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Dorr E. Felt Collection

Radicalism in Great Britain

Dates: 1919-1928, undated

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

Extent: 0.25 linear feet

Level of description: Folder

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Separations: No separations.

See Also: Dorr E. Felt Collection – United States Employers’ Commission to Europe, 1918-1920; Dorr E. Felt Collection – World War I, 1909-1930; Dorr E. Felt Collection – International Trade and Labor Conferences, 1919-1921; Dorr E. Felt Collection – Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Records, 1916-1926; Dorr Felt Collection – Bolshevism, 1918-1931

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 Radicalism in Great Britain section of the Dorr E. Felt Collection consists of 0.25 linear feet spanning the years 1919-1928 and includes correspondence, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings. Subjects covered are Bolshevism and labor in Great Britain, though French radicalism and social conditions in U.S.-cities are also briefly addressed. Arrangement is chronological.

Series

Series 1: Correspondence, 1920-1928, Box 1

This series consists of letters and postcards. The subject matter pertains to Felt's pamphlet, "Radicalism in Great Britain." Mostly, the sender is requesting copies of the pamphlet or replying to those requests. Also included are receipts of confirmation, verifying that a certain number of pamphlets were sent to a specific recipient.

Series 2: Pamphlets, 1920, Box 1

This series contains two copies of Felt's pamphlet, "Radicalism in Great Britain" and a manuscript of the pamphlet.

Series 3: Newspaper Clippings, 1920, Box 1

This series includes a newspaper clipping on the subject of French radicalism (Bolshevism), and another that briefly describes a social study of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Subjects:

Bolshevism
Felt, Dorr E.
French radicalism
Great Britain
Labor
Labor Strikes/Demonstrations
Post-WWI Industry
"Radicalism in Great Britain" Pamphlet
The Triple Alliance

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<u>Series 1: Correspondence, 1920-1928</u>			
1	1	Correspondence	1920-1928
1	2	Receipts for Copies of "Radicalism in Great Britain"	1921-1923
<u>Series 2: Pamphlets, 1920</u>			
1	3	Felt, "Radicalism in Great Britain"	1920, Undated
<u>Series 3: Newspaper Clippings, 1920</u>			
1	4	Newspaper Clippings	1920