

# AUTO MAKERS PROTEST AGAINST NEW TARIFF BILL

Twenty-seven American motor vehicle manufacturing companies, representing invested capital of many millions and the employment of thousands of workmen and women, have joined in a brief in which they protest against the provisions of the Underwood tariff bill in so far as they relate to the motor vehicle industry. The American manufacturers join in saying that they know that the proposed legislation is a menace to the automobile industry in the United States.

The companies which join in the protest brief through a committee of five are as follows: John S. Clark, vice-president, The Autocar Company, Ardmore, Pa.; Harry S. Houpt, general sales manager, American Locomotive, New York, N. Y.; V. A. Longaker, general manager, American Motor Company, Indianapolis, Ind.; H. W. Ford, secretary, Chalmers Motor Car Company, Detroit, Mich.; W. C. Leland, vice-president, Cadillac Motor Car Company, Detroit, Mich.; J. G. Cole, president, Coles Motor Car Company, Indianapolis, Ind.; G. W. Bentley, vice-president, The Garford Company, Elkhart, Ohio; Edward Hayes, president, Hayes Automobile Company, Kokomo, Ind.; Charles D. Hastings, secretary, Hupac Motor Car Company, Detroit, Mich.; S. T. Davis, Jr., president, The Locomobile Company of America, Bridgeport, Conn.; G. A. Kissel, president, Kissel Motor Car Company, Hartford, Conn.; H. M. Jenett, president, Lester Motor Company, Detroit, Mich.; Leo A. Poff, general sales manager, Mitchell Lewis, Racine, Wis.; George H. Deussen, secretary, National Motor Vehicle Company, Indianapolis, Ind.; George O. Daniels, vice-president, Oakland Motor Car Company, Pontiac, Mich.; O. C. Hutchinson, vice president, Old Motor Works, Lansing, Mich.; Henry B. Joy, president, Packard Motor Car Company, Detroit, Mich.; H. H. Kirtledge, president, The Peerless Motor Car Company, Cleveland, Ohio; Charles Clifton, treasurer, The Pierce Arrow Motor Company, Baltimore, N. Y.; George Pope, treasurer, The Pope Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn.; R. M. Seaton, secretary, The Motor Car Company, Lansing, Mich.; H. B. Sauer, secretary, Cadillac Company, Chicago, Ill.; W. M. Walleside, president, Stutz-Berley Company, Chicago, Ill.; Frank P. Fish, president, Stutz Motor Car Company, South Bend, Ind.; Robert W. Allen, general manager, Warren Motor Car Company, Detroit, Mich.; Windsor T. White, president, The White Company, Cleveland, Ohio; and John N. Wilson, president, The Wilson-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio.

The brief in full is as follows: "How could there be such a thing as a 'joker' in a Democratic tariff?" "Jokers are supposed only to creep into Republican tariff bills."

"When Republican tariff bills get into Republican hands, they are on the line of protection to American workmen and American industries."

"When jokers are put by importers into Democratic tariff bills, they are in line with the protection of importers and the prosperity of foreign manufacturers."

"The first dispatches sent out by the Associated Press emanating from Democratic headquarters in Washington stated the duty on motor cars was to be maintained at 45 per cent."

"The second clause in the motor car schedule of the new Wilson bill reads: Automobile chassis 30 per cent."

parity at home is the first necessary factor for increase of export trade. "It is proper to be proud of the great trade of the world which is brought to America by the energy, industry, ability and ingenuity of American manufacturers and their organizations."

"It certainly is a 'joker' to have finished automobiles in the tariff schedule at 45 per cent, and to have automobile chassis listed at 30 per cent. It is important that according to the records of the custom house practically all of the imports of motor cars in the form of chassis—that is, running gear of the car, without the body."

"The chassis itself is really a completed automobile. European factories only manufacture chassis. The chassis is the car itself from the trade point of view."

"Especially should it be noted that the chassis is the thing the European manufacturer wants to bring in at the minimum rate of duty. European motor car manufacturers do not make the bodies except to a very small extent, as bodies are too bulky and too subject to damage in shipping, and too expensive to ship by reason of their bulk in proportion to their value."

"Does it seem like a 'joker' to have a ways and means committee put its stamp of approval on the 45 per cent rate of duty for finished automobiles, exactly as was done by the Payne-Aldrich bill and then place a rate of duty of 30 per cent, on the chassis?"

"The first clause is of no force and effect with the second also in the bill. The real duty if we stop there is 30 per cent."

"It is clear to any man at all familiar with the production of motor cars that the chassis is practically the whole vehicle. It is the part requiring the ingenuity, the invention, the expensive material, and the elaborate work of skilled manufacture, chiefly represented in expense by American labor at American wages, and American material. There is practically no material now imported. It is all made in this country. Magneto factories, parts makers, etc., have been transplanted to America and even motor car factories also by the present Payne-Aldrich tariff."

"A 'joker,' did we say? Let's read further and take up the next clauses in the new Wilson tariff bill, as far as it refers to automobiles!"

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