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THE AMERICAN LEGION
Reasonable and just dues for the ex-service man and woman were demanded of Congress at the opening session today of the National Executive committee of the American Legion by Commander Milton J. Foreman of the Illinois department. The meeting was called by National Commander Franklin D'Olier in connection with the Legion's big drive for favorable legislation for former service people.

The Illinois chief delivered his address shortly after the conference was called to order. Leaders from nearly every state in the country were present, ready to voice the views of the legionnaires of their respective districts.

"First of all it is the duty of Congress to see to it that our sick and wounded soldiers are properly cared for," declared Commander Foreman. "Their needs are imperative and every other question is secondary to that of giving these men treatment and providing for their future."

"Reports which have reached me from my own state as well as others throughout the country show that conditions at the present time to be deplorable, particularly in cases of tuberculosis and mental diseases. It is up to the government to give the best of treatment to all these men, not six months or a year from now, but NOW."

"Then we should look after the dependants of those who died in service or as the result of their service. Provision should be made for those families who are in financial straits through lack of government or other insurance. That, too, should be covered by immediate proper legislation."

"After we have provided for the welfare of our medical cases and secured some means of relieving hardships in the families of those slain, Congress should bring an adjustment of compensation for those who have served."

"And it is up to Congress, our duly elected law-makers, to decide upon what form this compensation shall take."

"Congress is aware of the financial condition of the country. It is not up to us to say that they shall appropriate any certain amount—and thereby provide an excuse for refusing to pass any beneficial legislation at all on the ground that the nation cannot afford compliance with our specific demands."

"Let our Congressmen decide how much they CAN give—then we will let them know whether or not their proposal is fair."

Commander Foreman was given full authority to act for Illinois in the Washington conference at a meeting of the state executive committee held at Chicago just prior to his departure.

Labor's Attitude Toward The Legion
Labor's attitude toward the American Legion was clearly defined in an editorial recently issued by the Chicago Labor News, official organ of hundreds of thousands of union workers of Illinois.

The editorial points out that in many western cities more than 65 per cent of the members of the Legion are union men and that any enmity which may have existed between labor and the Legion was due to misunderstanding. As in the recent speech by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, the editorial advises all former service men to join into the Legion ranks. The editorial follows:

(Editorial from the Chicago Labor News, February 13, 1920.)

There seems to be considerable misunderstanding on the part of many members of the organized labor movement in regard to the American Legion. Whether this is due to hasty statements by the radicals within the ranks of organized labor or to the garbling and misquotation in the trust press of statements by labor representatives, the fact remains that a great many organized workers are beginning to look upon the Legion as an enemy of organized labor and are gradually coming under the delusion that the Legion was organized for the express purpose of opposing the labor movement. This is not so.

In many western cities more than 65 per cent of the members of the American Legion are union men and are proud to carry their union card along side of their Legion card. In every city of the country, union men are to be found in the ranks of the Legion, which is an organization of men who saw service in the World War and fought for democracy and liberty under the stars and stripes, that freedom should perish from the earth.

There may be several instances of enmity between the American Legion and the Industrial Workers of the World, but there is no reason in the world for any enmity between members of the American Legion and members of the American Federation of Labor, which always had stood

up and fought for Democracy and Americanism.

We quote from the "Omaha Daily News" the following article:

"Expressions of good will were exchanged between leaders of Omaha and Nebraska labor and the Douglass county post of the American Legion at a conference in the University club last Saturday.

"The meeting was held to clear up misunderstandings which have arisen as the result of articles in the press to the effect that the Legion has taken a stand against labor in some parts of the country.

"Publication of misleading stories in the papers was deplored.

"Dr. E. C. Henry, commander of the local post, pointed out that the Legion stands simply for Americanism and law and order that the organization is not in any way unfriendly to labor."

The American Federation of Labor and its affiliated organizations can have no objection to such program and it is to be hoped that the same good feeling that prevails in many western cities between the Legion and Organized Labor will prevail over


the entire country, notwithstanding the attitude taken by radical elements of organized labor.

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UNITED EVANGELICAL
Superintendent Newton Dubs, D. D., spoke at this church Sunday morning to a large congregation. His coming was not announced very long beforehand or many others would have been glad to hear him. In the evening the Rev. J. G. Schwab, pastor of Ebenezer church preached a splendid sermon to the united congregations.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening. The Bible study class will be resumed Monday evening at 8:00 a'clock. Prayer meetings on Wednesday evening. Junior meeting at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, and K. L. G. E. service at 6:45. All who do not attend other churches are cordially invited.

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