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To the Locals and Members—Socialist Party:

Dear Comrades—Shortly you will receive from your state office individual membership ballots for National Party Referendums "A" and "B"—that is "A" the Platform and "B" the Amendments to the Constitution as adopted by the recent National Convention.

The two referendums are printed on the opposite sides of one large sheet. A full explanation, as to time of voting and return of reports, is printed on one side and refers to both referendums.

Note particularly on referendum "B" that the corresponding sections of the old (present) constitution and the proposed amendments for the new constitution are set side by side in separate columns. In other words, the amendments or new sections will be found in the second and fourth columns only on the ballot. The ballot is arranged to admit of vote for old section or new.

Enclosed is a copy of the old (present) constitution, supplied for comparison and in the hope that it will assist in a thorough understanding of the subject in hand.

THE CAMPAIGN.

In order to start the campaign at an early date and get our force actively to work I am directed to call your attention to a resolution adopted by the National Convention, wherein it is urged that each local at the earliest date possible make their nominations of candidates for political offices and to nominate their full quota.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

The Socialist Campaign for 1908 is now on and with our present organization, its record of accomplishments, and with our tried and true standard bearers, Eugene V. Debs for President and Ben Hanford for Vice-President, history making is in our hands for the next few months.

Well, we started right and at a pace for big things. Do you realize that we faced a liability for delegates mileage to the National Convention of \$7,714.98, and that the organized Socialists just paid that, and in fact raised a total of \$9,389.96 for mileage? Now, that much for a convention, and ten times that sum for the Campaign—Possible? Certainly!

You have been supplied by the state office with uniform campaign subscription lists. The first series expires July 10th. Turn them in on that date and get the funds at work all along the line. Your local and each division of the party gets its proportion of the total, and all will get busy with the same great aim at one and the same time.

This year we are capable of great things and must set a higher standard than ever.

We can and should pit a campaign fund of One Hundred Thousand Dollars contributed by the free will of the working class in nickles and dimes against the millions in the corruption fund of the old political parties. We should and can make every hill and vale and community echo and re-echo responsive to our challenge.

These lists should be circulated systematically, carefully and thoroughly. No possible contributor must be overlooked in the gathering of a war fund, which has for its ultimate object the end of war, and universal peace.

Fraternally yours,

J. MAHLON BARNES,

National Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND, FROM MARCH 1 TO JUNE 30, 1908.

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| H. V. S. Groesbeck, LaCramie, Wyo. | 10.00 |
| K. H. Ladegard, Litchfield, Neb. | .50 |
| E. W. Darling, Papeete, S. S. Islands | 2.00 |
| J. H. Hurt, Gardner, Va. | 1.00 |
| Lester Geer, Aberdeen, S. D. | 1.00 |
| Hy. J. Fritschy, Buffalo, N. Y. | 1.00 |
| J. T. Lester, Jackson, Miss. | 1.00 |
| Hy. E. Allen, Chicago, Ill. | 3.00 |
| Ladies' Mutual Improvement Society of Socialist Party, Great Falls, Mont. | 6.00 |
| A. M. Hanes, Amos, W. Va. | 1.00 |
| Chas. Reichel, Bessemer, N. C. | 1.50 |
| Hy. E. Allen, Chicago, Ill. | 3.00 |
| Local Vallejo, Cal. | 10.00 |
| A. L. Bush, Hyampson, Cal. | .75 |
| Local Vallejo, Cal. | 2.50 |
| H. E. Allen, Chicago, Ill. | 3.50 |
| J. D. Hunt, Jonesville, Mich. | 1.00 |
| J. Kuskinen, Enfield, N. H. | 2.00 |
| Murray S. Schloss, New York | 25.00 |
| P. L. Stanley, Frances, Wash. | 1.00 |
| John Schultz, Fairbury, Neb. | 1.05 |
| J. G. Phelps Stokes, New York | 20.00 |
| W. Blenko, Point Marion, Pa. | 5.00 |
| J. Legler, Hastings, Neb. | .10 |
| C. Kessler, National Military Home, Kansas | 5.00 |
| W. E. Raglan, Plainview, Neb. | 1.00 |
| H. E. Allen, Chicago, Ill. | 2.00 |
| G. Bertelli, Chicago Heights, Ill. | 6.77 |
| I. P. E. W. No. 15, Toledo, O. | 1.00 |
| Norman Summers, Vienna, Va. | .75 |
| Hy. E. Allen, Chicago, Ill. | 3.00 |
| O. P. Rosmore, Saginaw, Mich. | 1.00 |
| J. P. Busch, Hulet, Wyo. | 5.00 |
| M. Dell Arciprete, Windber, Pa. | 10.00 |
| | \$138.42 |
| Previously reported | 214.45 |
| | \$352.87 |

NOTICE.

ADDRESS APPLICATIONS FOR DATES FOR DEBS AND HANFORD TO YOUR STATE SECRETARY.

Eugene V. Debs, candidate for President, will speak in Coalgate, Okla., July 4; Oklahoma City, July 5; Fort Smith, Ark., July 7; Pine Bluff, Ark., July 8; St. Louis, Mo., Saturday, July 11, and in Milwaukee, Wis., Sunday, July 12.

Aside from these assignments the further available dates will be apportioned among the several states and the state committees will determine the cities to be visited. The regular speaking campaign tour of the presidential candidates will begin about Aug. 30 and continue till election day.

COLLECTIONS FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE MILEAGE TO END OF JUNE.

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| Local Honolulu, Hawaii | \$2.50 |
| " Hartford, Conn. | 2.00 |
| " Liberty, Idaho | .90 |
| " Burlington, Iowa | 2.00 |
| " Tivola, Okla. | 1.00 |
| " Los Angeles, Cal. | 5.00 |
| " Denison, Texas | 1.40 |
| Jas Pingitzer, Circle City, Alaska | 1.00 |
| Local Dinuba, Cal. | 2.00 |
| " Philadelphia, Pa. | 5.71 |
| " Salem, Mass. | 2.00 |
| " Vancouver, Wash. | 2.00 |
| " Washington, D. C. | 3.00 |
| New Trier Branch, Cook County, Ill. | 1.90 |
| Norman Summers, Vienna, Ill. | .35 |
| San Diego, Cal. | 6.00 |
| Grand Rapids, Mich. | 1.05 |
| Boston, Mass. | 2.50 |
| Asheville, N. C. | 4.00 |
| Melrose, Idaho | 1.50 |
| Napa, Cal. | 3.35 |
| Bench, Idaho | 2.50 |
| L. H. Thompson, Roll, Okla. | .35 |
| Total to date | \$610.65 |

CALL FOR THE "WOMAN'S COMMITTEE"

Motion No. 1 of the National Woman's Committee is that an appeal for funds be made through the columns of the Party Bulletin and other Socialist publications. Such funds to be used by this committee in publication of leaflets which will appeal to women.

This motion being duly accepted by the National Executive Committee, we hereby request all comrades or locals interested in the extension of Socialist propaganda to the working women of this nation to send donations to our treasurer, Marguerite Prevey, 162 South Main street, Akron, Ohio.

Furthermore, as the success of the proposed work of this committee depends largely upon the understanding and co-operation existing between its members and the women within the rank and file of the Socialist Party, we urge you to write freely to our corresponding secretary.

WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER,
220 1/2 West Main St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

NATIONAL NOTES

The official report of the vote in the state election, held in April in Louisiana, shows 1,247 votes for the Socialist candidates for governor, as against 995 cast in the year 1904.

Successful and largely attended state conventions were held in Utah, May 30, and Arkansas, June 1 and 2.

A Young Men's Progressive Club, composed mostly of young Poles, has been organized by the Milwaukee Socialists. The club is not confined to party members or Socialists. The object is propaganda by means of debates on various subjects of the day.

The state convention of the Socialist Party of the State of New York will be held in New York City July 4 and 5. The basis of representation is by counties, each county being entitled to one delegate at large and one additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction.

In conjunction with the state convention a Socialist Women's State Conference will be held in New York City, July 4 and 5, the representation being two delegates from every local or branch of the Socialist Party. The purpose of this conference will be to outline plans for a more energetic agitation among women.

The authorities of Dayton and Springfield, Ohio, induced by the Manufacturers' Association, have declared war on Socialist street meetings. A number of arrests have been made in each town. In Dayton those arrested were discharged by the presiding judge. However, the city council has passed an ordinance which has for its only purpose the stopping of Socialist agitation and goes into effect this day. The fight at this point is about to be renewed.

In Springfield the authorities have arrested three comrades, breaking up the first meeting. At the second meeting a police sergeant mounted the box and announced that while they intended to stop the street meeting, they had prepared and lighted the City Hall, and that it was at the disposal of the audience, but hall meetings were not the issue and three more comrades were arrested.

By recent referendum James Murray of Concord was elected member of the National Committee and W. H. Wilkins of Claremont, N. H., was re-elected State Secretary.

State convention of Tennessee will be held in the city of Memphis beginning Saturday, July the 4th, and will continue in session July 5.

Comrade Ringler, State Secretary of Pennsylvania, reports expulsion of William Hagaman by Local Philadelphia for participating in capitalistic politics in a recent primary election.

Local secretaries are again requested to supply the National Office with street addresses rather than post office box number. This information is important for speakers.

The committee on style for the platform adopted by the National Committee, and composed of Comrades Victor L. Berger, Algernon Lee and A. M. Simons, reported on June 4. The authoritative publication will not appear until adopted by the party referendum; in the meantime a reprint of the committee's report will be issued. Price, \$1.50 per thousand, post-paid.

TO STATE SECRETARIES: For the purpose of reliable data for the Socialist Campaign Book, you are requested to send to the National Office at your earliest convenience a list of all political candidates who have been elected upon the Socialist Party ticket at any time in the past and including those now serving in any such position. Be sure and include the title of the office and the period of the term.

The state convention of Idaho will be held in the city of Lewiston beginning July 4, at 10 a. m.

IGNACY DASZYNSKI of AUSTRIA-GALICIA will probably visit this country during the months of September and October. Comrade Daszynski speaks both the Polish and German languages fluently, and will be available for meetings in either.

He served for years in the Austrian Parliament and has recently been re-elected to that position.

Austin Boudreau, 95 Meadow street, Pawtucket, R. I., has been elected a member of the National Committee, and Fred Hurst, 1923 Westminster avenue, Providence, R. I., has been elected state secretary.

By recent referendum JESSE SELBY, 312 5th street, South Great Falls, Mont., and C. McHugh, Box 742, Butte, have been elected members of the National Committee.

RADNICKA STRAZA, 115 Fisk street, Chicago, Ill.—The Croatian Socialists have decided that the above named paper, owned by the Croatian Socialist organization, which has hitherto appeared twice a month, will hereafter appear every week. Since the beginning of the movement among the Croatian workmen about four or five months ago, with the assistance of the National Office, much progress has been made, which resulted in the springing up of a strong organization among the Croatian speaking people. In Chicago alone a branch exists at the present time of 80 members, who have since then established its own library, reading room, printing establishment, singing society, etc. Steps have been taken to affiliate themselves with the Socialist Party.

Comrades are requested to bring the existence of this paper to the notice of all Croatian speaking people, and to send for sample copies for free distribution.

Membership individual ballots for national party referendum "A"—the national platform—and referendum "B"—the national constitution—have been shipped in sufficient quantities to state secretaries in organized states, and to locals and members at large in unorganized states. Uniform campaign subscription blanks have been distributed in like manner. Any one not receiving these documents within a reasonable time should notify National Headquarters.

The state convention of West Virginia will be held in the Court House in the city of Parkersburg, July 4, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

The Jewish Labor World, published by the Jewish Publishing Association, will appear on the 18th of July. Subscriptions and all other communications should be addressed to M. Miskind, 167 Hastings street, Chicago, Ill.

Twenty-four national organizers or lecturers are now afield, and they report, without exception, larger meetings and greater enthusiasm than ever before met with in their experience. More locals are being organized in the several states each week than in the period of a month at any previous time.

Comrades representing Rovnost L'Udu, a weekly Slovak paper, published at 863 Loomis street, Chicago, appeared before the National Executive Committee and reported that the second-class mailing rates have been withheld from them for a number of months without explanation, and the life of the publication is threatened by the exorbitant charges for postage exacted as a deposit by the postal authorities in the absence of second-class privileges. The National Executive Committee decided that this statement should be published together with the request that all comrades interested in the spread of the movement among the Slovaks be urged to send contributions and subscriptions to Rovnost L'Udu, 863 Loomis street, Chicago, Ill.

Gratifying reports are being received from Italian comrades in many localities relating to the formation of party locals, and requests for dates for National Organizer Comrade G. Bertelli, who will start on an extended Eastern trip about the middle of July.

