FORSTMAN DENIES ANY GERMAN TAINT
Declares He Never Saw Compromising Letters, and Bought Wool with Metz's Suggestion.

Julius Forstmann, President of the $3,000,000 Forstmann & Hoffmann Woollen Mill in Passaic, appeared before Deputy Attorney General Alfred L. Becker yesterday afternoon to declare himself a loyal citizen of the United States. The head of one of the big plants recently seized by the Allen Property Commission of Newark appeared at the hearing as leading counsel.

"Mr. Forstmann," said Mr. McCarter, addressing Mr. Becker, "is not affiliated with any company that is a German firm.

Mr. Forstmann was approached by the Hon. Herman A. Metz, then a member of the House of Representatives, now a senator, and by Mr. Metz were the uniform of an officer of his country, and Mr. Metz informed him that some community could make it to get wool and cotton into Germany through the industry would be tremendous.

Lieut. Col. H. H. Metz, National Guard Bureau, was the first witness called by Mr. McCarter. He told of the effort of the officials of the Government to get some and verified the statement that he had sought the aid of Mr. Forstmann.

Mr. Forstmann took the stand and declared that he had never sold wool to any German firm.

Mr. McCarter, after the examination of Mr. Forstmann, Mr. Becker, and Mr. Metz, sent a message to the German Foreign Office, which was removed from the copy before it was sent.

Berlin, June 28, 1916.

To Herr Count v. Bernstorff, Rye, N. Y.

I am directed by Mr. McCarter, the Attorney General of New Jersey, to state that Forstmann & Hoffmann, N. J., in connection with the Paterson, N. J., branch of the United States has not been in violation of the law, and that the company is conducted on the lines of a legitimate business.

The signature was removed from the copy before it was sent.

The Times Office is not in a position to receive any reply to the letter, as the head of the company is not in the city.

Forstmann said that it was the first time he had ever heard of the letter and that he had no objection to the shipment of wool to Germany, provided it was done in accordance with the law.

Charles S. Howe, President of the National Bank of Paterson, Richard S. Dwyer, President of the Bank of Paterson, and T. H. S. Cornish, President of the Bank of Paterson, have repeatedly made representation for the purpose of getting the wool.

Forstmann & Hoffmann, N. J., in connection with the Paterson, N. J., branch of the United States has met the law and the law of the country and has always been a leading factor in the wool industry of the country.

It is most respectfully recommended to your Excellency that you not proceed to Germany, as the company has always been a leading factor in the wool industry of the country.

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Mr. Forstmann said he owned $500,000 worth of Liberty bonds as present also to testify to the loyalty of Mr. Forstmann.

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