

#### Rolla Clymer correspondence

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This series of the Rolla Clymer collection includes sent and received correspondence arranged chronologically beginning in 1909. With few exceptions, the correspondence provides a continuous and very complete view of his activities. Much of the earliest correspondence in the Clymer collection pertains to information about the College of Emporia for the period Clymer was a student there. Scattered throughout the remainder of the correspondence is information about Emporia athletics and alumni activities and letters with former classmates. From 1914 to 1918, Clymer was editor and manager of the Olathe, Kansas, Register. In 1918, Rolla Clymer moved his young family to El Dorado, Kansas, where he became editor and manager of the El Dorado Republican. Except for a six month hiatus in 1937 as editor and manager of the Santa Fe New Mexican in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Clymer served the remainder of his professional career in El Dorado.

In his later years, Clymer devoted much of his time to efforts to preserve the Kansas Flint Hills region which he dearly loved. In addition to newspaper editorials, he wrote and published numerous widely circulated articles and poems about the Flint Hills. Perhaps his best known tribute was his poem "Majesty of the Hills," which helped earn him the designation as Poet Laureate of the Flint Hills. Rolla Clymer died on June 4, 1977, having been the editor of the El Dorado Times for fifty-nine years. For a complete contents list of the Rolla Clymer collection, see the External Links below.

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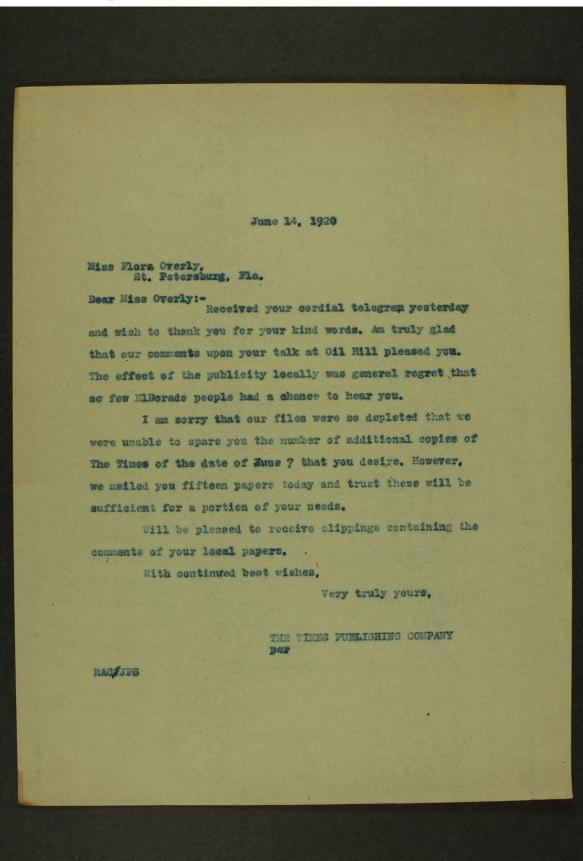
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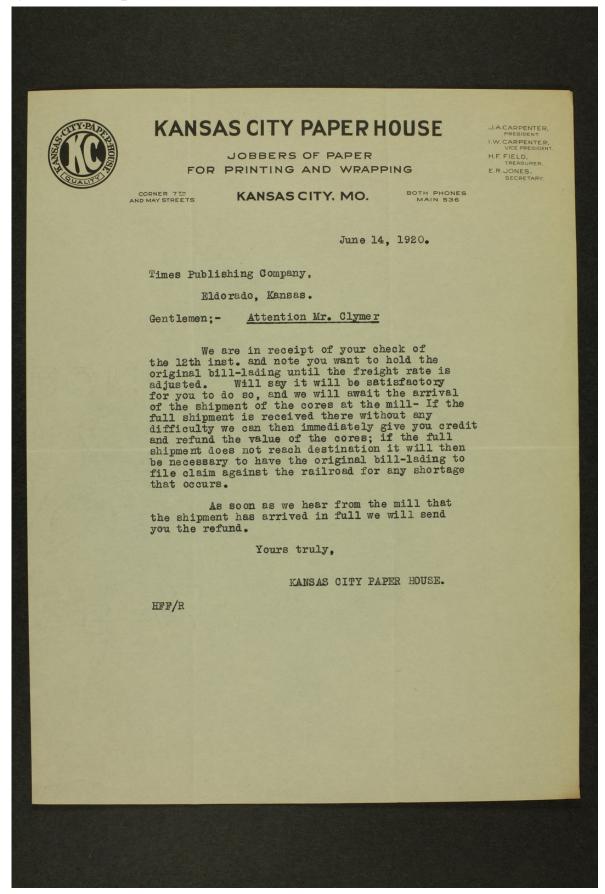
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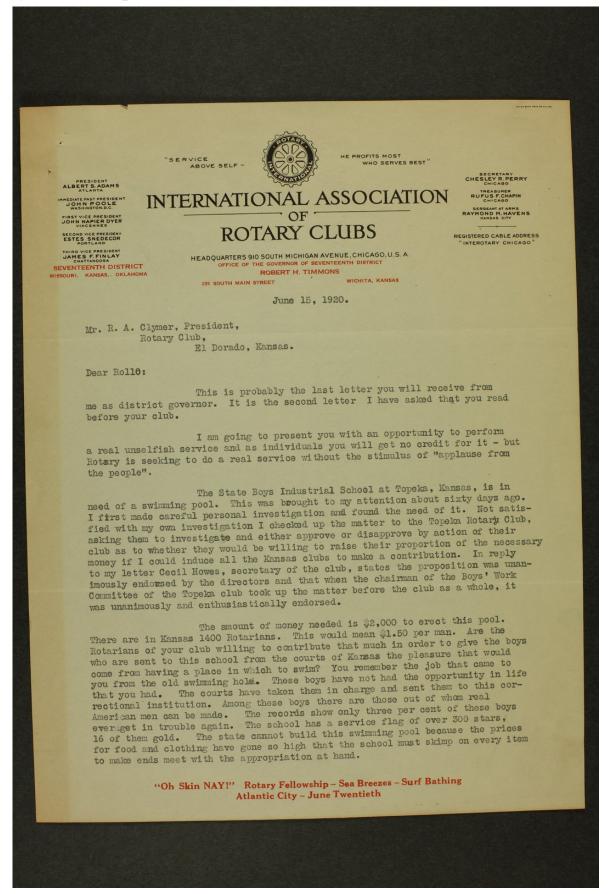




