

CARILLON TARIFF ASKED BY GROUP OF BELL MAKERS

**Meneely of Watervliet Says
Americans Can Make
Chimes**

FAVORS 98 PER CENT

**Domestic Firms Unable to
Compete, House Body
Is Told**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP) — Changes in the tariff on such articles as carillons, violins, sponges and lead pencils were suggested to the house ways and means committee today, before it completed hearings on that section of the law covering sundries.

Tomorrow, the committee will begin taking testimony on the last of the fifteen schedules which make up the Fordney-McCumber act of 1922—that relating to the free list. More than 250 witnesses will appear on these items.

Continuing its consideration of the advisability of a duty on carillons, the committee today heard some discordant notes sounded by witnesses representing churches and domestic bell makers.

Six witnesses appeared before the committee yesterday, seeking removal of the forty per cent tariff on carillons, contending they were not produced in this country and that the duty amounted to an unnecessary tax on churches and colleges, desiring to install such music.

Bell Makers Opposed

This view again was impressed on the committee today by Howard Fleming an officer of Grace church, Plainfield, N. J. But American bell makers disagreed, declaring they could make carillons of sufficient size and tone if they were given an opportunity by domestic buyers.

S. W. Seery, of the McShane Bell Foundry company, of Baltimore, charged that those who appeared for the Park Avenue Baptist church, of New York, the University of Chicago, and other institutions, and asked free entry for carillons were an "organized band" desirous of creating a foreign monopoly. He said none of the institutions had inquired of his company whether it could fill their orders although it was ready to make carillons of any number and size of bells.

Meneely Asks Duty

A special classification for bells, with a duty of ninety-eight per cent was urged by Andrew E. Meneely of Meneely and company, Watervliet who contended that if carillons were made non-durable, they could be

brought in broken up, and sold individually as bells or sets of bells, for chimes to churches, schools and railroads, thereby competing with domestic bells.

He said properly tuned carillons of twenty-three bells or more could be made in this country and that his company had a "verbal order" from a Valley Forge, Pa., church, for a set of forty-nine bells.

Higher duties on violins and cases for musical instruments were suggested by W. R. Clymer, of Forest Hills, while Alfred L. Smith, of the Music Industries Chamber of Commerce, New York, and G. L. Catlin, Skinner Organ company, Boston, recommended increased tariffs on pipe organs.

ROTARY WILL GET VATICAN APPROVAL

**Efforts of International
President, a Catholic,
Given Credit**

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 19. (AP)—

International Rotary is about to be given a clean bill of health by the authorities of the Holy See. Reliably informed circles of the Vatican tonight said that this reversal of a former ruling was largely due to the favorable impression created by I. D. Sutton of Tampico, Mexico, who is president of the international organization.

Mr. Sutton came here in the face of a ruling against Rotary by the consistorial congregation that the members of the priesthood would not be allowed to join Rotary clubs. This ruling came shortly after Osservatore Romano, the newspaper used by the Vatican for its public announcements, had condemned the organization for its alleged practice of inculcating a religion "without God."

Mr. Sutton, who is himself a Roman Catholic interviewed a number of the princes of the church and convinced them that his organization respected all creeds. He also told them that at least 350 prominent laymen and clergymen of the church were active Rotarians in the United States.

Another aid came to him. It was understood, in the form of letters from the national Catholic Welfare council at Washington, D. C. Then, too, certain prelates who knew conditions in the United States at first hand seconded his efforts in some quarters.

SCOUT REVIEW BOARD TO MEET ON FRIDAY

Deputy Commissioner W. W. Bensen, chairman of the second class board of review of Fort Orange council Boy Scouts of America, will preside at a meeting of the board in Scout headquarters Friday afternoon. Scouts will be given examinations for promotion to the second class rank. Mr. Bensen will be assisted by Eagle scouts who are members of the board.