

A Message to American Employers and Workmen



¶ Since America entered the War there has been a great shifting of workers, skilled and unskilled, to speed up essential industries.

¶ Both employers and workers have suffered through an unnecessary shifting of labor. Employers have sought men before the jobs were ready. Workmen have gone hundreds of miles in search of a job and wages which might have been found at their door. This has resulted in confusion and the loss of time and money.

¶ The winning of the war depends upon the Nation's ability to bring about maximum production. This means that the right man must be on the right job.

Therefore, the Government has created within the Department of Labor a national employment system known as the U. S. Employment Service. It's national head-quarters are in Washington. It has 500 branch offices in the principal cities of the United States. It has 20,000 U. S. Public Service Reserve enrollment agents.

It's service affects employer and worker alike. By having sole direction of all recruiting it helps employers to secure workers without injuring or crippling other essential industries. It brings the man and the job together.

¶ The U. S. Employment Service protects labor from insincere and thoughtless appeals made to it under the plea of patriotism. It places men in jobs where they are most needed to win the war. It urgently recommends any man now employed in useful war work to stick to his job.

¶ It asks the loyal and patriotic support of workmen and employers to assist the government to place properly every man necessary to bring about maximum production. It gives a fair and square service to both. The use of this service is a patriotic and intelligent duty to your country.

FARM SERVICE DIVISION FACTS

 Organized in February, 1918, as a Division of the U. S. Employment Service, Department of Labor, to work out problems of mobilization and distribution of farm labor.

2. Works through machinery in each state of the U. S. Employment Service, U. S. Public Service Reserve and U. S. Boys' Working Reserve. Has senior Examiner in each state under State Director of the U. S. Public Service Reserve devoting entire time to farm labor matters.

3. Co-operates with State Agricultural Agencies Fourth Class Postmasters, State Councils of National Defense and many unofficial organizations for relieving farm labor shortage.

4. Has demonstrated its practical efficiency this season by making the harvest of the second largest wheat crop ever produced in this country "Safe for Democracy."

President's Statement

"Industry plays as essenial and honorable a role in this great struggle as do our military armaments. We all recognize the truth of this, but we must also see its nec-essary implications —namely, that industry, doing a a vital task for the nation, must receive the support and assistance of the na-tion." * * "Therefore, I solemnly urge all employers engaged in war work to refrain after August 1st, 1918, from recruiting unskilled labor in any manner except through this central agency [The U. S. Employment Service] I urge labor to respond as loyally as heretofore to any calls issued by this agency for voluntary enlistment in essential industry. And I ask them both alike to remember that no sacrifice will have been in vain, if we are able to prove beyond all question that the highest and best form of efficiency is the spontaneous co-operation of a free people."
"WOODROW WILSON."



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