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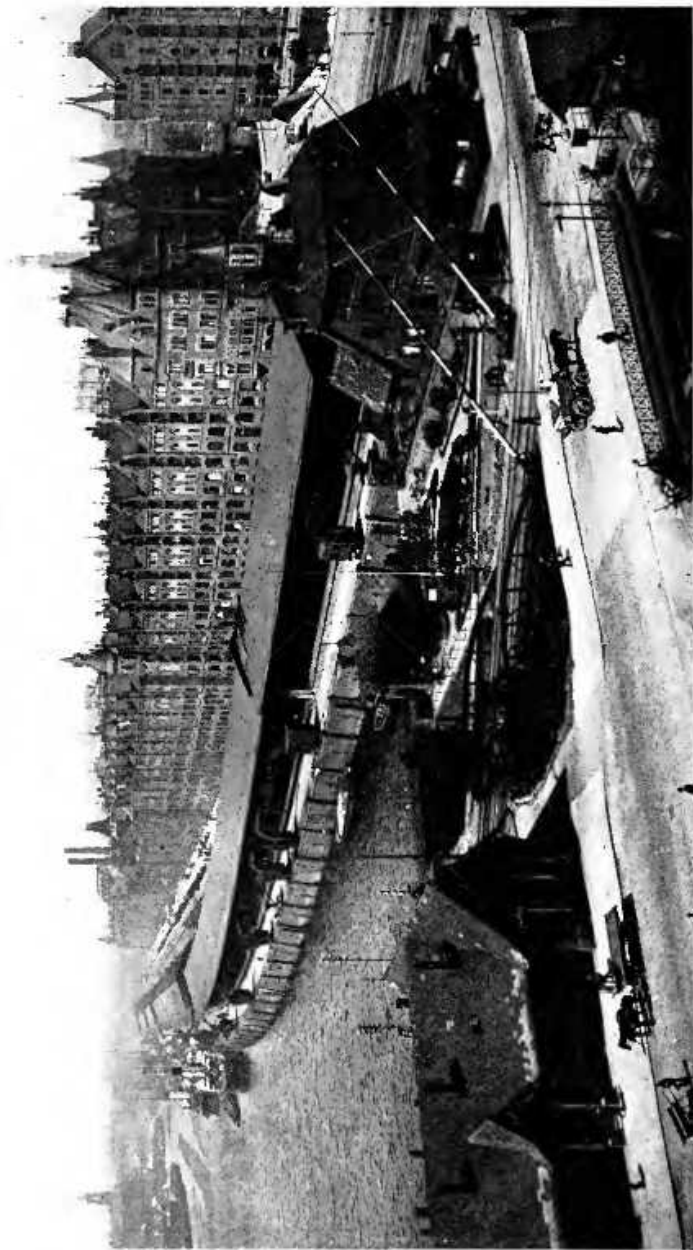
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Row of buildings of the Free Port Warehousing Company.

