

The Carl Person Collection

10 Manuscript Boxes

1 Oversized Box

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The papers of Carl Person were deposited with the Labor History Archives in May 1967 by Mr. Person.

Carl Emil Person was born in Kronedergs Lane, Sweden in 1882. The Person family came to Illinois about 1890. At the age of 10 Mr. Person and his older brother began working in a starch factory. At 18 Mr. Person began working in railroad shops. During the September 1911 to June 1915 strike against the Illinois Central and Harriman Lines Mr. Person worked as strike secretary. He wrote and distributed weekly strike bulletins. In December 1913 Person was attacked by a strikebreaker. Mr. Person killed his assailant setting a precedent for the times. Person was acquitted on the grounds of self defense. After the strike was ended by top officers of the union involved, Person was expelled from the International Association of Machinists for his protest against the action of the officers. The Lizard's Trail by Mr. Person gives his side of this dispute. In June 1919 Person received his bachelor of Law Degree from the Chicago Law School. On April 2, 1927 he was admitted before the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals as a qualified attorney.

The Carl Person Collection covers the period from 1910 to 1920.

Important Subjects are:

1911-1915 Illinois Central and Harriman Lines
Person Trial

Among the correspondents are:

Woodrow Wilson

Description of Series

- Box 1 1911-1915 Strike - hearing proceedings, financial statements, circulars, membership lists, affidavits, correspondence, mailing lists, notes, and mats for Strike Bulletin.
- Box 2 Person Trial - proceedings, pleas of Frank Comerford, testimony of witnesses, notes, telegrams, and clippings.

- Box 3 Person vs. International Association of Machinists - Box correspondence, credential, "railroad workers srike" orders, The Lizard's Trail orders, and IAM constitution.
- Box 4 Personal Items and Miscellaneous - The Lizard's Trail, poultry netting machine drawings, certificates to practice before U. S. court.
- Box 5 Strike Bulletin mailing lists
- Box 6-7 Bound Volumes of the Journal of the International Association of Machinists (1910-1915) and the Boilermakers' Journal (1913, 1914).
- Box 8 Duplicates, "The Person Case".

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Folder Listing

- Box 1 Strike Material
- U. S. Commission on Industrial Relations - Proceedings of Public Hearings held at Chicago, Illinois, April 7, 1915 - Books 1-5
- Financial Statement of Clinton Federation of Railroad Employees
- Circulars & Pamphlets - 7/28/11 - 09/28/12
- Financial Statement of Federation Dance held 12/24/13
- General Strike Vote - 3/12 - 7/13
- General Strike - 8/13 - 12/13
- Illinois Central Federation circulars - 11/27/12 - 5/22/14
- Illinois Central Federation constitution & by-laws Membership Lists - Illinois Central Lodges - 9/12 William Leighton affidavits & correspondence - 9/11 - 3/12
- Mailing Lists
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- Record of cuts on hand
- Notes re: train wrecks
- Mats for Strike Bulletin
- Box 2 Trial Material
- Plea of Frank Comerford in Defense of Carl E. Person's Life at Lincoln, Illinois - 10/4/14
- Habeas Corpus Proceedings - People RE REL - Carl E. Person in the criminal court of Cook County, Illinois - 6/8/14
- Testimony of Witnesses
- Comerford's Logan County Speech

Box 2 con't

Notes re: Jurors
Notes on Trial
Notes on Trial
Telegrams - Oct. 1914
Clippings

Box 3 Person vs. IAM

IAM Lodges Correspondence - 10/16 - 11/9/16
IAM Lodges Correspondence - 11/27/16
IAM Lodges Correspondence - 12/16
IAM Lodges Correspondence - 1/1/17 - 1/8/17
IAM Lodges Correspondence - 1/9 - 3/19/17
IAM Lodges Correspondence to confirm delegates - 8/16 -
9/16
Individual correspondence - Joseph Sonnabend - 2/18 -
4/18
IAM Lodges letters to New Carl Person Defense League -
1/19 - 3/19
IAM Lodges letters to New Carl Person Defense League -
4/19
IAM Lodges letters to New Carl Person Defense League -
5/19
IAM Lodges Correspondence - 6/3/19 - 6/16/19
IAM Lodges Correspondence - 6/19/19 - 6/28/19
IAM Lodges Correspondence - 7/19 and undated
Correspondence of individuals - 9/16 - 7/19
IAM International Headquarters correspondence - 5/16 -
1/20
Delegates credentials - 2/19 - 3/19
Railroad Workers Strike orders
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The Lizard's Trail orders - 1918- 1919
The Lizard's Trail orders - 1920
IAM constitution 10/16 and 4/18

Box 4 Person's Items and Miscellaneous

The Lizard's Trail by Carl E. Person
Poultry netting machine
Poultry netting machine
Certificates to practice before U. S. Court
Signal Valves
1910-1913 IAM Strike and Reports

Box 4 con't

Clippings - Sept - Oct, 1914 - Dec, 1915
Clippings - cartoons and poetry period of the strike
Cartoons
Miscellaneous correspondence (Letter from Woodrow
Wilson)
Miscellaneous
"Corporate Greed and Lawlessness" and miscellaneous

Box 5 Strike Bulletin mailing lists

Box 6 Journal of the international Association of Machinist
- 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913 (4 bound volumes)

Box 7 Journal of the IAM - 1914, 1914 (2 bound volumes) - The
Boilermakers' Journal - 1913, 1914 (2 bound volumes)

Box 8 Duplicates, "The Person Case"

Box 9 Photographs

Box 10 Photographs

Box 11 Oversize strike bulletins

A number of photographs have been placed in the audio-
visual department.