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excused at last meeting owing to other

The National Secretary reviewed the general conditions prevailing in organized and unorganized states.

In connection with the report on Vermont a letter was read from a Comrade, formerly of that state, now residing at Sivirijoa, Mexico, with suggestions for the campaign.

MOTION, That the National Execu-tive Committee suggest to the State Committee of Vermont that joint ar-rangements be made for a campaign in that state, and that a representative of the National Office be sent to Vermont to confer with the State Committee to arrange details. Adopted.

general review of the finances of the organization, comparing the financial reports of the last several months, and calling attention to the large expenditures for furniture and permanent fixtures for the office, the cost of the stenographic report of the National Convention, that fact that advance advertising matter for speakers had been secured in such quantities as to last for several months, that it was found necessary to temporarily withdraw some of the pioneer organizers owing to the large expenses, and submitted a months of the pioneer organizers owing to the large expenses, and submitted statement of liabilities as follows:

DUE NATIONAL ORGANIZEDS

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J. M. Caldwell	
Asa Warren Drew	118.62
I. L. Fitts	141.58
G. H. Goebel	44.74
	16.89
W. R. Gaylord	
G. R. Fitzpatrick	30.95
Lena M. Lewis	10.27
Guy E. Miller	28.92
W. H. McFall	38.31
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C. H. Taylor	153.83
Iames Williams	75.20
M. W. Wilkins	82.38
John M. Work	100.00

John Collins \$39.41

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UNPAID BILLS, J	ULY 1
Chicago Telephone Co	\$13.72
Globe Engraving Co	25.00
Chas. S. Purdy Co	77.85
Chas. H. Kerr & Co	49.00
Kerwin Printing Co	47.65
American Press Assn	21.00
P. F. Pettibone & Co	28.12
W. E. McDermut, sten-	
ographic report	406.37
Pierce Electric Co	80.56
Office Furniture Acct	100.00
R. Krueger (Delegate	
Mileage, E. J. Brown	72.50
H. G. Adair	690.60
Levytype Co	44.85
M. Fry Co	45.90
Western Union Tel. Co.	26.09
Miscellaneous	34.04
	CONTRACTOR DESCRIPTION OF

Total \$2,661.41

The National Secretary reported sales in the Literature Department slightly increasing, but, as reported a number of times, there is little hope of rapid gains on account of the keen competition with publishers. The sales in the immediate future will be mostly of campaign leaf-

The National Secretary submitted a list of the miscellaneous subjects to be handled in detail later.

At 12 o'clock adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JULY 10.
Meeting called to order by National
Secretary Barnes. Comrade Floaten
was elected chairman.

The question of campaign literature

The question of campaign interactive was taken up.

The National Secretary reported the leafilets on the Dick Military Law and the Panic not published for the reasons, as stated to the National Convention, that a campaign handbook has been ordered published, also a leafilet containing the court decisions against organized labor during the past two years, that recently cisions against organized labor during the past two years, that recently two National Committee motions provided for the publication of one leaflet and our party on the political map. The vided for the publication of one leaflet setting forth the times and places at membership will do big things if called ing favorable features: It unifies the sale of literature from THE SOCIAL.

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\$\frac{\text{sting}}{\text{sub}}\$ shipped August 15th on contracts now on file; that five other leaflets were required for shipment at intervals of fifsity SPECIAL TRAIN contains the followsixty-day trip, beginning Sunday, Auteen days, also on contract; about 200,000 for each shipment.

National Headquarters Socialist Party, 180 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

Meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 10:30.

Comrade Hillquit was elected Chairman and Comrade M. H. Hudson was elected Secretary.

The National Secretary informed the committee that Comrade Berger could not be present until 2 o'clock, and that Comrade Thompson will be absent, being excused at last meeting owing to other

excused at last meeting owing to other engagements.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with. It was decided that a special order of business should be adopted for this meeting as follows: First, Campaign, under the heads (a) Literature; (b) Meetings; (c) Funds. Second, Organization. Third, New Business. The National Secretary to submit his report before taking up the special order of business. The National Secretary reviewed the general conditions prevailing in organfective campaign work, to desist from further directions to the National Secretary on that subject during the present campaign. Adopted.

Letter from Comrade King, of Hol-land, Mich., on character of campaign literature was presented.

Letter and manuscript read from Allen L. Benson.

Comrades Hillquit and Simons were elected as a committee to confer with Comrade Benson in reference to the matter, with authority to order the pro-posed booklet printed.

The printing of the stenographic re-port of the late National Convention was taken up and discussed.

MOTION, That the National Secreary be requested to prepare a circular letter advertising these publications and soliciting orders with a view of making the distribution of these booklets a spe-cial feature of the campaign. Adopted.

Comrade Kral, of the Bohemian Local, was granted the floor, and asked for the appointment of a Bohemian organizer for September and October, also for assistance in publishing one or two booklets, and stated that there are about 400,000 Bohemians in the United States, located anostly in Chicago Cleveland. located mostly in Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Wisconsin and Iowa. About 600 belong to the Party, affiliated through

MOTION, That the National Secretary be authorized to employ a Bohe-mian organizer the last two months of

MOTION, That the complete pro-ceedings of the Convention be published in full, except discussions on parliamentary procedure. Adopted.

MOTION, That Comrade Work be appointed a committee of one to edit and prepare manuscript of proceedings of the Convention for publication. Adopted.

THE SOCIALIST SPECIAL

The National Secretary submitted the

Comrades:-I renew the recommendation of chartering a special train for the campaign speaking tour from coast to coast, as proposed at the last session, and as per your request, have secured additional data. The approximate cost, as before stated, is about \$20,000.

In submitting this proposition I have in mind the fact that the organized Soin mind the fact that the organized Socialists raised about \$10,000 to pay the mileage of the delegates to the National Convention. We are a big party now, and are capable of carrying through big undertakings. There is scarcely a discordant note heard in the party. The whole tendency, and increasing from day to day, is towards closer unity, harmony and unbounded enthusiasm. This, coupled with the recognized Socialist sentiment abroad, which can be organized, will, in my judgment, carry this project to success and put the forces of capitalism to rout.

Ten thousand dollars were spent to

Ten thousand dollars were spent to nominate our presidential candidates. It is fitting and in order that we raise a

Minutes of the National Executive Committee Socialist Comrade Debs' View of the Socialist Special

COMRADE AND FRIENDS:-

Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1908.

The keen interest I feel in the Socialist Special prompts this appeal in its behalf. Dismissing all personal consideration and speaking with reference to the party alone, I frankly confess myself an enthusiast upon the subject. The idea is bold and audacious and proclaims the adult stage of the Socialist party, which the machine politicians still fondly believe to be in its swaddling clothes.

It is a brilliant idea and glitters with possibilities. The very suggestion is infectious and the thing itself an inspiration.

The Socialist Special!

The roar of it can already be heard in the distance and the eager crowds can be seen as they cheer the onrushing "red spectre" with fiery enthusiasm in its flight across the continent on its mission of emancipation.

In its wake the comrades will shout exultant and the track of the Red Special will be the path of the Revolution.

Hundreds of thousands will be attracted who otherwise will be beyond our reach. Tons of literature will be distributed.

