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VOLUNTEER WORK.

The Duluth Federated Trades Assembly through its executive committee, have decided to ask men of the various trades to volunteer their assistance in rebuilding the burned-over district.

Every member of organized labor in Duluth should respond to the call. The work of rebuilding the burned-over district has already been started, and must be completed before the cold weather arrives, and in order that this may be accomplished it is necessary for every able-bodied man to give what time he can to this most noble and unselfish work.

It is a time like this that shows the true worth of man. If you have not already offered your services, do so at once.

W. L. CARSS FOR CONGRESS.

The real loyalty candidate for congress from this district is W. L. Carss. He is and has always been a supporter of President Wilson. When Germany declared it to be her purpose in March, 1917, to begin an unrestricted submarine warfare Mr. Carss was very pronounced in his conviction that the United States should enter the war. He was not in favor of waiting until insult after insult had been heaped upon us, or until "Germany had declared war against this country."

This is his record and we assumed all the time since America entered the war that this was the record of Congressman Miller. He voted with the majority of congress to declare war against Germany and we believed his vote was honestly cast. We have recently been shown several letters written by Mr. Miller to his constituents, all dated immediately after he had cast his vote in favor of war, which prove to us conclusively that such vote was not in accordance with his convictions. He stated in his letters that he was against declaring war on Germany, and expressed the belief that there were more peaceful means of settling the submarine question. He held in these letters that President Wilson had been planning for several months to force us into war; "that the President wanted war," and his war program had been so far advanced before it was presented to congress that it was too late to stop it.

The letters were written to local pacifists who were then unacquainted with German intrigue in this country and who were not informed of the Prussian plan to conquer the world, but who have since seen the light and are whole heartedly supporting the program of America and her Allies to make the world safe for democracy. Mr. Miller was near the source of information at Washington. He should have known all that the pacifists have since learned. If he knew this at the time he wrote the letters above referred to, he was neither honest with the country nor with his constituents. The letters reveal a case of doubtful loyalty, so much so that he has proved himself to be an unsafe man to sit in the congress of the United States during this great crisis.

The people of this district are behind President Wilson. They can best assure the President of their support of him and the country by electing W. L. Carss to congress.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS THE MONEY NOW!

Organized labor gave only a hint of its determination to win the war when 15,000 men and women last Labor Day stood for hours in drenching rain and joined in the long line of march with service flags at the head of every unit. But, it is not the spectacular part that counts for nearly as much as the sincere spirit behind the great patriotic demonstration. It is only the beginning of other proofs of fervent loyalty that

will soon be manifested in practical ways.

As an example of what is going on, we are pleased to cite the action of Photo-Engravers' Union No. 10 at its last meeting. The trustees reported that about \$1,000 was available for investment and reported opportunities for safe investment at 5-12 per cent interest. Ordinarily this would be considered a sound recommendation. In war times, however, other things count for more than a high rate of interest.

Almost in one voice the whole membership protested against considering the inducement of high interest and all insisted on placing the money at the disposal of the government to be used in helping to win the war. All the speakers voiced the sentiment that whether the money got any interest or none, every dollar available must be placed at the government's disposal as long as Uncle Sam needs money to insure a victorious peace. By unanimous vote, the board of trustees was instructed to invest the money in government war securities.

The amount involved is comparatively unimportant, but the spirit displayed is the spirit that is bound to win the war. This patriotic action is an object lesson to financial and commercial organizations with large capital to invest.

It is our hope that all elements will buy Liberty bonds to their utmost ability—even at the sacrifice of higher interest. Our main business now is to win the war; all other business must wait.

JUSTICE HOMER B. DIBELL.

The appointment of Homer B. Dibell of Duluth as associate justice of the supreme court to succeed the late Justice George L. Bunn, deceased, is heartily received by the forward looking people of Minnesota, and particularly by those who are familiar with Judge Dibell's record as a jurist.

We in Duluth who know the man at close range will bank our lives on him. Workingmen have reason to believe in him, for as a district judge he brought a breath of fresh air to our local bench when he ignored all precedence in equity practice and refused to issue a restraining order against striking street railway employees without first giving them an opportunity to be heard. The simple prayer and allegations of the corporation petitioners were not sufficient to induce him to follow the well trodden paths then followed by the courts.

As a commissioner of the Minnesota supreme court, while without voice thereon, he has been responsible for a number of splendid decisions that have marked milestones in the march of human progress. Jurists like Judge Dibell are rendering valiant service in shaping the law to fit present economic conditions. They are bringing forth "The New Freedom," so ably and clearly pointed out by President Wilson in his latest book.