FREE SPEECH AND THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLAGE

is being tried out in contests between Socialist locals and the authorities at a number of places, notably Philadelphia, Pa.; Patterson, N. J.; New Castle, Pa.; Johnstown, Pa.; Springfield, Dayton, Conneaut and Kenmore, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind.; Petersburg, Va.; Colorado Springs, Colo., and Los Angeles, Cal., and a number of other places. Local Los Angeles is securing signers to the following pledge:

1. I will seek to address the public on the streets whenever and wherever the free speech committee shall direct, unless incapacitated by illness at the time the call shall come.

2. If arrested because of the exercise of this constitutional right I will

refuse to accept or give bail for my release, and will demand an immediate trial by jury.

3. If convicted of any alleged offense for this action I shall refuse to pay any fine imposed or allow any one to pay it for me.

4. If put on the chain gang I will refuse to work.

5. I recognize the fact that failure in any of these matters to which I pledge myself would be treachery to my comrades, and that I would be deserving of their contempt.

The Wisconsin state convention held in Milwaukee June 13 and 14 was the largest ever held. The capitalist papers criticised it for lack of discipline, but gave it credit for being large and enthusiastic in the extreme. Comrade Harvey Dee Brown was nominated for governor. Notwithstanding the operation of the primary law, the party will have tickets in the field at many points heretofore uncovered.

The state legislature of Oklahoma adopted a primary law on the 28th of May, which was first published on the 12th of June, and provided that petitions containing one-thousand signers had to be filed, by minority parties on June 25th. Comrade Branstetter, State Secretary, reports that they have met the issue, and the petitions for the state and congressional tickets, and for about seventy members of the state legislature, were filed on time.

Comrade A. C. Meyer, of Copenhagen, Denmark, member of the Folketing, which compares to our congress, will visit this country for a lecture tour beginning about August 1st. Comrade Meyer is a machinist by trade and has been an active advocate of unionism and Socialism since 1876. He is considered one of the best orators in the Scandinavian language regardless of party affiliations. He has had a wide experience on the party press and is an author of considerable repute. Has been active in athletic and temperance movements, and two years ago represented the Danish delegation in the Olympian games at Athens. He has been a member of the Folketing since 1895, each time being re-elected with an increased majority. At the late election his vote out-numbered those of the opposing candidate three fold. Applications for dates for Comrade Meyer should be filed with the national office at once.

C. F. Hackenberg, Box 94, Kammerer, Wyo., has been elected state secretary in place of Wm. L. O'Neill, resigned.

By recent referendum Comrade F. M. Prevey, 162 South Main St., Akron, Ohio, was elected a member of the national committee, and John G. Willert, 3469 West 54th St., Cleveland Ohio, was re-elected state secretary.

The State Convention of the Socialist Party of Arizona will be held in the city of Globe, August 1st.

The State Convention of California will be held August 30th at San Francisco.

The State Convention of Florida will be held in the city of Tampa, July 4th.

The State Convention of Georgia will be held in the city of Augusta, Wednesday, July 15th.

The State Convention of Mississippi will be held at Hattiesburg beginning Monday, June 29th.

The State Convention of North Carolina will be held July 6th at Winston-Salem.

The State Convention of Nevada will be held at Sparks, July 4th.

The State Convention of New Mexico will be held at Willard, July 4th.

The official vote of Coos county, Oregon, for election held June 1st, shows a straight vote of 628. Vote in same county in 1904 was 342.

The National Office since last report has granted charters in un-organized states as follows: Allen, N. M., six members; Grantsboro, N. C., ten members; Franklin, Neb., twenty-one members; Hagerman, N. M., eight members; Wahoo, Neb., five members; Buckskin, Nev., seven members; Clifton Forge, Va., five members; Rawhide, Nev., fifteen members; Dodson, N. M., six members; Elkins, N. M., seven members; Covington, Va., five members; Omaha, Neb., (Jewish), thirteen members; Grady, N. M., seven members; Fremont, Neb., thirteen members; Laurel, Neb., eleven members; Wayne, Neb., nine members.

National Committee Motions No. 21 and 22 Submitted

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., June 9, 1908. To the National Committee: Comrades—Herewith is submitted National Committee Referendum No. 12, Motions No. 21 and 22, by Guy E. Miller, national committee member of Colorado:

MOTION NO. 21. "I move that the National Secretary be instructed to prepare a leaflet giving the instances in which the troops, state or federal, have been used against strikers; that so far as possible the politics of the officers in authority calling for and granting the troops shall be given, and further that the National Secretary be instructed to enter into correspondence with the officers of national and international unions to ascertain the cause of strikes in which the troops were used and their effect upon the union."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN SPEAKING ORGANIZATIONS TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Chicago, Ill., May, 1908. To the Delegates of the Convention: Comrades—We are not going to burden you with all the material which came before us for consideration. You have had enough of it these few days. We wish to state, however, that your committee on the Relationship of Foreign Speaking Organizations to our party consider them worthy of our time and labor. We must not forget that they are proletarians, suffering from the rule and oppression of the same master class, you and we who are assembled here suffer. Neither must we forget that they are the victims of the ward heelers and prostitutes who sell themselves to blight the lives of millions of men, women and children by misleading those of the foreigners who have not tasted of the food of the Socialist philosophy.

We have had before us Comrade Fraenckel, Cook county secretary; Comrade Max Kaufman, representing the Jewish Agitation Bureau of the Socialist party, Rochester, N. Y.; Comrade Smith, representing the Lettish Local; Comrade Skala, in behalf of the Bohemians.

A thorough investigation into the affairs of the above named organizations resulted in the unanimous conclusion that our party pay more attention to the foreign speaking organizations.

We therefore recommend that all foreign speaking organizations be recognized as party organizations, provided—

- (1) They are composed of Socialist party members only. (2) Any foreign speaking organization having a national form of organization of its own be recognized only if all the branches composing this organization having been chartered by the national, state or local Socialist party organizations, and pay their dues to the respective Socialist party organizations. (3) No foreign speaking organization asking the Socialist party for recognition shall issue their own particular national, state or local charters. Same to be issued only by the respective organizations of the Socialist party, as the case may require. (4) All foreign speaking organizations affiliated with the Socialist party must and shall conform in every respect with the Socialist party national, state and local constitutions, platforms and resolutions. (5) They should function only as agitation, education and organization bureaus of the Socialist party.

U. SOLOMON, Chairman. LOUIS GOAZIOU, ESTHER NIEMINEN, T. HILTENEN, S. A. KNOPFNAGEL, Sec. of Com.

LETTER OF BRANCH 10, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

262 Beardsley St., Bridgeport, Conn., May 13, 1908. J. Mahlon Barnes:

Dear Comrade—Local Bridgeport, Branch 10, Connecticut, at a regular meeting held on May 12, I was instructed to write to you about Sol Fieldman of New York, about his doings in Bridgeport, and the same be published in the National Bulletin as a warning to the locals throughout the country.

The facts are that he is a man that cannot be depended on, and therefore unreliable. He was to have debated with Prof. Perrine in this city on April 28. He failed to appear, nor would he let us know that he was not coming, and as a result the local is in debt twenty-three dollars and five cents (\$23.05), which they have got to meet when every penny counts on the verge of a campaign.

Fieldman was a member of Local Bridgeport in 1904, and while a member borrowed money of the members on the strength of being a Socialist, and has never repaid them, and therefore he is an undesirable person.

Yours fraternally, (Signed) FRED CEDERHOLM, Organizer.

COMRADE FIELDMAN'S REPLY TO BRANCH 10 AND ALL OTHER COMPLAINTS OF A SIMILAR CHARACTER.

Dear Comrades: I did nothing whatever to do with arranging debates with Prof. Perrine and myself in Bridgeport or any other local in Connecticut.

MOTION NO. 22.

"I move that the National Secretary be instructed to prepare a leaflet on the Tobacco Trust and the 'Night Riders.'"

COMMENT.

"The conflict between the Tobacco Trust is of vital concern to a large number of people and of interest to the whole. Whenever such conflicts arise a leaflet should be prepared, a statement of facts, not a brief. Such leaflets should be of uniform dimensions that those who cared might have them bound—a history of the industrial life of the nation. Comrades possessing information should send same to the National Office."

Vote will close June 30, 1908. Fraternally submitted, J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

To date there has passed not one word of correspondence between any local or comrade in Connecticut and myself on that subject.

Comrade George H. Goebel of New Jersey made the dates there, attended to all correspondence, had charge of all arrangements. If he did not notify Local Bridgeport and other locals he made arrangements with the sudden breach between Prof. Perrin and myself when he broke his agreement, it is not my fault.

There existed a business arrangement between Prof. Perrin and myself as follows: He advanced the money it took to launch a debating tour on Socialism. He assumed all financial risk and guaranteed to make good all losses, if any should occur. I was to receive enough to cover my current expenses in connection with the tour. Under the original investment all losses if any were covered by profits. After which I was to receive one-half of all profits for my part in the debate.

In the beginning we engaged three comrades, members of Local New York; Thomas J. Lewis, to act as advance agent; Fred Harwood, to act as organizer and advertiser; Henry Glover, as secretary-treasurer; they are ready to testify to the truthfulness of the above and other statements contained herein. We soon found that plan too expensive. Prof. Perrin then decided to go on the road himself and rent halls or theaters. I was to follow him and advertise the meetings arranged for. After a few days of such experience, we changed our plans once more and engaged Comrade Goebel, who took full charge of all arrangements to be made.

Meanwhile I attended to arrangements already begun in Baltimore and Washington, D. C. Our terms with those locals were: That tickets be sold by the comrades and at the box office. The locals to receive 25 per cent of the total income and Prof. Perrin to stand losses if any occurred.

There was a heavy loss on both meetings. Prof. Perrin made good in Baltimore and repudiated his agreement in Washington on April 26.

As a result Local Washington has coming \$15.00; Comrade Friedman of Washington, about \$75.00 for printing and distributing tickets and advertising matter. I sold literature and subs. and sent about \$30.00 of it for expenses. Perrin not only refused to pay, but declared that he wanted nothing more to do with the debate, and left me in Washington stranded.

If Perrin did not notify Goebel of what happened in Washington, but showed up in Bridgeport, knowing that I could not be there, for he himself was responsible for my absence, he did so in his eagerness to injure the cause and me, his opponent.

If it can be shown that Perrin did notify Goebel and Goebel failed to acquaint Bridgeport and other locals with the facts, but allowed arrangements to go on, knowing that I would be absent—well, it is up to Comrade Goebel to make an explanation.

Local Philadelphia informed me that they wrote Comrade Goebel concerning the debate which took place there May 2. They received no reply. They wrote me, I fully explained. They promptly sent me expenses and I was on deck in due time. Then the theater was almost filled and the time for beginning the debate arrived. Prof. Perrin demanded that I sign a lying statement setting forth the idea that he never authorized me to contract bills and threatened to leave the city immediately without debating if I refused. I refused—he debated.

I have witnesses to prove, and they are comrades, that he did give me such authority which is self-evident. How could I go on the road to arrange meetings in theaters, advertise them, etc., with barely enough money for traveling expenses, without such authority? As to me being an "undesirable," that has come to be a glorious epithet. Better coin a new one.

As to my reliability in filling speaking dates—always as prompt as the time table. As to money matters, not quite so. For me it is easier to make a speech than to make money.

I do not remember owing many in Bridgeport. I do remember starving there with a family.

It is quite possible that I owe some small amounts. I don't drink nor gamble; if I borrowed money it was to buy bread.

The amounts must have been very small. There are some debts I can't pay now, but send along your names, comrades of Bridgeport, and the amounts due you shall be paid you right now if I have to hook my underwear to do it.

I have spoken in Bridgeport many times since I moved from there. Why did you not speak up like comrades? As for my doings in Bridgeport, they shall always be a source of some pride and great satisfaction to me.

As for Local Bridgeport, why did you not write or grant me a hearing before rushing into print? Are the words of an enemy to the cause sufficient grounds for you to publicly condemn and disgrace a comrade before all his comrades?

As for your warning to locals, I never did and never shall solicit locals for their dates. I hope that no local influenced by the spirit you have shown will solicit my dates.

Hear ye! Hear ye! All ye that are bent on driving me out of the Socialist movement. Ye are defied by me! Ye can't do it!

All the slanderers and character assassins on earth can't do it! My life belongs to Socialism. Socialism is the mainspring of my life. When I cease to be its faithful servant, then I shall cease to live! But the more I have done—crave to do—all my life shall do—will live forever in defiance of such as you. Yours for the sweet spirit of comradeship. SOL FIELDMAN, 5 Sylvan Place, New York City.