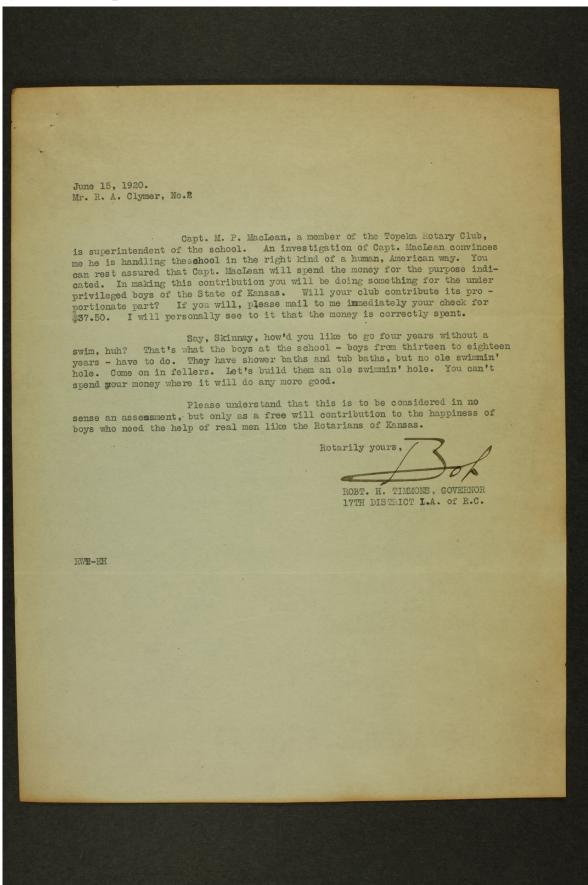




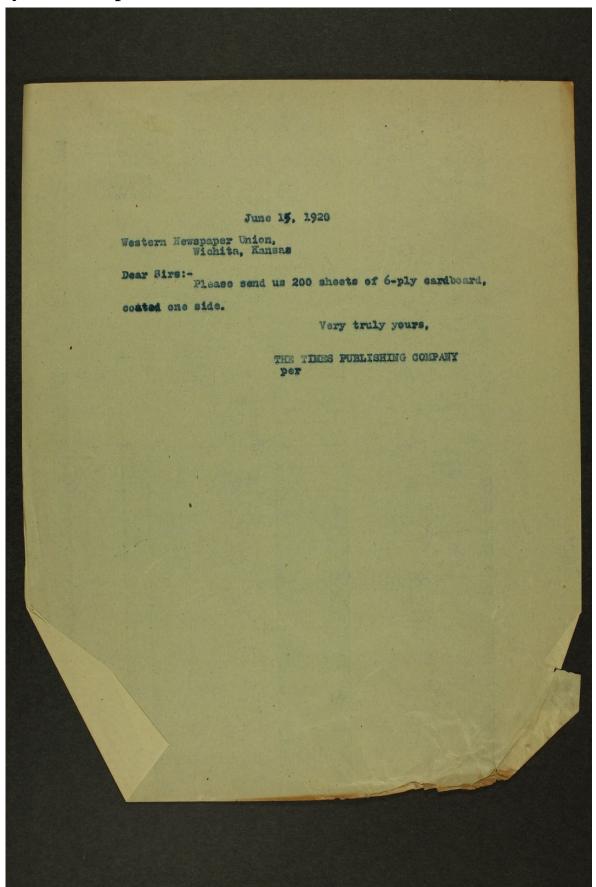




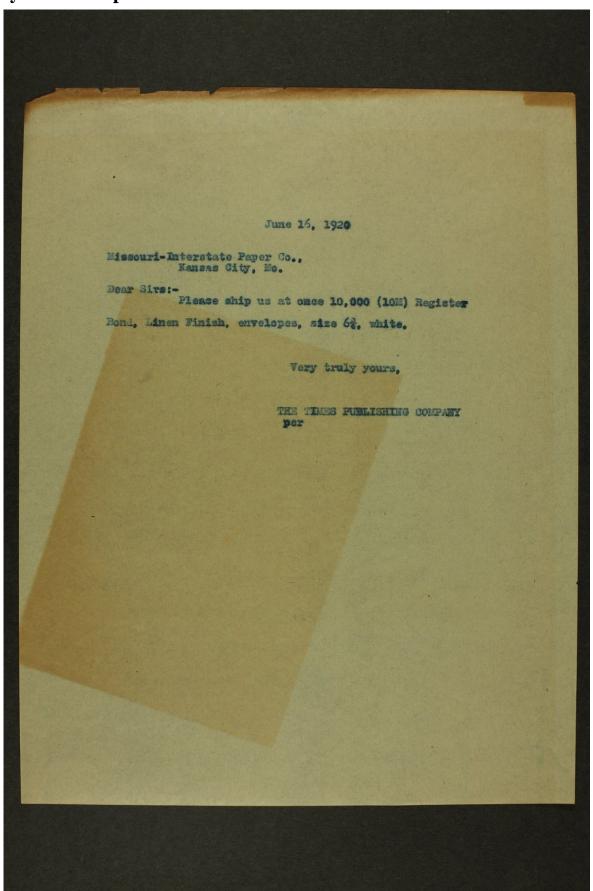












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### **BULLETIN**JUNE 16, 1920

#### A 44-HOUR WEEK AT THIS TIME IS AN ECONOMIC CRIME

TO THE EMPOYING PRINTERS OF THE UNITED STATES:

THE unions of the printing trades have announced that they will demand the 44-hour week on May 1, 1921, and by direct statement or innuendo have given the impression that the United Typothetae of America, speaking for the printing industry has agreed to this program. Such is not the fact. The United Typothetae of America, in convention at New York, September, 1919, passed the following resolution without a dissenting vote:

Whereas, the high cost of living needs to be abated by intelligent, diligent, efficient and conscientious labor, by thrift and the avoidance of waste and extravagance;

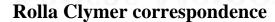
And Whereas, the price of commodities is regulated by the day's labor of the individual, and the real unit of value or the unit of compensation is not the dollar, but the purchasing power of the dollar;

And Whereas, during the reconstruction period through which we are now passing, it is manifestly incumbent upon all employers and employees alike to exhibit the same amount of patriotism and zeal for the welfare of our great country and its institutions that has been so loyally and generously contributed by industry during the late world struggle;

