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Dorr Felt Collection

International Labor and Trade Conferences

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Biographical Sketch

Dorr Eugene Felt was born in Rock County, Wisconsin on March 18, 1862. At fourteen he began working in a machine shop in Beloit, Wisconsin. He moved to Chicago in 1882 and obtained work as a mechanic. A perceptive and skilled worker with an entrepreneurial spirit, in his free time Felt devised and constructed a computation device out of such crude materials as a macaroni box, rubber bands, and metal skewers. Felt called the machine a Comptometer. A mechanical calculator, the Comptometer was the first mechanical calculator to greatly improve upon the first mechanical computing device created, the arithmometer, which was first commercially distributed in 1851. Felt opened Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Company with Chicago businessman Robert Tarrant in 1889; a large manufacturing facility in Chicago, out of which he built and sold Comptometers. The Comptometer computing device became a great commercial success and was sold and used world-wide. Felt went on to invent more devices and acquired 46 domestic patents and 25 foreign patents.

As a result of Felt's experience as president of a large industrial company, he was asked by the U.S. Department of Labor to participate in a study of labor relations in Europe. Joining a team of other individuals from the United States, Felt toured England and France in order to examine manufacturing facilities and to speak with owners, managers, and laborers about the successes and frustrations of labor conditions in the two countries. The results of the commission's inquiries were reported and published, but more importantly this trip marked the beginning of Felt's close involvement with national and international trade and labor interests. Felt attended and spoke at labor conferences

and wrote about labor conditions, unions, communism, Bolshevism, and other labor-related subjects.

In addition to writing and speaking on broad topics, Felt held posts as president and director of the Illinois Manufacturers Association, president of the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution, and director of the United States Chamber of Commerce in 1920. Felt was a regional advisor on the War Industries Board in 1918, a board member of the Chicago Association of Commerce, and a member of Chicago's Union League Club.

Scope and Content

The Felt Papers consist of 0.83 linear feet spanning the years 1919 to 1921. The records consist of programs, pamphlets, newsletters, newspaper clippings, and names of delegates in attendance. The series are arranged chronologically.

Series 1: International Trade and Labor Conferences, Boxes 1 and 2

This series contains materials pertaining to Felt's attendance of or observances regarding a series of international trade and labor conferences hosted by the U.S. in 1919 and 1920 including programs for the Chicago and Atlantic City conferences, newsletters, newspaper clippings, addresses, pamphlets, and lists of names and addresses of delegates in attendance. Delegates from European countries attended ongoing events held in Washington D.C., Atlantic City, Chicago, and a number of other cities on a tour of U.S. industries that took place over a span of several months. Felt attended the conferences in Atlantic City and Chicago. .

Subjects:

Chicago, Illinois
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Chicago Council of the Industrial Relations Association of America
Comptometer
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Felt, Dorr
Felt and Tarrant Mfg. Co.
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2	24	Pamphlet: "High Wages: Their Cause and Effect," Sir Hugh Bell	1921
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2	26	Paper clipping: Chicago Daily Tribune	Oct. 28, 1921