FINANCIAL REPORT

National Secretary's Financial Report for Month of June, 1908

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., June 30, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

National dues from State Committees:

Table listing state committees and their dues: Alabama \$10.50, Arizona 6.25, Arkansas 25.00, California \$215.00, Colorado 52.00, Connecticut 30.00, Florida 9.00, Idaho 43.00, Illinois 138.00, Indiana 51.00, Iowa 25.00, Kansas 50.00, Kentucky 10.00, Louisiana 10.00, Maine 1.00, Maryland 5.00, Massachusetts 77.45, Michigan 51.15, Minnesota 76.70, Missouri 90.00, Montana 4.40, New Hampshire 11.10, New Jersey 100.00, New York 150.00, North Dakota 13.10, Ohio 102.90, Oregon 40.00, Pennsylvania 82.75, Rhode Island 10.00, South Dakota 8.00, Tennessee 6.00, Texas 49.60, Vermont 5.75, Washington 60.20, West Virginia 12.00, Wisconsin 73.00, Wyoming 35.70.

Unorganized States, \$1,739.65

Table listing unorganized states and their dues: Georgia \$6.00, Mississippi 2.00, Nebraska 20.60, Nevada 37.50, New Mexico 41.10, North Carolina 4.00, South Carolina 1.20, Virginia 8.60, Members at large 3.00.

Total for dues \$1,863.65

Table listing supplies and expenses: Supplies 127.50, Literature 54.19, Buttons 97.18, Campaign fund 20.75, Delegate fund 38.21, Special assessment stamps 142.50, Daily Socialist sub. cards 4.00, W. F. Miners' defense fund 184.23, Postage 42.

Expenditures, \$2,532.63

Table listing exchange and other expenses: Exchange \$3.70, General expense 20.72, Express and freight 146.36, Postage 195.80, Telegrams and telephone 48.35.

Wages.

Table listing wages for staff: J. Mahlon Barnes \$125.00, W. H. Rihl 80.00, F. H. Slick 72.00, C. J. Wright 72.00, J. C. Chase 72.00, H. E. Allen 30.00, M. Flaherty 52.00, J. A. Gavin 42.00.

TO THE STATE SECRETARIES.

Chicago, Ill., June 9, 1908.

Dear Comrades: Referring to the action taken by the National Executive Committee in session December last, upon the subject of routing speakers, the following is quoted:

MOTION. "That applications for speakers be solicited from every local of the party for dates at regular intervals of one, two and four weeks. That a transcript of the applications received shall be supplied to the State Secretaries, the same to be a basis upon which the national and state organizations may co-operate for organization and campaign purposes."

"On April 2 I addressed you a letter of inquiry as to the feasibility of the proposition, and the further plan of placing speakers every third date at the disposal of the State Committee. Only twelve state secretaries replied, ten endorsing the plan and two in opposition. This proposition was again considered by a conference of the state secretaries attending the national convention, and by the National Executive Committee in session May 18. The following action was taken by the National Executive Committee:

MOTION. "That the State Committee in organized states under any plan can have full control of the national speakers while in their state, if they so desire." A transcript of the applications on file, received to June 6, from your state is herewith inclosed. A speaker for a flat rate of \$5.00, and advertising matter free are the terms in each instance.

The proposition of dividing the assignments of the state secretaries, by the conference of state secretaries, and is, therefore, abandoned.

As to your wishes on the last motion, it is of the utmost importance that I be advised at the earliest possible moment. Until this information is at hand, you will understand, no further assignments of speakers can be made from this office.

Kindly fill out and return the inclosed blank in order that all campaign plans may be so adjusted as to bring into play the greatest measure of intelligent co-operation.

Fraternally yours, (Signed) J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

Date.....

National Secretary: Comrade—Received transcript of speakers' applications, and we reply to the questions submitted as follows: 1. Will the State Committee cover applications with state speakers only? Yes..... No.....

2. Does the State Committee desire to direct national speakers upon said applications? Yes..... No.....

3. Does the State Committee desire national speakers assigned under their direction for definite periods regardless of applications? Yes..... No.....

4. May the National Office supply speakers direct upon the applications, providing about four weeks' advance notice of assignment is given to State Committee? Yes..... No.....

Table listing receipts from individuals: A. M. Boguess 48.00, M. Hudson 51.00, D. Fleming 72.00, L. Gurney 52.00, B. Yourex 42.00, M. Schupp 24.00.

Printing Bulletin \$121.00

Table listing printing and office expenses: Printing literature and supplies 416.25, Office safe 100.00, Office equipment 172.51, Rent, June 100.00, Delegate mileage 72.50, Moving safe 30.00, Literature 126.12.

Speakers.

Table listing speaker fees: J. H. Brower \$30.00, J. W. Brown 90.00, T. L. Buie 50.00, H. H. Caldwell 145.00, John Collins 10.00, A. W. Drew 25.00, J. L. Fitts 25.00, L. Goaziou 6.00, G. H. Goebel 50.00, W. R. Gaylord 20.00, Ben Hanford 120.00, J. S. Ingalls 30.00, W. B. Killingbeck 30.00, Lena M. Lewis 25.00, W. H. McFall 25.00, J. H. Maurer 7.92, R. A. Maynard 30.00, Guy E. Miller 50.00, J. Molek 15.00, C. H. Pierce 30.00, M. Prevey 27.75, C. H. Taylor 50.00, Dan A. White 50.00, John M. Work 60.73.

National Executive Committee Meeting, \$1,002.40

Victor L. Berger \$11.90

Table listing other individuals: A. H. Floaten 80.70, A. M. Simons 6.00, C. D. Thompson 16.90, John M. Work 24.00.

Total \$139.50

Table listing other expenses: Lighting 5.04, Insurance 10.25, Electros 50.00, G. P. buttons 93.75, Press clippings 9.35, Stationery 24.09, Carbon paper 8.00, Plate matter 3.59, Books for locals 59.50, Photographs 10.00, Addressing machine supplies 14.35, Reporting convention proceedings on account 200.00, W. F. Miners' defense fund 184.23.

Total expenditures \$4,201.36

Summary.

Balance on hand July 1, \$2,207.71

Receipts for month 2,532.63

Expenditures for month 4,201.36

Balance on hand July 1, 1908 \$538.98

Fraternally submitted, J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

Chicago, Ill., June 17, 1908.

TO THE STATE SECRETARIES.

Dear Comrades:

In connection with the gathering of campaign funds, you are aware of the plan for uniform subscription lists. The funds to be divided 50 per cent to locals, 30 per cent to State Committees, and 20 per cent to the National Organization.

Originating as a National Committee motion, the proposition has been approved and indorsed by the National Executive Committee, and the national convention.

In order that each division of the party may secure funds at as early a date as possible, and in time to properly plan the campaign work, numbered subscription lists are issued in series lettered "A," "B," etc.

Series "A" (not a sample) is not to be used after July 10. The succeeding series each in their order will cover a specific period of time. Each series will be numbered alike, beginning with number "one," and like numbers of each locals or collectors, thus simplifying the record. As, for instance, Local Smithville receives five lists of series "A," numbered 15 to 20, and later receives the corresponding numbers of series "B" and succeeding series.

The lists contain few spaces for names advisedly. The purpose is to have them handled and returned rapidly, while the collector and the subscriber are both informed of the date of the expiration of the list. It is unnecessary for a collector to hold a list more than fifteen days. He can return one and secure and circulate another while the funds gathered on the first is being used for the purpose intended.

Report forms are provided for locals to enable them, at the close of each series, to make returns to the State Secretary. Also blanks for State Secretaries to report in like manner to the National Office.

Under separate cover these forms, together with subscription lists, have been shipped to you. The number of lists are pro-rated according to the list of locals of your state filed in this office.

Subscription lists series "B," which should become active July 1, will be shipped on Saturday June 27. If you desire more lists of series "B" than you received of series "A," kindly advise me in time.

Hoping that by hearty co-operation all along the line a fund proportioned to the present needs and opportunities of the party will be secured, I am

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Fraternally yours, J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

Helena, Mont., May 25, 1908.

Dear Comrade: Apropos of the letter by Comrade Ira Culp in the April Bulletin, I wish to have you bring before the National Committee the inclosed letter from Comrade McDowell of Billings.

Fraternally yours, J. F. MABIE, A NATIONAL BOARD OF INDUSTRY.

For many years previous to 1870 the statesmen of Germany realized that a war with France was inevitable, and to make sure of success for their country a "board of strategy" was formed to plan every detail of this struggle beforehand. So well done was the work of the board that within six weeks from the declaration of war, France was completely whipped. Since that time, practically every country of any importance has adopted the same plan for the administration of their military affairs.

Our own country has had such a board for several years, planning the work of destruction and death. In the name of common sense, isn't what we need now a board that will plan the work of construction and life? A board of industry that will plan and execute a just and equitable system of production and distribution will do away with the necessity of a "board of strategy."

Every one who keeps up with the current literature of the day knows full well that the vast majority of the people are looking and hoping for some way out of our present affairs. Most of these people, while they have not had experience enough to understand our philosophy, want exactly the same thing that we want, and will join us the minute they can see that we propose to do something definite that will upbuild society.

The size of the task we have set ourselves to, and our ever-increasing numbers makes it necessary for us to bestir ourselves in planning DEFINITELY our every move, so that each one will count the most possible in bringing about a better society tomorrow.

To this end I suggest the adoption of a "board of industry" plank by our national convention, something similar to the following: We advocate the appointing of a "national board of industry."

To plan for and aid in the further development and centralization of our industries; and Second—To plan for and aid in the EXTENSION OF THE OWNERSHIP OF these industries TO THE WHOLE PEOPLE in the speediest and most practical way.

GEO. E. M'DOWELL.

LETTER OF GUY WILLIAMS, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., June 1, 1908.

Dear Comrade-Barnes: For some time I have been thinking of a method of making our membership more constant and permanent, and think the Bulletin is the best way of bringing it to the attention of the members. We are constantly getting new members and losing others. When I was attending the convention, a Chicago comrade told me that in the last five years Local Cook County had taken in somewhere between six and ten thousand new members, yet there is less than one thousand to show for it today. What a force of speakers Chicago could keep going if they had ten thousand dues-paying members now.

The greatest problem before the party is not how to GET members, it is "How shall we KEEP our members."

In most of our locals the membership is in arrears all the time. It requires enormous effort to visit them and get their dues; in fact, it is impossible. Now, can we not devise some plan of inducing our members to attend meetings, pay their dues and keep in good standing? American workingmen are so used to letting their masters take care of their politics that it is difficult to make them fully realize the necessity of maintaining a political organization both in campaign season and out. So we see thousands become inactive after each campaign, while only the most vigilant and those almost fanatical in their persistence remain.

We make prodigious sacrifices of time and effort to get them into the party, then too often we trust to luck to hold them.

In some countries the co-operative movement is so allied with the party that those who might become somewhat indifferent to the party politically at times, have their interest maintained by this economic means. But the trustification of industry in America is too far advanced for any great success to attend similar efforts in this country.

Some kind of fraternal insurance would, however, be within our reach, and induce many to keep in good standing on account of the insurance during these lulls between campaigns. The "campaign Socialists" would become regular members and contribute to the funds even if they did not work regularly. At the end of every campaign our party practically goes to pieces.

Then, too, capitalism keeps millions of us frequently moving. When a member moves he often neglects to move his militant Socialism along with his furniture. He may neglect to transfer his membership to the new ward and get in touch with the comrades there, but he does not fail to transfer his membership in his lodge; there he makes new friends; the party is first neglected, then forgotten until next election. His lodge has become the center of his social life. I believe we can combine the insurance and social features with the political, so that comrades will first seek out the party when they move. One labor union has a mutual aid fund, to which only good standing members are eligible. The dues are 60 cents per year, assessments (50 cents on \$500, \$1.00 on \$1,000 protection) are levied when death makes necessary. Benefits are not paid unless the member was also in good standing in the union. The officers tell me that the danger of losing the insurance makes members more careful to keep their union dues paid up, while others are induced to join and become loyal unionists through it. About 80 per cent have advantage of this and the result is seen in fewer desertions than before. The 80 per cent of members give the officers less work in collection of their dues than do the 20 per cent who are not in the mutual aid association.

Now, I believe something of this kind will give results which will make the Socialist Party a better drilled party, a larger party, a political force, and remember FORCE is pronounced with tightly pressed lips, in this case.

The Social Democratic Party of Germany has 500,000 (half million) dues-paying members. When we learn how to KEEP those who join in the ranks, we will soon rival the German party. We have many Socialists, but few are at work in the party.

Let us get them in, but above all let us do something to keep those who come to us.

RESOLUTIONS OF LOCAL MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA.

The proposition of Guy Williams, National-Committee Member of Minnesota, as set forth in weekly bulletin in regard to some insurance or other scheme to keep members after getting them has been unanimously indorsed by our local, and I am instructed to inform you of that fact. We desire you to make this as public as possible, so as to encourage movement to the end Comrade Williams proposes.

All members of Local Moundsville, W. Va., are ready for some insurance that is reliable.

