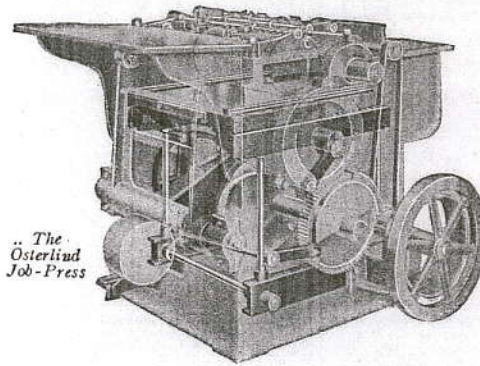


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Stillwater, Minn., Jan. 17th, 1919.

Mr. Leopold Bruenner, State Director,  
Care Minnesota Commission of Public Safety,  
State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 11th received and in answer will say that it has been utterly impossible to organize a Liberty Chorus to partake in any community singing here. I presume that the Influenza epidemic has been worse here than any part of the State and we were forbidden to have any public gathering of any kind for a long time.

We were also handicapped by the fact that nearly everybody that could break loose from their regular business or occupation was employed by the big munition plant located here. They were running three eight hour shifts and changing the shifts around so you could never tell when anybody would be at liberty to attend to anything like a rehearsal.

Since I got your letter I have spoken to a good many of the singers and there is not one out of ten that you can get interested. I took this matter up with the Lyric Male Chorus last Monday night and they said that they had all they could do in serving the public through that organization. They have been doing a good deal of singing and contributing to a good many patriotic public functions and they said they could not take on any more.

The last six months I have been working a good deal overtime myself and about half of the time that I should have devoted to my own business I have spent in public interest. Therefore the Liberty Chorus that you asked me to organize cannot report any progress and I am at a loss to know when anything could be done in this matter. I really feel sorry that I am compelled to make this report to you but I cannot help it. If anything can be done in the future remains to be seen but I shall not lay down and not give any attention to this matter but I shall again approach the singers in the interest of the Liberty Chorus.

Yours very truly,

CEB:O.

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