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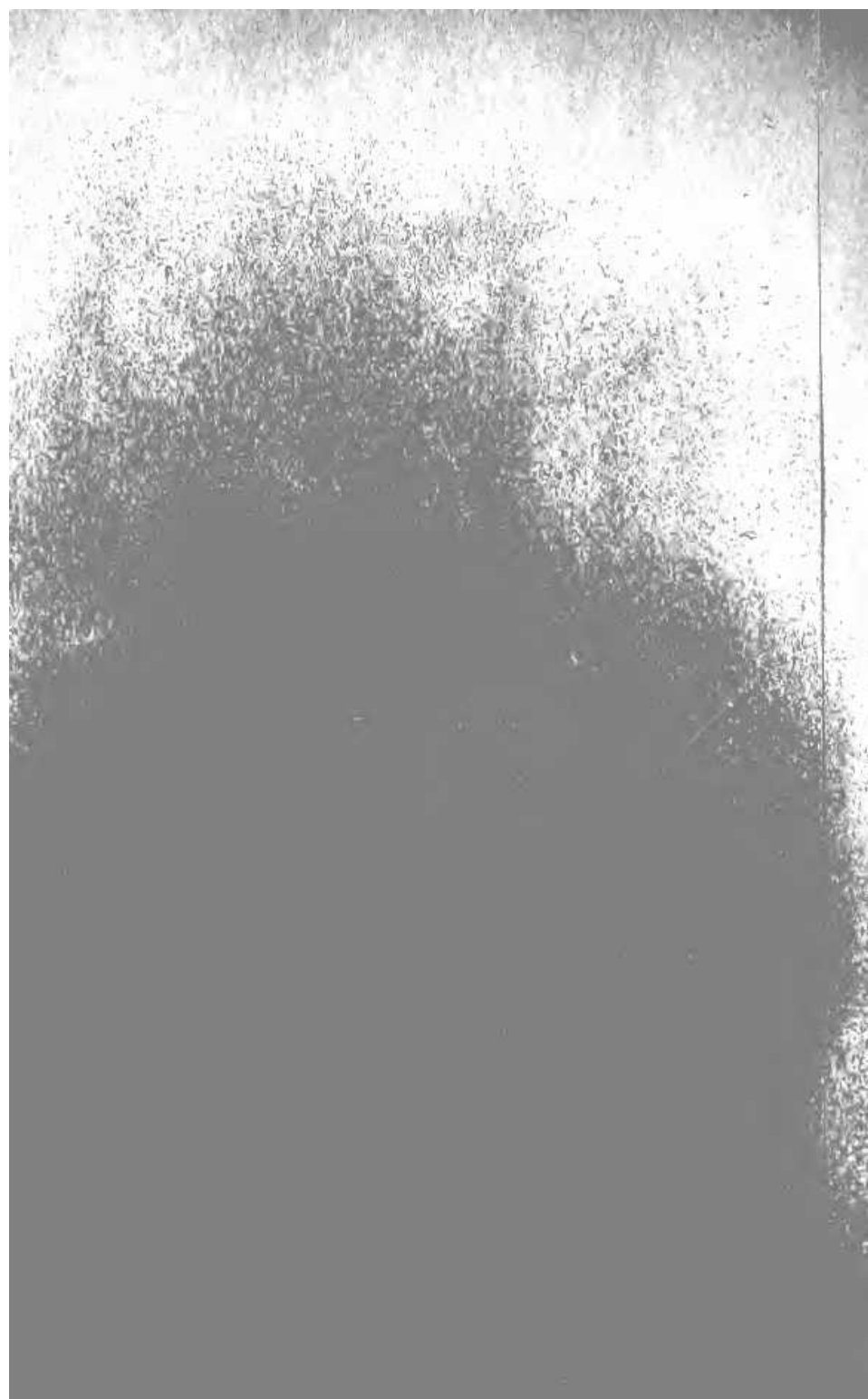
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## PREFACE

**T**HIS book was written with the conviction that the much-needed modernization of our ocean and Great Lakes terminals must be along the lines followed in Hamburg, and that river transportation in America, if it is ever to be resuscitated, must be modeled on that of the great German streams, the Elbe and the Rhine. Yet no attempt is made to prescribe what shall be done in America; this is an investigation, not a program nor a prophecy. It has aspired to be the sort of study which must precede any sane program.

Books on ocean and inland waterway transportation are neither many nor good. The bibliography here given, if examined, would satisfy nobody. The field is one where personal investigation will probably long continue to be more productive than the reading of many books. It is hoped that the illustrations will help the reader understand what is new and strange to him, better than mere description could.

Because of the unsatisfactoriness of the literature, Wiedenfeld's great book, "Die nordwesteuropäischen Welthäfen," stands out with particular distinctness. Like all students of European seaports, I must express my acknowledgments to him, as well as to Cords for his elaboration of Wiedenfeld's method of handling the statistics of German inland trade. The Hamburg-American Line has shown me courtesies; it loaned many of the photographs here used. The success of a personal investigation depends on the coöperation of many individuals, too many for me to thank in detail. Above all else I am indebted to the active aid and constant encouragement of my wife.