W. B. CULLUM, Secretary.

Minutes of the National Executive Committee, Socialist Party, Session June 11-12, '08

National Headquarters Socialist Party, 180 Washington St., Chicago, Ill., June 11, 1908.

Meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 10:50. Hillquit, Berger and Thompson absent.

Comrade Work was nominated and elected Chairman, and Comrade M. H. Hudson elected Secretary.

The National Secretary reports on state organizations, taking each state in turn and describing the general conditions. The report was interspersed by general discussion in special cases.

The report of the National Secretary on the unorganized states showed progress being made in each. Prospects are good for state organizations in the near future in North Carolina, Nevada and New Mexico. Electoral tickets assured in each state with the possible exception of Mississippi, where an obnoxious primary law might prevent. However, hopes are entertained of successfully combating this law.

The financial report for the month of May, an itemized report of the delegate mileage and the two auditing committee reports of recent date were brought to the attention of the committee. The daily liabilities for speakers now employed is about \$64.00.

Unpaid bills June 10th were reported as follows:

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| Globe Engraving Co. | \$106.18 |
| A. B. Conklin & Co. | 13.00 |
| Chicago Telephone Co. | 21.42 |
| Industrial Workers of the World | 192.00 |
| Consolidated Press Clipping Co. | 9.35 |
| Kerwin Printing Co. | 11.20 |
| The Chas. S. Purdy Co. | 78.75 |
| Chas. H. Kerr & Co. | 158.12 |
| P. F. Pettibone & Co. | 24.09 |
| Lander & Elwell | 18.00 |
| Library Bureau | 40.01 |
| John M. Work, organizer account | 160.73 |
| Miscellaneous | 21.74 |
| Total | 856.59 |
| Cash on hand June 10, 1908. | \$1,863.51 |
| Liabilities | 856.59 |

Balance \$1,006.92
At 12 o'clock noon adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JUNE 10.
Meeting called to order by National Secretary Barnes. Comrade Stokes nominated and elected Chairman.

The following letter from Comrade Hillquit was received and ordered spread upon the minutes:

New York, June 8, 1908.
To the Members of the National Executive Committee:

Dear Comrades—I very much regret my inability to attend this session of our committee. I expect to be able to attend all future meetings of the committee during the campaign.

I wish to make the following suggestion in reference to the coming campaign:

That the National Executive Committee publish three booklets for use in the campaign: One addressed particularly to the labor organizations, and dealing with the recent Supreme Court decisions, the hostile attitude of Congress, the futility of the stand taken by the A. F. of L. officers in the face of these facts, etc.; the other dealing with the extent and causes of unemployment and the proposed remedies, and the third being a general exposition of the Socialist philosophy and program.

All three booklets should be written in popular style, and should be brief and to the point. It seems to me that we can make better propaganda for Socialism and achieve better results in the campaign by a systematic and extensive distribution of literature of that kind than we can by our ordinary methods of street meetings and leaflets, and the results would be much more substantial and lasting. Fraternal yours,
MORRIS HILLQUIT.

On organization and agitation the National Secretary reports that some months ago question blanks were sent out to one hundred and twenty-seven prospective speakers asking what length of time they could devote to the work. Of the number addressed thirty-eight failed to reply. Eighty-nine replied, seventeen saying they would be available for a short time only, and seventy-two saying they would be available through the campaign. There is now available from about July 15 until the close of the campaign a total of about one hundred speakers. Instructions are given to the organizer as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO NATIONAL ORGANIZERS.

Organizers working under the direction of the National Headquarters of the Socialist Party are expected to:

1. Show the necessity of a compact National Organization working throughout the organized states.
2. Emphasize and explain the dues paying system and circulate liberally the pamphlet, "Why Socialists Pay Dues."
3. Show members of new locals the way to transact business, and the importance of starting out right.
4. Give new locals organized a dues card for each member, and not under twenty-five cards in all and fifty application cards. These supplies are free to new locals. All orders thereafter must be paid for.

5. Advertise and secure subscriptions for the party press, and sell only recognized standard Socialist literature.

6. Be sure that the material for new locals is fit for membership.

7. Get comrades in each place visited to report to the National Office the result of your work.

8. Show the necessity for avoiding alliances or fusion, direct or indirect, through individuals, locals or states, with any other political organization.

9. Avoid mixing up in party differences in any locality or state, and refrain from becoming identified with or protecting any side of any question in dispute between party members. Always observe the constitution and laws of the state and local where you may be at any time.

10. Keep the National Secretary posted upon dates ahead, and whereabouts if made without his knowledge, so that you can be reached at any time if necessary.

11. ANSWER ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE PROMPTLY. This is important.

12. Take and send the names of Socialists and sympathizers in places where you do not organize to the National Office.

13. Never get out of organizing material. This office will keep you furnished with it. Always give notice ahead when you will need a fresh supply.

14. Always give comrades notice ahead of your coming so that plenty of time can be had to prepare for you.

15. Remember that you are out to organize, and this means to encourage old workers as well as get new ones into the party. Try and never leave a place without having the comrades feel the better for your visit.

16. You are not to participate in any differences that may arise in the economic organizations of the working class, but strictly adhere to the advocacy of Socialism in conformity with the platform and resolutions of the party adopted at Chicago in May, 1904.

Be patient, courteous and enthusiastic and you will succeed.

The speakers now afield and the territory now being covered was reported upon. Applications from locals for speakers during the campaign were solicited with the following results: 240 locals have filed applications for speakers at intervals of one, two and four weeks. The number of meetings involved in these applications aggregate 1,464, the terms, according to the contracts, in each instance being a flat rate of \$5.00.

The pioneer organizers are an experiment. Their work is far from self-sustaining and up to the present rather expensive. However, sufficient time has not elapsed since the inauguration of the system to pass judgment upon its merits. The pioneer organizers now afield are Thomas L. Buie, Howard H. Caldwell, Asa Warren Drew, J. L. Fitts, Clarence H. Taylor and James Williams. J. S. Ingalls and Clinton H. Pierce will commence work July 6. The general plan is disclosed in the letter of instructions, as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO PIONEER ORGANIZERS.

Agitation—

As a pioneer organizer you will be assigned to unorganized towns, where, in many cases, we do not even have a correspondent. You are to lay hold. Two days will be allotted to each town; upon entering which you will at once secure location at which to speak and then proceed to advertise your meetings after first securing, if possible, a permit from the mayor or chief of police. Be clean, be temperate, be a gentleman, in order that you may leave behind you a lot of Socialism and a good reputation. Get next to the labor organizations and their leaders; invite to your meetings the city authorities, the preachers, the W. C. T. U., the Citizens' Alliance, friends and opponents alike. In fact, go before all the organizations and institutions possible as an advertising medium for your meetings. This will stir up a socialist commotion and leave the question a live issue when you go away.

Correspondents—

One of the main features of your work will be to collect names of Socialists and sympathizers that will act as correspondents for arranging future meetings, distributing literature, etc., etc. Certainly organize a local if you can, but do not force an organization built only upon enthusiasm.

Finance—

The ability of the National Office to keep any considerable number of pioneer organizers on the road will depend upon the organizers' ability to raise money.

Literature—

Be a book agent. Sales of literature must be made a leading feature, as by this method you not only raise funds, but have left silent agitators to continue your arguments after you have gone.

Collections—

The art of getting large collections is among the successful propagandists' greatest accomplishments.

Reports—

Write a pointed weekly report to the State Secretary. The National

Office must be in receipt of complete reports, as per blanks furnished, at the end of each and every week.

THIS IS IMPORTANT AND MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

Be a Stayer—

You can expect opposition, but being a Socialist you will, of course, be forearmed. Insist upon your constitutional rights; and always remember that the local comrades will look upon you as a leader making tracks in which they are to follow.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

So far as the handling of books is concerned, as previously reported, we cannot meet the terms of publishers who advertise and sell their own books. The comparative receipts ending May, 1907, were \$228.98, and 1908, \$311.12. The activity in this department for months to come will be on campaign literature in particular. Regarding campaign leaflets: Some time ago I addressed all locals inclosing application blanks for literature to be distributed at six different periods, commencing August 15. Contracts are now on file for shipments as follows:

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| August 15 | 165,200 |
| September 1 | 140,700 |
| September 15 | 158,450 |
| October 1 | 141,700 |
| October 15 | 160,450 |
| November 1 | 95,150 |
| Total | 861,650 |

It is also expected that the pioneer organizers will bring up the sales considerably. They are handling five, ten and twenty-five cent books, the stock of which was received on favorable terms.

The National Secretary reported the following subjects at hand for the consideration of the committee under the head of

MISCELLANEOUS.

Letter from the State Secretary of Kentucky reference conditions in that state and asking assistance.

Letter from the State Secretary of Florida reference accumulated dues stamps.

Letter from the State Secretary of Minnesota relating to Section 2 of Article 2.

Letter from Robert Hunter reference possible visit of Keir Hardie to this country.

Letters from Dayton and Springfield, Ohio, reference free speech.

Letter from O. C. Wilson, Muscatine, Iowa, reference the issuance of a panic leaflet.

Letter from Harvey, Ill., reference campaign leaflet.

Letters from C. E. Wharton, Kenton, Ohio, and V. W. Merritt, Marysville, Ohio.

Letter from Comrade McMahon of Chicago reference the publication "The Harp."

Letter from the State Secretary of Minnesota reference financial burdens imposed by the primary law.

Resolutions from the 21st Ward Branch, Chicago, relating to the necessity of action to protect the right of free speech.

Letter from Comrade Porter reference conditions in Nebraska.

Voted to grant the floor to F. Klábik to speak upon the matter of the publication, Rovnost L'Udu, and in behalf of the Slovak comrades.

Comrade Klábik says: "I come in behalf of the Slovak comrades. When we started this publication we started it as a weekly. It is a monthly now. The change was made about four months ago. We are now where we can do no more. We have got about six or seven hundred dollars that we are in debt to on this paper. We put up all the money we could, but now this for the debt must be paid. We ask that you give us some help. We can do no more. If we don't get help we will have to give it up. This is the only paper in the Slovak language. We made application to get second-class mailing privileges about three months ago. We have about fifteen hundred circulation and eleven hundred subscribers. If we can get second-class privileges, we don't need much. If we don't get second-class, it will be hard. We have seven weekly papers and one daily against us. We have a branch in Chicago and have had it for about four years. Since the paper was started we have organized a branch in Cleveland and one in Canton, Ohio. If we had a man we could send out as organizer we could make it all right, but we have no one. I am the only man who could go, but if I go there will be no one to edit the paper."

MOTION, That the National Secretary be instructed to insert in the Bulletin a short statement of the needs of this paper, and to urge that those who are interested send contributions and subscriptions. Adopted.

The report of the sub-committee was read as follows:

Chicago, Ill., May 27, 1908.

A sub-committee of the National Executive Committee, composed of Victor L. Berger, A. M. Simons and Carl D. Thompson, met with Eugene V. Debs and National Secretary Barnes at 8 p. m. at National Headquarters to confer upon the general outline of the campaign in keeping with the action of the National Executive Committee May 18.

It was agreed that the session should be informal in character and such action as was taken should be in the nature of recommendations to the National Executive Committee.

The subject first considered was the time of starting the speaking campaign. The following outline was drawn. Both candidates to begin at Chicago:

Sunday, Aug. 30—Chicago, Ill.
Monday, Aug. 31—Indianapolis, Ind.

Tuesday, Sept. 1—Terre Haute, Ind.
Wednesday, Sept. 2—Davenport, Ia.
Thursday, Sept. 3—Des Moines, Ia., or Ottumwa.

Friday, Sept. 4—En route.
Saturday, Sept. 5—Kansas City, Kan.

Sunday, Sept. 6—Kansas City, Mo.
Monday, Sept. 7—St. Louis, Mo.
Tuesday, Sept. 8—Colorado.

Wednesday, Sept. 9—Colorado.
Thursday, Sept. 10—Utah.

Enter California southern route.
Friday, Sept. 11—California.
Saturday, Sept. 12—California.

Sunday, Sept. 13—California.
Monday, Sept. 14—California.
Tuesday, Sept. 15—En route

Wednesday, Sept. 16—Portland, Ore.

Thursday, Sept. 17—Seattle, Wash.
Friday, Sept. 18—Spokane, Wash.
Saturday, Sept. 19—Butte, Mont.

Sunday, Sept. 20—En route.
Monday, Sept. 21—Deadwood, S. D.
Tuesday, Sept. 22—En route.

Wednesday, Sept. 23—Minneapolis, Minn.

Thursday, Sept. 24—Duluth, Minn.
Friday, Sept. 25—Hancock, Mich.
Saturday, Sept. 26—En route.

Sunday, Sept. 27—Detroit, Mich.
Monday, Sept. 28—Toledo, Ohio.
Tuesday, Sept. 29—Cleveland, Ohio.

