coasts and inland waterways with explanations of the forces that influenced the way of the ship. The result is an eye-opening authoritative look at American maritime history and the ways it helped shape the nation's history. BOOK JACKET **Voyages, the Age of Engines** Joshua M.

Smith, 2009-02-22. Intended as a text for college and advanced high school students, *Voyages* covers the entirety of the American maritime experience from the discovery of the continent to the present. Published in cooperation with the National Maritime Historical Society, the selections chosen for this anthology of primary texts and images place equal emphasis on the ages of sail and steam on the Atlantic and Pacific, on the Gulf Coasts and the Great Lakes, and on the high seas and inland rivers. The texts have been chosen to provide students with interesting, usable, and historically significant documents that will prompt class discussion and critical thinking. In each case, the material is linked to the larger context of American history, including issues of gender, race, power, labor, and the environment. *The Colombo Bay* Richard Pollak, 2013-09-10. In the face of killer storms, fires, piracy, and terrorism, container ships the length of city blocks and more than a dozen stories high carry 90 percent of the world's trade. This is an account of one ship's voyage and of the sailors who daily risk their lives to deliver six million containers a year to United States ports alone. Inside these twenty-foot and forty-foot steel boxes are the thousands of imports from China and Game Boys to garlic and frozen shrimp without which North America's consumer society would collapse. To explore this little-known and dangerous universe of modern seafaring, Richard Pollak joined the *Colombo Bay* in Hong Kong and over the next five weeks sailed with her and her 3,500 containers across the South China Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean, and the Atlantic. En route, this mammoth vessel called at Singapore and Colombo, passed through the Suez Canal, toll 250,000, then put in at Malta and Halifax before tangling with Hurricane Karen on the two-day run to New York. Here is the story of the ship's unheralded twenty-four-man company of the unflappable British captain Peter Davies, a veteran of four decades at sea; of Federico Castrojas, who like the rest of the hard-working Filipino crew must daily confront the loneliness of being away from his family for nine months at a stretch; of Simon Westall, the twenty-one-year-old third mate who reveals what it is like to be gay in the broad-shouldered world of the merchant service. It is a world where pirates in the Malacca Strait sneak up behind ships at night in fast power boats, then clamber aboard and either rob the unarmed sailors at gunpoint and escape into the dark or throw the crew into the sea and hijack the ship, plundering her cargo and sometimes repainting her and setting out to do business under another name and flag. It is a world where families desperate to get to the United States or Europe pay thousands of dollars to the Chinese Snakeheads and other criminal gangs who secrete these wretched migrants in stifling containers. After a week or more at sea, these stowaways arrive in the Promised Land, either starving or dead. Pollak sailed on September 13, 2001, into a changed world on one of 7,000 container ships whose millions of uninspected boxes suddenly had become potential Trojan horses in which terrorists could transport weapons of mass destruction into the heart of the United States. Throughout his riveting narrative, Pollak interweaves the insights of Herman

Melville and Joseph Conrad whose masterful portrayals of seafaring make the voyage of the Colombo Bay a dramatic reminder of what a hard and rarely reported life merchant seamen have always led out on the unhooped oceans of this planet

The Ship That Would Not Die Stephen Curley, 2011-09-01 Starting its life as an attack transport in World War II and one of the last five left afloat by war's end the USS Queens saw action at Iwo Jima and other hot spots in the Pacific theater After the war the ship became the SS Excambion one of the Four Aces of American Export Lines the only fully air conditioned ships in the world at the time In 1965 the versatile Excambion underwent yet another transformation into a floating classroom Recommissioned as the USTS Texas Clipper the ship began a third life as a merchant marine training vessel with its home port in Galveston For the next three decades the Texas Clipper would be home to merchant marine cadets and by the time it was retired in 1996 it was the oldest active ship in the U S merchant marine fleet Finally the Texas Clipper after protracted bureaucratic wrangling was designated to be sunk in the Gulf of Mexico as an artificial reef to provide habitat for marine life In 2007 the ship was towed to its final resting place seventeen nautical miles off the coast of South Padre Island Now 136 feet below the surface the venerable Texas Clipper lives on as the home to a wide variety of underwater species Filled not only with meticulously researched technical and historical data about the ship's construction service record crew procedures and voyages *The Ship That Would Not Die* also features lively anecdotes from crew members passengers and officers More than 140 color and black and white photos illustrate the ship's construction its wide variety of shipboard life the exacting process of making the Texas Clipper ready to become an artificial reef and its final sinking in the Gulf of Mexico

