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Call for National Referendum "A," 1907

National Headquarters Socialist Party,
Chicago, Ill., August 17, 1907.

The following amendment to the Constitution, submitted by Local, Grand Rapids, Wis., and first published in the Weekly Bulletin, August 3, 1907, has received the required number of endorsements:

"Amendment to Article XII of the National Constitution: Amend Article XII by adding a new section, to be known as Section 9, and to read as follows:

"Section 9. In case of controversy in any state as to the validity of the title of its officers and the question of recognition by the National Organization, a referendum of the membership of said state to determine the question may be taken in the following manner:

"A call signed by not less than one-third of the total membership of the state in good standing at the time the controversy arose, asking the National Executive Committee to conduct a referendum of the said state membership for the election of officers for the positions in dispute shall be filed with the National Secretary.

"Upon receiving such call the National Executive Committee shall conduct a referendum of the membership of said state for the election of officers for the positions in dispute. All locals appearing on the state list at the National Headquarters in good standing at the time the controversy arose shall be privileged to make nominations, and all members in good standing at that time shall be entitled to vote.

(Signed) L. E. CLAPP, Secretary."

Notice of Endorsements have been received from Locals, Muscatine, Cresco, Waterloo, Sioux City, Scandia, Madrid, Fairfield, Marshalltown, Numa, Des Moines and Alta, Iowa; Montesumo and Poulso, Wash.; O'Fallon, Peru and Monmouth, Ill.; Lincoln, Litchfield, Hastings, South Omaha, Tryon and Schuyler, Neb.; Minneapolis, Oakport, Workman and Two Harbors, Minn.; St. Louis, Mo.; Sheboygan and Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

In accord with the provisions of the Constitution (Article XI) governing the submission of referendums, a call for a referendum by the entire membership is hereby published. The question stands open for amendments for a period of thirty days.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

Correspondence of National Executive Committee During August

National Headquarters,
Socialist Party,
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30, 1907.

To the National Executive Committee:
Dear Comrades: Regarding the Winter Lecture Course I have the following to report:

The original purpose was either to form two Lecture Circuits, one east from Chicago and one west, or to establish one for the entire country.

At an early date both plans were found impracticable, upon a basis of reasonable terms, on account of the uncertainty of scheduled transportation during the winter months.

The territory east of the Missouri river appeared most favorable and was thoroughly canvassed—some of the principal cities readily indorsed the proposition, and there are now on file a total of twenty applications, but they are widely separated.

The outposts of a possible circuit are Minneapolis, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Washington, Springfield, Mass., Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago and Milwaukee, involving a rail route of about four thousand miles.

Locals at intermediate points have been solicited repeatedly, and advised through the Bulletin and by direct correspondence, of the acceptance of adjacent locals, and the fact emphasized that success hinged upon connecting dates being secured.

The date for closing applications was

advanced several times and finally reduced terms were offered a number of points in the hope of getting connecting dates.

The extent of the territory requires at least six more cities to sustain a circuit. These six cities would close up vacant dates, break the wide stretches of travel, and materially increase the financial returns without adding to the cost of transportation.

No doubt, with more time the number could be secured, but to defer a decision on anything less than a certainty would place those locals which have accepted at a disadvantage for the season's work, and probably finally defeat the entire Winter Lecture Course by giving insufficient time for the careful arrangement of details.

Owing to these circumstances the project must be abandoned for the present, but the data secured on this subject is useful, and will be turned to good account. It is quite possible that as many or more lectures than the one hundred and twenty contemplated in the regular Winter Lecture Course will be arranged in separate tours under direction of the National Office.

Nearly all the locals which filed applications will be included and a number of neighboring cities will be reached. Fraternally submitted,

J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1907.

National Headquarters,
Socialist Party,
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 31, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

National dues from State Committees:	
Alabama	20.00
Arkansas	40.00
California	80.00
Colorado	22.00
Connecticut	40.00
Florida	14.45
Idaho	4.00
Illinois	112.50
Indiana	12.75
Iowa	60.00
Kansas	30.00
Kentucky	10.00
Louisiana	7.50
Maine	11.00
Maryland	10.00
Massachusetts	59.50
Michigan	44.05
Minnesota	36.40
Missouri	40.00
Montana	10.25
Nebraska	5.00
New Hampshire	5.00
New Jersey	100.00
North Dakota	1.55
New York	150.00
Ohio	51.00
Oklahoma	115.00
Oregon	20.00
Pennsylvania	82.25
Rhode Island	10.00
South Dakota	.50
Tennessee	10.00
Texas	32.30
Vermont	3.50
Washington	110.05
West Virginia	5.00
Wisconsin	75.10
Wyoming	13.55
Total	\$1,454.20

UNORGANIZED STATES.

Georgia	2.00
Nevada	17.00
North Carolina	10.80
Virginia	2.00
Members at large	4.40
Total for dues	\$1,490.40
Supplies	73.25
Literature	464.38
Buttons	31.38
W. F. Miners' Defense Fund	1,505.00
National Organizing Fund	318.63
Miscellaneous	15.15
Total receipts	\$3,898.19

EXPENDITURES.

Exchange	3.20
General Expense	6.47
Express and Freight	18.95
Postage	150.59
Telegrams	1.83
Speakers—	
J. Mahlon Barnes	\$132.00
W. W. Rihl, five weeks	90.00
F. H. Slick, five weeks	90.00
J. H. Brower, five weeks	90.00
M. Flaherty, five weeks	55.00
Extra help	6.00
Total	463.00
Printing Bulletin	103.00
Printing literature and supplies	250.00
Literature	235.03
Speakers—	
E. E. Carr	\$25.00
John Collins	40.00
I. Cowen	175.00
M. Hendrickson	25.00
A. M. Lewis	184.38
Guy E. Miller	30.00
F. L. Schwartz	55.00
J. E. Snyder	60.00
Wm. A. Toole	11.00
M. W. Wilkins	125.00
Total	730.38
A. M. Simons, Int. Delegate	125.00
Rent, July and August	200.00
Buttons	161.62
Wrapping paper	9.00
Lighting	4.22
Mimeo Supplies	48.04
Typewriter Supplies	15.75
Stationery	11.98
W. F. Miners' Defense Fund	1,505.00
Total expenditures	\$4,642.15

SUMMARY.

Balance on hand August 1st	\$ 254.45
Receipts for month	3,898.19
Total	\$4,152.64
Expenditures for month	\$ 4,042.15
Balance on hand September 1, 1907	\$ 110.49

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

A New Field for Propaganda

Seventy-nine subscribers have been secured for the Socialist Plate Matter Service. One 6-column page to be issued every third week. Cost One Dollar per page. Send for sample page and show it to the editor of your local paper.

Report of Action by National Committee on Motions Nos. 11 and 12—Motions Nos. 12, 13 and 14 Submitted

National Headquarters,
Socialist Party,
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6, 1907.

To the National Committee:

Comrades: Herewith is submitted National Committee Referendum No. 12, Motion No. 12:

BY EMIL HERMAN, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF WASHINGTON.

