

SCORES IMPORTERS FOR TARIFF FIGHT

Fordney Charges Misleading Propaganda Is Designed to Prevent Legislation

DEFENDS VALUATION PLAN

By the Associated Press Washington, Dec. 21.—Charges that importers, through misleading propaganda, were attempting to "delay or defeat" tariff legislation, and to accomplish this end were entering an attack on the American valuation plan, were made today in the House by Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee, who declared that American valuation was the "logical solution of the present-day economic conditions."

"Opposition to the pending tariff measure is readily traced," asserted Mr. Fordney, "not to the American producer, not to the man who deals chiefly in American-made products, but to the man whose chief interest is in bringing the product of cheap foreign labor to the American market."

"Those interested in importing enterprises are well organized and spending large sums of money in an effort to make you and me believe that what they seek is for the country's general welfare."

Defends American Valuation "The importer is working to delay or defeat tariff legislation, and to accomplish his end he is entering his criticism on the American valuation plan, without which, on account of present chaotic world conditions, it will be most difficult to write a tariff measure at this time that will afford the slightest degree of protection against countries whose protection is most needed."

Declaring that he had examined the propaganda in opposition to American valuation, Mr. Fordney contended that a "valid argument against the principle involved is lacking."

"The whole opposition is founded on the question of rates and on alleged increases of prices to the consumers which would result from the new rates," the House was told.

Mr. Fordney declared he had "discovered" that the department store that is leading the fight against American valuation, and is "one of America's largest importing establishments," retailed at 85 cents, knives bought in Germany at nine cents. Tremendous profits

Court Shields Petitioner From Slur "Bootlegger"

Atlanta, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—J. N. Webb, of East Point, a suburb, went into Superior Court here yesterday and obtained an injunction temporarily restraining R. W. Godfrey, a fellow townsman, from calling him a "bootlegger."

Five times, Webb's petition declared, Godfrey had told East Point police he was a bootlegger and five times the police had searched his premises. Judge Pendleton set a hearing for January 14 to determine whether to make the injunction permanent.

also are made on a variety of other articles imported from countries whose production costs are low, said Mr. Fordney, who pleaded with members of the House "not to be led astray by the importers' propaganda."

Says Importer Involves Retailer "It is true," the committee chairman continued, "that the importer is exerting a tremendous influence on the retailer through misrepresentations and otherwise, and the retailer is exerting a tremendous influence on the press of the country."

"Congress is endeavoring to write a tariff law, and the declared object is to protect American industries, and our efforts are being opposed chiefly by importers whose interest is not in the furnishing of employment to labor in American manufacturing establishments but in unloading upon the American consumer at tremendous profits the product of poorly paid labor of foreign countries."

Adventuring little in the passage of the Tariff Bill, pending in the Senate, Mr. Fordney declared he wished "to assert very vigorously" that the unsettled condition of the world today is not a reason for delaying tariff action, but a very urgent reason for hastening a very.

POLICE SAY MOTHER KIDNAPPED CHILD

Boy, 11, Pulled Into Auto on Way to School and Sped Away

BOY WAS WITH HER PARENTS

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Lancaster, Dec. 21.—From a description of a woman given by the driver of the automobile which was used in kidnapping nine-year-old James Alwein at Mountville yesterday, State police here are sure the boy was taken by his mother, Mrs. Irene Schultz.

Motorcycle State police traced the automobile to Baltimore yesterday, where the driver was discharged. He returned to Lancaster, and police believe the woman is now on her way to her home in Detroit with the child. A man, who was a companion of the woman on the kidnapping trip, called at the Wallace Garage, Lancaster, yesterday morning, and offered to pay \$40 to be driven to Lancaster. When questioned by State police after his return last evening, he gave a complete description of the well-dressed woman, about forty-five years old, which tallied in every respect with that of the boy's mother. He said he did not know he was driving on a kidnapping tour, and refused to tell anything about the trip.

Mrs. Schultz was formerly Mrs. James Alwein, was divorced and gave the child to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Welden Petroy, when she married Schultz and went to Detroit to live. Since she had made several attempts to get her son

back, although denied the right by the court. Once she tried to drag him from the school room at Mountville, but the boy seems to prefer to live with his grandparents.

The boy was lifted into an automobile while on his way to school yesterday morning.

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