Wednesday, Sept. 30—Erie, Pa.
Thursday, Oct. 1—Buffalo, N. Y.
Friday, Oct. 2—Rochester, N. Y.

Saturday, Oct. 3—Syracuse, N. Y.
Sunday, Oct. 4—New York City.
Monday, Oct. 5—Hartford, Conn.

Tuesday, Oct. 6—New Haven, Conn.
Wednesday, Oct. 7—Providence, R. I.

Thursday, Oct. 8—Boston, Mass.
Friday, Oct. 9—Massachusetts.

Saturday, Oct. 10—Massachusetts.
Sunday, Oct. 11—New Hampshire.
Monday, Oct. 12—Brooklyn, N. Y.

Tuesday, Oct. 13—Newark, N. J.
Wednesday, Oct. 14—New Jersey.
Thursday, Oct. 15—Philadelphia, Pa.

Friday, Oct. 16—Baltimore, Md.
Saturday, Oct. 17—Scranton, Wilkesbarre or Hazelton, Pa.

Sunday, Oct. 18—Wheeling, W. Va.
Monday, Oct. 19—Cincinnati, Ohio.
Tuesday, Oct. 20—Louisville, Ky.

Wednesday, Oct. 21—Illinois.
Thursday, Oct. 22—Illinois.
Friday, Oct. 23—Wisconsin.

Saturday, Oct. 24—Wisconsin.
Sunday, Oct. 25—Wisconsin.
Monday, Oct. 26—Illinois.

Tuesday, Oct. 27—Illinois.

The above is understood to be tentative only, and the number of dates is to be assigned to the states without regard to the cities mentioned; the State Committee to have the privilege of deciding upon the same.

The methods of raising campaign funds were considered, and aside from the uniform campaign subscription lists already authorized, it was considered advisable to ask as terms for dates for the presidential candidates the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars and half of the net proceeds of the meetings held.

Also a general call for contributions for the campaign fund is to be issued, and it is recommended that party papers that will keep the call standing and publish contributions received by them may retain one-half of the proceeds.

A request was received from Milwaukee for a date for Comrade Debs on Sunday, July 12. The same was assigned.

A request was received from St. Louis for a date for Comrade Hanford for July 11 or 12. It was suggested that Comrade Debs might fill this assignment in connection with the Milwaukee trip if the 11th is acceptable to St. Louis. However, action was deferred upon this subject until the full meeting of the committee.

The claims of Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona were presented by the National Secretary and it was agreed that this territory should be covered by the concurrent action of the respective State Secretaries, Comrade Debs and the National Secretary prior to the starting of the regular tour.

(Signed) J. MAHLON BARNES,
For Sub-Committee.

MOTION, that the rate asked for each assignment for Debs and Hanford be twenty-five dollars and one-half the net proceeds of the meeting. Adopted.

MOTION, that a general call for contributions for campaign purposes be issued. Adopted.

MOTION, that Socialist papers that will keep the call standing and publish contributions received by them may retain one-half of the amount thus collected and acknowledged, on the condition that it be stated in the paper with each call for funds that the paper received one-half. Adopted.

MOTION, that dates for Comrade Debs as requested, St. Louis, Mo., July 11, and Milwaukee, Wis., July 12, be assigned. Adopted.

A request from N. J. Lindskoog, Secretary of the Independent Order of Vikings, for a date for Comrade Debs on June 28, also letter from the United Scandinavian Socialist Socie-

ties of Chicago, asking for an assignment upon the same date, were received. The assignments could not be made, owing to previous arrangements made by Comrade Debs, which will occupy his entire time during June.

Applications for dates for Comrade Debs from the following were received and filed: Liberal, Mo.; Denver, Colo.; Queens County, New York, and Eldon, Mo.

Comrade John Petrich was granted the privilege of the floor to speak in behalf of the Slovenian comrades. He stated that they wanted to send a speaker to Minnesota and Kansas for two months, but that they could not support him, and asked that the National Office give them financial assistance to perform regular organization work in the Slovenian language. There is about 750,000 of their nationality, mostly in Michigan and Minnesota. They have thirteen clubs now organized. Comrade Molek was suggested as organizer. He is editor of "Proletarec."

At 6:00 p. m. adjourned until 8:00 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION, JUNE 11.

Meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes. Comrade Thompson was nominated and elected Chairman.

The question of the appeal made by Comrade John Petrich was taken up.

MOTION, that Comrade John Molek, as Slovenian Organizer, be given assistance to the extent of one dollar a day for a period of two months. Adopted.

The sub-committee's report on suggested dates for Comrade Debs was taken up.

MOTION, that the report of the sub-committee be adopted subject to such corrections as may seem necessary. Adopted.

In connection with the sub-committee's report, dates for Comrade Hanford were mentioned and laid over for future consideration. The National Secretary reported that he had placed Comrade Hanford on the pay roll, and that Comrade Hanford has undertaken the writing of a number of leaflets and weekly press letters.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be instructed to continue paying Comrade Hanford five dollars a day. Adopted.

Letter from the State Secretary of Kentucky was read. National Secretary reported the assignment of Comrade Miller to Kentucky for a period of twelve days at the expense of the National Office, and under the direction of the State Secretary, with a view to receiving a report of local conditions.

MOTION, that the assignment of Comrade Miller for twelve dates for Kentucky be indorsed. Adopted.

Letters were read from the State Committee of Florida requesting assistance, and one from the State Secretary of Florida requesting information as to how to handle stamps that have been sold and not distributed.

MOTION, that a dollar a day be appropriated to Florida to assist in maintaining a state organization for a period of sixty days. Adopted.

MOTION, by Berger, that the National Secretary instruct the State Secretary how the dues stamps are to be used; first, that every member to receive a dues stamp when he pays his monthly dues, and second, that the dues stamp be canceled right then and there, and that when members pay for stamps which for any reason should be destroyed, as otherwise the State and National Organizations will not receive their proper proportion of the dues. Adopted.

MOTION, by Floaten, that the National Secretary instruct the State Secretary of Florida that any dues stamps that may have come into his hands from the locals, that have not been used, that he does not owe the National Organization for them, and that for him to dispose of them the same as other stamps he has in hand.

Comrade Stokes raised a point of order. The chair ruled the point well taken. Comrade Floaten appealed from the decision of the chair. The ruling of the chair, in declaring the motion out of order, was sustained.

The letter from the State Secretary of Minnesota relating to Section 2 of Article 2 was again read.

MOTION, that the National Secretary answer the Secretary of Minnesota that charters should not be granted where any applicant for the charter holds any office which is forbidden in the National Party Constitution to hold, and this includes postmasters. Adopted.

Letter from Comrade Hunter read.

MOTION, that one question be taken at a time and in order. Adopted.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be instructed to negotiate with Keir Hardie for as much time as he can give for the campaign. Adopted.
At 10 p. m. adjourned to meet at 10 a. m. June 12.

MORNING SESSION, JUNE 12.

Meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by National Secretary Barnes. Comrade Floaten elected Chairman.

Letters were read from Dayton and Springfield, Ohio, reporting success

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thus far attained in the free speech fight with the authorities.

MOTION, that whenever the authorities of any town interfere with the right of free speech the Secretary be instructed to deluge that town with Socialist literature. Adopted.

MOTION, that it be suggested to the National Secretary that he embody in his next circular letter addressed to the locals the suggestions made regarding the distribution of literature. Adopted.

Letter was read from O. S. Wilson of Muscatine, Iowa, on panic leaflet. The National Secretary called attention to the action taken by the convention on this subject.

MOTION, that Comrade Berger be asked to prepare for publication a leaflet setting forth the most conspicuous causes of the industrial crisis, and that the National Secretary be instructed to issue the same. Adopted.

Letters reference the Congressional campaign in the Eighth Ohio District from Comrades C. E. Wharton, Kenton, Ohio, and V. W. Merritt, Marysville, Ohio, were read.

MOTION, that it be the sense of the National Executive Committee that some special attention be given to those Congressional districts which seem to be most promising of success. Adopted.

Letter from the editor of "The Harp" to Comrade McMahon was read and placed on file.

Letter from the State Secretary of Minnesota reference primary law was again taken up.

MOTION, that this matter be laid over until afternoon, and that Comrade Stroever be asked to be present. Adopted.

Letter from G. C. Porter read. Letter from Prof. Bamford recommending J. Stitt Wilson as a speaker was read.

The National Secretary was instructed to ascertain if Comrade Wilson will be available.

Comrade Berger, in reporting on Wisconsin, says: "You have offered us two speakers for a month each during the campaign. We would rather have them just for six weeks from the middle of September until the last of October. If you will pay a dollar a day we will do the rest. We want the speakers at the same time, and want Comrade Gaylord for one, if possible. We want the help of a dollar a day for Comrade Gaylord."

MOTION, that the request of the Wisconsin comrades be granted for two speakers for the last six weeks of the campaign, one of them to be Gaylord, and the National Office to pay one dollar per day to each speaker. Adopted.

Letter from Comrade Skaret of Vienna, Secretary of the Austrian Socialist Party, which was addressed to the German Central Committee of Chicago, and by them referred to the National Executive Committee, was read.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be instructed to correspond directly with Comrade Dascynski with a view to securing him for a tour of this country. Adopted.

The National Secretary submitted a draft of a letter prepared by Comrade Clyde J. Wright, and recommended that the same, together with a number of documents dealing with the agricultural question, be systematically circulated among the farmers.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be authorized to issue a leaflet to the farmers of some state at his discretion, substantially in the form of a leaflet drafted, and entitled "A letter to you," and accompanied by inserts as proposed in the said draft. Adopted.

12:30 noon, adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JUNE 12.

Meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by National Secretary Barnes. Comrade Simons was elected chairman.

A letter was read from Springfield, Ohio, saying that they had won out in the fight against the attempt upon the part of the authorities to suppress free speech.

Resolution by Local Augusta, Georgia, suggesting organization methods for the South was presented. The National Secretary reported that arrangements were about perfected for a systematic tour of the South by at least two organizers, and that other assignments for campaign work were under consideration.

MOTION, that the plans of the National Secretary for these states be approved. Adopted.

Letter of greeting received and read from H. W. Lee, Secretary of the Social Democratic Party, dated June 1, 1908, at 21A Maiden Lane, Charing Cross, London.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be instructed to acknowledge receipt and convey fraternal greetings and good wishes. Adopted.

A number of letters just received with requests for dates for Comrade Debs were read, and it was decided by the Committee to refer the same to the respective State Secretaries.

Suggestions from Chas. F. Woods of California upon the campaign book were read.

MOTION, that Comrade Patterson be asked to take charge of the preparation of the campaign book, and that he secure the co-operation of Comrades Simons, Stedman, Work and others, if possible, and report at

the next meeting of the National Executive Committee. Adopted.

Comrade Stroever having appeared, the Committee took up the Minnesota primary law case. After considerable discussion Comrade Stroever withdrew to consult further authorities.

The National Secretary suggested that lithograph posters of Debs and Hanford be secured, and that the initial cost should be considered a fixed campaign charge, the posters to be supplied to locals free except the cost of carriage, and the distribution to be pro rated according to membership.

MOTION, that 60,000 lithograph posters of the candidates be prepared and distributed on the basis of two to each member, only the cost of carriage to be paid by the recipient; these posters to be sent to the State Secretaries or to the locals, as expediency requires. Adopted.

Comrade Stroever, with the Committee, again took up the Minnesota matter.

MOTION, that we advise the Minnesota comrades to pay the filing fees under protest, filing the protest with the proper officials, and attack the law in the courts after election. Also that we assure them that if the case should go to the Supreme Court of the United States the National Office will render a reasonable amount of financial assistance. Adopted.

The selection of the National speakers was then taken up. As previously reported, about one hundred are available for work from the 15th of July until the end of the campaign. Each speaker's name on the list was taken up separately and possible territory considered. The Committee made various suggestions regarding both speakers and territory for the guidance of the National Secretary.

MOTION, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 10 a. m. Friday, July 10. Adopted.

MOTION, that in submitting the platform to a referendum, that in voting on the Declaration and Platform, the vote be taken separately on each one considered as a whole, and that upon the Program separately upon each demand. Adopted.

A letter was read from Comrade Freeman Knowles inclosing a copy of "The Lantern," dated May 28, and directing attention to a statement therein entitled "Convicted."

MOTION, that the National Secretary write him and inquire in what manner we can assist him. Adopted. Adjourned at 6 p. m.

Attest: MABEL H. HUDSON,
Secretary.

FINNISH ORGANIZATION.

The present condition of unemployment and prevailing hard times has acted as a check to the usual activities of some of the older comrades, but, on the contrary, these conditions have also had the effect of adding many new members by demonstrating the inevitable breakdown and failure of the capitalist system.