The Special itself will be a thing of life and will throb with the spirit of revolution. Along its track the stray and scattered embers of revolt will be fanned into a sweeping conflagration.

It will increase our capacity, augment our power, multiply our numbers and vitalize our propaganda.

Can it be done?

Can forty thousand members of the Socialist party and a million socialist sympathizers raise the insignificant bagatelle of Twenty Thousand Dollars?

That is the proposition in a nutshell.

It can be done!

Of course it can be done!

But there is no time to lose not a minute. And the only way to do it is to do it. Turn yourself loose, comrades, all along the line and roll in the coin until the Socialist Special is

The announcement has already gone forth and it has struck dismay in the ranks of the enemy. We

cannot now retreat. The Socialist party must make good and the Red Special start on schedule time.

Twenty thousand dollars invested in a Socialist special in this campaign will be worth more than times that amount at a later time.

Nothing ever done or attempted in our propaganda has had such an electric effect upon the movement. The amount required to carry it out will be returned tenfold in advertising alone and in making Socialism the commanding issue before the people of the United states.

Loyally your comrade, EUGENE V. DEBS.

upon and given the chance. We want the government for our very own—let us start "The Socialist Special" in this campaign for the White House and the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Comrade Debs can tak, with the ordinary arrangements, in the large cities only, at sixty night stands in sixty-five days, and that is the limit of your ordinary possibilities. Hundreds of locals and cities want to hear him and see our candidate, and insist upon assignments which are now altogether impossible. Here is your opportunity. A Socialist Special, passing through thousands of towns and stopping at five hundred towns and stopping at five hundred cities across the nation.

posed by the Bohemian organization and approved by the National Secretary. Adopted.

The terms for a special car or for one man being the same as for a special train which will carry a number of passengers, I suggest that a call be issued for volunteer. band to accompany the train, sleeping accommodations and food to be provided by the committee free.

You may consider this a spectacular proposition, but what we want is for the people to know we have candidates and that the Socialist Party is a political factor in this campaign.

THE SOCIALIST SPECIAL will be an animated, moving advertisement of that fact in itself. Moreover, I contend that fact in itself. Moreover, I contend that if we had \$500,000 today and attempted to devise systematic advertising and spend that sum, the results would be less than secured by the continental trip of THE SOCIALIST SPECIAL TRAIN. It will command and force attention in thousands of publications.

Take your train, decorated handsomely

attention of thousands upon thousands who will think it time to investigate and

entire Socialist forces upon one central object; knowledge of the project will be forced upon the attention of the entire population; as a news item is will appear in nearly every publication in the land; the advertising opportunities associated with it for our candidates, our campaign and our philosophy is unbounded; cities will be linked together in an endless chain by the excursion feature. Even at points where no stops are made the train will be watched for and Socialism will be the topic of conversation for the time being.

The beauth forces upon one central ber 27th, and the above figures for mileage are based on a minimum charge of \$1.50 per mile. This minimum charge of to include special train privileges, transportation and the hauling of the said special.

Before exact figures can be arrived at it will be necessary to present to each railroad a specific itinerary or time card of the actual time the special will consume on each road. When this is presented to them they will give us definite and conclusive figures.

The figures for meals above quoted are for twenty people, three meals per entire Socialist forces upon one central

known financial integrity of Socialist Party and the source of its campaign fund is in striking contrast with the other parties, and this fact counts large for the proposition. It is generally recognized that our campaign for each shall be the extra cost for funds are gathered by nickels and dimes from the working class and that all re-ceipts and expenditures are published. The fact that the Socialist Party, so financed, has undertaken a project of this magnitude, will give an impetus and interest to the campaign to be secured in no other manner

I have reviewed the entire subject again and again and have not met with one serious objection to the proposition, and every argument in its favor has been augmented and fortified. The figures I quoted previously are now verified, and Mr. A. E. Yerex, manager of The Rex Tours, will submit to you a definite proposition and will be pleased to answer all questions relating to the

THE REX TOURS.

Chicago, Ill., July 10, 1908. To the Honorable National Executive

Take your train, decorated handsomely and appropriately, and send her out blazing the way for Socialism, showing that the party of the working class is capable and in earnest and mean to conquer their emancipation. Stop at five hundred towns with bands playing, and you get your advertising. It is a chaltenge to capitalism the like of which they expect no more than that their wise ones expect to be able to meet our arguments.

This campaign feature will arrest the attention of thousands who will think it time to investigate and who will think it time to investigate and the car.

day for sixty days, said meals to be up railroad limit, the only additional charge for each shall be the extra cost for meals, providing, however, said additional parties are regularly on the train from the starting of said train to the conclusion of the trip, to which parties the said extra cost shall be in the same proportion as to any of the original twenty above referred to; but if extra parties board the train as transient, the extra charge per person per meal shall be fifty cents.

The above is submitted as a memorandum and not to be considered as a contract, but only as a means of information to enable us to arrive at correct contract. clusions and prepare us for a definite and specific contract.

It is the conclusive opinion of the undersigned that the tour as outlined by your committee in its official bulletin be made at the maximum cost of \$20,350.00 for twenty people for the said sixty days, and I would respectfully suggest that your committee allow me, with your assistance, to work out a definite time card in order to enable us to arrive at a correct time card in order that we may secure contracts with the various roads over which we pass.

Respectfully submitted,

THE REX TOURS, Per A. E. YEREX, Mgr.

MOTION, That the plans of Comrade Barnes be approved and adopted, sub-ject to the consent of Comrade Debs.

should take up some phase of our plat-form, or some of the issues that are prominent before the American people. Adopted.

MOTION, That the National Secretary be instructed to have leaflets prepared on the following subjects: Regulation of Ownership (railroads, telegraphs, etc); second, The Trusts; third, The Factories and the Workers (shortening of hours of labor, regulation of women labor, sanitary inspection, etc.); fourth, Industrial Insurance (insurance against sickness and accidents and oldage pensions); fifth, Farmers; sixth, Political Democracy (woman's suffrage, direct legislation); seventh, Freedom of Speech and Assembly. Adopted.

The following telegram was received from Comrade G. C. Porter, of Omaha: "Roe group held convention at Grand Island; nominated national electors and state ticket. Believe I should organize and do secretarial work during August. Shall I?"

Also a letter from him and one from Comrade Fred L. Schwartz was read.

MOTION, That Comrade Porter be re-engaged until the first of September. Adopted.

MOTION, That Comrades Work and Floaten be appointed a committee to go over the proposed route for Comrade Debs. Adopted.

The National Secretary submitted an individual ballot for National Referendum 'B," 1908," and letters from Comrade Fred L. Schwartz and J. W. Slayton objecting to the corresponding sections of the old (present) constitution being printed on the ballot.

MOTION, That in directing the National Secretary to submit the corresponding sections of the old constitution, together with the proposed amendments, the National Executive Committee had intended to submit such associations of the intended to submit such provisions of the old constitution for comparison only, so as to inform the voters of the object of the proposed amendments. The provisions of the old constitution contained visions of the old constitution contained in columns one and three of the referendum are not to be voted on, and the National Secretary is instructed to call the attention of the members to this fact through the press and otherwise. Adopted.

At 6:45 adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a. m. July 11th.

