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Dorr E. Felt Collection

College Made Utopia and Labor Unrest

Dates: 1919-1924

Creator: Felt, Dorr E. (1862-1930)

Extent: 1.251 linear feet

Level of description: Folder

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Separations: No separations.

See Also: Dorr E. Felt Papers, 1918-1921; Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Records, 1915-1926; International Labor and Trade Conferences, 1919-1921; Railroad Strikes, 1916-1921; United States Employers Commission, 1918-1920; World War I, 1901-1930; Bolshevism 1918-1931; Domestic Organizations & Charities, 1915-1926.

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 College Made Utopia and Labor Unrest collections consists of 1.251 linear feet spanning the years 1919-1924 and contains correspondence, notes, publications, and news clippings. Subjects covered relate to Dorr E. Felt's writings "College Made Utopia and Labor Unrest." Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1919-1924, Box 1-3

Contains correspondence about Dorr E. Felt's "College Made Utopia and Labor Unrest" pamphlet, from organizations, individuals, and colleges. The letters include topics such as political dialogue, order requests, and praise for Felt's pamphlet.

Series 2: Notes, 1919-1923, No dates, Box 3

Contains notes about the pamphlet "College Made Utopia and Labor unrest." The series contains general notes, contacts, mailing lists, and comments.

Series 3: News Clippings, 1919-1924, Undated. Box 3

Contains news clippings from various sources about "College Made Utopia" and several other clippings about colleges in general.

Series 4: Publications, 1919-1922, Undated. Box 3

Contains publications written by and related to the works of Dorr E. Felt. This includes copies of Felt's "College Made Utopia and Labor Unrest" and "Is Organized Labor Slipping." The series includes pamphlets, magazines, and bulletins.

Subjects:

Felt, Dorr E.
Colleges & Universities
"College Made Utopia and Labor Unrest"
"Is Organized Labor Slipping"
Labor
Utopias

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1	3	Organization Correspondents, C	1919-1921
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2	12	Individual Correspondents, Q-T	1919-1920
2	13	Individual Correspondents, U-Z	1919-1921
3	1	College Correspondents, A-C	1919-1920
3	2	College Correspondents, E-L	1919-1920
3	3	College Correspondents, M-N	1919-1921
3	4	College Correspondents, O-Z	1919-1924
<u>Series 2: Notes, 1919-1923, Undated</u>			
3	5	Comments on "College Made Utopia"	1920
3	6	Contacts and Mailing Lists	1919-1923
3	7	Notes	1919-1920

Series 3: News Clippings, 1919-1924,
Undated

3	8	College Made Utopia News Clippings	1919-1920
3	9	College News Clippings	1919-1924

Series 4: Publications, 1919-1922

3	10	“Collage Made Utopia and Labor Unrest” Pamphlet	1919
3	11	“Is Organized Labor Slipping?” Pamphlet	1919
3	12	Assorted College Pamphlets	1919-1922