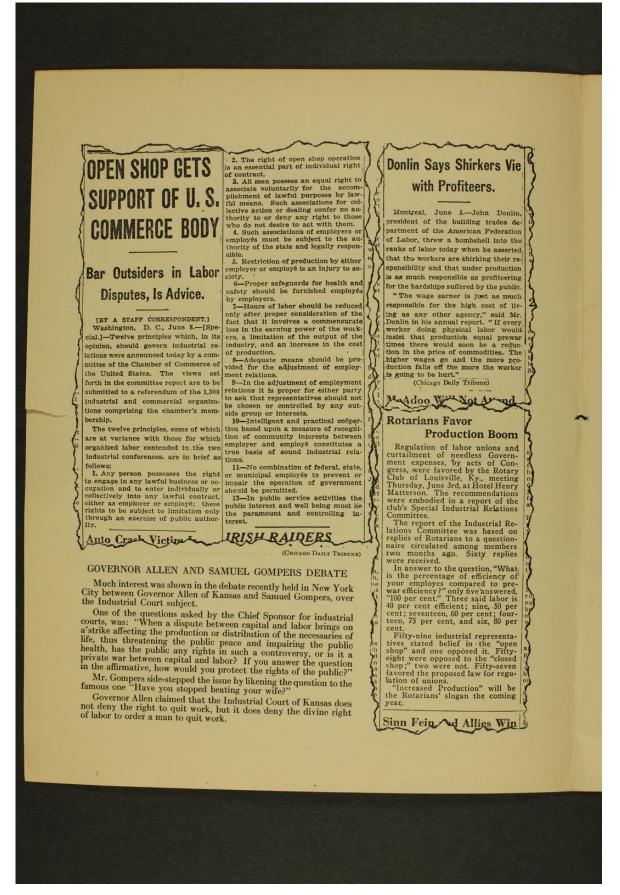
And Whereas, we believe the most potent if not the only sure remedy for the high cost of living is increased production and the stabilization of prices in conformity with wages now being paid;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Thirty-Third Annual Convention of the United Typothetae of America, in convention assembled, that we receive with emphatic disapproval any suggestion at this time to decrease production, whether by a reduction in working hours or any other method, believing that such curtailment of production is unpatriotic, unwise, ill-timed and an economic crime.

The Closed Shop Division of the United Typothetae, hoping to hold off the strike in New York City, did declare for a 44-hour week to take effect May 1, 1921, but the Closed Shop Division is composed of less than 50 per cent of the parent body and cannot speak for that body. Taking advantage of the confusion in names between the Closed Shop Division of the United Typothetae of America and the United Typothetae of America itself, the unions are signing up agreements with the 44-hour clause inserted on the representation that this question has been finally settled for the industry.









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We do not desire to discuss whether or not the 44-hour week, under normal conditions, is socially or economically desirable, but under the present condition of the world's lack of production, a shortening of the present hours is an economic crime and is not required to rectify any unsocial working conditions.

As a result of the exhaustion of all commodities, caused by the war, the world is suffering from a shortage of the necessities of life and from a corresponding increase in the cost of living. It is the duty of everyone, whether employer or employee, to do his utmost to increase production and bring the world's supply of commodities up to the requirements of reasonable living.

At this time the Printing Trades Unions have demanded that their production should be arbitrarily curtailed 10 per cent. Should the employers take measures to arbitrarily reduce production 10 per cent, they would be condemned by public opinion and prosecuted under the law.

This demand of the unions is not a question of wages. The employers in the printing industry have from time to time increased wages to meet the mounting cost of living. This is a case where the unions are loading an increased cost of printing upon the public without any corresponding monetary advantage to themselves. In plain facts, they are demanding in the face of the present economic stress, that the public should pay them while they lay off four hours each week.

Every manufacturer is a trustee to the public that his product be furnished as cheaply as possible, consistent with reasonable hours, fair wages, good working conditions and reasonable profits. Can the employing printer justify his trusteeship to the public in becoming a party to a conspiracy to further reduce production?

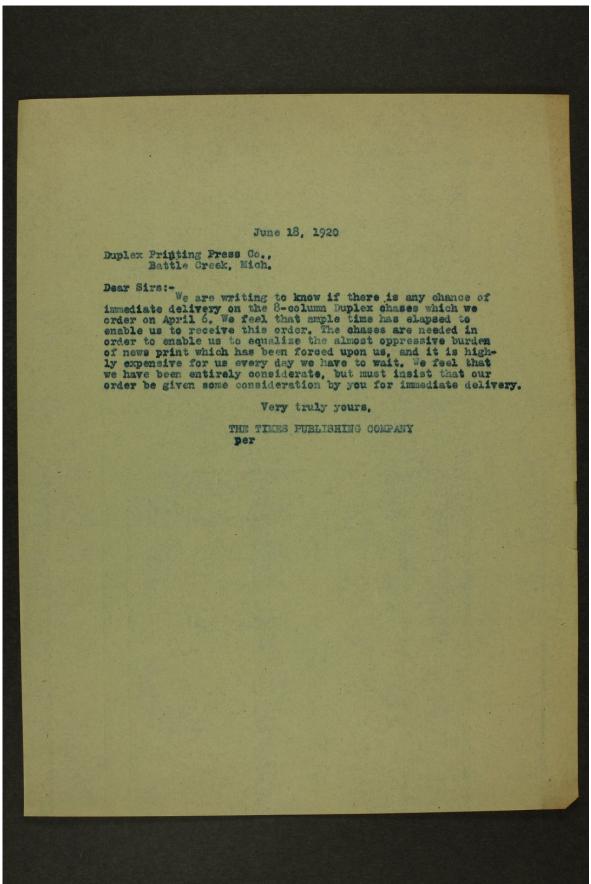
The acquiescence to the unions' demands is not as general as the unions would have the industry believe. Many avowed open shop establishments (and among these are some of the largest printers and binders in the country) have declared they will not reduce their hours under the present circumstances. In some sections of the country the whole industry is up in protest.