MORNING SESSION, JULY 11. At 11 a. m., by common consent, the meeting was postponed to give the committee on the special train a chance to finish their report.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JULY 11.
Meeting was called to order by the
National Secretary at 1:30. Comrade
Work was elected chairman.

Under miscellaneous the following were take up.

A proposed National Party Referendum from Local Harrisville, West Virginia, was read.

Letter from Comrade Freeman Knowles in reply to greetings sent re-ceived and filed.

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Communication from the New York State Committee relating to collections of campaign funds through party papers was read. No action taken, the subject matter now appearing as a National Committee motion.

Letter was read from Comrade Fossum, Secretary of the Scandinavian Socialist Agitation Committee, requesting the appointment of Comrade David Holmgren as a National Organizer. The National Secretary stated that Comrade A. C. Meyer, of Copenhagen, will reach this country about August 1st, for about one month's stay, and owing to a lack of definite information it is impossible to ascertain the liabilities in this connection, and that it would be well to postpone action upon the application until facts regarding the tour of Comrade Meyer are ascertained.

MOTION, That we empower the Na-

Committee, with whom the subject was discussed, it was deemed advisable not to renew our contract with the Amerito renew our contract with the American Press Association for the Socialist plate matter page, the contract expiring this month. The number of subscribers to the same is constantly on the decline, and shortly our liabilities on this account would exceed the appropriation of \$15 per month allowed by the National Committee Motion, which inaugurating the services. The expenses thus far have been \$123 on account of shortage of subscribers.

MOTION, That the contract for the plate matter be discontinued. Adopted.

Letter from C. E. Wharton, of the Eighth Ohio Congressional District, reference foreign speakers.

MOTION, That the National Secretary be instructed to communicate with Comrades Grayson, Vulmar and Lefargue. Adopted.

MOTION, That the National Secre-tary be instructed to write to Lady War-wick and inform her of the reports that wick and inform her of the reports that have come to this office in regard to her probable visit to this country, and also that the Secretary be instructed to say to her that if she comes we would be glad to place her. Adopted.

Letter from Comrade Wagenknecht, formerly of Washington, now of Cleveland, Ohio, making application for a position as National Organizer.

MOTION, By Work, that his request be granted. The vote. No action taken.

Letter read from Comrade Ira Culp reference publication of Hillquit-Culp correspondence. This correspondence relates to a letter written by the National Secretary to Comrade Culp, dated June 8, inclosing galley proof of letters of Comrade Hillquit and Comrade Culp, which were excluded for lack of space in the May issue of the Official Monthly Bulletin, else a supplement would be required.

Card from you last month?

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

MOTION, That all the other leaflets hould take up some phase of our platform, or some of the issues that are rominent before the American people. Adopted.

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MOTION, That no communication be published in the weekly or monthly Bulletin except they be sent by members of the National or Executive Committee or by a state organization, and that communications from committeemen be conmunications from committeemen be confined to reports, motions and comments thereon, the only exception to this being proposed referendums sent by locals. Adopted.

The Special train proposition was again taken up.

MOTION, That in view of the extreme importance of the enterprise and the necessity of immediate action, the National Executive Committee requests the members of the National Committee to express their approval or disapproval of the plan within one week. Adopted. The National Secretary reads the data collected from the returns of the membership record cards, as compiled by the favor of Comrade Emma Pischel.

MOTION, That the partial returns be MOTION, That the partial returns be held back until we get returns from the following states: Massachusetts, Wisconsin, New Jersey, California, Washington, Connecticut, Montana and other states not yet heard from. Also that the states of New York and Illinois be recanvassed. Adopted.

The National Secretary reported the following tabular statement, the information being taken from the credentials of the Delegates to the National Convention:

DATA CONCERNING DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CON-VENTION.

Out of 210 reporting they were divided in nationalities as follows:
Americans, 151; Germans, 16; Russians, 7; Irish, 4; British, 9; Canadians, 8; Finnish, 5; all others, 9.
Out of the total number reporting occupation we find the following: Craftsmen, 73; laborers, 3; miners, 9; farmers, 14; stenographers, 7; railroads, 4; commercial, 21; lawyers, 12; editors, 16; dentists, 4; housewives, 10; lecturers and agitators, 20; clergymen, 3; physicians, 4.

cians, 4.

Ages of Delegates: 20 to 30, 22; 30 to 40, 77; 40 to 50, 65; 50 to 60, 47.

Sixty-seven delegates were affiliated with trades unions; A. F. of L., 61; W. F. of M., 4; I. W. W., 2.

Party membership: 1 year, 5; 2 years, 16; 4 years, 44; 6 years, 54; 8 years, 35; 10 years, 39; 15 years, 25.

Under the new order of business the matter of funds was taken up.

MOTION, That the first motion in reference to the special train be modified by providing that it cannot operate if within thirty days from date the necessary funds have not been contributed or pledged; second, that Comrades Barnes and Simons are elected to draft a call to members and sympathizers for such funds or pledges. Adopted. Adopted.

MOTION, That the National Secretary be instructed to arrange for tickets from place to place, and price and proper methods of distribution on the basis of two cents a mile. Adopted.

MOTION, That a special appeal for funds is to be made for the Socialist Special Campaign Train be solicited through all the Socialist newspapers and State Committees and locals. Furthermore, that a medallion be issued as a souvenir to commenorate this coession. MOTION, That we empower the National Secretary to make the best arrangements he sees fit. Adopted.

The National Secretary reported that in agreement with the Plate Matter in agreement with the Plate Matter in agreement with the best arrangement with the Plate Matter in agreement with the plate price of fifty cents. Comrades Barnes and Simons are hereby authorized to carry out the intentions of the National Executive Committee in regard hereto.

> MOTION, That the locals at inter-mediate stations be charged twenty-five dollars. Adopted.

> MOTION, That the charge for the night meeting be twenty-five dollars and one-half of the net proceeds, the total to be not less than fifty dollars. Adopted.

MOTION, That the report of the committee on assignment of dates be accepted. Adopted.

The report of the committee will be published later after the assignments have been justified with the railroad

Moved to adjourn to meet on Saturday, the 15th of August, at 10 a.m.

Adjourned. Attest: MABEL H. HUDSON,

To the Local Secretary:

Did your State Secretary receive a report card from you last

Report of Action of the National Committee on Motions Nos. 21, 22. Motions Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 Submitted

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., July 1, 1908. To the National Committee:

Comrades—Herewith is submitted report of National Committee Referendum No. 12, Motions Nos. 21 and 22, by Guy E. Miller, National Committee Member of Colorado:

MOTION NO. 21.

