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TEACHERS MOVE FORWARD.
There is hope for the children of the land when the teachers take action that leads to progress.

FINANCIAL MORALITY.
The phrase "financial morality" is taken from the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the plundering of the New Haven railroad system.

FUSION.
It is reliably reported from Colorado that some of the officials of the United Mine Workers of America are advocating fusion with the Democrats.

VOL. I, NO. 1.
This is Vol. I, No. 1, of the American Socialist. It is the beginning of a powerful, national, party-owned Socialist press.

NO DIFFERENCE.
It is easy for an old-party politician to change political hand wagons. Here we have Representative George J. Kinde, Colorado, who has been passing as a Democrat in the national Congress.

Form of Bequest Is Suggested
At the request of National Secretary Walter Landorick, Morris Hillman has drawn up a form of bequest that can be used by Socialists or sympathizers wishing to aid the Socialist movement in this manner.

Letters from "American Socialist" Readers
PAVORS NATIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS.
Frank A. March is always scheming for the party's good and I wish to celebrate this Fourth of July by being sure to send one of the \$10.00 to each pay \$10 toward a National Headquarters.

IN THE OPEN FORUM
One of the biggest hopes of the National Committee for the enlarged Party Builder (now The American Socialist) was that it would provide an open forum for the discussion of party problems and tactics.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM D.
Resolutions and suggestions submitted by the membership requirements of foreign language federations have been received, with the request that they be printed.

FARMING AND SOCIALISM
I am a farmer and I am a Socialist because the price of my farmer buys and sells is both fixed by the speculator and what he buys and sells are both weighed by the commercial class.

THE CRY FROM THE DEPTHS.
We live like rats in dark and loathsome holes. The slave's habitations enshroud our souls. We search in summer and in winter frore.

BANKERS AND BUSINESS MEN SPEND \$1000-MEET DEFEAT.
Socialists of Olean, N. Y., recently secured a victory at the special election held for the purpose of adopting the commission form of government.

CHANCE TO GET THE PARTY BUILDER IN SOUND VOLUMES.
The Party Builder, with all its handicaps, showed the possibility of a party-owned newspaper.

STRAUGLE IN COLORADO.
In a recent issue of The Party Builder there was a statement that about \$1000 worth of books had been donated to the striking miners of Colorado by the National Socialist party.

MAYOR DUNCAN IMPROVING AFTER ASSASSIN'S ATTACK.
Lewis J. Duncan, mayor of Batte, Mo., who was stabbed three times in the back by a Socialist because of the recent trouble in that city, is speedily recovering.

WOMEN MAKE PROGRESS IN MANY NATIONS OF EUROPE.
Denmark: Full suffrage in Denmark is temporarily held up pending a new election bill.

WOMEN WIN RIGHTS AT BIG NATIONAL TEACHERS MEET.
St. Paul, Minn.—The triumph of educational policies of the National Educational Association for the coming year at the annual business session of the organization, bitter opposition was evidenced in connection with the resolution rebuking the large private foundations.

KORNOLD TOUR.
Many Applications for Lectures in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.
The Woman's Department is well satisfied with the manner in which applications for lectures from Janet Fenimore Kornold are coming in.

Get the Real News Every Day.
The Milwaukee Leader is a live, up-to-date daily newspaper. In its Socialist and labor news The Leader leads all others.

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At last we have it. A purely propaganda magazine for the religious people. It is THE SOCIAL CHRISTIAN. Sixteen pages and so cheap all can reach it.

THE SOCIAL PREPARATION.
(For the Kingdom of God) In the Official Organ of the CHURCH SPOKESMAN LEAGUE in America.

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OUR OWN PUBLICATIONS.
The Literature Department of the Socialist Party is in the publishing business. We have published some excellent books on different phases of Socialism.

ARE THERE CLASSES IN AMERICA?
By Ralph Korman.
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POST CARDS.
A Confidential Word with the Work of the Socialist Party. Knows the work of the Socialist Party. Liberty Publishing Co. 500 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

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Attorney-at-Law. Public Building, Room 211. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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If interested write J. S. LEHMAN, Embold, Kansas.

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Executive Department
WALTER LANFERSIEK, Secretary
National Executive Committee:
Victor L. Barnett, 910 First St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Official Business
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION
By Bill of Texas.
That the action of the National Committee (or Executive Committee) in recognizing the party in the District of Columbia as a state organization be rescinded and that said district organization be recognized as a part of the party organization of Maryland.

COMMENT.
Such inequality as a state organization on a patch of ground ten miles square has no place nor necessity in a Socialist party. The inequality inflicted by political subdivisions such as Rhode Island and Texas is enough to contend with. Our contract with national capital is through our national organization, making superfluous and a hindrance such district organization.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION
By Bill of Texas.
That the practice of the National Executive Committee in paying a royalty to writers of Socialist literature be discontinued.