This letter is sent you in the hopes that you will not commit yourself to giving the 44-hour week until you are fully informed as to the actual conditions.

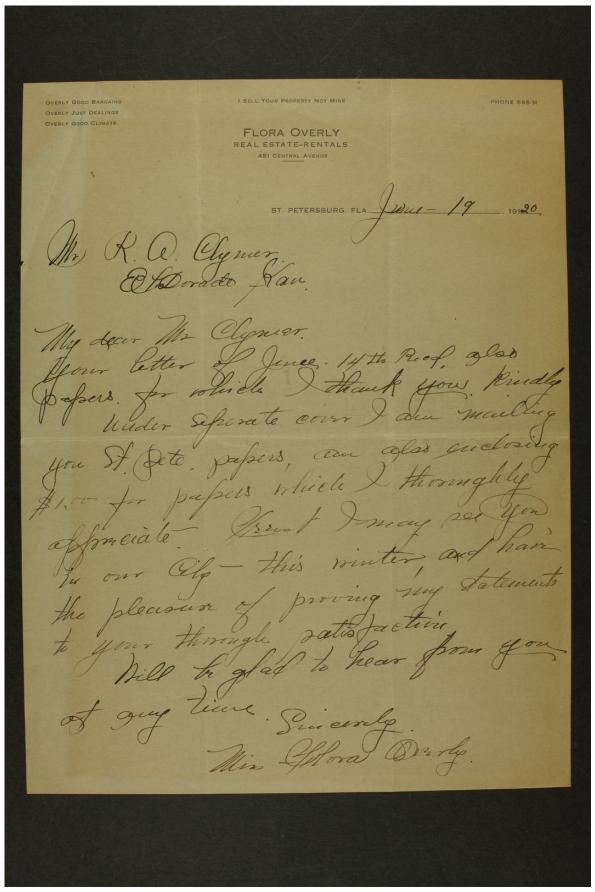
For further information, address-

THE EMPLOYING PRINTERS OF AMERICA
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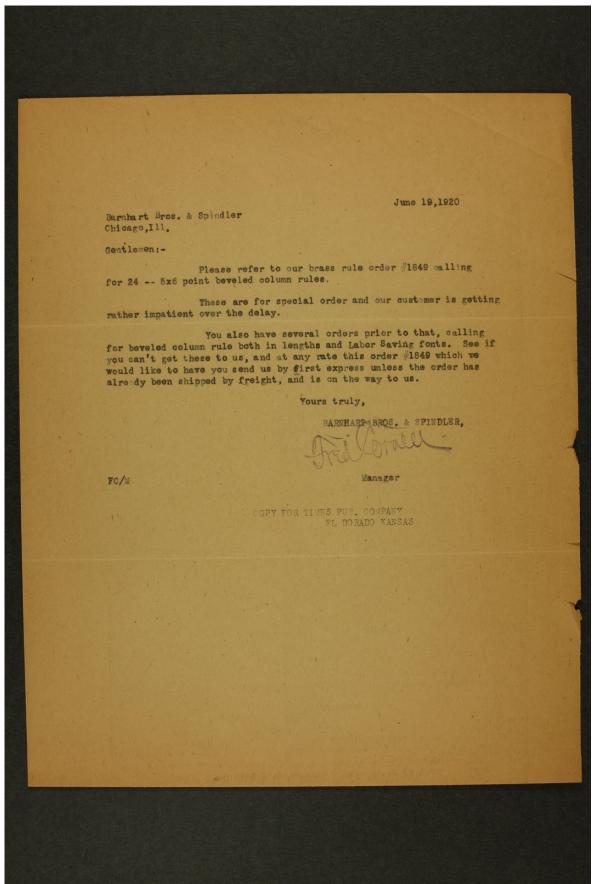