Motion No. 12. "I move that the National Secretary be instructed to secure a list of all non-union periodicals and magazines and transmit a list of same to all Socialist Party State Secretaries together with a request that the list be distributed as extensively as possible among the party membership to the end that the Socialist Party members withdraw their support from all non-union publications."

Comment: "I make the above motion advisory instead of imperative so far as party members are concerned because I realize that it is outside of the province of the Socialist Party to compel, even if it were possible, the individual to boycott anything. However, I think it proper and pertinent at this time to ask the party membership to refrain from supporting non-union publications, especially since most of them are actively engaged, either openly or secretly, in fighting organized labor. Among the scabbiest of the non-union magazines is 'McClure's,' which at the present time is running an article entitled 'The Autobiography of Harry Orchard,' to which it gives its editorial endorsement by trying to stamp the seal of truth upon the utterances of this confessed arch criminal and in that way help to prepare the public mind to submit without question in case the Mine-owners' Association, through their satellites, the Pinkerton Detective Agency and authorities of Idaho, decide to judicially murder our comrades, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone."

COMMENT BY KING OF MICHIGAN: "The mover has me somewhat puzzled. The absence of the label, either I. T. U. or I. W. W., is sufficient proof to the average man of the fact of a publication being non-union. If the list is to include all periodicals and publications UNFAIR to labor, the task as far as the National Office is so large and expensive as to be almost hopeless, and the publication of such a list would involve the abandonment of all other work. The book itself would be as large as Webster's dictionary and be a complete list of all capitalist gress of America. The task will be easier to complete a list of fair papers. Comrade Herman's intentions are good but he lacks judgment and perhaps the ground work of Socialist principle. All publications not published for the working class are against us. All periodicals published by the capitalist class must of the very nature of things be unfair. Local Muskegon recognizes this principle and presented to the State and National movement a motion to stop taking all capitalist papers. This of necessity will put all of our own papers above the deficiency margin. Especially such papers as deal with actual news like the Daily Socialist and do not confine themselves to party bickering exclusively."

Vote will close August 27.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 13, 1907.

Comrades: Herewith is submitted Referendum No. 13, Motions Nos. 13 and 14, by National Committee members Guy Williams of Minnesota and A. Wagenknecht of Washington.

MOTION NO. 13.

"I move that the National Secretary, when submitting the monthly financial report, include a statement of the assets and liabilities, in addition to the receipts and expenditures."

COMMENT.

"My object in making this motion is to keep the officers of the party informed on the condition of the party finances, and in this way distribute the responsibility which rests upon the national secretary, among the larger number of the party officers."

"Members of the national executive committee and national committee in voting on any motion which directly affects the finances of the organization, should have up to date data on hand, for reference, enabling them to act intelligently. At present we do not know what the assets and liabilities are. May instruct the national secretary to engage organizers or to undertake some other work entailing expense, which places him in a very awkward position, unless the money is on hand to defray the expense. He cannot avoid feeling that it reflects to his disadvantage should his report for the year show an increase in the liabilities."

"On January 1st the national office was in debt to national organizers \$1,291.90, and it is important that this shall not increase. Taking up the financial reports we find that one organizer working in Pennsylvania three months, beginning April 1st, drew no salary in April, \$70.00 in May and none in June, leaving the national office indebted to him to the extent of about \$200.00 in three months. Another organizer working, I understand, continuously, during March, April, May and June, drew \$119.63 out of a salary in the neighborhood of four hundred dollars, in those months; another drew \$202.00 in the same time. I think we should try to avoid getting behind. A presidential

campaign is coming on and we will be seriously handicapped if we have a debt on our hands.

"There is another reason why I offer this motion, and that is, that the more the members of the party know of its affairs, the more interest they will take in its affairs."

MOTION NO. 14.

"I move to amend motion of National Committeeman Guy Williams of Minnesota, by inserting the word 'Itemized' before the word 'statement' in his motion."

COMMENT.

"It is just as necessary to itemize the assets and liabilities of the national office as it is to include our assets and liabilities in the monthly financial report of the National Secretary. Am sure many of us would like to know what resources, the amount of furniture and other property the national office has. We also want to know how much we owe and who we owe it to. Think also that we should safeguard ourselves in making it impossible for anyone to 'water' our assets or liabilities and to insist that they appear itemized monthly in our financial report will make this less possible."

"I understand that the system of accounting in the national office is very good and it should therefore not entail much work in itemizing all assets and liabilities. To say our assets are so many dollars and our liabilities so many dollars does not give the members any information as to the amount of anything. An accounting will have to be made anyway to arrive at our assets and liabilities, so they may as well be published itemized."

Regarding amendment submitted by Comrade Wagenknecht (motion No. 14) I would state that the word "Itemized" appeared in the motion as originally presented by Comrade Williams, and upon receipt of the following letter of explanation he requested that the word "itemized" be stricken out:

Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1907.

Guy Williams, 26 E. College Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Comrade: I received your favor of the 25th, with a motion. With the general purpose of the motion I am in accord, yet since it refers to matters with which I am naturally more familiar than you, I make bold to present certain information.

The motion says, "An itemized statement of the assets and liabilities." Formerly this subject was fairly covered by reports to the National Executive Committee in session every third month, but since the constitution has been amended abolishing stated meetings some rule should be provided.

Publishing the assets monthly in an itemized form I believe would be a waste of energy. The assets, aside from cash on hand, in large part, is stock and fixtures and not convertible while the office is maintained. I enclose January Bulletin containing annual report with assets and liabilities marked. You will notice assets are given in totals. An inventory book, or folder (nine pages), kept in the office, contains the itemized statement.

I feel confident you will accept my suggestions in the spirit in which they are made. Now if you will strike out the word "itemized" I think the purpose will be served, for in that event I will initiate the practice of summarizing the assets as in the yearly report and will itemize the liabilities.

However, if you desire it to stand as submitted, and time requires, wire at my expense and the motion will be published in the Saturday Bulletin. Regarding assets I would say further, I shall put the totals in round figures. Fraternalty yours,

(Signed) J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

The following is the report referred to in above letters:

ASSETS JANUARY 1, 1907.	
Cash on hand	\$ 117.58
Accounts outstanding against states and locals for dues, supplies, etc.	867.01
Literature in stock	1,485.12
Party buttons	149.40
Office furniture, typewriters and fixtures	\$907.85
Less 25 per cent wear and tear	226.96
Total	680.89

Official supplies, stationery, books for locals and mimeograph supplies	946.89
Total assets	\$4,246.89

As previously stated, to itemize the assets, giving figures for each piece of tangible property, such as typewriters, desks, chairs, filing cabinets, etc., as recorded in the office inventory, would require the publication of about nine additional mimeograph pages with the financial report each month.

Vote will close Sept. 3, 1907.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 14, 1907.

Comrades: Herewith is submitted report of Referendum No. 11, Motion No. 11, by John M. Work, National Committee member of Iowa.