[Conflict Over Convoys](#) Kevin Smith, 2002-05-16 *Conflict over Convoys* examines the Battle of the Atlantic from the perspective of Anglo American diplomacy deepening our understanding of Allied grand strategy British industrial policy and operations TORCH and OVERLORD Failure to build and maintain enough ships to feed the people and wage war made Britain dependent upon American built merchant ships and American logistical support yet British strategists aspired to dominate Allied strategy while Roosevelt mismanaged merchant shipping allocations The resulting gap between strategic ambition and logistical reality embittered the controversy over the Second Front Victory in the Atlantic finally led to American dominance of Allied logistics diplomacy and strategy *Conflict over Convoys* relates these tensions to the decline of British hegemony and the rise of the USA to global influence

Reader's Guide to American History Peter J. Parish, 2013-06-17 There are so many books on so many aspects of the history of the United States offering such a wide variety of interpretations that students teachers scholars and librarians often need help and advice on how to find what they want *The Reader's Guide to American History* is designed to meet that need by adopting a new and constructive approach to the appreciation of this rich historiography Each of the 600 entries on topics in political social and economic history describes and evaluates some 6 to 12 books on the topic providing guidance to the reader on everything from broad surveys and interpretive works to specialized monographs The entries are devoted to events and individuals as well as broader themes and are written by a team of well

over 200 contributors all scholars of American history Evolution of International Aviation Dawna L. Rhoades, 2008 This book has two aims First it lays out the forces that shaped the international aviation industry and changed the rules in the drive for liberalization Second it looks at the choices facing the airline industry in general and the international aviation industry in particular This second edition is thoroughly revised from the 2003 original in light of many significant developments in and affecting the industry during the intervening years *Encyclopedia of Transportation* Mark Garrett, 2014-08-13 Viewing transportation through the lens of current social economic and policy aspects this four volume reference work explores the topic of transportation across multiple disciplines within the social sciences and related areas including geography public policy business and economics Features Approximately 675 signed articles authored by prominent scholars are arranged in A to Z fashion and conclude with Further Readings and cross references A Chronology helps readers put individual events into historical context a Reader's Guide organizes entries by broad topical or thematic areas a detailed index helps users quickly locate entries of most immediate interest and a Resource Guide provides a list of journals books and associations and their websites While articles were written to avoid jargon as much as possible a Glossary provides quick definitions of technical terms To ensure full well rounded coverage of the field the General Editor with expertise in urban planning public policy and the environment worked alongside a Consulting Editor with a background in Civil Engineering The index Reader's Guide and cross references combine for thorough search and browse capabilities in the electronic edition Available in both print and electronic formats Encyclopedia of Transportation is an ideal reference for libraries and those who want to explore the issues that surround transportation in the United States and around the world Key Themes Administration Operations and Evaluation Air Transportation Systems Economics of Transportation Energy Environmental and Health Impacts Facilities and Infrastructure Intermodal Transportation Systems International Transportation and Policy Labor Issues Employee Relations Planning and Policy Safety and Security Social Issues in Transportation Surface Transportation Systems Technology Design and Engineering Transportation Finance of Transportation Legislation Transportation Modeling Transportation Organizations and Agencies Travel Behavior and Research Water Transportation Systems **The Mathews Men** William Geroux, 2017-03-21 Vividly drawn and emotionally gripping Daniel James Brown 1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Boys in the Boat* From the author of *The Ghost Ships of Archangel* one of the last unheralded heroic stories of World War II the U boat assault off the American coast against the men of the U S Merchant Marine who were supplying the European war and one community's monumental contribution to that effort Mathews County Virginia is a remote outpost on the Chesapeake Bay with little to offer except unspoiled scenery but it sent an unusually large concentration of sea captains to fight in World War II *The Mathews Men* tells that heroic story through the experiences of one extraordinary family whose seven sons and their neighbors U S merchant mariners all suddenly found themselves squarely in the cross hairs of the U boats bearing down on the coastal United States