Seventeen new branches have been organized during the past six months. Two district organizers are afield, and a third will start August 10. Temporary agitators will be at work during the campaign.

In order to awaken the Finns who are engaged in farming, the Finnish organization, at a cost of \$600, has translated and published "The American Farmer," written by A. M. Simons. These books are to be sold at cost.

The comrades of the Western District have completed their lecture courses, which covered a period of nine weeks at a total cost of \$975.15, of which amount the organization paid \$150.00, the balance being raised by special assessments and contributions.

Besides four Socialist publications, the Finnish comrades keep up a Socialist school, located at Smithville, Minn. This school was owned by a religious organization, but about two years ago the Socialists took control, and under their management Socialist scholars crowd the classes.

The Central District held its convention June 22-23 at Duluth, Minn. The Eastern District convention will be held July 12 at Worcester, Mass. The object of these conventions is to devise the best plans for organization and agitation.

I wish to assure the English-speaking comrades that we are doing all in our power for the Socialist party generally, and will not spare any effort in reaching our nationality in every town and hamlet where they are located with Socialist literature and organization.

Fraternally,
VICTOR WATIA,
Translator-Secretary.

To the Local Secretary:

Did your State Secretary receive a report card from you last month?

Will you send him one this month? He needs it and will be looking for it.

"Comrades: Since you last assembled in national convention, four comprehensive annual reports, one by Comrade William Mailly, ex-National Secretary, and three by the present incumbent, dealing with the conduct of the national office and containing a review of the acts of all national party committees and national party referendum, have been published and circulated among the membership, the latest dated Jan. 10 last and covering the calendar year 1907. With the subjects thus of record and readily accessible I shall not occupy your time.

"The constitution has been amended by national party referendums in the following particulars. The National Executive Committee and National Committee shall meet when deemed necessary in place of at stated periods of three months for the former and in the even years other than the presidential campaigning years for the latter. The National Executive Committee and National Secretary are now elected by national party referendum instead of, as formerly, by the National Committee. All amendments to the constitution proposed by the convention are now required to be submitted to the referendum, and in case of a controversy arising in any state as to the validity of the title of its officers, under certain conditions, a referendum is to be conducted by the National Executive Committee.

"The National Committee has elected a committee on platform and a committee on constitution, and the results of their consideration and their recommendations are at your disposal.

"The provision of the constitution authorizing the election, in advance, by the National Committee of a committee 'on rules and order of business' has served its purpose by expediting, to some extent, the business of the convention.

"Section 2 of Article 2 of the constitution reads as follows:

"Any person occupying a position, honorary or remunerative, by the gift of any other political party (civil service positions excepted), shall not be eligible to membership in the Socialist Party."

"The membership qualification therein noted is a bulwark. It stamps our organization as a thing apart and distinct from all other political parties. Wherever this issue has been raised and the party's position has been maintained it has been a source of strength, and elicited the further confidence of the working class, already nauseated by the vacillating policy and trucking character of reform movements.

"Section 3 of Article 12 of the constitution reads as follows:

"The platform of the Socialist party shall be the supreme declaration of the party, and all state and municipal platforms shall conform thereto; and no state or local organization shall under any circumstances fuse, combine or compromise with any other political party or organization, or refrain from making nominations, in order to favor the candidate of such other organizations, nor shall any candidate of the Socialist party accept any nomination or indorsement from any other party or political organization."

"In this connection the fact is pointed out that there is no related section or provision in the constitution for the enforcement of the declarations set forth. 'Anti-fusion' resolutions and rules for procedure were adopted by the National Committee in session in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 31, 1903, and the National Committee again on May 15, 1905, recurred to the subject. I recommended that the sense of these resolutions or some other provision covering the same purpose be incorporated in the organic law.

"National Committee motion No. 16, adopted Oct. 22, 1907, and which provided for agitation against the Dick Military Law, was not carried out in the matter of printing a leaflet containing the law and propaganda matter bearing on the subject, for the reason that the advance orders did not warrant the expense. However, the purpose of the motion did not fail, for numerous meetings were held. The subject was presented by active party members to many labor unions and other organizations. The Socialist press gave it considerable attention and prominence, and the supply of this document in the war department at Washington has been exhausted by application from all parts of the nation.

"National Committee motion No. 32, adopted Jan. 14, provided for the issuance of a leaflet upon the crises. This leaflet was not printed for the same reason before mentioned, and the further fact that while the motion was pending a number of leaflets dealing with the same subject appeared in the principal cities, the product of party locals, and the report of the secretary to the International Socialist bureau, Comrade Hilquit, with this as a text, was published about the same time.

"Motions by the National Committee have provided for the issuance of 'A Campaign Hand Book for the Impending National Election' and 'The publication of a leaflet showing Injunctions and Court Decisions against Organized Labor during the past two years.' Both of these documents are in course of preparation. Comrade Joseph M. Patterson kindly consented upon request to take charge of the former and Comrade Seymour Stedman of the latter.

The Nebraska Controversy.

"That which is generally known as

the 'Nebraska Controversy' occupied considerable space in the official records and was the subject of six motions by the National Executive Committee, besides occupying the major portion of two sessions of said committee, and resulted in eight National Committee motions. Regarding this subject, I direct your attention to a recital of the facts in the case taken from all the documents then in hand and published in the October issue of the official 'Monthly Bulletin.' This statement has not been assailed by either side to the controversy.

"Based upon Section 9 of Article 12 of the constitution, the amendment to the constitution last adopted, a petition with upwards of 700 signatures of residents of the state of Washington and addressed to the National Executive Committee is on file in the National office. The petition questions the validity of the title of the officers of that state organization and requests the National Executive Committee to conduct a referendum of the membership of the state upon this subject.

"The apportionment for delegates in the last convention was based upon one delegate for every one hundred party members. One hundred and eighty-four delegates were in attendance. The apportionment for the representation in the present convention is based upon one delegate for every two hundred party members. The accredited number of delegates is 219.

"The question of a delegate for Local Honolulu, Hawaii, was referred to the National Executive Committee. I am pleased to report that while the subject was pending, Local Honolulu, out of consideration for the expense upon the National party, decided not to send a delegate, and transmitted their views in a communication which has been referred to the proper committee.

"The party progress recently noted in New Mexico, North Carolina and Nevada, if continued, should, in the near future, result in taking them out of the unorganized column and provide them a place in the sisterhood of organized states.

"Aside from Hawaii, before mentioned, we have locals or members at large in Alaska, South America, Mexico, the South Sea Islands, the Panama Canal Zone and the Philippines.

"Standing today as we do upon the threshold of a great national campaign, fruitful as never before of opportunities for the working class, there is no small degree of satisfaction in noting the fact that every political time server or representative of capitalism stands trembling with fear for the preservation of the ancient privileges of the possessing class. This is cumulative evidence of our growing strength. A scared enemy is a battle half won.

"At the beginning of the last presidential campaign year, our membership numbered less than 16,000. Today our records and roll contain more than 41,000 members, while 830 new outposts in the form of party locals have been established in as many cities, hamlets and towns, making a total, not counting the numerous branches in large cities, of 2,470 locals attached to the National organization.

"The efforts of the enemy to misrepresent, hamper our growth and suppress Socialism, the signal failure of these efforts and our present party status, heralds the fact to all the world save those purblind by prejudice that the American political division of the international working class army is a permanent establishment, a self-reliant and indestructible organization groomed for certain victory.

Summary of the Finances.

Balance due National Office for dues stamps:

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| Alabama | \$ 23.20 | Montana | 38.70 |
| California | 70.10 | Minnesota | 1.75 |
| Colorado | 50.15 | Nebraska | 26.25 |
| Florida | 19.95 | Oklahoma | 158.50 |
| Illinois | 150.00 | N. Dakota | 1.25 |
| Kentucky | 2.55 | Rhode Isl'd | 10.00 |
| Louisiana | 5.40 | | |
| Massachusetts | 47.16 | | \$604.96 |

"It should be understood that these accounts appeared during the time that the National Office granted dues stamps on credit. The total amount outstanding at the end of the year 1904 was \$1,147.88, and in fact it was larger at the time of the adoption of the National Committee motion, which took effect Feb. 1, 1904, and provided that orders for dues stamps should be honored only when accompanied by cash. The provisions of this motion since its adoption have been observed and carried out.

Financial Statement.

"The National Secretary's financial statement from Jan. 1, to May 8, 1908, inclusive, is as follows:

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| RECEIPTS. | |
| Balance on hand | |
| Jan. 1 | \$ 565.47 |
| January | 2,187.03 |
| February | 3,447.46 |
| March | 3,650.23 |
| April | 6,413.59 |
| May (8th inc.) | 2,650.25 |
| | \$18,914.03 |

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| EXPENDITURES. | |
| January | \$2,034.67 |
| February | 2,932.96 |
| March | 2,330.35 |
| April | 1,988.40 |
| May | 1,651.08 |
| | \$10,937.46 |

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| Balance on hand May 8. | \$ 7,976.57 |
| Outstanding accounts. | 604.96 |
| Total balance. | \$ 8,581.53 |
| Liabilities | 516.26 |
| Total cash resources. | \$ 8,065.27 |

Special Assessment Stamps.

"A statement of special assessment stamps up to and including May 8, is as follows:

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| Alabama | \$ 27.45 |
| Alaska | 1.00 |
| Arkansas | 164.45 |
| California | 497.70 |
| Colorado | 195.65 |
| Connecticut | 92.00 |
| Delaware | 7.00 |
| Florida | 42.40 |
| Georgia | 16.45 |
| Idaho | 156.80 |
| Illinois | 412.70 |
| Indiana | 114.75 |
| Iowa | 191.80 |
| Kansas | 200.90 |
| Kentucky | 26.60 |
| Louisiana | 43.40 |
| Maine | 35.25 |
| Maryland | 12.60 |
| Massachusetts | 153.65 |
| Michigan | 193.80 |
| Minnesota | 330.95 |
| Missouri | 364.00 |
| Montana | 125.00 |
| Nebraska | 40.60 |
| Nevada | 40.60 |
| New Hampshire | 39.55 |
| New Jersey | 369.60 |
| New Mexico | 31.80 |
| New York | 300.00 |
| North Carolina | 19.25 |
| North Dakota | 54.60 |
| Ohio | 304.50 |
| Oklahoma | 615.65 |
| Oregon | 185.00 |
| Pennsylvania | 269.50 |
| Rhode Island | 66.00 |
| South Dakota | 76.30 |
| Tennessee | 29.75 |
| Texas | 344.25 |
| Utah | 50.00 |
| Vermont | 9.10 |
| Virginia | 11.90 |
| Washington | 225.00 |
| West Virginia | 51.10 |
| Wisconsin | 457.55 |
| Wyoming | 134.05 |
| Members at large. | 11.10 |

\$7,143.05

To Pay Delegates' Fare.

"The special assessment to pay the railroad fare of delegates to the National Convention is provided for in the constitution. By National Committee motion the amount of the assessment and the period within which it should be collected was decided. A part of the motion reads as follows: 'Stamps are to be sold to state organizations or locals and members at large in unorganized states on credit, the state organization, etc., to return all stamps not used in levying the assessment and to be responsible for, and pay for all stamps not returned.'

"Owing to the prevailing general condition of unemployment it was believed at an early date to be impossible to meet the entire liabilities on this account by the sale of the assessment stamps, and a supplementary National Committee motion providing for collections to be taken by each local to assist in paying the mileage expenses was adopted on April 21. At this late day there appeared no practicable method to secure results other than by direct communication with the locals from the National Office. This course was pursued, and at the same time an explanation was made to the state secretaries and their concurrence in the plan requested. Within the few days intervening between the issuance of the call and the closing of this report the receipts on this account were \$191.16, a most gratifying showing.

"In preparation for the campaign, data regarding speakers and literature wanted has been gathered from the locals; while no set plan has been decided upon, the material in hand will be a valuable guide in mapping out the general plan of campaign.

"The National Finnish Translator, Comrade Watia, will present a report, and his recommendations relating to the conduct of that office I heartily indorse. For the very important subject of the relations of the foreign speaking organization with the National party I bespeak your earnest and serious consideration.

"For the right of free speech and a free press our party is generally recognized as holding the vanguard position battling for their maintenance. The disfranchisement of a large number of the working class by the operation of state primary laws is a closely related question, and a plan should be devised or a policy decided upon for the systematic handling of both these questions.

"I take pleasure in expressing my hearty appreciation of the valuable assistance and co-operation rendered by Comrades W. W. Rihl, Franklin H. Slick, Marguerite Flaherty, Bertha Capps, Chas. Drees and James H. Brower, who assisted for a longer or shorter period in discharging the various duties devolving upon the office of the National Secretary.