COMMENT.
It is permissible to exploit the capitalist world in most any manner, but it is not commendable in a Socialist party. It is published by the Socialist Publishing Company at Duluth, Minn., which is incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000, divided into 20,000 shares of a par value of \$5 each.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION
By Bill of Texas.
That the limit of comment on National Committee motions published in the Bulletin (party organ) be extended to 200 words.

COMMENT.
Many creditable motions require elucidation to impress their import. The average untutored Socialist with a really important idea to express cannot boil to 100 words without killing the force of his comment.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION
By Bill of Texas.
That Rule No. 13 of the National Committee be stricken out.

COMMENT.
The unlucky thirteen rule is a plain assumption of authority by the National Committee, proving that permanent committees always assume more powers than are granted to them and justifying the claim that they should be abolished.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION
By Bill of Texas.
That the publication of the Party Builder be discontinued.

COMMENT.
Experience in the party in America has repeatedly proven the error of party-owned press. That is what the Party Builder has become.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE
July 10, 1914.
Dear Comrades: I beg to report that of the three comrades nominated to serve upon the Currency Committee, Comrade A. M. Simons has declined the nomination and Comrades Fred Hurst and Robert Howe have accepted.

COMMENT ON EXECUTIVE QUESTION.
"Shall the membership list of the Socialist party of Washington be made accessible to any local in the state in good standing?" because the "Protestants" have given the list of their membership as well as a complete list of subscribers of the Seattle Herald in good faith, believing that the other side, the "Orthodox," would do the same.

Foreign Federations
There are now 18 foreign language sections affiliated with the Socialist Party. They are the Bohemian, Finnish, German, English, Polish, Jewish, Polish, Scandinavian, Slovak and Czech, Swedish, Yiddish and Spanish. The translators-secretaries of any of these can be reached by addressing the respective party, 803 Madison St., Chicago.

Finnish—J. A. Sartund, Secretary.
FINNS START NEW DAILY PAPER AT BULUTH, MINN.
Socialist Publishing Company Incorporates for \$100,000—3,000 Subscribers.

"Socialist" (The Socialist) is the name of a new Socialist daily newspaper that has been established by Finnish Socialists. It is published by the Socialist Publishing Company at Duluth, Minn., which is incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000, divided into 20,000 shares of a par value of \$5 each.

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Hungarian—Armin Loewy, Secretary. CHEERS FOR HUNGARIAN REPUBLIC GREAT SPEAKER.
"Three cheers for the Hungarian Republic, the general suffrage law! Down with the Hapsburg dynasty!"

Polish—Hipolit Guskil, Secretary. POLES RAISE FUNDS FOR PAPERS AND HEADQUARTERS.
What the English speaking Socialists would consider heavy assessments are now being collected by the Polish Federation of the party. These assessments were levied by the last national Polish convention and consist of \$1 per member annually for the two local publications, Dziennik Ludowy, Chicago (daily), and Gornik Polski, Pittsburgh (weekly), and \$1.50 per member for the People's Home which is to be built in Chicago.

Published by the Scandinavian Socialist Federation
(Successor of the Socialist Party) SWEDISH SOCIALIST PARTY (Swedish Weekly) \$1.00 Per Year.
Address: 811 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Among Books
WALLING ON PROGRESSIVISM.
"Progressivism—An After-Word." By William English Walling. Published by The Macmillan Company. 1914. Cloth, 406 pp. \$1.50.

Lenox Morrow Lewis, formerly a member of the Woman's National Committee, is the Socialist candidate for Alaska delegate in Congress, to succeed James Wickersham.

DEMOCRATS SPURN WOMEN
Washington.—Two hundred women who went to the capitol to urge the members of the rules committee to report out the special rule allotting time for the consideration of their suffrage measure, met with a flat refusal from three Democratic members in the city.

OPPOSES PUBLIC OWNERSHIP
"Where and Why Public Ownership Has Failed," by Yves Guyot. Translated from the French by H. F. Baker. Published by the Macmillan Company, 1914. Cloth, 459 pages. \$1.50.

This book presents very elaborately the case against Socialism in general and public ownership in particular. It takes up in detail the government ownership of railroads by countries, and shows, to the satisfaction of the author at least, that it is everywhere a dismal failure.

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SOCIALIST WOMAN MAY GO
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Persecuted in Greece.
Greek authorities have started a systematic persecution of the alien Socialists only; it was written to the cause of imprisoned Jewish secretaries of labor unions.

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Highest Quality—Union-Made—Havana Filler
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Oscar Ameringer
The funny Dutchman, formerly from Oklahoma, now Socialist candidate for governor of Wisconsin, wrote a book that turned people's sneers into laughs.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT SOCIALISM
Clear, logical, entertaining. Reads like a novel, stirs like a great speech. 188 pages, 25 cents per copy; \$15.00 per hundred.