Arizona Gallentine
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California McDevitt
Colorado Buie
Colorado Miller
Connecticut Applegate
Illinois Berlyn
Illinois Berlyn Illinois Collins
Indiana Paynolds
Iowa Work
Iowa Shank
Kansas McAllister
Iowa Work Iowa Shank Kansas McAllister Kansas Willits
Kentucky
Kentucky Dobbs LouisianaVan Brook
Maine Hunter
Maryland Culp
Massachusetts Carey
Massachusetts Konikow
Michigan Stinton
Michigan Stirton Minnesota Williams Minnesota Maattala
Minnesota Williams
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Missouri Schenkel New Hampshire Murray
New Torgov
New Jersey Kearns New Jersey Walker New York Wanhope New York Fieldman Ohio Caldwell
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New York Wannope
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Oklahoma Caldwell
Oklahoma Ross
Oklahoma Laudermilk Oregon Barzee
Oregon Barzee
Oregon Axelson
Pennsylvania Moore
Pennsylvania Maurer
South Dakota Knowles
Tennessee Voss Texas Payne
Texas Payne
Utah
Washington Burgess
West Virginia Gillespie
Wisconsin Heath
Wyoming Hastings
Total, 44.
Arkansas LeFevre California Richardson Ulinois
Arkansas LeFevre
Camornia Richardson
New York Spargo

Texas Clark
Total, 6.
NOT VOTING.
Arkansas Hogan
California Cole
Florida Pettigrew
Idaho Rigg
Illinois Simons
Michigan King
Montana Mable
New York Lee
North Dakota Lampman
Ohio Clifford
Oklahoma Hagel
Rhode Island Carpenter
Vermont Dunbar
Washington Herman
Wisconsin Berger
Wisconsin Thompson
Total, 16.
Motion is therefore adopted.
COMMENT

	VOTING YES	
Alabama		Baldwin
Arizona .		Gallentine
Colorado		Ruite
Colorado		Miller
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Illinois		Parler
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Kansas .		McAllister
Kansas .		Willits
Kentucky	************	Dobbs
Louisiana		Van Brook
Maine	<i></i> .	Hunter
Maryland		Culp
Massachu	setts	Carev
Michigan		Stirton
Minnesota		. Williams
Minnesota		Maattale
Missouri		Rahrana
New How	pshire	Murray
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Oklanoma		Ross
Oregon		Barzee
Oregon		Axelson
Pennsylva	ınia	Moore
Pennsylva	kota	Maurer
South Dal	kota	Knowles
Tennessee		···· Voss
Texas		Payne
Washingto	on	. Rurgass
West Vir	ginia	Gillespie
Wyoming		Hestings
Total, 38.		
	VOTING NO.	
	TOTING NO.	

Washington Burgess
West Virginia Gillespie
Wyoming Hastings
matal so
Total, 38.
VOTING NO.
Arkansas LeFevre
California McDevitt
California Richardson
Illinois Collins
Missouri Schenkel
New Jersey Kearns
New York Wanhope
New York Spargo
Pennsylvania Schwartz
Texas Clark
Wisconsin Heath
Total, 11.
NOT VOTING.

Ohio Clifford
Oklahoma Hagel
Rhode Island Carpenter
Vermont Dunbar
Washington Herman
Wisconsin Berger
Wisconsin Thompson
Total, 17.
Motion is therefore adopted.

membership incapable of expressing an opinion in these questions? With Comrade Schwartz I hold that all of the proceedings of the convention must be submitted to referendum vote, and I hope the National Committee will not allow such usurpation of authority by the National Executive Committee, as provided by the National Committee, as provided by the Constitution about to be voted upon, they will be much more likely to represent the Socialist party than the present National Executive Committee, all of whom were elected by a minority of the votes cast.

"Comrades of the National Committee, if you have faith in the membership of the Socialist party and believe in democracy, vote 'Yes' on the motion of Comrade Schwartz."

Relating to the manner in which the

tional Organizer from Nebraska, and since receiving your letter, which contains the information from Porter himself that the "Roe group" has held a convention and nominated candidates, I am firmly convinced that the Socialist forces in Nebraska are as badly divided as ever, if not more so.

If Porter, as he states in his letter to you, "has accomplished the work intended," perhaps the "Roe convention" is a good sample of his work.

If the National Executive Committee has seen fit to continue Porter because of his "accomplishments," I want to say that I am not responsible for the brains represented on the National Executive Committee. A game of "peanut politics" could not be played better.

It's mighty poor judgment that will go in the camp of one "faction" and secure from it a "unifier" to sprinkle rose water on the other faction.

I would request that this letter with yours included be sent out as a further comment on my motion relating to Porter.

ter.
With all good wishes, I am.
(Signed) FRED L. SCHWARTZ,
National Committeeman of Penn Pennsyl

COMMENT OF EMIL M. HERMAN, NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN OF WASHINGTON.

I wish to second the motion of Comrade Fred L. Schwartz to the effect that G. C. Porter be withdrawn as National Organizer from the state of Nehraska.

To my mind the National Executive Committee did a very unwise thing when they selected Porter (one of the most partisan and prejudiced 'factionists' in the state) to reorganize Nebraska, especially when the question might be raised as to whether or not he is a member of the Socialist party. I remember distinctly that when the Nebraska controversy was being debaded on the floor of the national convention it was stated that National Secretary Barnes had in his possession a letter from Local Omaha (Porter faction) to the effect that G. C. Porter had been expelled from the Socialist party on Thursday evening, May 7, 1908.

If I am not mistaken, this letter was withheld from the oredentials committee, and I know it was not read on the floor of the convention. Even if there were no doubt as to Porter's standing with the Socialist party, it would be the height of folly to give him the pressilge of the national organization with which to build up a faction to the possible detriment of the Socialist party. There is more to this Nebraska controversy than what appears on the surface. Underlying the personal differences which manifest themselves is a fundamental principle.

The real issue is, shall we have a revolutionary proletarian party or a reform bourgeois party in Nebraska? The J. P. Roe faction, whose organization was destroyed by the arbitrary and unconstitutional act of the last National Executive Committee when they declared the Socialist party in Nebraska unorganized, undoubtedly hold aloft the banner of class-conscious proletarian revolt, while the G. C. Porter faction stand for bourgeois reform. Behind the Poverter faction, whose maneuvers in Nebraska three years ago are not yet forgotten by those who have the best interest of the Socialist party and should and must be settled right. I am satisfied you will agree with me when I say that justice cannot be done t

Chicago, Ill., July 21, 1908. To the National Committee:

Comrades—Herewith is submitted National Committee referendum No. 14, Motions Nos. 26 and 27, by John Spargo, National Committee Member of New York, and Victor L. Berger, National Committee Member of Wisconsin.

MOTION NO. 26, BY JOHN SPARGO OF NEW YORK.

"All such leaslets may be published by the various states if the respective state committees so desire. The National Executive Committee wants to conduct a planful and systematic campaign, and it is necessary that the campaign literature conform with such plans. The frequent and disconnected resolutions for the publication of special campaign leaslets have a tendency to interfere with systematic campaign work, as the National Executive Committee very justly contends."

Vote will close Aug. 11, 1908.

Chicago, Ill., July 28, 1908.
To the National Committee:

Comrades—Herewith is submitted National Committee Referendum No. 15, Motion No. 28, by Emil M. Herman of Washington:

MOTION NO. 28.

"I move that hereafter no one be placed on the list of national lecturers or organizers unless he or she has first received the indorsement of the state committee of the Socialist party of the state in which he or she holds member-shin."

COMMENT BY JOHN M. WORK, NA-TIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF IOWA.

"We tried that plan once and found it to be a nuisance. There is no reason why a state should dictate who shall or who shall not work in other states. Certainly we have to get information in regard to proposed agitators and the state committees constitute one valuable source of such information. But there are also many other valuable sources. We should not confine ourselves to one."

