Recent Meetings in Which the I.M.A. Participated

Jan. 2.—Meeting of directors of Associated Arts and Industries at Illinois Manufacturers' Association to formally accept the generous gift of the famous old Marshall Field residence on Prairie Avenue as the new home of the organization. This property has a frontage of 170 feet on Prairie Avenue and extends east 128 feet. Class rooms and offices will be established in the residence and shops and ateliers in the huge garage which is being remodeled for that purpose. Wm. Nelson Pelouze formerly president of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association is president of the association and several of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association directors serve on its board.

Jan. 3—Sub-Committee on Federal taxes. C. C. LaRue, U. S. Gypsum Company, Chairman, decided to recommend to directors views on policies outlined in Referendum 70 of the Chamber of Commerce, U. S. A. This in part expressed opposition to increasing expenditures by governmental orders. Recommended coordinated plans for reduction of public expenditures, balancing of the federal budget and protested against mounting taxes.

Jan. 6—R. E. Wantz, Chairman of the Advisory Board, addressed Rotarians at Freeport on Social Security Act declaring it would take annually from Illinois between $150,000,000 and $200,000,000, adversely affecting the working capital of industry and savings of workers.

January 7—Association successfully protested against single gate at mouth of Chicago river, as an obstruction to navigation, at hearing conducted by U. S. War department.

Jan. 9—Committee on International Affairs considered United States policy of neutrality toward warring countries.

Jan. 9—Sub-Committee on Cook County Taxes. E. L. Hartig, Joseph L. Ryerson & Son, Incorporated, Chairman, met to discuss Cook County Personal Property assessment rates which have increased 60 to 70 per cent on tangible property and from 20 to 22 on intangibles.

Jan. 10—Board of Directors elected the following as members of the Advisory Board for the current year: Paul F. Beich, William Butterworth, D. A. Crawford, James D. Cunningham, Samuel M. Hastings, E. C. Heidrich, Jr., George R. Meyercord, Sterling Morton, William Nelson Pelouze, R. E. Wantz, retiring president, automatically becomes Chairman of the Advisory Board.

Jan. 10—Executive and Advisory Committee of the Illinois Manufacturers' Costs Association met at the Morrison Hotel, following a dinner, to discuss the future program of that organization.

Jan. 12—Meeting of the Landis Award Employers Association, Union League Club 12:30 p. m.

Jan. 13—"Proper Insurance Control" was the subject of a Technical Discussion meeting No. 6 at Hotel Sherman, beginning at 7 p. m. C. M. Pelton of Swift & Company presided. The discussion leaders were R. F. Colville, manager of the Insurance Department of Montgomery Ward & Company; Roy D. Brown, manager of the Insurance Department of Swift & Company, and J. J. Wickens, manager of the Insurance Department of Utilities Power & Light Company. Many practical insurance economies were illustrated.

Jan. 15—Executive Vice-President James L. Donnelly addressed the annual convention of the National Bedding Manufacturers Association at the Palmer House on "Cooperation for Protection." He emphasized the need on the part of business men of taking a more active interest in public and legislative affairs.

Jan. 16—Executive Vice-President James L. Donnelly addressed the Chicago Woman's Club on "Unemployment Insurance."

Jan. 17—Addresses by Sterling Morton of the Morton Salt Company and a member of the Advisory Board of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and Allan T. Gordon, Director of the Legislative Bureau of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association at a meeting of the Southern Division at the Broadview Hotel, East St. Louis. Mr. Morton, who has made many addresses in industrial centers, took for his subject: "Planned Economy, a Challenge to Industry." He took the position that so-called planned economy was nothing but collectivism, Fascism, Socialism, Nazism or Communism—all members of the same family.

Jan. 18—Represented at the Annual Dinner of the Cartage Exchange of Chicago, Grand Ball Room, Palmer House.

Jan. 21—Walter E. Spahr, director of Economics of New York University, following a dinner at the Hotel LaSalle by the Illinois Manufacturers' Costs Association on "Fundamentals of the Business Depression" and how a misconception of their causes misled the government in its adoption of a program for recovery which has created dissension and close friction.

January 21—Illinois Manufacturers' Association represented at meeting at the Union League Club to discuss naturalization of alien citizens in Illinois.

January 23—Meeting of Industrial Relations Committee of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association at the Union League Club to discuss means of bringing about a greater cooperation between employers and employes.

January 31—Meeting of Illinois Industrial Council at offices of the Association. All day session.

January 23—Sterling Morton, member of the advisory board, I. M. A., in an address at Omaha, Neb., urged an organized fight by industry and business against centralization of government. Centralization of government, he said, would kill individual initiative, individual responsibility and individual personal liberty.

Jan. 22—Represented at Annual Meeting of the Will County Manufacturers Association, Louis Joliet Hotel, Joliet, at a dinner beginning at 6:30 p. m.

Jan. 19—Represented at 39th Annual Dinner of the Traffic Club at the Palmer House.

Feb. 3—"Practical Presentation of Cost Information and Its Use by Management" was the subject of Technical Discussion Meeting No. 7, held at the Hotel Sherman, beginning at 7 p. m. The Discussion Leader was Warren H. Sapp, General Manager of Armour and Company and Fred J. Steffens, Assistant Comptroller of Libby, McNeill & Libby, presided.

Feb. 3—Meeting of Policy Committee of the Association held at the Union League Club, beginning at 12:30 p. m., to consider governmental activities.

Feb. 5—Represented at Annual Dinner of The Employers' Association of Chicago at the Palmer House. S. Wells Utley, President of The Detroit Steel Casting Company, spoke on the subject of "What of the Future?" Joseph C. Belden, a member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, acted as Chairman of the meeting.

Feb. 6—Meeting of interested employers at Association headquarters to discuss revision of proposed fire prevention ordinance and sprinkler ordinance of Chicago.

ARMOUR INSTITUTE

Cooperative Course in Mechanical Engineering

A number of members of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association are cooperating with the Armour Institute of Technology in establishing a cooperative course in Mechanical Engineering which began this month.

At least fourteen colleges have cooperative courses in operation. Gen. Thos. S. Hammond, President of the I. M. A., is taking a special interest in this movement and presided at a meeting of forty manufacturers at a luncheon held recently at the Palmer House.

The plan provides a means by which energetic, ambitious young men, without sufficient funds to pay the costs of a college course, may be able to alternate between work in college and work in industrial plants, and obtain in a five-year course the equivalent of the usual four-year engineering college training.

The tuition for each of the five years is $240. Fees and text books will involve additional expense of about $50 per year.

The minimum wage for beginning students will be $15 per week. For the working periods, aggregating twenty-six weeks, the total earnings of $390 will be $100 more than the cost of tuition, fees and books.

—The Illinois Gear and Machine Company, 2108 North Natchez Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, have purchased all of the machinery and equipment of the William Ganschow Company Division of Gears and Forgings, Inc., in Chicago.

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