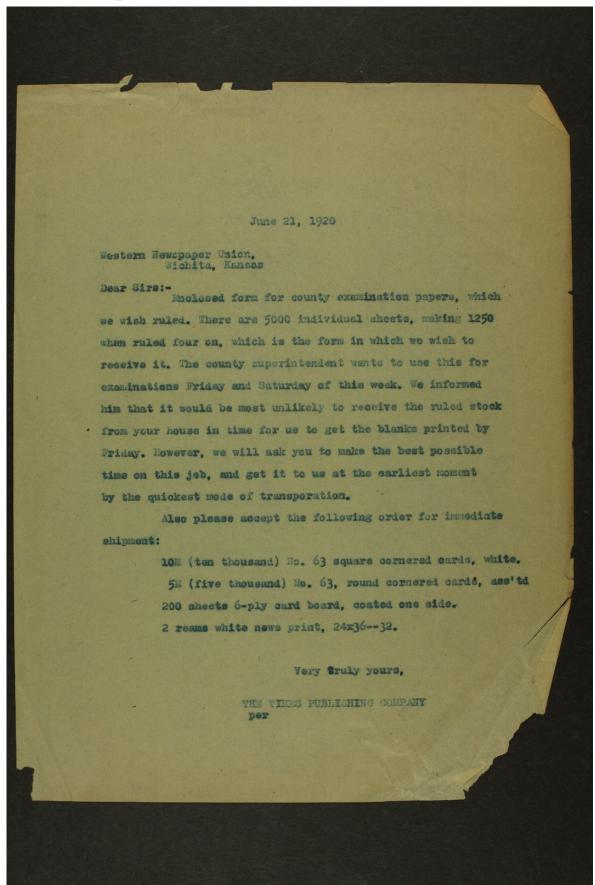




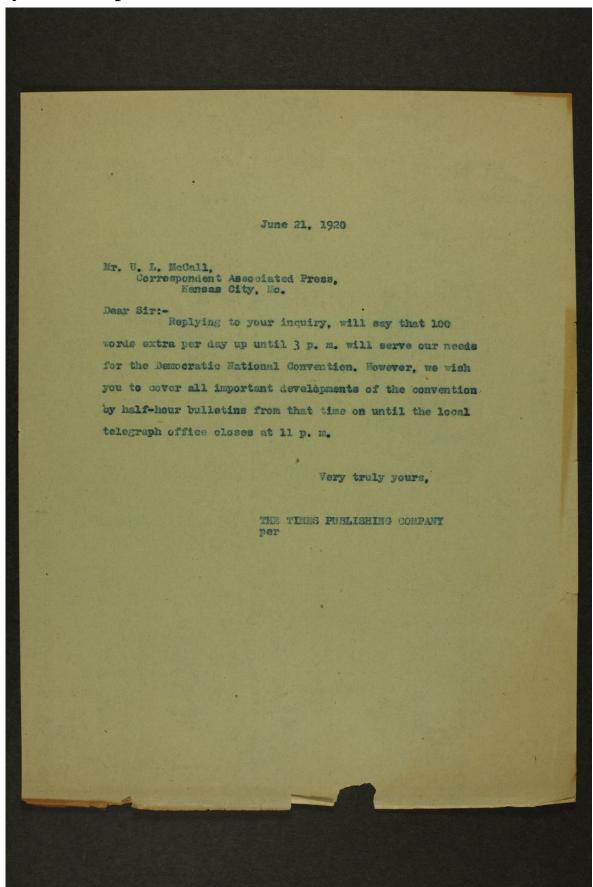




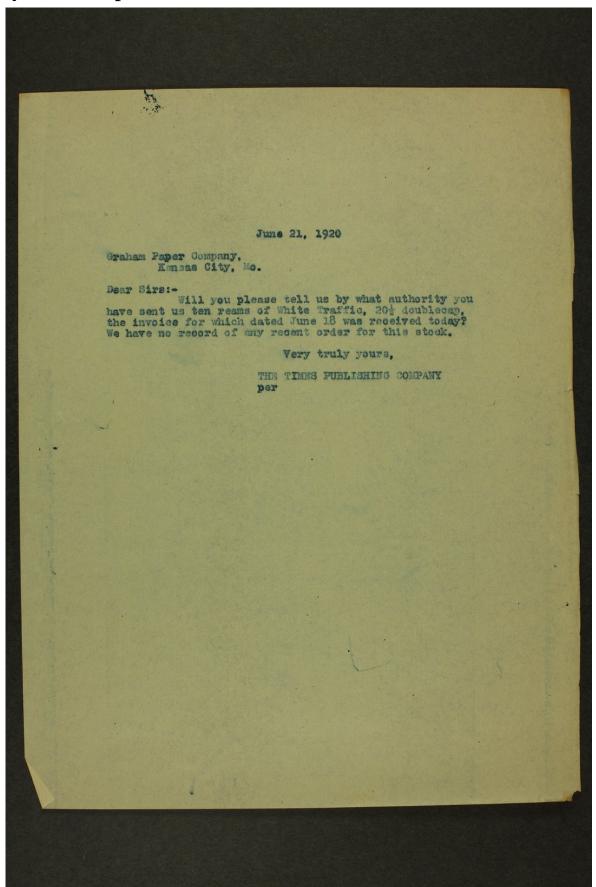




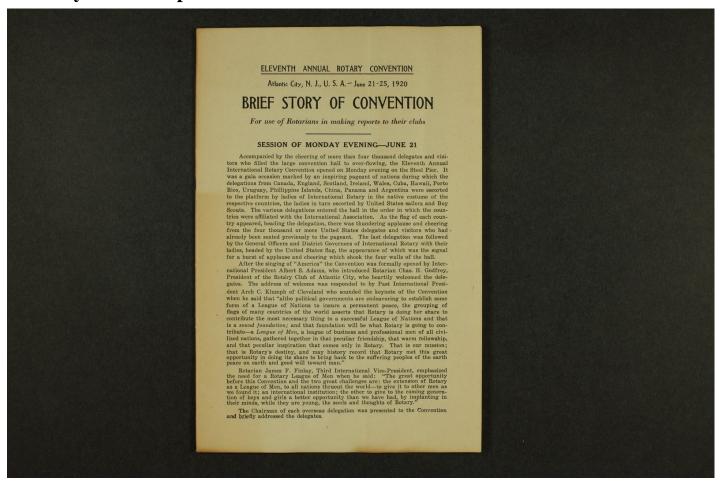














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The International officers and district governors were also presented to the Convention, several of whom gave a brief resume of the work accomplished during the past year.

#### SESSION OF TUESDAY MORNING—JUNE 22

#### Message from Paul P. Harris

A message to the Convention from Paul P. Harris, President Emeritus, was read by International Secretary, Chesley R. Perry, of which the following is an extract:

#### Extracts from Address by President Adams

The great thing that Rotary education is doing for men is encouraging the opportunity and creating the desire to "do something for somebody else."

The education of a Rotarian, through service, covers every form of activity and touches at every point of community life, bringing to him a realization of his responsibilities and duties as a man and as a citizen.

To-day without the use of paid organizers, without attempting to organize the where there was no education, and only after satisfying ourselves that the whole the satisfying controlled the satisfying controlled to the satisfying controlled to the satisfying ourselves that we have 755 clubs, an increase since July 1, 1919, of 239 clubs. And I want to say to you that the clubs that have come in this year are real Rotary Clubs, alive to their opportunities and responsibilities, and made up of men who have caught the spirit.

To-day your eyes behold in Rotary's league of friendship the flags of thirteen

so that in undertaking work with the boy we are not running after a fad, but undertaking something that will carry on year after year.

Complete success will only come when in such of our home towns we have sold boys work to the entire community to then we have aroused the conscience of the entire community to the duty and obligation it work to the community to the duty and obligation it would have been accomplished, the community will demand and will get those things that will surround the boy with the influences that will make of him a good citizen, clean of mind, strong in body and brave at heart.

And Rotary which teaches unselfishmes should want the participation of every good man and woman in this work. Rotarians, put the best you have in you don't his boys' work, and in after years when younger shoulders take on your take your places.

take your places.

