

MEETING ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS AS TO UNEMPLOYED

At Meeting Held Last Night Under Auspices of Carpenters' and Joiners' Lodge a Resolution Was Adopted Calling on All Who Could to Offer Employment.

Committees Appointed to Confer With Greater Charlotte Club to Enlist Its Aid in Starting Work and One to Confer With Associated Charities.

At a meeting held last night in the hall over the Merchants & Farmers Bank on East Trade street, under the auspices of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, local lodge 1,662, resolutions were passed calling upon the city administration to start up any street, or other work of a public nature they may have in prospect, calling upon individuals and corporations that have any work in prospect or relating to property to be made and calling upon Messrs. Simmons, Overman and Webb at Washington to begin the beginning of work on the proposed new postoffice here—all to the end that the unemployed here may be given an opportunity to work and that there may be as little suffering and want as possible on account of the conditions brought about by the European war.

In addition to the passing of resolutions two committees were appointed, one to confer with the Greater

Charlotte Club to enlist the aid of that organization in organized effort to find employment for the unemployed and the other to confer with the Associated Charities organization of the city and the mayor. The conference with the Associated Charities will be for the purpose of co-operating with that body in its work for the needy and arrange for loans from the fund it is understood to have to those who are in dire need and cannot negotiate a loan elsewhere. The conference with the mayor will be for the purpose of seeing if it is possible to begin the construction of a city market which has been under consideration for some time and which, if begun now would give employment to a large number of unemployed.

The committee appointed to confer with the Greater Charlotte Club is composed of Messrs. J. E. Huneycutt, W. C. Dowd, Cliff Newell, Tilman McKnight and H. A. Stillwell. The committee appointed to confer with the Associated Charities and the mayor is composed of Messrs. R. O. Alexander, J. R. Jones and H. A. Stillwell.

The resolutions adopted section by section follow:

Resolutions.
Whereas, a period of business and industrial depression and inactivity has been thrust upon this nation, through international disturbances, and whereas, on account of this condition, into which the masses have been plunged, the working people of this city and those here who have to depend upon the sweat of their faces for their daily bread have been forced into idleness; and, whereas, there are hundreds of homes in this city where helpless women and their children are suffering from the pangs of hunger and the pinch of the winter's cold; and, whereas, the working and producing people of this city and their families are face to face with all the ills and ailments that follow in the train of insufficient food and clothing, and stand in imminent danger of losing what savings they have been able to lay by in a lifetime; and, whereas, the working men of this city are neither beggars nor cowards yet are unable to provide these simple necessities for their fam-

ilies and themselves because they cannot obtain work, though they are strong and have the muscle and the willingness to work; and, whereas, we believe that these conditions ought to be, and must be, remedied: Therefore, we, representing the working people of this city, adopt the following resolutions in the name of and in the interest of God's working people.

First: That we earnestly appeal to every man who has any building to do, or any repairs to make to his property, to begin the operation at once, and give some worthy working man an opportunity to earn bread.

Second: That the city being the people's concern, we request that the city administration take immediate steps to begin and complete all street work that has been petitioned for and planned, in order that the working people of this city may have something to do and avoid utter calamity.

Third: That, whereas, wealth is created and made possible solely through the cumulative energies of the working classes of the people; and that, whereas, credit is based and maintained solely upon the producing power of the laborers and producers, we appeal, earnestly, to the bankers of this city to extend liberal credit to those who have legitimate projects to carry out; that they either make use of the regional reserve banks in supplying themselves with currency for the relief of this community.

Fourth: That we request that our senators, Hon. Lee S. Overman and F. M. Simmons, and our representatives in congress, Hon. E. Y. Webb, take immediate steps to have work begun on the United States public building in this city, and this without further delay, parley or explanations, in order that the laborers of this city may have this chance to earn something of a living.

A. C. BURNS, Chairman.

W. H. BENFIELD,
H. A. STILLWELL,
Talks Made.

Talks were made at the meeting by Messrs. M. W. Tye, W. C. Dowd, J. E. Huneycutt, R. O. Alexander, J. C. Newell and others. The meeting was one of serious purpose and it was the feeling of all present that good results will come from it. There was inevitably some difference of opinion as to the best methods of going about the relief work and some discussion as to what brought the conditions about, other than the disruption of business as a result of the European war, in which there was manifest some inclination to ring in politics, but this soon gave way to the realization and the expressed conviction that the conditions were practically world wide and that the only thing for the present to do was to work together harmoniously and unitedly for alleviating of conditions, as they exist.

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Must Work Together.
All those who addressed the meeting expressed their desire to work unitedly and with their best efforts along any line that promised to bring relief to those most needing it. Alderman J. E. Huneycutt stated that while he held no brief for the board of aldermen, he knew he expressed the feeling of every member of the body when he said they were ready and anxious to act in concert with any plan that promised the best results. Mr. Huneycutt stated that arrangements had been made with Mr. I. G. Wright, in charge of the city's playground, whereby anyone out of work and in need could enter his name on a list and that the city and all the organizations would provide work or other aid as far as possible, and that without publicity.

In addition to the meeting agreed that the names of those unemployed and in need of assistance should be given to Mr. W. C. Dowd as chairman of one of the committees

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named above, Mr. Dowd engaging to undertake the publication, free of charge, of a list of carpenters and others whose services could be secured by any individual or corporation who desired such employment, the publication to continue as long as possible, or until the list became too formidable.

Resolution of Thanks.
A resolution was introduced by Mr. W. M. Tye and unanimously adopted thanking the press of the city for the disinterested disposition it had shown both in its news columns and in its editorial capacity to foster any movement that promised relief to the situation. The resolution also expressed the thanks of those present to the city authorities for the steps they had undertaken toward relieving the needy.

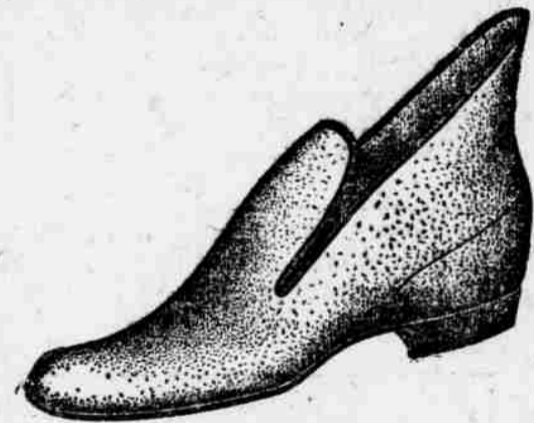
The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. R. Jones, president of the Carpenters' and Joiners' lodge, under whose auspices the meeting was held. Mr. Jones designated Mr. S. C. Burns to act as presiding officer over the deliberations of the meeting. Mr. W. C. Nolen acted as secretary of the meeting.

The meeting was closed with praying by Rev. D. M. Austin, all present rising and standing reverently, while the minister invoked the divine guidance in the plans that had been adopted.

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