Vote will close Aug. 18, 1908.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MAHLON BARNES.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

FREE SPEECH VICTORY IN DAYTON, OHIO.

They had a city ordinance. Judge ong looked it over and ruled in part

as follows:
"The defendant contends that that part of the ordinance which requires the defendant to first obtain a per-mit from the chief of police before he can use the streets for holding a public meeting of citizens, or for any re-ligious purpose, or the holding of any public parade of citizens, is in contravention of the constitution and laws of Ohio; and that it is unreasonable, unconstitutional and void.

"The ordinance in question seeks to reduce the right of the citizens to use the streets for any lawful public purpose to a privilege. It further seeks to confer upon the chief of police the following unrestricted, arbitrary, dis-

"First-To grant or refuse to grant the citizens permission to use the public streets for a lawful public pur-

specifies the location where such use may be exercised.

"Third-He determines the hours and date or dates when the permit may be used.

"Fourth-He may in his discretion

revoke the permit granted.

"In other words, the ordinance seeks to make the chief of police the sole guardian of the rights of the people to the use of the public streets

for all public purposes, except the right of public travel. "It is the decision of the court that that part of the ordinance in question which require the people to obtain a permit from the chief of police before they can use the streets, avenues, al-leys and lanes, to hold any public meeting, religious meeting or public parade, is repugnant to Sections 3 and 11 of Article 1 of the constitution of Ohio, is in conflict with Section 6896 of the revised statutes of Ohio, is inconsistent with Ordinance No. 2704 of the ordinances of the city of Dayton, is unreasonable, unconstitutional and

EXTRACT OF THE NATURALIZATION ACT OF JUNE 29, 1906.

Sec. 4. An alien may be admitted to become a citizen of the United States in the following manner, and not otherwise:

First—He shall declare on oath before the clerk of any authorized court in the district in which such alien resides, two years at least prior to his admission, and after he has reached the age of eighteen years, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, state, etc., and particularly, by name, to the state or sovereignty of which the alien may be at the time a citizen or subject. And such declaration shall set forth the name, age, occupation, personal description, place of birth, last foreign residence and allegiance, the date of arrival, the name of the United States, and the present place of residence.

Provided, however, that no alien who has declared his intention to become a citizen in conformity with previous laws shall be required to renew such declaration.

Second—Not less than two years nor more than seven years after the same to be the convention ruling out an officeholder in accord with Art. 2, Sec. 2 of the constitution. According to Comrade Goebel's report, the "pichunting" politicians are found in groups discussing such a singular thing.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Local Harrisville, W. Va., calls for a National Party referendum upon the following proposition:

"I desire to move that the action of the National Executive Committee authorizing Socialist papers keeping the call for campaign funds and acknowledging all donations in their columns to retain one-half of all such funds to be not concurred in.

"It seems to me that the departure is one which is not wise, which opens the way to a great deal of confusion and might easily lead also to factionalism." MOTION NO. 27, BY VICTOR L. BERGER OF WISCONSIN.

"I move that the National Committee refuse to entertain any further motions to direct the National Secretary on the subject of special campaign leaflets."

COMMENT.

"All such leaflets may be published by the various states if the respective state committees so desire. The Nature of the state of the passage of this act he shall not be required to renew such declaration. Second—Not less than two years nor more than seven years after he has made such declaration of intention he shall make and file, in duplicate, a petition in writing, signed by the applicant in his own handwriting and duly verified, in which petition such applicant shall state his full name, place of residence, occupation, and, if possible, date and place of birth; the place from which he emigrated, and the date and place of his arrival in the United States; if married, he shall state the name of his wife and, if possible, the country of her nativity and her place of residence; and if he has children, the name, date and place of birth and place of residence of each child living; provided, that if he has filed his declaration before the passage of this act he shall not be required to sign the petition in his own handwriting.

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The petition must be verified by the
affidavits of at least two credible witnesses who are citizens of the United
States and who shall state in their affiid davits that they have personally known
the applicant to be a resident of the
United States for a period of at least
in the petition of a period of at least
one year immediately preceding the date
of the filing of his petition, and that they
each have personal knowledge that the
petitioner is a person of good moral
character, and that he is in every way
qualified in their opinion, to be admitted as a citizen of the United States.

At the time of filing his petition there
shall be filed with the clerk of the court
a certificate from the Department of
Commerce and Labor, if the petitioner
arrived in the United States after the
passage of this act, stating the date,
place and manner of his arrival in the
United States, and the declaration of
intention of such petitioner, which certificate and declaration shall be attached
to and made a part of said petition.

COST.

For receiving and filing a declaration of intention and issuing a duplicate thereof, one dollar.

For making filing and docketing the petition of an alien for admission as a citizen of the United States and for the final hearing thereon, two dollars; and for entering the final order and the issuance of the certificate of citizenship thereunder, if granted, two dollars.

Aug. 11.

Relating to the liquor traffic, the Arkansas Socialist platform contains the following plank:

"9. Resolved, That we believe and

recognize the fact that one of the most sinful and degrading blots on humanity and one of man's worst enemies is the present saloon. We believe in protecting every American home from the ruination that the saloon brings and will do all in our power to crush out the traffic in in toxicating liquors by removing all

Comrade J. L. Fitts at Laurinburg, N. C., was called upon by a committee of good (?) citizens and informed that it would be healthy for him to leave town the next morning. They explained that they did not want the Socialist doctrine taught among the ignorant people of the neighboring mill district.

S. J. Grier, local organizer of Fort Collins, Colo., having been arrested for street speaking, was released upon dinance void.

H. G. Terlisner, State Secretary of Tennessee, reports that they have broken all records in the sale of dues stamps and organized six new locals during the month of June.

The state convention of Michigan, which was announced for July 4, has "Second—If he grants a permit, he been postponed until a later date to conform to the provisions of the state primary law.

> An excellent report has been re-ceived of the Debs meetings in Oklahoma, July 4. At Coalgate Comrade Debs spoke at a general picnic, the crowd numbering fully five thousand people. July 5 he spoke to an audience of 1,200 of paid admissions.

Local San Francisco sent the following report for the month of June: Meetings held, 28 propaganda, and 8 business meetings. Average attendance at propaganda meetings, over 250. Literature sold, \$130.00. Average membership for month, 300. New of \$154.59. members admitted, 35; applications pending, 10. Total new members, 45.

By recent referendum Jasper Mc-Levy of Bridgeport has been elected national committeeman of Connecti-

The State Secretary of Indiana regranted to the following locals: Hammond, Hillsdale, Rosedale, Waterloo, Plymouth, Lafayette, Spencer, Shel-burn, Perth, Orestes and Upland.

a National Party referendum upon the following proposition:

"Resolved, That the Socialist Party, national platform be amended by adding the following plank:

"We are in favor of a compensation of forty dollars per week for the service."

of forty dollars per week for the services of every able-bodied person, withregard to sex or occupation. A rade Hardie writes as follows: week's work to consist of not more than forty hours.

(Signed) P. R. GARRETT,

THE SPIRIT OF THE REVOLU-

A comrade writing from a Western state says: "May organize a local here, at least am going to try, although the difficulties are great, as the distances between neighbors are great. Will visit Cooper, over six miles, and Almond, four miles further on, then Al. Hennessey, twenty miles the other way, and Morrison's, four miles beyond. Will also work out toward Knox and get at more of the boys and talk it over. May get a local, and if we cannot hold meetings we will at least distribute literature systematical.

