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A. F. L. BACKS GOVERNMENT IN SAVINGS WORK

American Federation of Labor
Will Reach 3,000,000
Wage Earners

Washington, D. C.—Resolutions being distributed by the American Federation of Labor to more than 22,000 local unions and through them to over 3,000,000 wage earners affiliated with the organization, contain hearty approval of the Government's 1919 thrift campaign.

Believing that War Savings Stamps offer a safe, sound and guaranteed method for investment of savings, the annual convention of the Federation, assembled at Atlantic City, declared that it was essential to stimulate thrift and saving in time of peace as in time of war.

The adoption of the resolution by the central body of organized trade unionism followed similar action by several State Federations of Labor. The text of the resolution, known as No. 171, is as follows:

"Whereas, The war so happily ended has required our people to develop thrift and saving which to some degree has stimulated freedom of action and independence on the part of some wage earners; and

"Whereas, It is essential to stimulate thrift and saving in time of peace as in time of war; and

"Whereas, The inauguration of the national system of War Savings and Thrift Stamps has afforded to some of small earnings a safe, sound and guaranteed method of Government investment of their hard earned savings; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention do approve of the continuation and extension of the War Savings and Thrift Stamps Institution, or the substitution of a National Savings Institution akin in character and method, which shall prove helpful to safeguard the earnings of the toiling masses of our country."

Thomas E. Burke, general secretary-treasurer of the United States Association of Plumbers and Steam Fitters of the United States and Canada, has promised his assistance in the work of forming War Savings Societies, and has invoked aid from other union officials.

Mr. Burke in assuring the Government of his cooperation, said in part: "The labor organizations and fraternal societies are a very fine medium through which to educate the people of the necessity and usefulness of supporting our government and at the same time helping themselves.

"One of the unique features explained to me was that it is the intention of our government to make War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps a permanent institution. Such action would be a very progressive one, and I believe would be heartily acclaimed by all our citizens, especially the workers, because it would be in keeping with the great cooperative and democratic spirit that now prevails throughout our great country.

"From a psychological standpoint, it would be considered by the mass of the people, especially the wage earners, a great opportunity to participate in such a great function of government. It would bring the people and the Government closer together, which is greatly needed in these unresful times."

—WSS—

Financial physicians are warning against the new disease which is appearing in many parts of the country. They have named it "Influenza." Persons attacked by this disease uniformly utter the cabalistic words, "The war is over," and decline to take any further interest in the nation's affairs. No serum has been discovered which can prevent the ailment, but investing regularly in War Savings Stamps and Registered Treasury Savings Certificates is a preventative as well as a cure.

—WSS—

Doing Him a Favor.

When my cousin, newly commissioned, was sent to Camp Grant he found himself in command of a lot of draft men drawn mainly from our slum district. One in particular took quite a fancy to him and never lost a chance of doing him a favor.

One day after the man had been in camp only a week or so he ran breathlessly up to my cousin, who was in the far end of a trench. He remembered to salute after a fashion, then stood plainly trying to think what to do next. Finally he burst out, "Beat it, mister while de gosh's good. De boss is after youse, and gosh, he's sore!"

The colonel was at the other end of the trench calling for the officer in charge.—Chicago Tribune.

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