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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF April, 1909

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., April 30, 1909.	
RECEIPTS.	
National Dues from State Committees—	
Alabama	\$ 11.00
Arkansas	15.00
Arizona	20.00
California	200.00
Colorado	5.25
Connecticut	40.00
Florida	13.00
Idaho	24.00
Illinois	150.00
Indiana	50.75
Iowa	50.00
Kansas	43.00
Kentucky	20.00
Maine	11.00
Maryland	15.00
Massachusetts	126.00
Michigan	54.55
Minnesota	61.20
Missouri	30.00
Montana	23.00
Nevada	25.00
New Hampshire	9.25
New Jersey	50.00
New Mexico	25.00
New York	200.00
North Dakota	9.90
Ohio	108.70
Oklahoma	60.00
Oregon	50.70
Pennsylvania	153.75
Rhode Island	15.00
South Dakota	21.50
Tennessee	12.00
Texas	100.05
Washington	43.50
West Virginia	10.00
Wisconsin	101.00
Wyoming	15.98
	\$1,979.08
Unorganized States—	
Alaska	\$ 1.50
Georgia	4.00
Hawaii	4.00
Mississippi	7.00
Nebraska	25.60
Virginia	5.50
Members at large	4.90
	52.50
Total	\$2,031.58
Supplies	106.80
Literature	79.86
Buttons	59.14
Campaign fund	6.10
Russian and Mexican refugee fund	40.27
Minnesota primary law	10.00
Subscriptions to Daily	2.50
Total receipts	\$2,336.25

EXPENDITURES.	
Exchange	\$ 4.95
General expenses	10.86
Express and freight	67.05
Postage	131.06
Telegrams and telephone	28.81
Wages—	
J. Mahlon Barnes	\$125.00
J. C. Chase	74.00
J. R. Oranhood	14.00
W. W. Owens	58.00
D. Fleming	72.00
M. Hudson	60.00
M. Flaherty	56.00
E. Koop	30.00
A. Boggess	50.00
	537.00
Speakers—	
John W. Brown	\$ 30.00
J. L. Fitts	86.50
Thos. N. Freeman	20.00
H. W. Houston	16.00
Geo. R. Kirkpatrick	100.35
Ralph Korngold	25.00
W. Lanfer	20.00
A. Litman	50.00
Mila Tupper Maynard	30.00
Guy Miller	34.57
James O'Neil	30.00
C. C. Ross	30.00
Dan A. White	18.00
G. W. Woodsey	23.19
C. J. Wright	97.46
	611.07
Printing literature and supplies	131.85
Printing Bulletin	99.75
Literature	205.50
Rent (April)	100.00
Mailing tubes	3.90
Auditing books	24.00
Buttons	132.50
Light	2.76
Washington News Service	30.00
Russian and Mexican defense fund	40.27
Robert Hunter (fund)	10.00
Reserve mileage fund	203.15
National Executive Committee Meeting—	
Victor L. Berger	\$10.90
A. H. Floater	72.20
Robert Hunter	68.00
John Spargo	80.00
A. M. Simons	6.00
John M. Work	27.00
	264.10
Total expenditures	\$2,638.58
SUMMARY.	
Balance on hand April 1st	\$ 567.23
Total receipts for month	2,336.25
	\$2,903.48
Expenditures for month	2,638.58
Balance May 1st	\$ 264.90
Reserve mileage fund, \$448.50.	
Fraternally submitted.	
J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.	

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOCIALIST PARTY SESSIONS APRIL 9 AND 10, 1909

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, APRIL 9.

Meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 10 o'clock. Comrades Floaten, Hunter, Simons, Spargo and Work present. John Spargo elected chairman. John C. Chase elected secretary. Telegram received from Comrade Hillquit as follows: "Unavoidably prevented from attending meeting." Phone message from Comrade Berger stating that he would be present at 4:30 p. m.

The National Secretary takes up subject of the controversy in the state of Montana and recommends that a committee be elected to go over the correspondence.

MOTION.

"That a committee of three be appointed to look over the letters from Montana and report back to the committee."

Adopted.

Comrades Spargo, Hunter and Floaten, together with the National Secretary, appointed as a committee.

The National Secretary then submitted his report, taking up first organized states, giving a review of the condition of the movement in each state. Comrades Floaten, Hunter, Simons, Work and Spargo made additional reports for Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa and New York.