Comrade Debs had rousing meeting July 7 at Fort Smith, July 8 at Pine Bluff, Ark.; July 11 at St. Louis, Mo., and on July 12 at Milwaukee, Wis. He is robust in health and enthusiastic for

least distribute literature systematical-

By recent referendum May Wood Simons, 2319 Sherman avenue, Evans-ton, Ill., has been elected a member of the National Committee. Comrades Seymour Stedman, B. Berlyn and John Collins were re-elected to the same

John Ogg, 69 Maple avenue, Barre, Vt., has been elected State Secretary, vice Alfred M. Henry, resigned.

The Socialists of Texas will meet in mass state convention at Waco Socialist Party Campaign Buttons

Wear One During the Campaign and **Advertise Our Candidate**

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Debs Medallions

Handsomely mounted medallion of the Socialist Party candidate. Makes a timely decoration for the Socialist home. Ten cents each. No reduction in quantities.

Cash must accompany all orders. Make remittances to J. Mahlon Barnes, 180 Washington Street, Chicago, Ills.

State Secretary Ringler of Pennsylhabeas corpus proceedings, and at the hearing the district judge discharged the prisoner and declared the city orthe last primary election.

> State Secretary of Colorado Com-rade Lewis E. Floaten reports good meetings for National Organizer Comrade John Collins, and progress being made, six locals having been organ-ized during the month of June.

The National Executive Committee directed that the mileage assessment account be permanently closed upon the books of the National Office at the close of this month. The National Committee motion, which provides for this assessment, makes the custodian of unsold stamps responsible for the face value of the stamps.

Local Philadelphia has perfected a plan for the systematic handling, sale and distribution of literature.

If you want a storng local, literature is the line. You get the man whom you can induce to read. Their last six months' literature report shows total sales \$728.32, and a profit

National Organizer Geo. H. Goebel and Comrade Waldhorst, candidate for mayor of Birmingham, Ala., were arrested for street speaking and each fined fifty dollars. This was at the instigation of Mayor Ward. Later the mayor remitted the fine for Comrade Goebel to enable him to proceed on his route. The case of Comrade Waldhorst will be taken to a jury. The prevailing public sentiment indicates an acquittal.

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mond, Hillsdale, Rosedale, Waterloo, Plymouth, Lafayette, Spencer, Shelburn, Perth, Orestes and Upland.

Comrades Thos. L. Buie and Guy F. Miller have been elected as national committeemen, and Comrade Lewis E. Floaten as State Secretary of Colorado.

Good reports received from the state convention held at Winston-Salem, N. C., July 6. Papers all over the state have given plenty of space and prominence to the convention, principally because of the convention ruling out an officeholder in accord with Art. 2. Sec. 2 of the constitution. According to Comrade Goebel's report, the "pie-hunting" politicians are found in groups discussing such a singular thing.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Local Harrisville, W. Va., calls for a National Party referendum upon the following proposition:

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"The Watchman," published at Evanston, Wyo., is a new Socialist paper, of which Comrade J. H. Ryckman is the editor.

The Richland Foundry Company at Belleville, Ill., announced a reduction of 25 per cent. The molders went on a strike and the company engaged scabs. The molders tried to persuade the scabs to guit work and were fired. the scabs to quit work and were fired upon, two men being wounded. The Molders' Union did not prosecute for fear the men testifying for the molders would be victimized by the Manufactures' Accessed. facturers' Association.

> Comrade Jas. S. Brower reports from North Dakota: "I spoke in a barn twelve miles from a railroad. The collection was \$16.21. On the way over we met first a Democrat, then a Republican, and they informed us that they were done with the old parties and would be with us from this time on. A local was formed."

The State Secretary of Arizona reports the expulsion of Maxwell Smith by Local Bisbee for forfeiting bonds by failing to appear at a court trial, said bond having been secured by the local.

The Redpath Chautauqua System that reaches an average of 500,000 people every summer has just decided to make a lecture on Socialism a feature of their program, and they have arranged with Comrade Carl D. Thompson to deliver the lecture at all the remaining chautauquas. The following are the dates of Comrade Thompson: Ord, Neb., Aug. 1-2; Columbus, 4-5; Blair, 6-7; Seward, 8-9; Wahoo, 10-11; Concordia, Kan., 13-14; Washington, 15-16; Pawnee City, Neb., 17-18; Sadetha, Kan., 19-20; McCook, Neb., 22-23; Alms, 24-25; Minden, 26-27; Stromburg, 28-29-30.

By recent referendum Jasper Mc-Levy, 1313 North avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., has been elected a member of the National Committee.

Jennings," has some poor pupils.

Declining with regrets an invitation to participate in our campaign, Comrade Hardie writes as follows:

"Needless to say, I most cordially wish success to Comrade Debs and the party generally.

"Until the working class has its own party fighting for it, upon all occasions, conditions will go from bad to worse.

"Here, through the efforts and in-

additional expense of three hundred dollars. Tor a re-submission of the referending fluence of the labor party, complete protection for trade unions has been secured. No injunctions are possible. Meals for children. SOMETHING for the unemployed, and now an old age pension will soon be an accomplished fact.

"In every white man's country in the workers of the United States of America will, I feel confident, want to be in the van of progress, not lagging in the rear, and to accomplish this they must vote solid for Debs and his co-nominees.

"With fraternal greetings, I am your comrade,

"(Signed) J. KEIR HARDIE."

Comrade Phil Callery, with dates arranged in the east till the end of the campaign, was taken sick in Indiana and was compelled to cancel all dates and return home.

Comrade J. B. Capshaw was recently elected magistrate for the Second Ward of Ouachita Parish, La. Commande Capshaw received 14 votes, while his Democratic opponent received but 2. He will serve four years.

The Socialist Special Vote of National Committee on

COMRADES, GREETING:

"Sure, certainly, the comrades may give pennies for firecrackers, but will give dollars for Krupp guns," was Comrade Eugene V. Debs' reply to a question as to the practicability of the plan to run a Socialist Special Train.

That is what the members of the National Executive Committee thought also, although they did not put it in such a striking form. They believed that a special train, which would carry the presidential candidates into nearly ten times as many cities as they could make in any other way, with all the features accompanying such a train, would be the biggest Krupp gun ever fired by the Socialists of this country.

"The Special Train," starting Aug. 31st, and continuing until

election day, will consist of one combined sleeper, diner and observation car, with platform for speaking, a day coach and a baggage car. This train will carry the presidential candidates, a band of music, literature and other materials for making a rousing campaign.

Already arrangements have been made for nearly 500 meetings, whereas under previous plans but 60 could have been held.

The cost of such a train, making a trip twice across the continent, bers of the National Committee to express the route, by the sale of literature on the train, and carrying the plan within one week." Adopted. The cost of such a train, making a trip twice across the continent, excursionists between meetings. But \$15,000 must be raised before the train starts. If this sum is raised, or pledged promptly, the "Red Special" is assured.