MOTION NO. 11.

"That we purchase one thousand dollars worth of subscription cards from

The PARTY BUTTON

attracts attention and brooks discussion



Celluloid Buttons, 3c; 10 to 100, 1c each;
500 for \$4.00

Gold Plate Buttons, 25c each; 10 for \$2.00

Gold Plate Buttons with Pin Attachment for Ladies
25c each; 10 for \$2.00

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the Chicago Daily Socialist during the coming six months, the same to be disposed of through the organizers and such other avenues as may be available.

VOTING YES.

Arizona Bechtel
Colorado Bule
Connecticut Hull
Florida Pettigrew
Indiana Reynolds
Illinois Wallace
Iowa Work
Kansas Crum
Kentucky Dobbs
Maryland Culp
Michigan King
Minnesota Williams
Missouri Behrens
Nebraska DeVore
North Dakota Lampman
Pennsylvania Maurer
South Dakota Knowles
Tennessee Voss
Texas Clark
Utah Syphers
West Virginia Gillespi
Wisconsin Berger
Wyoming Hastings
Total 25.

VOTING NO.

California Lewis
Illinois Halloway
Maine Berlyn
Massachusetts Collins
Minnesota Fox
Montana Konikow
Missouri Peach
New Jersey Mabie
New York Hoehn
Ohio Reilly
Oregon Arland
Pennsylvania Rodgers
Rhode Island Devine
Texas Axelson
Washington Moore
Wisconsin Wagenknecht
Wyoming Heath
Total 19.

NOT VOTING.

Arkansas LaFevre
California Edmiston
Colorado Miller
Connecticut Beardsley
Idaho Riggs
Illinois Simons
Louisiana Stedman
Maine Canone, Sr.
Massachusetts Carey
Michigan Wilen
New Hampshire Drew
New Jersey Headley
New York Lee
New York Vander Porten
Oklahoma Hagel
Oklahoma Bentley
Oregon Barzee
Rhode Island Carpenter
Texas Payne
Vermont Sullivan
Washington Herman
Total 21.

The motion is therefore adopted. Vote of Comrade Beardsley, of Connecticut, received too late to be counted.

COMMENT.

CALIFORNIA (HOLLOWAY)—"I do not like the precedent that would be established should this motion prevail. The success of the Daily Socialist is of great importance, and I shall have no objection to the National Office making its best efforts through the organizers in selling subscription cards for the daily, but in the face of a presidential campaign and much necessary organizational work, I do not feel like voting to obligate the National Office to the extent and in the manner contemplated in the motion. I therefore vote no."

PETTIGREW (FLORIDA)—"I vote yes on this motion because it is my duty to do what I can for the advancement of Socialism. To advance our cause it is necessary to have Socialist papers. The Chicago Daily is a valuable aid to our cause and has since its start pursued a good policy. I believe this vote pledges me to vote to help other Socialist publications in the future whenever we can give help in cash with certainty of the National Office getting back the cash given, as in this case we can by selling the subscription cards; but this vote doesn't bind me to vote to help a Socialist paper whose policy and tactics I don't like, or which I believe not good."

ILLINOIS (BERLYN)—"On Motion 11, I vote no. The comrades must understand that I yield to none. My devotion to the Chicago Daily Socialist, personally as a Socialist, I will go the limit, but I believe that the action proposed is not in conformity with the Constitution, and we cannot make exceptions, for the comrades all over the country, wherever a paper is started, would regard themselves as entitled to be regarded as exceptions. The rank and file will carry the Daily Socialist."

ILLINOIS (COLLINS)—"Allow me to record myself as voting NO on Motion No. 11. Many good comrades will not agree with my position in voting this way. It is to my judgment for the best for the party. If the Daily Socialist will pull through all its difficulties by getting one thousand dollars from the National Office, I have confidence that it will pull through without it, but if it doesn't pull through without that one thousand dollars from said office, then it will go down anyway."

"Every comrade that knows me in the Chicago movement, knows that I want to see the Daily live and flourish, but I don't believe that the National Office should be used for any purpose of that kind. It seems to me that it would only be a question of time, until some Comrade from another state would be sending another motion to get money from the National Office and claim the same right to assist their state paper as this state has to get support for the Daily Socialist."

"As to the Organizers taking cards with them to sell I am sure every one of them would do so willingly, but they will find cards in most of all the places before they get there. Therefore I vote NO on Motion No. 11."

MASSACHUSETTS (KONIKOW)—"I am very sorry to have to vote 'no' all my sympathy is with the Chicago Daily Socialist. But we cannot establish a precedent of party support of the Socialist kind. It would lead to many dissatisfactions. We could not support all different important Socialist papers, but having done it for the Chicago Daily would feel under obligation to act in the same way towards others or be accused of favoritism."

MINNESOTA (WILLIAMS)—"I vote 'yes' on Motion No. 11, the National organization can do nothing better than assist in the putting of the first Daily

English Socialist paper on a firm foundation financially. I do not like to see the party overladen with liabilities, but as the paper is vitally necessary to the movement, and as it is possible to handle the subscription cards without loss or expense to us, I favor the motion to assist by advancing cash for a thousand dollars worth of cards."

OHIO (RODGERS)—"Would like to vote 'Yes' on this motion, but do not believe I would be justified in doing so. If we use the party money to assist one paper we must do so with others."

OREGON (AXELSON)—"My experience is that in buying subscription cards it is a very difficult task to sell them, and I don't think it advisable to advance any money in a case of this nature. I vote 'no' on Motion No. 11, because I don't think it to be a good plan to carry No. 11 as it stands."

OREGON (BARZEE)—"I vote blank on Motion No. 11, Ref. No. 11. While I am of the opinion that the party's best interest lies in the support of the motion, and the firm establishment of such Daily (as we must continue our advancement on these lines); I am not clear as to our authority in committing the party to such obligation."

"As it now stands it is clearly optional with the party's constituency to support it, and we have no coercive authority."

"On a resolution for its support I would vote yes, and recommend it to be passed up to a party referendum. Let us by some means support the Daily."

PENNSYLVANIA (SCHWARTZ)—"On Motion No. 11, please record me as voting 'NO.' I regret to hear of the Daily Socialist's unfortunate position, still the purchase of \$1,000 worth of sub cards will not guarantee its life, and besides the National Office needs the money as bad as the 'Daily Socialist.' If this motion carries and the paper ceases publication we would have a lot of sub cards on hand, and the National Office with still less money to carry on its work. It is about time that some members of the National Committee, devise some way of raising funds for the National Office, instead of voting away money the party has not got."

"Personally I want, like comrade Work, to see the 'Daily Socialist' live and the best way to guarantee its existence is for every member of the Socialist Party to do a little work and that's get out and hustle for subs. Our Organizers in the field and our speakers, to ought to be given strict instructions to circulate the party press. It is doubtful whether one half of them ever offer a sub card for sale at their meetings. I think the best way to have a National Organizer, or speaker show whether he is getting results is by the amount of subscriptions he takes for Socialist papers and literature he sells and not by the number of 'speeches' he makes. When we begin to work along that line it will not be so hard for a Daily Socialist paper to exist."