I call on you to refuse to adopt any resolution that calls for action by the clubs unless in voting for it you pledge yourselves to go back to your clubs and see to it that they put that resolution into effect.

The saddest thing in the world is an organization that is forever resoluting and then fails to transform resolutions into action.

community.

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Rotary wants to see that every boy shall have a chance to grow up into a

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good man, and Rotary is willing to share the job with every other good citizen.

The report of the Committee on Relations between Employer and Employee was presented by Chairman Raymond M. Havens, of Kansas City, Mo., as published in the June issue of "The Rotarian."

subject to regulation.

The legislature of my state in this new industrial code has attempted to do two new things only:

First, it has impressed with a public interest the manufacture of food and clothing, and the production of fuell interest the manufacture of food and clothing, and the production of fuell interest the manufacture of food and clothing, and the production of fuell is capital invested and engaged in these essential industries to be impressed with a public interest, and to owe a public duty.

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#### SESSION OF WEDNESDAY MORNING-JUNE 23

The figures given in the preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials showed that the total vote of the Convention had already reached more than one thousand and the report of the Committee on Registration showed that the total registration had reached more than seven thousand.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was then presented.



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No. 13. The amendment was adopted providing for the combining of the present section of any of Article VII of the Committee relating to the present section of any of Article VII of the Committee of Article VIII of the Committee of Artic



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President and three Vice-Presidents shall be chosen from the members of the Board. The Treasurer, Secretary-General and Sergeant-at-Arms may be chosen from Rotarians who are immediated to be a considerable of the Rotary shall be continued to the continued to the Rotary shall be continued of Directors, and in co-operation with International Rodaquaters, the creation of Directors, and in co-operation with International Hadquarters, the Creation of divisions being merely for the purpose of electing directors.