This is a special feature, and must detract in no wise from the regular campaign, or the uniform subscription lists whereby each division of the party is financed.

Indeed this special feature should increase the general activity in every direction all along the line.

We have 40,000 party members. Fifty cents from each in the average will meet the expense. Less will not do. Those who can must give more, according to their ability, to make up for those who, regardless of their wishes, cannot give at all.

Enclosed find printed copy of the minutes of the National Executive Committee containing a more complete explanation.

Comrades, there is no time to lose. On schedule and record breaking time the funds must come, or this opportunity is lost and the train Socialist Special Train.

Take this letter, use it as a subscription blank to gather funds for "Socialist Special," and return it with the collection to the National Office on or before August 8th.

Comrades, your res, onse will decide the issue. Ring the bell blow the whistle, clear the track. They're off! "The Red Special!" Ho, for education! Ho, for class emancipation! Eleven thousand miles, to the Atlantic, to the Pacific, in the day time and the night time, spreading light and hope and joy!

Fraternally your comrades,

A. M. SIMONS, J. MAHLON BARNES, Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

 National Headquarters, Socialist Par- ty, Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1908. 	WAGES. J. Mahlon Barnes\$125.00
RECEIPTS.	W. W. Rihl 80.00
	F. H. Slick 72.00
National Dues from State Commit-	C. J. Wright 72.00 J. C. Chase 54.00
tees: \$ 19.60	M. Flaherty 52.00
	J. A. Gavin 48.00
	M. Hudson 48.00
Arkansas 90.00	A. M. Boggess 48.00
California 165.00	D. Fleming ., 72.00
Colorado 45.00	B. Yourex 48.00 L. Gourney 42.00
Connecticut 30.00	M. Schupp 32.00
Florida 35.00	793.0
Idaho 43.00	Printing literature and sup-
Illinois 154.50	plies 535.0
Indiana 60.50	Literature 10
Iowa 50.00	Office equipment 15.0
Kansas 70.09	Rent, July 100.0
Kentucky 10.00	Books for locals 199.6
	Reporting convention acct 250.0
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Maryland 10.00	SPEAKERS.
Massachusetts 100.00	
Michigan 68.70	G. Bertelli\$ 25.00 Jas. H. Brower 25.00
Minnesota	Thos. L. Buie 50.00
Montana	H. H. Caldwell 115.00
Nevada 8.00	Stanley J. Clark 30.00
New Hampshire 7.90	Eugene V. Debs 100.00
New York 175.00	A. W. Drew 25.00 Geo. H. Goebel 25.00
North Dakota 13.95	Ben Hanford 130 00
Ohio	T. J. Lewis 25.00
Oklahoma	A. W. Mance 10.00
Pennsylvania 152.50	R. A. Maynard 50.00
Rhode Island 10.00	A. C. Meyer 50.00 Clinton H. Pierce 80.00
South Dakota 11.50	Sumner W. Rose 30.00
Tennessee 20.00	C. H. Taylor 50.00
Texas 80.95	James Williams 90.00
Utah 15.00 Vermont 6.00	Dan A. White 25.00 M. W. Wilkins 6.00
Washington 140.25	M. W. Wilkins 6.00
West Virginia 7.00	
Wisconsin 66.00	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COM
Wyoming 17.25	MITTEE MEETING.
\$2,238.85	Victor L. Berger\$ 13.40
\$2,200.00	A. H. Floaten 71.70
UNORGANIZED STATES.	Maurice Hillquit 55.00
Georgia\$:70	A. M. Simons 6.00 J. G. Phelps Stokes 55.00
Mississippi 2.00	John M. Work 27.00
Nebraska 33.60	228.10
New Mexico 24.75 North Carolina 5.70	Carpenter work 32.0-
North Carolina 5.70 Members at large 4.85	Hanford photos 31.00
oremoers at largy 4.65	Buttons 1.2
Total for dues\$2,310.45	Electros 81.18
Supplies 165.09	Miscellaneous 8.50
Literature 84.65	\$3,803.84
Buttons 92.69	
Campaign fund 543.96	.SUMMARY.
Socialist Special 418.55	Balance on hand July 1\$ 538.98
Special assessment stamps 131.20 Louis Goaziou returned 6.00	Receipts for month 3,752.59
Louis Goaziou returned 6.00	
Total receipts\$3,752.59	\$4,291.57 Expenditures for month 3,803.84
	Expenditures for month 3,803.84

EXPENDITURES

27.03

Exchange\$

General expense Express and freight

Postage Telegrams and telephone....

Socialist Special Train

Chicago, Ill., July 14, 1908. To the National Committee:

Comrades-The National Executive Committee, in session July 10 and 11, favorably considered the proposition of chartering a special train for the coast to coast campaign speaking tour, beginning at Chicago Aug. 30.

The committee believes this ques-

tion must be finally decided and the funds gathered or pledged within thirty days to assure success.

MOTION OF NATIONAL EXECU-TIVE COMMITTEE.

"That in view of the extreme importance of the enterprise, the necessity of immediate action, the National Executive Committee requests the mem-

The printed minutes of the National Executive Committee, containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing full information will be a contained with the containing wi

information will be mailed July 18.

In keeping with the above motion, I inclose a national committee ballot marked "Socialist Special Train," and ask that it be returned on or before July 28. This allows ten days from time of mailing from this office, min-utes of the National Executive Com-

Chicago, Ill., July 29, 1908.

VOTING YES.
Alabama
Arkansas
Arkansas Le Fevre
California McDevitt
California Richardson
Colorado . Ruia
Connecticut McLevy
Illinois Simons
Illinois Berlyn
Illinois Stedman
Illinois Collins
Indiana Revnolds
Iowa Work
Iowa Shank
Kansas Willits
Kansas Willits Kansas McAllister
Kentucky Dobbs
Kentucky Dobbs Louisiana Van Brook Maine Hunter
Maine Hunter
Massachusetts Konikow
Michigan Stirton
Minnesota Williams
Missouri Behrens
Missouri Schenkel
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Montana Selby
New Jersey Kearns
New York Wanhone
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Montana Selby New Jersey Kearns New York Wanhope New York Spargo New York Lee
North Dakota Lampman
Onto Prevey
Oklahoma Laudermilk
Oklahoma Hagel
Oklahoma Ross
Oregon Rarree
Oregon Axelson
Pennsylvania Mauree
Rhode Island Bondreau South Dakota Knowles
South Dakota Knowles
Tennessee
Texas Payne
Utah Syphers Washington Herman West Virginia Gillespie
Washington Herman
West Virginia 1 Gillespie
Wisconsin Heath Wisconsin Thompson
Wisconsin Thompson
Wisconsin Berger
Wyoming Hastings
Total, 50.

VOTING NO.