TEXAS (CLARK)—"I vote 'YES' on Referendum No. 11, because of the extreme need of a Daily paper. I feel sure that the movement could receive no greater blow than for the Chicago Socialist to suspend publication. We would not only lose the paper as a propoganda, but it would be hard to secure subscriptions for another Daily paper should one start on account of the failure of this one. I am willing to stand all criticisms for this vote."

WASHINGTON (WAGENKNECHT)—"Judging by our late balances in our National Monthly Financial Report, it would take us over a year to pay this one thousand dollars. If organizers want to sell Chicago Daily Socialist sub cards, well and good, or a motion can be made instructing them to make a special effort in this direction. But to obligate the party for one thousand dollars in our present financial state with presidential campaign in sight, I cannot agree to."

WISCONSIN (BERGER)—"I vote 'yes' on this resolution and if it were not too late I should like to offer an amendment—the amendment that the \$1,000 be given as a present outright to the Chicago Daily Socialist, because it is against the spirit and the purpose of our party to single out any one party paper and to get subscriptions for it. I vote 'yes' on this motion for purely sentimental reasons, and knowing that this money is simply a sacrifice to the 'sentiments' of certain comrades."

"I never sacrifice a principle to sentiment, but I am sometimes willing to sacrifice money to sentiment."

"And I also say that I will oppose any gift or donation or allowance of any party money for that purpose in the future. I consider it unconstitutional and unwise to use party money, which could be infinitely better employed for organization in general, to try to keep a paper alive which cannot live."

"These \$1,000 cannot help the Chicago Daily Socialist. That paper will cease to exist unless there are readers enough in Chicago to sustain a daily Socialist paper in that city. A daily paper must show a reason for its existence by getting a circulation. The circulation will bring the advertising. \$1,000 is very little for a daily paper, but it is a large sum to take out of the funds of our little national treasury."

"The suggestions of Comrade Work that the Chicago Daily Socialist will help our party a great deal in the presidential election and that its discontinuance will knock the campaign, is not borne out by the facts."

"The Chicago Daily Socialist did not help the Chicago Socialist vote at all last fall. And the Socialist vote at Chicago was cut down to less than one-half this spring in spite of the existence of the Chicago Daily Socialist. Very prominent and well informed Chicago comrades claim that the Daily Socialist has paralyzed the Socialist organization of Chicago. The paper which should be a means to an end, has become the end itself. It is monopolizing the energies of the Chicago comrades. A daily paper that has no economic basis and an insufficient number of readers in the city to warrant its existence, will surely drain the fat bank account of a big capitalist corporation, to say nothing of proletarians. In fact, if it had not been for the charity of a few 'millionaire Socialists' the paper would have gone up long ago."

"The idea that a job plant will bridge over a daily paper is too ridiculous for anybody to consider who like myself had a daily paper for years, and who knows how small are the profits in a job printing plant."

"In short if Chicago cannot keep up its daily with the voluntary assistance and the good services of comrades all

over the country, it is simply useless to drain the national treasury to sustain it."

"Therefore, when I vote for this motion I do so against my better judgment. I give due notice that I will never vote for any similar motion again."

WISCONSIN (HEATH)—"I am constrained to vote 'NO' on the Work resolution asking the National Organization to take up a part of the burden of the Chicago paper. The direction of the resolution is dangerous. The Chicago comrades launched into daily journalism before they had anything like the local strength necessary to sustain the effort, and they have an awful fight to keep it above water. Their unequal fight naturally enlisted our sympathies, but the Work resolution proposes even more than a thousand dollars of help out of the national treasury—it means that the national office shall accept subscription cards AND THEN SELL THEM. This will make the national office a special agent of only one of the several papers published by the movement. Such a relation was not contemplated by the union convention of 1901, in fact, that convention expressly stipulated that the national party should cease to have an official paper and that it should remain neutral thenceforth as between the various party papers. As a matter of fact, the Work resolution should have been ruled out of order."

WYOMING (HASTINGS)—"I do not regard the motion, when effective, as authorizing a raid on the National Treasury or even establish a precedent for future requests for the reason sale of subscriptions are provided for making of the National Office a distributing and collecting bureau for the occasion. I deem the motion worthy of support, and should not provoke antagonism or even criticism from the weekly Socialist Press."

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 28, 1907.
Comrades:—Herewith is submitted report on Referendum No. 12, Motion No. 12, by Emil Herman, National Committee member for Washington:

MOTION NO. 12.
"I move that the National Secretary be instructed to secure a list of all non-union periodicals and magazines and transmit a list of same to all Socialist Party State Secretaries together with a request that the list be distributed as extensively as possible among the party membership to the end that Socialist Party members withdraw support from all non-union publications."

VOTING YES.
Connecticut Beardsley
Iowa Work
Maryland Culp
Minnesota Williams
Missouri Hoehn
Nebraska Behrens
Tennessee Voss
Washington Herman
Wisconsin Wagenknecht
Wyoming Berger
Total 11.

VOTING NO.
California Holloway
Colorado Bule
Connecticut Hull
Florida Pettigrew
Illinois Berlyn
Illinois Collins
Indiana Reynolds
Kansas Welsh
Kentucky Dobbs
Maine Fox
Michigan King
Montana Mabie
New Hampshire DeVore
New Jersey Reilly
New York Headley
New York Vander Porten
North Dakota Lampman
Ohio Devine
Oklahoma Rodgers
Oklahoma Bentley
Oregon Hagel
Oregon Axelson
Pennsylvania Barzee
Pennsylvania Moore
Rhode Island Carpenter
Texas Clark
Texas Payne
Utah Syphers
West Virginia Gillespi
Wisconsin Heath
Wyoming Hastings
Total 34.

NOT VOTING.
Arizona Bechtel
Arkansas LaFevre
California Lewis L. M.
California Edmiston
Colorado Miller
Idaho Riggs
Illinois Simons
Illinois Stedman
Indiana Wallace
Kansas McAllister
Louisiana Cannone, Sr.
Massachusetts Carey
Massachusetts Konikow
Michigan Wilen
Minnesota Peach
New York Lee
Pennsylvania Maurer
South Dakota Knowles
Vermont Sullivan
Wyoming Thompson
Total 20.

The motion is therefore defeated.

COMMENT.
FLORIDA (PETTIGREW)—"I vote 'NO' on motion No. 12, because I don't think it is the proper motion. I agree with comrade Herman that we cannot compel members to boycott anything and that members of our party ought not to take and read non-union or anti-socialist papers except that we must know what is published in Democrat and Republican papers for our own advantage in proving their false statements and in keeping posted on King's attacks on us. Comrade King's complaint is good because it shows up the greatness of the task, the cost, but it doesn't show that the list would do us much good if we had it; the absence of I. T. U., or I. W. W., is not actively sufficient like a list of union papers would be. If we had a list of union papers in three classes: Best, 2nd Best, 3rd Best, and would regularly and often revise it, change the list by advancing or marking down those on the list and adding to the list all desirable names, it would surely help our cause, but as to motion No. 12, I think our money and time could be better used in other ways."

