

# BEVERIDGE WOULD END CHILD LABOR

**Money Greed Is the Cause of  
This National Crime,  
Says Senator.**

**MUST REVISE OUR TARIFF**

**Declares Experts Should Find Out the  
Facts Upon Which Congress  
Can Act with Wisdom.**

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 17.—Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana delivered an address under the auspices of the Forum at Yale University to-night. The address was made before an audience which crowded Hendrie Hall to its utmost capacity. Chief Justice Baldwin of the Connecticut Supreme Court presided, and introduced Senator Beveridge, who, speaking on "The Meaning of the Times," said in part:

"We have been busy with material things, making money, building railroads, sinking mines, occupying land; busy with trade and the development of resources. All this was good. But finally we became so busy with real things that we forgot ideal things; so busy with results that we forgot methods. Development of resources too often became exploitation of resources; trade too often became trickery; government too often became graft; building industry too often became juggling with industry; the praiseworthy spirit of gain by fair methods too often gave way to the evil spirit of gain by any methods.

"When we stopped the robbery of the Nation's forests, the robbers called it paternalism; when we stopped the sale of poisoned food and diseased meats, the sellers called it Socialism; when we are trying to stop stock juggling, criminal rebates, and the like, the jugglers call it a raid on prosperity; when we try to stop government by graft and politics by purchase, those who grow rich by graft or get high places by purchase call our work interference with private affairs in the one case and assault upon respectability in the other case.

"We must revise our tariff, and that is a big thing; but we must do more—we must now make sensible, up-to-date plans for revision, and that is a bigger thing. There are nearly 4,000 items named in our tariff laws, and every year new articles are put on the market which are not named, but which are covered by general terms of the law.

"It is plain that just and intelligent duties cannot be fixed without a knowledge of the facts upon which every one of these duties are supposed to rest. Yet, as we have made our tariffs heretofore, committees of Congress, working a part of the time for a few months, not only have to find out these facts, but also fit duties to these facts, study how those duties will work out with foreign tariffs, how our trade will thereby be helped or hurt, and all other things that must be thought of in making a tariff.

"Yet it is plain that it would be hard for even experts to learn all the facts in so short a time, to say nothing of the other work our Congressional committees are now forced to do in making a tariff law. It is not fair to these committees to make them do such work in so brief a period. Other nations have seen this plain truth and therefore made the common-sense plan of finding out the facts upon which their Legislatures can act with knowledge and wisdom. So Germany and Japan, whose tariffs are the most careful of all tariffs, had a body of tariff experts find out the facts and then made their tariffs fit those facts.

"Also we must stop child labor in our mills, mines, and sweatshops. The only reason for this National evil is greed. There are plenty of men to do the work these children are made to do; but manhood wages are greater than childhood wages. The mills and mines that work these children to death or ruin, make more money than any other businesses; they are highly protected by our tariff, and so those men and women who have spent years getting to the bottom of child labor think that money-lust is the cause of this National crime. I call it a National crime because it is so general. We must end it by a National law.

"Those who grow rich from the blood of these children say that the Nation has no right to forbid this National sin. They say that we must leave it to the States. They say the same thing that has been said every time the Nation has tried to stop any great evil that was putting unrighteous money in the pockets of those who flourished on that evil."

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