XV. That, in addition to International Hadquarters, the Board be empowered to establish and maintain a branch office in any country to Radilitate hadministration and promote the interest of Rotary in such country.

XVI. That there shall be an International Council, composed of the Directors, General Officers, District Governors, and Chairmen of standing committees, which shall meet within ninety days after the close of each International Convention, for purposes of conference and planning co-operatively, the work and activities of the Association and its member clubs for the current year.

XVII. That the Board have authority to publish in each country, where

Extract from Address of Capt. Clarence Mackinnon
Rotarian Capt. Clarence Mackinnon, ac. Chaplain of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and Principal of the Halifax Presbyterian College of Halifax, addressed to the Captain of the Captain of Halifax Dresbyterian College of Halifax, to His Government, the following of which are extracts:

True loyalty is discriminating and ethical; it does not shout, "My country right or wrong," but it is prepared to shed the last drop of its blood in defence of the rights, the liberties, and the rightcous cause of the people to which one belongs.

#### SESSION OF WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—JUNE 23

The conditions revealed by the mobilization of our fighting forces were a revelation. Organizations without number, and individuals everywhere have

been aroused to the necessity of effective action regarding these conditions.



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#### SESSION OF THURSDAY MORNING—JUNE 24

Offered by Board of Directors

(Adopted)

WHEREAS, The Special Assembly on Classification at the Eighth Annual Rotary Convention recommended that each classification shall represent sixty per cent or over of a member's business or calling, and the most logical basis upon which to determine a member's classification and the most logical basis upon which to determine a member's classification and the most logical basis upon which to determine a member's classification of the Association as a policy to guide all affliating clubs, herefore IT IS RESOLVED, By the International Association of Rotary Clubs, asgive each person hereafter elected to membership that classification which represents sixty per cent or more of his business or professional activity and turther grant of the property of

Resolution No. 2—To Publish a Manual for the Guidance of Rotary Club Executives and Others

Offered by the Sixth District Conference
(Adopted)

WHEREAS, The value of our Annual Convention could be greatly increased by publishing thereafter the findings of the Convention suitably classified and combined with the results of prior Rotary Conventions, and WHEREAS, There is not now any compilation of resolutions passed by International Conventions, and the Book of "Convention Proceedings" does not take the place of such compilation in that it covers one Convention only, and WHEREAS, Club Executives and Director Conventions, and some place of the Convention of Rotary Clubs assembled in its Eleventh Annual Convention that as a supplement to the "Con-



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F. W. Galbratth, of Cincinnatt, Ohio.
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Hugh E. Van de Walker, of Ypsilanti, Mich.
Robert H. Timmons, of Wichita, Kansas.
John Gay, of Jacksonville, Pla.
City, Mo.
Raymond M. Havens, of Kansas City, Mo.
Raymond O. Relf, of Salt Lake City, Utah.
Edwin C. May, of Pittsburgh, Pa.
For Treasurer the following nomination was made:
Rrfus F. Chapin, of Chicago, Ill.
For Sergeant-La-Arms the following nomination was made:

For Sergeant-at-Arms the following nomination was made: Emmet Galer, of Ashville, N. C.

#### SESSION OF THURSDAY AFTERNOON—JUNE 24

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#### SESSION OF FRIDAY MORNING—JUNE 25

The first ballot for the election of officers was taken from eight to ten a. m., ding to the program.



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contained in the report of the committee, as follows:

Ten Demandments

I. By my "Methods" ye shall know me—by Deeds, not Creeds.

II. The Test of my Rotarianism is in the Method I employ in my every-day contact with those I am privileged to serve.

III. My Method makes my Character; Character begets Confidence and Goodwill—the only real Assets of Business and Infec.

IV.—Botary Method demands the least Indirection, the fewest Go-betweens, and the best distribution of Welfare between my Clients, my Employees, and Myself.



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But, looking into the future perhaps as great, and even more farraching in importance serroundly, is the question of our foreign trade, and the convention, and I also that the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked a possible of the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked at the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked and the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked at the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked at the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked at the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked at the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked at the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked at the second of the perhaps a greeny, looked at the perhaps a greeny looked at the perhaps a greeny looked at the perhaps and the perhaps a greeny looked at the perhaps and the perhaps a greeny looked at the perhaps and the perhaps a greeny looked at the perhaps and the perhaps a greeny looked at the perhaps and the perhaps and