Arizona Gallentine

Florida Pettigrew

Toledo, Ohio.....Monday, Sept. 28 Cleveland, Ohio...Tuesday, Sept. 29 Erie, Pa......Wednesday, Sept. 30

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Balance on hand Aug. 1,

1908\$ 487.73

J. MAHLON BARNES,

National Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

New Jersey Walker Ohio Clifford Ohio Caldwell Pennsylvania Schwartz Pennsylvania Moore
Washington Burgess Total, 9.
NOT VOTING.
California Cole Colorado Miller Idaho Rigg
Massachusetts , Carey Michigan King
Minnesota Maattala New HampshireMurray New York Fieldman
Texas Clark Total, 9. Motion is therefore adopted.
COMMENT.
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NEW YORK (SPARGO)-"I vote 'yes.' In doing so I am relying main-ly upon the judgment of the Executive Committee. My first impressions were unfavorable, I am free to say, but upon careful reflection it seems that the campaign would be enormously more effective and enthusiastic if the plan can be adopted. In voting I am acting upon the careful conclusion of a large number of comrades in this county. I am also presuming that the plan will not be undertaken un-To the National Committee:

Comrades—Herewith is submitted report of the action on motion by National Executive Committee—the Social Special Technology.

OREGON (BARZEE)-"Commenting on Special Train for Debs campaign, let me say I indorse the mo-tion of the National Executive Committee and commend it as being about the best piece of work they have done in some time past.

in some time past.

"We owe it to the cause, we owe it to the party and we owe it to the candidates. Let a general tax be levied, if in order, and the red paint applied to the whole United States."

PENNSYLVANIA (MAURER)—
"I certainly approve of the plans to run the Socialist Special. We have an educational movement and our growth and final triumph does not depend upon spectacular display nor pend upon spectacular display nor brass bands. Nevertheless, we have conducted a perpetual campaign for many years, sowing the seeds of edu-cation. Much of this seed we know fell upon barren and polluted soil, much more, however, fell upon fertile soil, which has grown and is still growing. Harvest time is between now and November. In previous years the harvesting was a very poorly con-ducted affair, much of the fruit was missed. Never have the Socialists of

proposition to several branches and to many Socialists (party members) and found very few objections.

"The sentiment is very much in favor of the Special.

"The Special will not only bring out our vote, but will make thousands sit up and take notice. While many take notice.

"The Special will not only bring out our vote, but will make thousands sit up and take notice. While many more will be started on the road to thinking and reading, thereby paving the way for a more rapid growth and easier work for the propaganda."

PENNSYLVANIA (SCHWARTZ)
—"I vote 'no' on this action of the National Executive Committee, as I don't want to embarrass Comrade Debs, knowing him to be utterly disgusted with these plutocratic ideas."

Relating to the make-up of the referendum ballot for vote upon the constitutional amendments proposed by the national Executive Committee.

SESSION MAY 18—MOTION—
"That amendments adopted by the convention shall be submitted, together with the corresponding sections of the old constitution. The amendments to be printed in italics."

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Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

Campaign Speaking Tour for Comrade Debs

EVENING MEETINGS.

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The Socialist Special will stop on a average of four times a day at invening points. hicago, Ill	The above route was prepared by the National Executive Committee in session July 10-11, at which time ev- ery expression from state commit- tees and locals were considered and the committee had the advice and as-
etroit, MichSaturday, Sept. 26 bledo. OhioMonday, Sept. 28	sistance of a schedule specialist on the railroad connections.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

Plate Paper Portraits

Copper plate halftone portraits of Eugene V. Debs and Ben Hanford. Each on separate sheet of paper 11x14 inches in size, suitable for framing. Fac-simile signatures under each picture. The pair mailed, postage paid, for 25 cents.

FREE SPEECH VICTORY IN LOS ANGELES, CAL

As previously reported in these columns, the "Citizens' Alliance" of Los Angeles, Cal., "is not so many." After fighting the trades unionist for years, they tackled Socialist street meeting with a nice little made-to-order city ordinance.

der city ordinance.

Fifty Socialists went to jail. Hundreds more had signed pledges to speak at the direction of the Free Speech Committee, and take the consequences. At the height of the so-cial season "at home" cards were is-sued by the members of the select circle as follows:

cle as follows:

"Mrs. Dorothea Johns, Mrs. Bertha M. Dailey, Mrs. Alice V. Holloway, Mrs. Helen A. Collins will be 'at home' in the city jail, where they are temporarily staying for exercising their right of free speech as guaranteed by the constitution of the United States and the state of California.

"Friends will be welcomed Thursdays and Sundays (regular visiting days) from 10 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m., from July 14 until further notice. (No refreshments served.)

"Those unable to attend are requested to send regrets to A. C. Harper, mayor of Los Angeles, Cal., or the police commissioners."

But "what's the use?" The authorities run for cover. The ordinance was repealed. Selah!

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REPLY OF DEBS TO NEW YORK WORLD.

TELEGRAM.

New York, N. Y., July 12, 1908. Hon. E. V. Debs, Terre Haute, Ind.: Mr. Taft, the Republican candidate Mr. Tait, the Republican candidate for President, has publicly announced that all money received and expended by the Republican committee during the campaign will be publicly accounted for in detail in accordance with the laws of New York. Do you favor similar publicity of the Socialist party contributions and expenditures in this campaign without waiting for legisle campaign without waiting for legislation by Congress?

G. J. CONGRESS, Editor of the World. TELEGRAM.

G. J. Congress, Editor World, New York, N. Y.:

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Answering your inquiry, I have to say that the Socialist party has always published all the receipts and expenditures in connection with its political campaign and this year will be no exception to the rule. The campaign fund of the Socialist party is made up almost wholly of the nickels and dimes of the working class and all contributions are published in the official Bulletin of the National Party at the time they are made, and at the the time they are made, and at the close of each campaign due report of all receipts and expenditures is made by the campaign committee and the National Secretary, copies of which missed. Never have the Socialists of this country made a serious effort to reap the harvest of their labors and I think the "Red Special" is one of the best modern implements with which to do the job.

"I have submitted the 'Special's' National Secretary, copies of which are furnished to the press and the party membership. Not a dollar has ever been received by the Socialist party from any corporation, and not a dollar ever received by it has been used except for the education of the working class. working class

EUGENE V. DEBS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Chicago, July 11, 1908.
Relating to the make-up of the ref-

SESSION JULY 10 - Comrade Barnes submitted copies of national referendum "A" and "B," containing the platform and constitution adopted

the platform and constitution adopted by the last national convention.

MOTION—"That in directing the National Secretary to submit the corresponding sections of the old constitution, together with the proposed amendments, the National Executive Committee had intended to submit such provisions of the old constitution for comparison only, so as to inform the voters of the objects of the proposed amendments. The provisions of the old constitution contained in columns one and three of the referendum are not to be voted on, and the National Secretary is instructed to call the attention of the members to this Oct. 12
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National Secretary is instructed to call the attention of the members to this fact through the press and otherwise."

An error appears in the platform under the head of General Demands as follows: The first sentence of Demand No. 5 should be eliminated. The sentence is "THAT OCCUPANCE AND USE OF LAND BE THE SOLE TITLE TO POSSESSION."

The error is due to the fact that the stenographic report of the proceedings was not accessible at the time of the meeting of the Committee on

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> Since last report charters have been granted by the National Office to locals in unorganized states as follows: cals in unorganized states as follows: Waynesville, N. C., seven members; Jackson, Miss., ten members; Springer, N. M., six members; Mogollon, N. M., six members; Aztec, N. M., nine members; Goldfield, Nev. (Finnish), fourteen members; Yerington, Nev., five members; Smelter, Nev., five members; Long Pine, Neb., seven members; Comstock, Neb., six members.