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Dorr E. Felt Collection

Domestic Organizations & Charities

Dates: 1915-1930 (Bulk 1915-1919)

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

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Separations: 0.5 linear feet of Felt & Tarrant Company records moved to Felt & Tarrant series. 1.5 linear feet of World War I related materials moved to the World War I series.

See Also: Dorr E. Felt Collection: Dorr E. Felt papers, 1918-1921; World War I, 1901-1930; Railroad Strikes, 1916-1921; International Trade and Labor Conferences, 1919-1921; Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Records, 1916-1926; United States Employers' Commission to Europe, 1918-1920; Bolshevism, 1918-1931; High Lights of History News Clippings, 1926-1928.

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, 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 served as President of this successful Chicago factory from 1887 until his death in 1930. This placed him in a position of prominence at both the local and national levels and made him one of the leading citizens of Chicago. As such, he was an active participant in many local clubs, national organizations and was a generous donor to many charities. During World War I, several new clubs, organizations, charities and patriotic organizations formed, many of which Felt subsequently enrolled in as a member or donated funds to. Such organizations include the National Security League, American Red Cross, YMCA and Navy League, among others.

Felt enjoyed a prolific career and heavy involvement with a myriad of posts. In addition to his role as a leading member of Chicago, he wrote and spoke on a large range of topics, served the Department of Labor by composing a study of labor conditions in England and France, served as president of both the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, and as director of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Scope and Content

The Domestic Organizations & Charities consists of 2 linear feet spanning the years 1915-1930 (bulk 1915-1919) and includes circular newsletters, publications on the state of the nation's military preparedness, brochures, recruitment forms, fundraising statistics, correspondence, recruiting, fundraising and organization events. Also includes publication on charities by Felt with newsletters and correspondence relating to said publication. Subjects include the National Security League, American Red Cross, Navy League, Boy Scouts, YMCA, Illinois National Guard, Organized Charities, League to Enforce Peace, and The Salvation Army

Series

Series 1: National Security League, 1915-1919, Boxes 1-2

Contains pamphlets and speeches from a variety of persons and sources on U.S. unpreparedness before World War I involvement, pamphlets on status of war and organization's new goals after US declaration of war, newspaper clippings concerning League activities, recruitment circulars and brochures, circulars, correspondence, publications, newsletters.

Series 2: Domestic Organizations & Charities, 1915-1930, Boxes 2-4

Includes circular newsletters, pamphlets, publications, recruitment forms, correspondence, and newspaper clippings. Subjects include the American Red Cross, Navy League, Illinois National Guard, Chicago High School Volunteers, Chicago Athletic Association, Illinois Vigilance Association, Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, League to Enforce Peace, The Salvation Army and The Chicago Daily News Fresh Air Fund.

Series 3: "Organized Charities and Social Welfare from the Viewpoint of an Employer" by Dorr Felt, 1918-1928, Box 4

Includes pamphlet Felt wrote, published and distributed, correspondence with a worker from United Charities of Chicago, correspondence with readers, requests for copies and newsletters concerning article. Topics include charities, labor, and economics.

Subjects:

American Red Cross
Boy Scouts of America
Chicago High School Volunteers
Chicago Athletic Association
Illinois National Guard
Illinois Vigilance Association

League to Enforce Peace
Military Unpreparedness
National Security League
Navy League
Organized Charities
Sons of the American Revolution
Union League Club
Women's Committee of Council of National Defense
World War I
Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Series 1: National Security League 1915-1919</u>			
1	1	Our Country – An Undefended Treasure Land	1915
1	2	Address to Chicago Association of Commerce by George T. Buckingham, President Chicago National Security League	August 1915
1	3	“Millions for Tribute Not One Cent for Defense” Henry Joy reply to Henry Ford	August 1915
1	4	National Security League Circulars & Membership Recruitment	1915
1	5	We Are As Unprepared for Peace As We Are for War	October 1915
1	6	Preparedness for National Defense – Speech of Hon. John D. Works	December 1915
1	7	When the Eagle Screams – Song	1916
1	8	National Security League Circulars & Membership Recruitment	January-May 1916
1	9	The National Security League: What It Is and Why	May 1916
1	10	Address delivered by Hon. Jacob M. Dickinson, Chairman of Patriotic Meeting	March 1917
1	11	National Security League Circulars & Membership Recruitment	1917
1	12	Why We Are At War	1917
1	13	Delegates to the National Security League Congress	1918
1	14	National Security League Circulars & Membership Recruitment	1918
1	15	National Security League Newsletters and Bulletins	1915-1919
2	1	National Security League Newspaper Clippings	1915-1919
2	2	National Security League Purpose and Organization	Undated
2	3	National Security League Purpose, Organization, And A Few Facts As to the Unpreparedness of our Country	Undated
2	4	Report of the Army Committee of the National Security League	Undated
2	5	Defense Not Offense – The Guard At the Door	Undated
2	6	Making Millionaires	Undated
<u>Series 2: Domestic Organizations & Charities 1916-1930</u>			
2	7	American Red Cross	1916-1917
2	8	American Red Cross	1918
2	9	Navy League	1915-1918
2	10	Illinois National Guard	1916-1917
2	11	Chicago High School Volunteers’ Citizens’ Uniform Committee	1917-1919
2	12	Women’s Committee of Council of National Defense	June 1917
2	13	Chicago Athletic Association	1917

2	14	Illinois Vigilance Association	1917-1918
2	15	Boy Scouts of America	1917-1918
2	16	Boy Scouts of America	1926-1930
2	17	Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)	1917-1918
2	18	League to Enforce Peace	1917-1918
3	1	The Salvation Army	1922-1924
3	2	The Chicago Daily News Fresh Air Fund	1925-1928
3	3	Domestic Organizations and Charities – Other	July 1915- December 1917
3	4	Domestic Organizations and Charities – Other	January 1918- March 1919
3	5	Domestic Charities	1920-1930
3	6	International Conciliation Publications	1915-1918
3	7	Union League Club Exercises in Commemoration of the Birthday of Washington	1916
3	8	The Poor in War Time	1916-1917
3	9	Speeches Delivered at the Complimentary Dinner Tendered by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association to the trustees of the World's Salesmanship Congress	1917
3	10	Uncle Sam's Wars	1918
3	11	Infant Welfare Society – "Hold the Home Lines"	1918
4	1	Annual Report: Outing Association for Crippled Children	1924
4	2	Certified List of Philanthropic and Charitable Organizations	1925-1927, 1930
4	3	Chicago Community Trust: Foundations for Progress	1927
4	4	Chicago Community Trust: Permanence with Flexibility	1928
4	5	An Investigation of the United Charities of Chicago and a Report of the Findings	Undated
4	6	Newspaper Clippings	1919-1927

**Series 3: "Organized Charities and Social Welfare Work
from the Viewpoint of an Employer" by Dorr Felt 1918-
1928**

4	7	Organized Charities and Social Welfare Work from the Viewpoint of an Employer by Dorr Felt	1918
4	8	Manufacturers' News, Article on "Organized Charities	1918
4	9	Correspondence with Eugene Lies; used for "Organized Charities"	1918
4	10	"Organized Charities" Correspondence with Pamphlet Readers	1918-1921
4	11	"Organized Charities" Requests and Receipts for Pamphlet	1918-1928