Our hat is off to Justice Homer B. Dibell. He will be a fine addition to an unusually strong court.

READY FOR LAREDO!

Arrangements for the Pan-American Federation of Labor conference at Laredo on Nov. 13 are practically complete, according to John Murray, member of the Pan-American Federation of Labor Conference committee, in charge of arrangements here. Mr. Murray says that the Mexican Federation of Labor will be represented by a delegation of twenty unionists. He expects that delegates will come from several of the Central and South American republics. A propaganda of education regarding both the program of the conference and the work and progress of American organized labor is being conducted through the Pan-American Labor Press, a weekly paper edited by the members of the recent American Federation of Labor mission to Mexico. A half million copies of this paper are printed each week.

Santiago Iglesias is explaining the purposes of the conference to Mexican and South American residents of cities in the United States. Reports of his work indicate that it is exceedingly valuable.

Several delegates accredited by the labor movements of South American countries are in New York preparing to attend the Pan-American Federation of Labor conference at Laredo in November. Among the countries represented are Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba and the Argentine.

The Central Federated union has endorsed the project of holding a Pan-American mass meeting here to carry to the Latin-American residents the message of the coming conference.

"Education, not police force," says a prominent field nurse, "will win in this fight against preventable death and disease. Health education is as essential as police and fire protection, and ought to become a part of our educational system, thereby assuring the children of our nation life, health and happiness."

EASTERN STATES NEED WORKERS

War Labor Requirements Make Threatening Array According to Survey.

A rough survey of some of the immediate war labor needs in eastern states alone is given below. In bird's-eye form it shows the effort and self-sacrifice which must be made to keep war production on a level with the demands of the military program. Every shipyard on the Atlantic coast is in urgent need of additional men, particularly skilled workmen, to get out the ships necessary to maintain an uninterrupted flow of supplies to France.

The nitro powder plant in West Virginia must have 20,000 men steadily employed in order to finish construction by January 1. Only 14,000 are now on hand. This plant is required in order that it may ship 625,000 pounds of smokeless powder a day to France before the spring offensive.

In Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont there is a demand estimated anywhere from 25,000 to 50,000 men to get out aeroplane spruce, shipbuilding material, and other timber for war work.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island are filled with munition factories and are short approximately 48,000 men.

In New York state, the American Locomotive company, with plants at Schenectady and Dunkirk, manufacturing locomotives for France, is badly handicapped for lack of common labor. The Interior Storage Depot at Schenectady is likewise short of labor, as is the Aluminum company of America at Messina.

In New Jersey 35,000 men will be found necessary to fill labor shortages in shell-loading plants alone.

In Pennsylvania several steel mills have had to shut down part of their plants for lack of labor.

Delaware and Maryland are filled with war industries, a number of which need more men for maximum output.

The United States Employment Service in the last six weeks has sent 15,000 men to war projects at Norfolk, Va. These projects need approximately 10,000 more men. In addition to this Virginia's needs include a large powder bag loading plant of the du Ponts, badly in need of men; the Norfolk port terminal, short 7,000 men; and numerous other industries, including shipbuilding plants, are suffering.

North Carolina has one new camp at Fayetteville which alone needs from 8,000 to 10,000 men. It has also several other camps and war projects where scheduled construction is threatened by lack of labor.

In Kentucky urgent construction work at Camp Knox is held up because of a labor shortage estimated at 10,000.

South Carolina has the great Charleston port terminal, which should employ about 12,500 and has about 8,000; 10,000 men are needed for Camp Jackson immediately. At this camp 800 out of 1,000 skilled carpenters are working as common laborers because the common labor work must be done first.

The state of Georgia requires 4,000 men for the peric-ac plant at Brunswick alone.

In Alabama there is the Air Nitrates corporation at Muscle Shoals, together with various other contracts associated with it, requiring to maintain a force of about 20,000.

Louisiana has the New Orleans port terminal, requiring thousands of men. Arkansas has Camp Pike and the new peric-ac plant at Little Rock, Camp Pike alone needing nearly 10,000 men.

The du Pont plant in Tennessee should maintain a working force of nearly 35,000 men. That number has not yet been attained.

In Ohio, aside from the well known war activities, there are two new nitrate plants being constructed that, together, will require 35,000 men or 40,000 men, none of whom are now in sight.

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