"Into your hands, comrade delegates, is committed the greatest trust ever reposed in any body by the conscious members of the working class of this continent. Their hopes, their aspirations rest with you. Under present day conditions a working class political party is a necessity. The Socialist party is that party. Under any, under all conditions, a vote for capitalism indorses its every crime. Our aim, the abolition of wage slavery, the human race emancipated. In the words of another, 'Our children will surely see it, and we too if our faith and works deserve it.'

"Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary."

Minutes of the National Executive Committee, Socialist Party, Session June 11-12, '08

National Headquarters Socialist Party, 180 Washington St., Chicago, Ill., June 11, 1908.

Meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 10:50. Hillquit, Berger and Thompson absent.

Comrade Work was nominated and elected Chairman, and Comrade M. H. Hudson elected Secretary.

The National Secretary reports on state organizations, taking each state in turn and describing the general conditions. The report was interspersed by general discussion in special cases.

The report of the National Secretary on the unorganized states showed progress being made in each. Prospects are good for state organizations in the near future in North Carolina, Nevada and New Mexico. Electoral tickets assured in each state with the possible exception of Mississippi, where an obnoxious primary law might prevent. However, hopes are entertained of successfully combating this law.

The financial report for the month of May, an itemized report of the delegate mileage and the two auditing committee reports of recent date were brought to the attention of the Committee. The daily liabilities for speakers now employed is about \$64.00.

Unpaid bills June 10th were reported as follows:

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| Globe Engraving Co. | \$106.18 |
| A. B. Conklin & Co. | 15.00 |
| Chicago Telephone Co. | 21.42 |
| Industrial Workers of the World | 192.00 |
| Consolidated Press Clipping Co. | 9.35 |
| Kerwin Printing Co. | 11.20 |
| The Chas. S. Purdy Co. | 78.75 |
| Chas. H. Kerr & Co. | 158.12 |
| P. F. Pettibone & Co. | 24.09 |
| Lander & Elwell | 18.00 |
| Library Bureau | 40.01 |
| John M. Work, organizer account | 160.73 |
| Miscellaneous | 21.74 |
| | 856.59 |

Cash on hand June 10, 1908..\$1,863.51
Liabilities

Balance

At 12 o'clock noon adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JUNE 10.

Meeting called to order by National Secretary Barnes. Comrade Stokes nominated and elected Chairman.

The following letter from Comrade Hillquit was received and ordered spread upon the minutes:

New York, June 8, 1908.
To the Members of the National Executive Committee:

Dear Comrades—I very much regret my inability to attend this session of our committee. I expect to be able to attend all future meetings of the committee during the campaign.

I wish to make the following suggestion in reference to the coming campaign:

That the National Executive Committee publish three booklets for use in the campaign: One addressed particularly to the labor organizations, and dealing with the recent Supreme Court decisions, the hostile attitude of Congress, the futility of the stand taken by the A. F. of L. officers in the face of these facts, etc.; the other dealing with the extent and causes of unemployment and the proposed remedies, and the third being a general exposition of the Socialist philosophy and program.

All three booklets should be written in popular style, and should be brief and to the point. It seems to me that we can make better propaganda for Socialism and achieve better results in the campaign by a systematic and extensive distribution of literature of that kind than we can by our ordinary methods of street meetings and leaflets, and the results would be much more substantial and lasting. Fraternally yours,

MORRIS HILLQUIT.

On organization and agitation the National Secretary reports that some months ago question blanks were sent out to one hundred and twenty-seven prospective speakers asking what

length of time they could devote to the work. Of the number addressed thirty-eight failed to reply. Eighty-nine replied, seventeen saying they would be available for a short time only, and seventy-two saying they would be available through the campaign. There is now available from about July 15 until the close of the campaign a total of about one hundred speakers. Instructions are given to the organizer as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO NATIONAL ORGANIZERS.

Organizers working under the direction of the National Headquarters of the Socialist Party are expected to:

1. Show the necessity of a compact National Organization working throughout the organized states.
2. Emphasize and explain the dues paying system and circulate liberally the pamphlet, "Why Socialists Pay Dues."
3. Show members of new locals the way to transact business, and the importance of starting out right.
4. Give new locals organized a dues card for each member, and not under twenty-five cards in all and fifty application cards. These supplies are free to new locals. All orders thereafter must be paid for.
5. Advertise and secure subscriptions for the party press, and sell only recognized standard Socialist literature.
6. Be sure that the material for new locals is fit for membership.
7. Get comrades in each place visited to report to the National Office the result of your work.
8. Show the necessity for avoiding alliances or fusion, direct or indirect, through individuals, locals or states, with any other political organization.
9. Avoid mixing up in party differences in any locality or state, and refrain from becoming identified with or protecting any side of any question in dispute between party members. Always observe the constitution and laws of the state and local where you may be at any time.
10. Keep the National Secretary posted upon dates ahead, and whereabouts if made without his knowledge, so that you can be reached at any time if necessary.

11. ANSWER ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE PROMPTLY. This is important.

12. Take and send the names of Socialists and sympathizers in places where you do not organize to the National Office.

13. Never get out of organizing material. This office will keep you furnished with it. Always give notice ahead when you will need a fresh supply.

14. Always give comrades notice ahead of your coming so that plenty of time can be had to prepare for you.

15. Remember that you are out to organize, and this means to encourage old workers as well as get new ones into the party. Try and never leave a place without having the comrades feel the better for your visit.

16. You are not to participate in any differences that may arise in the economic organizations of the working class, but strictly adhere to the advocacy of Socialism in conformity with the platform and resolutions of the party adopted at Chicago in May, 1904.

Be patient, courteous and enthusiastic and you will succeed.

The speakers now afield and the territory now being covered was reported upon. Applications from locals for speakers during the campaign were solicited with the following results: 240 locals have filed applications for speakers at intervals of one, two and four weeks. The number of meetings involved in these applications aggregate 1,464, the terms, according to the contracts, in each instance being a flat rate of \$5.00.

The pioneer organizers are an experiment. Their work is far from self-sustaining and up to the present rather expensive. However, sufficient time has not elapsed since the inauguration of the system to pass

judgment upon its merits. The pioneer organizers now afield are Thomas L. Buie, Howard H. Caldwell, Asa Warren Drew, J. L. Fitts, Clarence H. Taylor and James Williams. J. S. Ingalls and Clinton H. Pierce will commence work July 6. The general plan is disclosed in the letter of instructions, as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO PIONEER ORGANIZERS.

Agitation—

As a pioneer organizer you will be assigned to unorganized towns, where, in many cases, we do not even have a correspondent. You are to lay hold. Two days will be allotted to each town; upon entering which you will at once secure location at which to speak and then proceed to advertise your meetings after first securing, if possible, a permit from the mayor or chief of police. Be clean, be temperate, be a gentleman, in order that you may leave behind you a lot of Socialism and a good reputation. Get next to the labor organizations and their leaders; invite to your meetings the city authorities, the preachers, the W. C. T. U., the Citizens' Alliance, friends and opponents alike. In fact, go before all the organizations and institutions possible as an advertising medium for your meetings. This will stir up a socialist commotion and leave the question a live issue when you go away.

Correspondents—

One of the main features of your work will be to collect names of Socialists and sympathizers that will act as correspondents for arranging future meetings, distributing literature, etc., etc. Certainly organize a local if you can, but do not force an organization built only upon enthusiasm.

Finance—

The ability of the National Office to keep any considerable number of pioneer organizers on the road will depend upon the organizers' ability to raise money.

Literature—

Be a book agent. Sales of literature must be made a leading feature, as by this method you not only raise funds, but have left silent agitators to continue your arguments after you have gone.

Collections—

The art of getting large collections is among the successful propagandists greatest accomplishments.

Reports—

Write a pointed weekly report to the State Secretary. The National Office must be in receipt of complete reports, as per blanks furnished, at the end of each and every week. THIS IS IMPORTANT AND MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

Be a Stayer—

You can expect opposition, but being a Socialist you will, of course, be forearmed. Insist upon your constitutional rights; and always remember that the local comrades will look upon you as a leader making tracks in which they are to follow.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

So far as the handling of books is concerned, as previously reported, we cannot meet the terms of publishers who advertise and sell their own books. The comparative receipts ending May, 1907, were \$228.98, and 1908, \$311.12. The activity in this department for months to come will be on campaign literature in particular. Regarding campaign leaflets: Some time ago I addressed all locals inclosing application blanks for literature to be distributed at six different periods, commencing August 15. Contracts are now on file for shipments as follows:

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| August 15 | 165,200 |
| September 1 | 140,700 |
| September 15 | 158,450 |
| October 1 | 141,700 |
| October 15 | 160,450 |
| November 1 | 95,150 |

Total

It is also expected that the pioneer organizers will bring up the sales considerably. They are handling five,

ten and twenty-five cent books, the stock of which was received on favorable terms.

The National Secretary reported the following subjects at hand for the consideration of the committee under the head of

MISCELLANEOUS.

Letter from the State Secretary of Kentucky reference conditions in that state and asking assistance.

Letter from the State Secretary of Florida reference accumulated dues stamps.

Letter from the State Secretary of Minnesota relating to Section 2 of Article 2.

Letter from Robert Hunter reference possible visit of Keir Hardie to this country.

Letters from Dayton and Springfield, Ohio, reference free speech.

Letter from O. C. Wilson, Muscatine, Iowa, reference the issuance of a panic leaflet.

Letter from Harvey, Ill., reference campaign leaflet.

Letters from C. E. Wharton, Kenton, Ohio, and V. W. Merritt, Marysville, Ohio.

Letter from Comrade McMahon of Chicago reference the publication "The Harp."

Letter from the State Secretary of Minnesota reference financial burdens imposed by the primary law.

Resolutions from the 21st Ward Branch, Chicago, relating to the necessity of action to protect the right of free speech.

Letter from Comrade Porter reference conditions in Nebraska.

Voted to grant the floor to F. Klábik to speak upon the matter of the publication, Rovnost L'Udu, and in behalf of the Slovak comrades.

Comrade Klábik says: "I come in behalf of the Slovak comrades. When we started this publication we started it as a weekly. It is a monthly now. The change was made about four months ago. We are now where we can do no more. We have got about six or seven hundred dollars that we are in debt to on this paper. We put up all the money we could, but now this for the debt must be paid. We ask that you give us some help. We can do no more. If we don't get help we will have to give it up. This is the only paper in the Slovak language. We made application to get second-class mailing privileges about three months ago. We have about fifteen hundred circulation and eleven hundred subscribers. If we can get second-class privileges, we don't need much. If we don't get second-class, it will be hard. We have seven weekly papers and one daily against us. We have a branch in Chicago and have had it for about four years. Since the paper was started we have organized a branch in Cleveland and one in Canton, Ohio. If we had a man we could send out as organizer we could make it all right, but we have no one. I am the only man who could go, but if I go there will be no one to edit the paper."

MOTION, That the National Secretary be instructed to insert in the Bulletin a short statement of the needs of this paper, and to urge that those who are interested send contributions and subscriptions. Adopted.

The report of the sub-committee was read as follows:

Chicago, Ill., May 27, 1908.
A sub-committee of the National Executive Committee, composed of Victor L. Berger, A. M. Simons and Carl D. Thompson, met with Eugene V. Debs and National Secretary Barnes at 8 p. m. at National Headquarters to confer upon the general outline of the campaign in keeping with the action of the National Executive Committee May 18.

It was agreed that the session should be informal in character and such action as was taken should be in the nature of recommendations to the National Executive Committee.

The subject first considered was the time of starting the speaking campaign. The following outline was drawn. Both candidates to begin at Chicago:

Sunday, Aug. 30—Chicago, Ill.
Monday, Aug. 31—Indianapolis, Ind.

Tuesday, Sept. 1—Terre Haute, Ind.
Wednesday, Sept. 2—Davenport, Ia.
Thursday, Sept. 3—Des Moines, Ia.,
or Ottumwa.
Friday, Sept. 4—En route.
Saturday, Sept. 5—Kansas City,
Kan.

Sunday, Sept. 6—Kansas City, Mo.
Monday, Sept. 7—St. Louis, Mo.
Tuesday, Sept. 8—Colorado.
Wednesday, Sept. 9—Colorado.
Thursday, Sept. 10—Utah.
Enter California southern route.
Friday, Sept. 11—California.
Saturday, Sept. 12—California.
Sunday, Sept. 13—California.
Monday, Sept. 14—California.
Tuesday, Sept. 15—En route
Wednesday, Sept. 16—Portland,
Ore.

Thursday, Sept. 17—Seattle, Wash.
Friday, Sept. 18—Spokane, Wash.
Saturday, Sept. 19—Butte, Mont.
Sunday, Sept. 20—En route.
Monday, Sept. 21—Deadwood, S. D.
Tuesday, Sept. 22—En route.
Wednesday, Sept. 23—Minneapolis,
Minn.