KANSAS (WELCH)—"In voting 'NO' on motion No. 12, I do so because I believe as Comrade King comments. It would cause untold expense and would be only an advertisement of some paper, which otherwise many never would hear of. My experience as an active worker in the field, is that the membership need only be told of those few per-

iodicals that are friendly to organized labor. These, however, should be classified."

"Are they endorers of Socialism, do they believe in the workers going to the polls and voting for what they want, using the only advance labor party that has an economic remedy in bettering conditions for the worker? Those labor parties that are trying to play the game of politics in competition with the old parties are only an excuse. Just a change of name. The same tricks are played to fool the honest son of toil out of his rights and keep a lot of grafters up to the pie counter."

"The membership of the Socialist party can use to the advancement of the cause, a little booklet showing what papers are with us in the emancipation of the wage slaves, giving name and address, subscription price, of what nationality published."

"Such information would place many in touch with a chance to secure subscribers and increase the circulation of papers friendly to the Socialist party."

"On my last trip several asked me where a good German Socialist paper was published; that several Germans liked the way socialism was explained, but were unable to read English. Of my knowledge I mentioned two: 'Vorwaerts,' New York, and 'Die Wahrheit,' Milwaukee."

"If every member was placed in possession of a list with the information needed, they would nab the subscription and thus eventually secure one more worker for Socialism."

KENTUCKY (DOBBS)—"To carry out intention of the comrade from the state of Washington would in my opinion entail a burden of work which the office of the National Secretary is probably not prepared to assume, and which, in my opinion, it would not be proper to assume even if the facilities of the office were greater than they are."

MINNESOTA (WILLIAMS)—"I am voting 'Yes' on this motion, being heartily in accord with its purpose. I think, however, the motion should have instructed the National Secretary to send out a list of unfair periodicals and magazines every six months or year as the list is changing constantly."

MISSOURI (BEHRENS)—"I vote 'yes' on motion 12 with the understanding that the list comprise only those publications which have been declared unfair by the International Typographical union growing out of its struggle for the eight-hour day. My reasons for confining the list to the publications referred to is because of the economic principle involved in the printers' struggle for the eight-hour day, and not because of any sentiment expressed by the publication."

"There are many publications which bear the union label that are just as vicious in their assault on Socialism as are the most rabid opponents of trade unionism; and per contra, there are Socialist publications which are just as violent in their opposition to trade unionism and trade union tactics as are the most prejudiced trade union papers which oppose Socialism and Socialist tactics. Hence am opposed to placing the ban on a publication because of the opinions it expresses whether those opinions be pleasing or otherwise."

NEBRASKA (DEVORE)—"Inclosed find my vote. I vote 'NO' on referendum No. 12, as I think the better way to dispose of periodicals like the 'McClure's' magazine is to handle them through the Socialist press, the 'Chicago Daily Socialist,' 'Appeal to Reason,' etc. All true Socialists both read and think and have sense enough to boycott the enemy's rotten sheets, when in their judgment they deem it wisdom to do so, and they will have the cause sufficiently at heart so that they will not lose an opportunity to do so."

NEW YORK (ARLAND)—"I vote 'NO' on motion 12, for the reason that this seems to be a matter that properly comes within the activities and duties of the trade unions. To me it would seem as proper for us to attempt a list of scab shoes, clothing, etc., as a list of scab publications. It would be almost an endless job to compile such a list as is proposed, as the same would have to be constantly revised to be fair and of value, and in consequence would involve a great deal of expense, neither of which we are in duty bound to assume. I am sure that if the unions will furnish lists of scab publications, or merchandise, that the Socialist press will print them and the rank and file of the party refuse to purchase such. We cannot refrain from reading scab publications. It is necessary that we know what the other side has to say in order to carry on our propoganda. I often get some of my best propoganda material from scab publications. But where we have to use such publications let us use those on file in public libraries as much as possible, and so restrict their sale."

OREGON (AXELSON)—"The result of securing such a list as this motion has reference to, would in my judgment, not in any way be commensurate with the expense connected therewith. I am sure that unionists as well as Socialists keep themselves posted in the matter of unfair periodicals and magazines. The motion seems impracticable and for this reason I vote 'NO.'"

PENNSYLVANIA (SCHWARTZ)—"On motion No. 12, please record me as voting 'No.' First of all to me, all capitalist publications are unfair to the working class."

"Second. The American Federation of Labor publishes a list of publications that are 'fair to organized labor,' and which can be had FREE on application."

"Third. The National Office has no funds to throw away at this or any other time, and National Committeemen should take notice."

TENNESSEE (VOSS)—"I vote 'YES' provisional on Referendum No. 12, motion 12. If the National Secretary can obtain the said list from the National Secretary of the International Typographical union, without any cost, I vote 'NO' if our own organization has to foot the bill. The motion will benefit the union printers more than any one else."

TEXAS (CLARK)—"I vote 'no' on motion No. 12, not because I want to go on record as supporting 'scab' papers, but because I feel each individual member of the party competent to choose his own reading matter without any suggestions from the National Committee. I have read 'Orchard's Autobiography' to date in 'McClure's,' and I suppose Comrade Herman has done the same or he would not KNOW that McClure's gave it editorial sanction. As for me I like to look over such a Capitalistic Sheet just to see what

such Hellians as Orchard have to say for as a rule only such individuals contribute to such magazines as 'McClure's.'"

UTAH (SYPHERS)—"In voting against motion No. 12, I do not do so because I am not in sympathy with the move, but on account of the hopelessness of the task, and the burden of labor that would be imposed on our National Secretary."

"Another reason, the laws of Utah are very strict, and we would not be allowed to Boycott any paper or periodical in the state."

"I agree with Comrade King, and would rather see a list of papers published that were fair to union labor, for the reason that we can always advertise the papers that 'we patronize.'"

"Although the move to stop taking all capitalist papers might be a good one, I believe we should lose by it in the long run, for it is good generalship to always know the plans of the enemy and be prepared to meet them on their own grounds. My way would be to 'Advertise our Friends,' rather than 'Boycott our Enemies.'"

WASHINGTON (HERMAN)—"I vote 'YES' on my motion even after reading Comrade King's comment, as the objection raised by him does not hold good."

"Any one not seeking for a chance to quibble can readily see that my motion refers only to Periodicals and Magazines having a general circulation. This list can be obtained by the National Secretary from J. N. Bramwood, 640-643 Newton-Clayton building, Indianapolis, Indiana, without charge and can be copied with very little expense to the National Office."

WASHINGTON (WAGENKNECHT)—"If the National Secretary will send to Typographical headquarters in Indianapolis, I am sure they will furnish a list of non-union periodicals. If requested, they would also probably print enough lists of these periodicals to fully supply the National Office, thereby saving it work and money."

