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FOREWORD

In 1922, for the third time in its history, the NATIONAL RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS held two conventions in one year. The CONGRESS was organized at a convention held in Baltimore in October, 1901. The occasion of this gathering was the defeat of a River and Harbor Bill in the preceding March through a filibuster in the Senate. It was voted to form a permanent organization under the name of the NATIONAL RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS, but nothing was done beyond the publication of the Proceedings.

While retaining the name chosen in 1901, the CONGRESS was entirely reorganized at a convention held in Washington in January, 1906, and there was immediately begun a persistent campaign in favor of the improvement and the use of our waterways and harbors. That campaign has been continuously carried on from that day to this—and must be carried on until all our navigable waterways shall have been improved and coordinated with our railways and our highways to make a complete, symmetrical and efficient national transportation system.

Because it was thought to be advisable that the annual meetings should coincide with the assembling of the Federal Congress, another convention was held in December, 1906, and conventions were held in December of each year thereafter until and including 1916. Because the Nation was at war, no conventions were held in 1917 or 1918, but two conventions were called for 1919, in February and December, respectively, followed by one at the regular time in 1920.

In December, 1921, the Conference on the Limitation of Armament was in session and the hotels were overcrowded, and the convention which would regularly have been held at that time was, therefore, postponed until March, 1922. With the exception of the one at Baltimore, in 1901, at which the CONGRESS was organized, all its conventions have been held in Washington, D. C.

The Eighteenth Convention, which was held on December 6 and 7, 1922, was attended by 414 delegates, representing 35 States and 154 cities. It maintained in every respect the high standard set by previous conventions.

The present volume, which is published by authority of the Board of Directors, contains a full report of the proceedings of the Eighteenth Convention, including the addresses delivered, the reports presented and the Declaration of Principles adopted. The student of waterways and of transportation will find much valuable material in its pages.

The Officers and Directors desire to express their thanks and appreciation to those members and friends of the NATIONAL RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS whose generous contributions to the special printing fund made the publication of this volume possible.

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