REPORT ON UNORGANIZED STATES

Nebraska and Virginia were shown to be promising fields for agitation, the latter having a state election in November. Taken as a whole, the unorganized states for the year 1908 and to date of this year show a percentage of progress equaled by very few states. Notwithstanding the fact that during the year 1908 two states were taken from this list and placed in the organized column, the dues for the year increased from \$402.25 to \$966.37.

REPORT OF FINANCES.

On the question of finances, so far as the receipts for dues are concerned, you have been advised of the comparative figures for states, and I submit herewith a resume in the form of a table for ready reference:

The financial report, ending March 31, is before you, showing cash on hand, assets and liabilities with net resources. The auditing committee, appointed by you, will be prepared to report before the close of the session.

The cash on hand at the close of business April 8 was as follows: Reserve mileage fund, \$245.35; regular fund, \$424.50; total, \$669.85.

ORGANIZATION AND AGITATION.

Letters to state secretaries and organizers reference propaganda work for 1909 were read and replies noted.

PRESENT ASSIGNMENTS.

John W. Brown—April and May in Maine under the direction of the state committee. Committee wants time extended to June and July.

Geo. H. Goebel—March in New Jersey under direction of the state committee. Vermont and New Hampshire in prospect.

Harold W. Houston—Assigned to West Virginia for April and May under direction of state committee.

Ralph Korngold—March 3 to April 7, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Utah.

A. Litman (Jewish)—Started Feb. 13 at Detroit, Mich., making larger cities in Ohio, ending the month at Wheeling, W. Va. In March was in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut. April in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Dated up to April 26th at Baltimore, Md.

Lena Morrow Lewis—Started out first of March through Colorado, the Black Hills, S. D. and Wyoming, for a six weeks' assignment in Montana beginning March 15. Owing to friction in the state organization, the Montana assignment fell through. Further assignment, North Dakota till April 24. South Dakota till June 3.

Mila Tupper Maynard—March 13 to 19, dated through Colorado and Wyoming en route to Utah for a six weeks' engagement beginning March 20. Under direction of the state committee.

James Oneal—April 17 to 23, dated across Arkansas from St. Louis en route to Texas for three months' engagement beginning

	RECEIPTS FOR DUES BY MONTHS, 1909, AND TOTAL, ALSO TOTAL FOR SAME MONTHS, 1908.				1908
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total	
Alabama	\$ 9.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 37.50	\$ 33.00
Alaska					3.40
Arizona	20.00		25.00	45.00	25.00
Arkansas	30.00	25.00	25.00	80.00	120.00
California	125.00	100.00	100.00	325.00	350.00
Colorado	34.50		142.00	176.50	149.00
Connecticut	30.00	40.00	20.00	90.00	51.50
Delaware					10.00
Florida	10.00	10.00	5.00	25.00	19.00
Georgia	4.00	8.00	5.40	14.40	2.00
Hawaii					4.00
Idaho	23.00	23.00	41.10	87.10	94.25
Illinois	225.00	125.00	225.00	575.00	382.50
Indiana	51.00	46.50	51.40	148.90	125.35
Iowa	25.00	25.00	50.00	100.00	195.00
Kansas	60.00	50.00	75.00	185.00	190.00
Kentucky	15.00	20.00		35.00	25.00
Louisiana	5.00	15.00	25.00	45.00	45.00
Maine	17.00	15.00	16.00	48.00	32.35
Maryland	15.00	20.00	15.00	50.00	40.00
Massachusetts	84.50	181.00	126.70	392.20	306.75
Michigan	94.60	78.10	53.35	226.05	128.55
Minnesota	70.90	84.70	149.35	304.95	242.25
Mississippi	3.30	1.90	3.50	8.70	2.20
Missouri	75.00	52.80	100.00	227.80	226.00
Montana	31.30	20.85	18.70	70.85	132.70
Nebraska	28.80	2.70	31.60	63.10	59.50
Nevada		10.00	10.00	20.00	28.30
New Hampshire	14.25	10.50	17.50	42.25	30.40
New Jersey	100.00	100.00		200.00	150.00
New Mexico	5.00		10.00	15.00	31.15
New York	200.00	200.00	200.00	600.00	500.00
North Carolina	11.30			11.30	30.80
North Dakota	8.30	7.40	16.30	32.00	28.40
Ohio	101.50	57.65	251.00	410.15	308.50
Oklahoma	60.00	75.00	90.00	225.00	145.00
Oregon	60.00	30.00	60.00	150.00	176.50
Pennsylvania	84.75	217.10	187.75	489.60	431.40
Rhode Island	10.00	5.00	15.00	30.00	18.00
South Carolina	2.50		4.20	6.70	
South Dakota	17.50	13.50	10.00	41.00	53.75
Tennessee	5.00	12.00	11.00	28.00	16.00
Texas	75.65	75.05	42.55	193.25	220.90
Utah	24.00	18.00	31.10	73.10	47.00
Vermont		3.65	6.30	9.95	7.00
Virginia	2.50	2.50	14.70	19.70	5.80
Washington	18.60	68.95	13.45	101.00	234.80
West Virginia	10.00	5.00	10.00	25.00	20.50
Wisconsin	90.65	114.60	102.80	308.05	342.65
Wyoming	23.05	52.25	17.03	92.33	94.45
Members at Large	6.30	2.70	11.50	20.50	19.50
Total	\$2,017.75	\$2,033.40	\$2,453.78	\$6,504.93	\$6,235.10