WISCONSIN (HEATH)—"I vote 'no,' because of the wording of the motion. If the mover will re-word his motion so that it only includes publications of general circulation, I will gladly vote yes. As it is, the motion if passed, would oblige the National Secretary to make up an almost interminable list of every little county paper in the entire nation, and to no particular purpose. According to Ayers' Newspaper Directory there are 25,595 publications in the United States and it would take a bulky book to include them all, and would entail a meaningless squander of money. It would be better for the National Secretary to reissue the list of leading publications published by the I. T. U., and supplement them with the few I. W. W. publications that may exist, including our persistent traducer, the New York People, properly designated."

WYOMING (HASTINGS)—"Comrade King of Michigan hits the nail on the head when he says: 'The absence of a label on a publication shows what it is, and is proof positive of the Non-Union character.' I for one do not place much confidence in nine-tenths of those appearing under the label as they are compelled to use it to satisfy the I. T. U., hence their loyalty to Unionism in other forms is extremely doubtful."

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

LETTER OF STATE SECRETARY ROE OF NEBRASKA.

Omaha, Neb., August 25, 1907.

J. P. Roe, State Secretary:

"This is to inform you that Local Omaha, at its regular meeting, August 22, 1907, passed the following motion: 'Moved and seconded, that Local Omaha does hereby protest against Carl D. Thompson and J. Ed. Morgan speaking for and in the interest of a certain Omaha Socialist Propaganda Club under the leadership of Rev. G. C. Porter, George Wells and others, who are engaged in promoting a counter movement of Christian, or Independent Socialists in our city and State. This, without your consent, being in direct violation of Sec. 4 of Article 12 of the National Constitution, we request that you take such action as will protect us in our rights as a duly chartered local of the Socialist Party of Nebraska duly affiliated with the Socialist Party of the U. S.' (Signed),

"G. I. Bowen, Chairman.
"Chas. F. Huber, Secy."

Omaha, August 25, 1907.

"At a meeting of the State Executive Committee held this day the above protest of Local Omaha was endorsed and ordered sent to National Secretary J. M. Barnes, J. Ed. Morgan, Carl D. Thompson and Wisconsin State Secretary, S. P., and that an appeal be made to the National Committee for protection of Local Omaha against these disruptors and for the safeguarding of the party in Nebraska, in accordance with Sec. 4, Article 12, of National Constitution. (Signed),

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LETTER OF COMRADE BEN HANFORD.

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Dear Comrade Barnes:

Illness has hitherto prevented me from making a reply to the letter of Comrade Nicholas Klein in last month's Bulletin.

If Comrade Klein will read the reasons for my negative vote on his application for a credential to the Stuttgart Congress he may learn that I did not call him a "general clown." What I said was that I had been informed to that effect by two comrades who had been delegates to the preceding congress, along with Klein.

It is true that I could, as Klein says, have refrained from voting, but to my mind to have refrained from voting would have been a neglect of duty on my part. It might have resulted in an unfit man acting as delegate to the congress from the United States. It is my opinion that I was not elected a member of the National Executive Committee for any such purpose. Of course, I could have voted "No" on Klein's application and given no reason for the vote. But, frankly, I thought that I was doing Klein a service in giving the reasons for my vote, thereby giving him an opportunity to make reply, as he has done, though to my understanding his reply is not at all convincing as to his innocence. Comrade Klein's comparison of myself with Roosevelt's course in the Moyer-Haywood case is not a comradely act and is most grossly unfair to me, though it clearly shows the disingenuous controversial methods of those who use epithets instead of arguments and who meet facts with assertions. Klein does not deny that two comrades gave me the information on which I based my vote. He even takes pains to admit it. He presents no evidence whatever (save his own assertion) that the statement of these comrades was incorrect. I should, however, here state that it was not "on advice of Comrade Hillquit and his chum, Comrade Lee," that I voted against giving credentials to Comrade Klein.

It is evidently Klein's idea that Hillquit tells Lee what to do and how to vote, and Hillquit and Lee tell me what to do and how to vote. Probably Klein can't understand it, but nevertheless I must assure him that such is not the case. At the same time, from what I can learn of Comrade Klein, it is my opinion that it would be of benefit to himself and the movement if he would get somebody to tell him (Klein) what to do and how to vote on all matters of importance. Should Klein take the trouble to look into the matter he would find that I often vote with Berger and Simons and Unter-mann and other comrades whom I do not meet except at intervals of years and with whom my correspondence is almost nil. No doubt Klein would attribute these votes to "orders" or something of that kind. But if he discovers the real reason he will find that it is because those comrades who take pains to keep informed regarding our movement are apt to reach like conclusions from like knowledge of the facts. Even on matters regarding which some of our comrades are farthest apart, as, for instance, the attitude of the party toward the question of trade and labor unions, it is my opinion that if those differing comrades had opportunity for intimate association and thorough discussion, they would come to substantially unanimous conclusions.

Comrade Klein would have done well to have produced the evidence, if there is evidence, that my information regarding his conduct at the last Congress was incorrect. Instead of that, what does he? He declares that if I "REALLY KNEW WHAT COMRADE HILLQUIT DID AT THAT CONGRESS I WOULD BLUSH FOR SHAME."

So, in Klein's judgment, Hillquit brought shame on himself and the Socialist movement in the United States by his actions at the last Congress. That was three years ago. And for these past three years Klein has kept the story of Hillquit's shame locked secretly in his breast. And this year Hillquit has again gone as a delegate, presumably (according to Klein) to bring more shame upon the American Socialist movement. And Klein said not a word until Hillquit was on his way. It seems to me that Klein should have been at some pains to inform Comrade Hillquit's constituents as to the exact nature of his (Hillquit's) alleged shameful acts. Instead of so doing Klein allows the offender an opportunity to repeat his offense without a protest. There is no doubt in my mind that Comrade Klein is totally unfit to represent the American Socialist movement, entirely aside from any allegations respecting his behavior as a "general clown." Klein lacks courage, or else he is totally deficient in the comprehension of his duties. In either case he should not be allowed to represent American Socialists abroad.

Yours truly,

(Signed) BEN HANFORD.

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NATIONAL NOTES

To The Socialist and Labor Press: The International Congress opens at Stuttgart, Aug. 18th. Will you kindly mail two copies of your paper to H. H. DIETZ No. 12 FURTACH-STRASSE, STUTTGART, GERMANY...

Comrade E. E. Carr, Chicago, was granted a credential to the International Congress at Stuttgart by vote of the National Executive Committee.

National Organizer, Isaac Cowen, was in the Iron mining district of Minnesota when the strike began, and rendered valuable assistance to the miners, besides giving wide circulation, through the Labor Press, to the schemes planned and outrages perpetrated by the mine owners.

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For the information of numerous correspondents requesting the assignment of a lecture date for Comrade Haywood, it should be stated if arrangements are made due notice will be given and an effort will be made to cover every vantage point.