Thursday, Sept. 24—Duluth, Minn.
Friday, Sept. 25—Hancock, Mich.
Saturday, Sept. 26—En route.
Sunday, Sept. 27—Detroit, Mich.
Monday, Sept. 28—Toledo, Ohio.
Tuesday, Sept. 29—Cleveland, Ohio.
Wednesday, Sept. 30—Erie, Pa.
Thursday, Oct. 1—Buffalo, N. Y.
Friday, Oct. 2—Rochester, N. Y.
Saturday, Oct. 3—Syracuse, N. Y.
Sunday, Oct. 4—New York City.
Monday, Oct. 5—Hartford, Conn.
Tuesday, Oct. 6—New Haven, Conn.
Wednesday, Oct. 7—Providence,
R. I.

Thursday, Oct. 8—Boston, Mass.
Friday, Oct. 9—Massachusetts.
Saturday, Oct. 10—Massachusetts.
Sunday, Oct. 11—New Hampshire.
Monday, Oct. 12—Brooklyn, N. Y.
Tuesday, Oct. 13—Newark, N. J.
Wednesday, Oct. 14—New Jersey.
Thursday, Oct. 15—Philadelphia,
Pa.
Friday, Oct. 16—Baltimore, Md.
Saturday, Oct. 17—Scranton,
Wilkesbarre or Hazelton, Pa.
Sunday, Oct. 18—Wheeling, W. Va.
Monday, Oct. 19—Cincinnati, Ohio.
Tuesday, Oct. 20—Louisville, Ky.
Wednesday, Oct. 21—Illinois.
Thursday, Oct. 22—Illinois.
Friday, Oct. 23—Wisconsin.
Saturday, Oct. 24—Wisconsin.
Sunday, Oct. 25—Wisconsin.
Monday, Oct. 26—Illinois.
Tuesday, Oct. 27—Illinois.

The above is understood to be tentative only, and the number of dates is to be assigned to the states without regard to the cities mentioned; the State Committee to have the privilege of deciding upon the same.

The methods of raising campaign funds were considered, and aside from the uniform campaign subscription lists already authorized, it was considered advisable to ask as terms for dates for the presidential candidates the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars and half of the net proceeds of the meetings held.

Also a general call for contributions for the campaign fund is to be issued, and it is recommended that party papers that will keep the call standing and publish contributions received by them may retain one-half of the proceeds.

A request was received from Milwaukee for a date for Comrade Debs on Sunday, July 12. The same was assigned.

A request was received from St. Louis for a date for Comrade Hanford for July 11 or 12. It was suggested that Comrade Debs might fill this assignment in connection with the Milwaukee trip if the 11th is acceptable to St. Louis. However, action was deferred upon this subject until the full meeting of the committee.

The claims of Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona were presented by the National Secretary and it was agreed that this territory should be covered by the concurrent action of the respective State Secretaries, Comrade Debs and the National Secretary prior to the starting of the regular tour.

(Signed) J. MAHLON BARNES,
For Sub-Committee.

MOTION, that the rate asked for each assignment for Debs and Hanford be twenty-five dollars and one-half the net proceeds of the meeting. Adopted.

MOTION, that a general call for contributions for campaign purposes be issued. Adopted.

MOTION, that Socialist papers that will keep the call standing and publish contributions received by them may retain one-half of the amount thus collected and acknowledged, on the condition that it be

stated in the paper with each call for funds that the paper received one-half. Adopted.

MOTION, that dates for Comrade Debs as requested, St. Louis, Mo., July 11, and Milwaukee, Wis., July 12, be assigned. Adopted.

A request from N. J. Lindskoog, Secretary of the Independent Order of Vikings, for a date for Comrade Debs on June 28, also letter from the United Scandinavian Socialist Societies of Chicago, asking for an assignment upon the same date, were received. The assignments could not be made, owing to previous arrangements made by Comrade Debs, which will occupy his entire time during June.

Applications for dates for Comrade Debs from the following were received and filed: Liberal, Mo.; Denver, Colo.; Queens County, New York, and Eldon, Mo.

Comrade John Petrich was granted the privilege of the floor to speak in behalf of the Slovenian comrades. He stated that they wanted to send a speaker to Minnesota and Kansas for two months, but that they could not support him, and asked that the National Office give them financial assistance to perform regular organization work in the Slovenian language. There is about 750,000 of their nationality, mostly in Michigan and Minnesota. They have thirteen clubs now organized. Comrade Molek was suggested as organizer. He is editor of "Proletarec."
At 6:00 p. m. adjourned until 8:00 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION, JUNE 11.

Meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes. Comrade Thompson was nominated and elected Chairman.

The question of the appeal made by Comrade John Petrich was taken up.

MOTION, that Comrade John Molek, as Slovenian Organizer, be given assistance to the extent of one dollar a day for a period of two months. Adopted.

The sub-committee's report on suggested dates for Comrade Debs was taken up.

MOTION, that the report of the sub-committee be adopted subject to such corrections as may seem necessary. Adopted.

In connection with the sub-committee's report, dates for Comrade Hanford were mentioned and laid over for future consideration. The National Secretary reported that he had placed Comrade Hanford on the pay roll, and that Comrade Hanford has undertaken the writing of a number of leaflets and weekly press letters.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be instructed to continue paying Comrade Hanford five dollars a day. Adopted.

Letter from the State Secretary of Kentucky was read. National Secretary reported the assignment of Comrade Miller to Kentucky for a period of twelve days at the expense of the National Office, and under the direction of the State Secretary, with a view to receiving a report of local conditions.

MOTION, that the assignment of Comrade Miller for twelve dates for Kentucky be indorsed. Adopted.

Letters were read from the State Committee of Florida requesting assistance, and one from the State Secretary of Florida requesting information as to how to handle stamps that have been sold and not distributed.

MOTION, that a dollar a day be appropriated to Florida to assist in maintaining a state organization for a period of sixty days. Adopted.

MOTION, by Berger, that the National Secretary instruct the State Secretary how the dues stamps are to be used; first, that every member to receive a dues stamp when he pays his monthly dues, and, second, that the dues stamp be canceled right then and there, and that when members pay for stamps which for any reason they do not receive, such stamps should be destroyed, as otherwise the State and National Organizations will not receive their proper proportion of the dues. Adopted.

MOTION, by Floaten, that the National Secretary instruct the State Secretary of Florida that any dues stamps that may have come into his hands from the locals, that have not been used, that he does not owe the National Organization for them, and that for him to dispose of them the same as other stamps he has in hand. Comrade Stokes raised a point of order. The chair ruled the point well taken. Comrade Floaten appealed from the decision of the chair. The

ruling of the chair, in declaring the motion out of order, was sustained. The letter from the State Secretary of Minnesota relating to Section 2 of Article 2 was again read.

MOTION, that the National Secretary answer the Secretary of Minnesota that charters should not be granted where any applicant for the charter holds any office which is forbidden in the National Party Constitution to hold, and this includes postmasters. Adopted.

Letter from Comrade Hunter read.

MOTION, that one question be taken at a time and in order. Adopted.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be instructed to negotiate with Keir Hardie for as much time as he can give for the campaign. Adopted.

At 10 p. m. adjourned to meet at 10 a. m. June 12.

MORNING SESSION, JUNE 12.

Meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by National Secretary Barnes. Comrade Floaten elected Chairman. Letters were read from Dayton and Springfield, Ohio, reporting success thus far attained in the free speech fight with the authorities.

MOTION, that whenever the authorities of any town interfere with the right of free speech the Secretary be instructed to deluge that town with Socialist literature. Adopted.

MOTION, that it be suggested to the National Secretary that he embody in his next circular letter addressed to the locals the suggestions made regarding the distribution of literature. Adopted.

Letter was read from O. S. Wilson of Muscatine, Iowa, on panic leaflet. The National Secretary called attention to the action taken by the convention on this subject.

MOTION, that Comrade Berger be asked to prepare for publication a leaflet setting forth the most conspicuous causes of the industrial crisis, and that the National Secretary be instructed to issue the same. Adopted.

Letters reference the Congressional campaign in the Eighth Ohio District from Comrades C. E. Wharton, Kenton, Ohio, and V. W. Merritt, Marysville, Ohio, were read.

MOTION, that it be the sense of the National Executive Committee that some special attention be given to those Congressional districts which seem to be most promising of success. Adopted.

Letter from the editor of "The Harp" to Comrade McMahon was read and placed on file.

Letter from the State Secretary of Minnesota reference primary law was again taken up.

MOTION, that this matter be laid over until afternoon, and that Comrade Stroever be asked to be present. Adopted.

Letter from G. C. Porter read.

Letter from Prof. Bamford recommending J. Stitt Wilson as a speaker was read.

The National Secretary was instructed to ascertain if Comrade Wilson will be available.

Comrade Berger, in reporting on Wisconsin, says: "You have offered us two speakers for a month each during the campaign. We would rather have them just for six weeks from the middle of September until the last of October. If you will pay a dollar a day, we will do the rest. We want the speakers at the same time, and want Comrade Gaylord for one, if possible. We want the help of a dollar a day for Comrade Gaylord."

MOTION, that the request of the Wisconsin comrades be granted for two speakers for the last six weeks of the campaign, one of them to be Gaylord, and the National Office to pay one dollar per day to each speaker. Adopted.

Letter from Comrade Skaret of Vienna, Secretary of the Austrian Socialist Party, which was addressed to the German Central Committee of Chicago, and by them referred to the National Executive Committee, was read.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be instructed to correspond directly with Comrade Dascynski with a view to securing him for a tour of this country. Adopted.

The National Secretary submitted a draft of a letter prepared by Comrade Clyde J. Wright, and recommended that the same, together with a number of documents dealing with the agricultural question, be systematically circulated among the farmers.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be authorized to issue a leaflet

to the farmers of some state at his discretion, substantially in the form of a leaflet drafted, and entitled "A letter to you," and accompanied by insets as proposed in the said draft. Adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JUNE 12.

Meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by National Secretary Barnes. Comrade Simons was elected chairman.

A letter was read from Springfield, Ohio, saying that they had won out in the fight against the attempt upon the part of the authorities to suppress free speech.

Resolution by Local Augusta, Georgia, suggesting organization methods for the South was presented. The National Secretary reported that arrangements were about perfected for a systematic tour of the South by at least two organizers, and that other assignments for campaign work were under consideration.

MOTION, that the plans of the National Secretary for these states be approved. Adopted.

Letter of greeting received and read from H. W. Lee, Secretary of the Social Democratic Party, dated June 1, 1908, at 21A Maiden Lane, Charing Cross, London.

MOTION, that the National Secretary be instructed to acknowledge receipt and convey fraternal greetings and good wishes. Adopted.

A number of letters just received with requests for dates for Comrade Debs were read, and it was decided by the Committee to refer the same to the respective State Secretaries.

Suggestions from Chas. F. Woods of California upon the campaign-book were read.

MOTION, that Comrade Patterson be asked to take charge of the preparation of the campaign book, and that he secure the co-operation of Comrades Simons, Steadman, Work and others, if possible, and report at the next meeting of the National Executive Committee. Adopted.

Comrade Stroever having appeared, the Committee took up the Minnesota primary law case. After considerable discussion Comrade Stroever withdrew to consult further authorities.

The National Secretary suggested that lithograph posters of Debs and Hanford be secured, and that the initial cost should be considered a fixed campaign charge, the posters to be supplied to locals free except the cost of carriage, and the distribution to be pro rated according to membership.

MOTION, that 60,000 lithograph posters of the candidates be prepared and distributed on the basis of two to each member, only the cost of carriage to be paid by the recipient; these posters to be sent to the State Secretaries or to the locals, as expediency requires. Adopted.

Comrade Stroever, with the Committee, again took up the Minnesota matter.

MOTION, that we advise the Minnesota comrades to pay the filing fees under protest, filing the protest with the proper officials, and attack the law in the courts after election. Also that we assure them that if the case should go to the Supreme Court, of the United States the National Office will render a reasonable amount of financial assistance. Adopted.

The selection of the National speakers was then taken up. As previously reported, about one hundred are available for work from the 15th of July until the end of the campaign. Each speaker's name on the list was taken up separately and possible territory considered. The Committee made various suggestions regarding both speakers and territory for the guidance of the National Secretary.

MOTION, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 10 a. m. Friday, July 10. Adopted.

MOTION, that in submitting the platform to a referendum, that in voting on the Declaration and Platform, the vote be taken separately on each one considered as a whole, and that upon the Program separately upon each demand. Adopted.

A letter was read from Comrade Freeman Knowles inclosing a copy of "The Lantern," dated May 28, and directing attention to a statement therein entitled "Convicted."

MOTION, that the National Secretary write him and inquire in what manner we can assist him. Adopted.

Adjourned at 6 p. m.
Attest: MABEL H. HUDSON,
Secretary.