in 1942 From the late 1930s to 1945 virtually all the fuel food and munitions that sustained the Allies in Europe traveled not via the Navy but in merchant ships After Pearl Harbor those unprotected ships instantly became the U boats prime targets And they were easy targets the Navy lacked the inclination or resources to defend them until the beginning of 1943 Hitler was determined that his U boats should sink every American ship they could find sometimes within sight of tourist beaches and to kill as many mariners as possible in order to frighten their shipmates into staying ashore As the war progressed men from Mathews sailed the North and South Atlantic the Caribbean the Gulf of Mexico the Mediterranean the Indian Ocean and even the icy Barents Sea in the Arctic Circle where they braved the dreaded Murmansk Run Through their experiences we have eyewitnesses to every danger zone in every kind of ship Some died horrific deaths Others fought to survive torpedo explosions flaming oil slicks storms shark attacks mine blasts and harrowing lifeboat odysseys only to ship out again on the next boat as soon as they d returned to safety The Mathews Men shows us the war far beyond traditional battlefields often the U S merchant mariners life and death struggles took place just off the U S coast but also takes us to the landing beaches at D Day and to the Pacific When final victory is ours General Dwight D Eisenhower had predicted there is no organization that will share its credit more deservedly than the Merchant Marine Here finally is the heroic story of those merchant seamen recast as the human story of the men from Mathews *Montreal's Square Mile* Dimitry Anastakis,Elizabeth Kirkland,Don Nerbas,2024-07-05 In nineteenth century Canada the Square Mile was an elite residential district in Montreal that represented a dramatic new concentration of wealth Montreal s Square Mile chronicles the history of the neighbourhood from its origins to its decline including the diverse and far reaching sources of its making and its twentieth century transformations Spanning the interconnected worlds of family and home life business and high politics architecture and urban redevelopment this interdisciplinary and richly illustrated volume presents a new account of the Square Mile s history and an investigation of the neighbourhood s impact beyond the immediate urban environment **The History of Foreign Investment in the United States, 1914-1945** Mira WILKINS,Mira Wilkins,2009-06-30 Mira Wilkins the foremost authority on foreign investment in the United States continues her magisterial history in a work covering the critical years 1914 1945 Wilkins includes all long term inward foreign investments both portfolio by individuals and institutions and direct by multinationals across such enterprises as chemicals and pharmaceuticals textiles insurance banks and mortgage providers other service sector companies and mining and oil industries She traces the complex course of inward investments presents the experiences of the investors and examines the political and economic conditions particularly the range of public policies that affected foreign investments She also offers valuable discussions on the intricate cross investments of inward and outward involvements and the legal precedents that had long term consequences on foreign investment At the start of World War I the United States was a debtor nation By the end of World War II it was a creditor nation with the strongest economy in the world Integrating economic business technological legal and diplomatic history this comprehensive study is essential

to understanding the internationalization of the American economy as well as broader global trends **Business History and International Business** Peter Buckley,2014-01-02 Business History and International Business are cognate subjects There are few if any studies of international business that do not require a proper study of context International business decision making must be made relevant by a considered evaluation of the circumstances surrounding that decision This often means putting it into its historical context The contributions that the study of international business can make to business history are the input of appropriate theory and appropriate research methods The best international business theory can illuminate the seemingly disparate strategies of firms in given historical circumstances and can provide an integrated overarching conceptual structure of the study of business history The research methods used in international business are also worthy of scrutiny by business historians The proposition of this book is that international business theory and method can complement business history This cross fertilization has been occurring with increasing regularity over the past few decades and this book brings together some of the fruits of this conjunction of two important intellectual domains This book was published as a special issue of Business History *Banana Cowboys* James W. Martin,2018-05-15 Introduction ways of living ways of knowing From scramblers for fruit to banana empire 1870 1930 Tropical vexations Corporate welfarism meets the tropics Wandering foci of infection Becoming banana cowboys Serving science on the side Conclusion *The Ghost Ships of Archangel* William Geroux,2022-05-03 An extraordinary story of survival and alliance during World War II the icy journey of four Allied ships crossing the Arctic to deliver much needed supplies to the Soviet war effort On the fourth of July 1942 four Allied ships traversing the Arctic split from their decimated convoy to head further north into the ice field of the North Pole They were seeking safety from Nazi bombers and U boats in the perilous white maze of ice floes growlers and giant bergs Despite the many risks of their chosen route the four vessels had a better chance of reaching their destination than the rest of the remains of convoy PQ 17 The convoy had started as a fleet of thirty five cargo ships carrying 1 billion worth of war supplies to the Soviet port of Archangel the only help Roosevelt and Churchill had extended to Joseph Stalin to maintain their fragile alliance against Germany At the most dangerous point of the voyage the ships had received a startling order to scatter and had quickly become easy prey for the Nazis The crews of the four ships focused on their mission U S Navy Ensign Howard Carraway aboard the SS Troubadour was a farm boy from South Carolina and one of the many Americans for whom the convoy was a first taste of war from the Royal Navy Reserve Lt Leo Gradwell was given command of the HMT Ayrshire a British fishing trawler that had been converted into an antisubmarine vessel The twenty four hour Arctic daylight in midsummer gave them no respite from bombers or submarines and they all feared the giant German battleship Tirpitz nicknamed the Big Bad Wolf Icebergs were as dangerous as Nazis as the remnants of convoy PQ 17 tried to slip through the Arctic to deliver their cargo in one of the most dramatic escapes of World War II At Archangel they found a traumatized starving city and a disturbing preview of the Cold War ahead

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