Upon this subject the following is quoted from a letter addressed to Comrade Haywood under date of July 9th: "Dear Comrade: Accept my congratulations on the splendid and favorable turn the trial has taken.

By the advise and consent of State Secretary Brooks and the local quorum of the state committee of North Dakota a referendum for the nomination and election of a state secretary is being taken under the direction of the national office.

According to reports, certain persons, named MacIntosh and Loquist, formerly of Chicago, are representing themselves, in the various places they visit, as members of the Socialist Party.

The amendment proposed by Local Liberal, Mo., to section 3 of article 12 of the constitution, published April 6, which provides for the expulsion of "any faction that ignores the state and national constitution," has been endorsed by the following locals:

The substitute offered by Local Lucas County, Ohio, for the Texas amendment, published June 22, 1907, has been endorsed by Local Tyler, Tex.

The resolutions providing for unity, submitted by Local Schenectady, N. Y., published March 24, 1906, since last report, have been endorsed by Locals Mystic, Conn.; Ishpeming and Marcellus, Mich.

The authorities of Hancock, Mich., by an outrageous use of the police force, broke up the parade of the Finnish Socialists while they were marching to their annual picnic. Thirteen comrades were arrested and a number brutally clubbed.

Relating to the foregoing and the expense involved, the following is submitted by the Finnish Committee of northern Michigan: "We hope the party will promptly take such action as seems necessary for our aid. We need the moral and financial support of the comrades in this contest. (Signed) AKU RISSANEN, Secretary."

"Make remittances to Gust Frilund, Box 133, Hancock, Mich." The first state election in Oklahoma takes place Sept. 17. A complete Socialist ticket is in the field and a vigorous campaign is being made.

Rights and Wrongs of Labor BY W. J. McSWEENEY. Of this book Eugene V. Debs says: "The living principles of Socialism are stated with such clearness that the dullest mind can grasp them; while the sombre facts of industrial slavery are marshalled in startling review.

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The amendment submitted by Local Reno, Nev., published April 27, which provides for nominations being made according to numerical choice, has been endorsed by Locals Sioux City, Iowa, and Sandusky, O.

The monthly reports of the state secretaries are by no means complete regarding membership, meetings held, etc. Failure to report on the part of local secretaries is mainly responsible for this condition.

Local New Castle, Pa., had about forty members the first of the year. At the end of July the membership roll numbered 207 in good standing.

"This is to inform you that at a regular meeting of the state executive committee, S. P. of Washington, held on July 21, 1907, by the act of that committee the charter of Local Seattle was revoked for failure to try Walter Thos. Mills for party treason, as per constitution. Fraternally yours, "RICHARD KRUEGER, State Secretary."

One of the most gratifying and signal victories for free speech and the use of the public streets stands to the credit of Local Philadelphia. Last summer meetings were broken up and the comrades were arrested by the score; at present the party meetings are un-molested, more numerous than ever, and the police perform their proper functions by preserving order.

The police and authorities of San Francisco do not like books. Several years ago the Socialist Party secured an injunction preventing them from interfering with Socialist meetings. Thus restrained so far as free speech is concerned, they have turned their attention to the literature sales at meetings.

John M. Schwartz, a member of the Machinists' Union of Detroit, Mich., and also a member of the Socialist Local, has been exposed as a detective, reporting inside news of the machinists' strike to a detective agency for the benefit of the employers.

State secretaries will assist by filing with the National Office the names and addresses of all Hungarian and Bohemian Local Secretaries or sympathizers.

A new publication, "The Jewish Labor World," will start about Jan. 1. All those interested are requested to write Comrade L. Teiger, 167 Hasting street, Chicago, Ill.

The number of Plate Matter subscribers are on the increase—seventy-nine are now on the list. Many more can be secured. Send for sample page and contracts.

By a recent referendum James F. Carey, 699 Washington street, Boston, Mass., was elected state secretary.

The comrades of Mississippi have nominated a complete state ticket numbering seventeen candidates. The ticket is headed as follows: For United States Senator, Sumner W. Rose, Biloxi; Governor, L. B. McSwain, Hattiesburg; Lieutenant Governor, J. H. Wallace, Lexington; Secretary of State, K. E. Fritz, Lexington; Attorney General, C. Baylis, Estabachie. Comrade Rose, candidate for United States Senator, has issued a challenge to John Sharp Williams, candidate on the Democratic ticket, to debate the merits of the respective party platforms.

Local St. Louis, Mo., issues a warning against one G. E. Morgan, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., and more recently of St. Louis, Mo. Morgan's game is to pretend to start Socialist or labor papers, dispose of stock or secure subscriptions. The St. Louis comrades have carefully searched his record and characterize him as a grafter.

On September 1 and 2 the Jewish Socialist Agitation Bureau will hold its third annual convention in Rochester, N. Y. According to the announcement issued by the bureau, it is an organization composed of various Jewish progressive societies whose members have expressed fidelity to the cause of International Socialism, as enunciated in the platform of the Socialist Party of America.

Interest in the Plate Matter Service of the party should not be allowed to lag. We have seventy-nine subscribers at this time, while our contract with the American Press Association only calls for sixty. Still there is room for more, and more are needed. Now is the time to work up interest in this service. Each and every local should have a press committee, and see to it that they keep after the local papers until our Plate Matter finds a place in their columns.

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The book is dedicated to the Western Federation of Miners, who by its manly struggle for justice, has raised a cry of protest that has been heard around the world. The scene of this story is the mining districts of Colorado during the anarchistic efforts of capitalistic mobs, backed by state officials, to destroy the unions and deport all miners and union sympathizers.