MASSACHUSETTS' YOUTH
AROUSING BY SOCIALISTS.
Great efforts are being made by the Socialist party of Massachusetts to build up a strong young people's movement in the state.

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American Socialist Forerunner of Powerful Revolutionary Press Eugene V. Debs

The National Committee did a wise thing when it changed the Party Builder from a mere official circular to an actual party paper.

The Party Builder (now American Socialist) under this change will be a success from the start and develop rapidly into a great and influential organ of the movement.

It was a wise move, therefore, on the part of the National Committee to launch the American Socialist as a full-fledged party paper, a move that will mark the rise of a party-owned and party-controlled press in the United States.

questions, more or less involved, which confront the party. Its harmonious deliberations and its militant and constructive policy were in striking contrast with some of the previous gatherings of the same body and distinguished it as the most successful National Committee meeting of the Socialist party ever held.

That the American Socialist will not have entirely smooth sailing goes without saying, but in the long run this will be more to its advantage than otherwise.

There will likely be those who will argue that a party-owned paper will reflect the personal views of those in charge of it and

tend to become oppressive and to dominate the movement instead of representing it. There is something in this objection, but not enough to stand against the principle of a party-owned and party-controlled press.

Let us all unite to make the American Socialist, the Socialist party's first real exponent, the greatest Socialist paper in America.

Let us realize that its possibilities to serve us are great if we but stand behind its untiring and wholeheartedly and develop its power to fight for our emancipation.

Information Department

CARL D. THOMPSON, Director. PURPOSES—To collect, classify and make available all data and information on economic, political and social problems.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Question: The Christian Science Monitor, in a recent issue, referred to the action taken by the Italian So-

cialist party in regard to the Free Masons. The Monitor says that the Socialist party has expelled all Masons, and tries to explain it, first, by implying that the action of the party was a part of a controversy between the moderate and extreme wings of the party.

first place, in stating that the Socialist party expelled all Free Masons from its ranks. What the party did was to pass a resolution requiring all members of the party who are Free Masons to withdraw.

Call to the Young

By Frank Dawson. Young reader, you have seen a little of life. You thought it was a large, noble thing with great opportunities. But you find it is not what it was cracked up to be.

You want good, beautiful clothes. You want the chance to see the plays and operas written for you, but you have not the price. You want to feel the emotion real music produces, but if you hear a few dying chords through the stage door you are fortunate.

with the weapon of optimism which replaces old and useless ideals by new and noble ideals and not by probing in clinical staff for its own sake.

Literature Department

Orders for the CAMPAIGN BOOK are overshadowing all other orders. At first the orders came in by ones and twos; now it is not uncommon to get an order for twelve or twenty.

Announcement that a daily newspaper in the interests of national prohibition would be started in Washington was made at a district conference of the Anti-Saloon League of America, in session at Atlantic City, N. J.

Some one in an idle moment tried to knock Socialism in the official journal of the Metal Polishers' Union of North America. Now the editor is busy publishing replies from Socialists in answer to the knock.

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This is your paper. Yours to make the greatest power in American politics.

We are here with plenty of enthusiasm. We are here with the desire to see this paper live and grow and become a worthy mouthpiece of what will be in the near future the greatest political organization in the United States.

We will make this a worth-while paper. The big men in the Socialist movement, men like Debs, Berger, Hillquit, Hunter, Russell, Simons, Spargo and many others have promised to help.

But without your aid, their words will be like the passing of the wind. You must give them an audience. It is not much of an effort we ask you to put forth. This paper at present has 25,000 subscribers. It is run at a loss of some \$300.00 per month to the National Office.

With 50,000 SUBSCRIBERS THIS PAPER WILL BE SELF-SUSTAINING. With 50,000 SUBSCRIBERS WE WILL HAVE CEASED TO WORRY ABOUT THE FINANCES OF THE PAPER, AND CAN PUT EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY INTO MAKING IT A BETTER AND A STILL BETTER SHEET.

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At the same time we are going to give you an additional incentive to help us raise the subscription list to the 50,000 mark.

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J. A. HODGINS, Jr., Director. To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialists Leagues.

What promises to be the most auspicious gathering of young Socialists ever held in the United States will take place in New York City, August 30 and 31, at the annual convention of the Young People's Socialist Federation of New York state.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS OF NEW YORK IN STATE MEETING.

Delegates from Leagues in Eleven Cities to Gather in Convention. What promises to be the most auspicious gathering of young Socialists ever held in the United States will take place in New York City, August 30 and 31, at the annual convention of the Young People's Socialist Federation of New York state.

LIVELY YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE SUCCESSFUL BALL TEAMS.

This organization has a baseball team which is making fans in that part of the country up and take notice. They are beating practically every team they meet.

JULY IN WASHINGTON.

July is starting out in an auspicious summer, reports State Secretary L. E. Katterfeld, of Washington, telling of the chartering of new locals and the plans for the referendum for the coming primary elections.

WORK OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IS PUBLISHED.

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