

**LUMBER TAX STAYS;
-PLAN FIGHT IN HOUSE**

**Committee Kills Move to
Reconsider 25 P. C. Duty
by 8 to 6 Vote.**

PARTY SPLIT FEARED

**Advocates of Free Timber
Leave Meeting With Decla-
ration of War.**

FORDNEY ACT A MYSTERY

**Charge Made Assessment Will
Keep Up Cost of Building—
Leaders Worried.**

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., June 18.

After a bitter wrangle in the House Ways and Means Committee to-day reconsideration of the Fordney 25 per cent. ad valorem duty on lumber was refused by a vote of 8 to 6.

Advocates of free lumber left the committee room vowing to carry the fight to the floor against what they charge is an attempt on the part of Chairman Fordney and the Pacific coast lumber interests to monopolize the lumber business in this country and increase the cost of building materials.

The two New York members of the committee—Representative A. B. Houghton of Corning and Representative Luther W. Mott of Oswego—were among the six who voted to sustain the free lumber provision of the present tariff.

The struggle over the schedule was revived to-day in committee by Representative Young (N. D.), who moved to reconsider the recent vote, which imposed the 25 per cent duty.

This effort followed official announcement yesterday that President Harding favored a "bartering tariff." The President had conferred with the Minnesota delegation in the House, members of which are leading the fight against the lumber schedule, and which Chairman Fordney, who was quoted in a Washington newspaper as saying the President would support him in anything he did, but the President later said he was not committed to specific rates.

The fight in the Ways and Means Committee, which will be carried to the floor of the House, will become a protest against the position of the President if he comes to the support of Chairman Fordney. It threatens a serious split in the Republican ranks and suggests a

fight similar to that which preceded enactment of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill.

Republican leaders frankly are worried over the situation and are united in believing President Harding will have to make his position clearer and then harmonize the differences that have been aroused.

It is authoritatively understood that the President has not taken sides on the specific duty on lumber, but his support of a "bartering tariff" by which he will be empowered or instructed to apply a retaliatory duty against the imports of those countries which apply a duty on American exports is interpreted as support of the Fordney position.

It is pointed out that Canada cannot remove her duty on lumber because of the excessive cost of production in the Dominion, and opponents of the American duty on lumber do not want the Canadian duty removed. Their fight is being made on the double ground that the application of a duty by the United States will increase the cost of building and that it will deplete the lumber supply of this country, which is threatened with exhaustion by keeping out Canadian lumber.

They argue that if it could be done it would be economic wisdom to apply an export duty on American lumber so every piece of timber could be kept here. They believe every encouragement should be offered to the importation of lumber into this country.

Considerable mystery surrounds the purpose of Chairman Fordney in insisting on the duty. It is acknowledged the

committee would have voted for free lumber to-day had it not been for the personal influence of the chairman. In the debate before the committee the chairman was asked what principle is being applied in the framing of the present tariff, but there was no response.

Opposition to the Fordney duty is not confined to the consumers, but is joined in by most of the leading lumber associations, which frankly acknowledge the industry does not need a tariff duty. Its chief advocate is the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, of which Chairman Fordney, himself a lumber manufacturer, is a member. Opponents say the duty is economically indefensible, and add that the position of the chairman is incomprehensible.

Senators are objecting to the manner in which the tariff is being framed in the House. Leaders like Senators Lodge and Penrose, who urged that taxation legislation should precede tariff legislation, point out that the fight over the lumber schedule will interminably prolong the debate in the House; meantime the Senate will be marking time. They believe taxation legislation should be handled at once, but there is little likelihood of its being reached for several months.

**FARM BLOC FIGHTS
FIXED RATE RETURN**

**La Follette Leads Move to Kill
Section of Transportation
Act.**

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A slashing attack upon Section 6 of the Transportation act providing for a fixed percentage rate return for the railroads is being planned by Senator La Follette (Wis.), chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Senatorial agricultural bloc.

The Frelinghuysen bill, intended to repeal the fixed percentage rate return, is being planned by Senator La Follette (Wis.), chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Senatorial agricultural bloc.

by other Senators in the agricultural bloc. These Senators, originally opposed to enactment of the Esch-Cummins law, intend to offer as a rider to the Frelinghuysen bill a provision eliminating Section 6. They are prepared to contend that as the Frelinghuysen bill specifically alters interstate commerce action on coal rates all rates are subject to amendment or revision.

Senator Cooper (Kan.), one of the agricultural bloc, has a bill pending to repeal the fixed percentage rate return features of the Cummins-Esch law. He indicated to-night that he would have no objection to this bill being tacked on to the Frelinghuysen measure as an amendment.

A motion to recommit the Frelinghuysen coal rate bill to the Interstate Commerce Committee, from which it was favorably reported, probably will be made by the bill's opponents when it is taken up by the Senate Monday.

The motion is expected to be based on the contention that the bill was rushed from committee before the coal, railroad and other interests opposed to Government regulation of the coal industry got sufficient opportunity to voice their objections.

**NEWSBOY STRUCK
BY LANSING'S CAR**

**Former Secretary of State
'Settles' With Uninjured Vic-
tim Right on the Spot.**

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., June 18.

Robert Lansing, former Secretary of State, was passing through Paterson, N. J., yesterday afternoon on his way to visit friends at Suffern, N. Y., when his automobile struck and knocked down Albert Neymer, 12, a newsboy at Washington and Van Houten streets.

The boy's trousers were torn and his papers scattered, but he was uninjured. Mr. Lansing jumped out of the car, helped the boy pick up his papers and gave him a \$2 bill with which to get some more papers and have his trousers repaired. The automobile was driven by

Richard Turner of 768 Harvard street, Washington, D. C.

The police are trying to learn the address of William Curry, 74, who died yesterday in Bellevue of injuries received Friday night when he was struck by a sightseeing bus at Thirty-third street and Eighth avenue. He was pinned against a pole and his right leg crushed, making amputation necessary. The bus was owned by B. Schlesinger of 1481 Broadway and operated by Frederick Vorde, 30, of 646 West 125th street.

Vorde was held on a technical charge of homicide following Curry's death.

Charles Marrone, aged 6, fell under a truck yesterday while chasing a ball near his home at 311 Seventh street, Jersey City. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital, where it was said his skull probably was fractured. The truck driver, John Miller of 48 Fleet street, Jersey City, was arrested on complaint of the boy's father.

**BROOKLYN WOMAN DIES
IN ATLANTIC CITY CRASH**

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
ATLANTIC CITY, June 18.—Mrs. Evelyn Corinne Zimmer, 24 years old, of 265 Hicks street, Brooklyn, was killed here

early to-night at Arctic and Connecticut avenues when a taxicab crashed into a car she was driving. Mrs. Zimmer was a member of the Brooklyn Automobile Association.

The young woman was thrown to the street and her head struck the pavement. The taxicab driver, Otto Curtis, placed the injured woman in his machine and took her to the City Hospital, where it was seen her condition was grave.

Examination of Mrs. Zimmer's injuries disclosed that her skull was fractured. The surgeons determined that only an operation could save her life. While preparations were under way for the operation the young woman died.

Mrs. Zimmer was visiting friends in the Inlet section. She came here to attend the Women's Invitation Golf Tournament early in the week. She was a member of the Atlantic City Country Club and was an enthusiastic golf player. She was seen often in the summer at the social affairs of the Atlantic City Yacht Club.

WINS LEONARD SCHOLARSHIP.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., June 18.—Alexander P. Robertson, of Glens Falls, N. Y., was awarded the W. D. Leonard scholarship by the Wesleyan University faculty to-day.

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