ORGANIZATION FUND

Table with columns for location and amount. Includes entries for Local, Camden, N. J. (\$4.00), Akron, O. (2.00), Sangus, Mass. (1.00), Bridgeport, Conn. (1.00), Lead, S. D. (5.00), Battle Creek, Mich. (2.00), Kings County, N. Y. (2.00), Bucyrus, O. (1.00), Lake Charles, La. (1.50), Laramie, Wyo. (5.00), Randolph, Kans. (2.50), Mystic, Conn. (15.00), Sayre, Pa. (2.25), Dr. L. De Vore, Sioux, Neb. (1.00), Thos. Glennon, Chicopee, Kans. (1.35), Wm. Mutton, Flushing, Mich. (5.00), O. Gudenrath, Shelbyville, Tenn. (2.00), T. Gudenrath, Shelbyville, Tenn. (1.00), 31st Ward Branch, Chicago (2.00), 35th Ward Branch, Chicago (3.00), "Patriot," Knoxville, Tenn. (5.00), A. N. Morton, Istachatta, Fla. (1.00), Local, Erie, Pa. (5.00), Renton, Wash. (2.00), Staunton, Ill. (2.25), Skanokwa, Wash. (4.00), Long Beach, Calif. (2.00), Los Gatos, Calif. (3.00), Waukegan, Ill. (Finnish) (5.00), New Bedford, Mass. (2.00), Robert Bandlow, Cleveland, O. (1.00), Barbara Bandlow, Cleveland, O. (1.00), Local, Washington, D. C. (3.00), Connellsville, Pa. (2.00), Chattanooga, Tenn. (3.00), Steelton, Pa. (5.00), Sydney, Neb. (2.50), Newport, Ky. (5.00), Colon, Panama (23.75), Springfield, O. (60), New York, N. Y. (25.00), Larned, Kans. (6.00), Denver, Colo. (5.10), Henderson, Ky. (.50), Des Moines, Iowa (2.00), Modesto, Calif. (2.00), Beverly, Mass. (2.00), 33d Ward Branch, Chicago (5.85), Local, Staunton, Ill. (5.00), Jackson, Tenn. (6.25), Hallettsville, Texas (1.00), 11th Ward Branch, Chicago (1.00), Local Thief River Falls, Minn. (2.00), 9th Ward Branch (Jew.), Chl., Ill. (3.00), Local, Hoquiam, Wash. (5.00), Yelm, Wash. (1.00), Youngstown, O., (Finnish) (2.50), Stockton, Calif. (7.00), Ferguson, Mo. (8.00), 21st Ward Branch, Chicago, Ill. (5.00), Workmen's S. & D. B. F., Branch 182, Lowell, Mass. (1.00), Local, Dubuque, Iowa (1.00), Oakland, Calif., Branch O. (10.00), Hungarian Branch 1, Chicago, Ill. (5.00), Local, Chandler, Okla. (4.00), Cumberland, Wyo., (Finnish) (6.50), 4th Ward Branch, Allegheny, Pa. (11.25), Finnish Branch 3, Pawtucket, R. I. (7.63), Workmen's S. & D. B. F., Branch 3, Yonkers, N. Y. (10.00), Finnish Branch, Spokane, Wash. (8.00), Finnish Branch, Two Harbors, Minn. (5.00), Local, Mystic, Conn. (11.75), Alta, Iowa (3.00), Winlock, Wash. (2.50), Total \$318.63

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The Socialist Party started the last Presidential campaign with 15,975 members, made some noise, and had 409,230 Socialist votes counted.

The party membership now numbers about 30,000; it can be made 40,000 before the end of the year. If the vote in the next campaign is proportioned, as previously, to the membership, America will take her rightful place in the international procession and STAND A MILLION STRONG.

Are you a member? If not, then do something worth while, join the party and have the President of the United States talking about you in his next speech. Here is an application blank. Below you will find your State Secretary. Do it now; today.

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I, the undersigned, recognizing the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class, and the necessity of the working class constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposite to all parties formed by the propertied classes, hereby declare that I have severed my relations with all other parties; that I endorse the platform and constitution of the SOCIALIST PARTY, and hereby apply for admission to membership in said party.

Name in full..... Street Address..... City or P. O..... State.....

LIST OF STATE SECRETARIES.

Table listing state secretaries by state: Alabama (Thos. Freeman, Fairhope), Arizona (J. G. Kroon, Box 510, Globe), Arkansas (Dan Hogan, Huntington), California (H. C. Tuck, 523 Seventeenth street, Oakland), Colorado (Thos. L. Buie, 1842 Champa street, Denver), Connecticut (Alfred W. Smith, 746 Chapel street, New Haven), Florida (Henry L. Drake, Box 1033, St. Petersburg), Idaho (T. J. Coonrod, Emmett), Illinois (James S. Smith, 163 Randolph street, Chicago), Indiana (S. M. Reynolds, 309 1/2 Ohio street, Terre Haute), Iowa (Edw. J. Rohrer, Nevada), Kansas (A. O. Grigsby, Fifth and Seneca streets, Leavenworth), Kentucky (Frank H. Streine, 327 West Tenth street, Newport), Louisiana (Geo. F. Weller, 1022 Orange street, New Orleans), Maine (W. E. Pelsey, 198 Lisbon street, Lewiston), Maryland (H. C. Lewis, 418 Equitable Building, Baltimore), Massachusetts (James F. Carey, 699 Washington street, Boston), Michigan (G. H. Lockwood, 1018 Eggleston avenue, Kalamazoo), Minnesota (J. E. Nash, 45 South Fourth street, Minneapolis), Missouri (Otto Pauls, 324 Chestnut street, St. Louis), Montana (Jas. D. Graham, Box 908, Helena), Nebraska (J. P. Roe, Room 33, Crouse Block, Omaha), New Hampshire (W. W. Wilkins, Box 521, Claremont), New Jersey (W. B. Killingbeck, 62 Williams street, Orange), New York (John C. Chase, 239 East 84th st., New York, N. Y.), North Dakota (A. M. Brooks, Box 513, Fargo), Ohio (John G. Willert, 3469 West Fifty-fourth st., Cleveland), Oklahoma (Otto F. Branstetter, Norman), Oregon (Thos. A. Sladden, 309 Davis street, Portland), Pennsylvania (Robert B. Ringler, 638 Walnut street, Reading), Rhode Island (Fred Hurst, 1923 Westminster street, Olneyville), South Dakota (M. G. Opsahl, Sioux Falls), Tennessee (J. T. McDill, 616 Blackmore avenue, Nashville), Texas (W. J. Bell, 106 West Erwin street, Tyler), Utah (Jos. MacLachlan, First National Bank Building, Ogden), Vermont (Alexander Ironside, 325 Ayers street, Barre), Washington (Richard Kruger, 2305 1/2 Pacific avenue, Tacoma), West Virginia (Geo. B. Kline, McMechen), Wisconsin (E. H. Thomas, 344 Sixth street, Milwaukee), Wyoming (Wm. L. O'Neill, 704 South Fourth street, Laramie).

Speaking of Presidents, gather in the members, and we comrades will elect one of our very own. Every new party member brings nearer the day of deliverance.

The tools required for the job are a Red Card for yourself and a membership application blank for your friend and fellow worker. Easy, isn't it? Well, that's the way to win.

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RESOLUTIONS BY LOCAL SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

"Whereas, William D. Haywood, having been acquitted of all complicity in the Steunenberg murder, is the hero of the American working class, and whereas, Comrade Haywood is the Socialist Party's logical candidate for President of the United States in 1908, therefore: be it Resolved, That we call upon the National Committee to make all possible effort to engage Comrade Haywood for a speaking tour as soon as he has recovered from the effects of his long imprisonment, and; be it further Resolved, That Local Springfield hereby agrees to engage the services of Comrade Haywood on any satisfactory date during the present year and; be it further Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be promptly forwarded to the National Secretary. Adopted July 30, 1907. "FRANK POLEING, Chairman. "WALTER EICHELBERGER, Recording Secretary."

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The miners' unions of the Paint Creek, W. Va., district, having arranged for a Labor day picnic at Ash Camp, invited a Socialist speaker. The Colliery Company officials, who are also the legal officials of the vicinity, thereupon notified the unions that they could not hold the picnic on company ground (there is no other) unless they canceled the speaker's engagement.