Proposed National Party Referendum

Belleville, Ill., April 7, 1909.

Dear Comrade—The following resolution was presented by Local St. Clair County at the district meeting held in East St. Louis, Ill., on April 4, 1909, and the following counties were present and adopted the same: St. Clair, Bond, Madison, Macoupin, Clinton, Jersey and Washington:

"It is moved that the National Constitution of the Socialist Party be amended as follows:

"Section 7 of Article 2.

"Women members of the Socialist Party who are not engaged in gainful occupations

and who are not in receipt of an independent income from any other source shall, at their option, pay as dues one-third of the regular amount charged for that purpose by the National body and the local and state organizations. Special quarterly dues stamps shall be issued for such members which shall be equal in cost to the regular monthly dues stamps of the other members, and the rights and privileges of such women members of the party shall be equal to those of other members."

Yours for the cause,
(Signed) JOHN WACHTER, Secretary.

Letter to State Secretaries

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., April 16, 1909.

To the State Secretaries.

Dear Comrades—Your attention is directed to that part of the minutes of the National Executive Committee meeting, a copy of which is enclosed, dealing with the question of securing the second class mailing privilege for the Official Monthly Bulletin.

MOTION.—"That the National Secretary get into communication with the State Secretaries to get their consent to mailing the Bulletin direct to members. Second, that he take the necessary steps to get the second class mailing privilege."

The sense of this motion is that it is necessary to secure directly from the locals a mailing list which will be recognized as a subscription list, according to the application contemplated—that is, that the payment

of dues by members, or a part of such payment, be considered a subscription for the Official Monthly Bulletin.

Upon securing such a list the National Executive Committee will take the action required to satisfy the postal authorities by setting aside a certain amount of the funds received for dues as a fund to publish and circulate the Official Monthly Bulletin.

The successful issue of this effort to secure the second class mailing privilege will effect the saving of at least \$800 per annum, while the opportunity thus afforded of sending the Bulletin to the homes of the members will enormously enhance the value of the publication.

If the above proposition commends itself to your judgment, kindly fill out the attached form and return at your convenience.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

April 24, under direction of the state committee.
C. C. Ross—Assigned to Tennessee on application of the state secretary for one month, beginning March 20.
Clyde J. Wright—In Nebraska since Jan. 15 as temporary state secretary and state organizer.
John M. Work—Feb. 8 to 26 and March 8 to April 1, Iowa under direction of the state committee.
Dan A. White—In New Jersey for month of April.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

It is trite to say that this department has never measured up to expectations. This report has been repeated so frequently and reasons given therefor that I need but suggest at this time, being non-publishers, that we are under the necessity of competing with existing publishing houses who are constantly offering combinations of goods to locals at bargain counter prices. Consequently the volume of the literature trade gravitates to the source of the cheapest supply.

Recourse to the files of the Bulletin will show that whenever space permitted, extensive advertisements as to supplies in the literature department were printed. This has been followed up by letters at stated intervals addressed to the locals.

The total literature sales for 1907 amounted to \$1,414.06. The sales for the year 1908 amounted to \$5,980.58. It should be pointed out that about \$3,000 of this sum was for special campaign literature.

Some slight progress is shown by a comparison of the average receipts for the first quarter of the year 1908 and the quarter just closed. For the former the average sales per month were \$71.10, and for the latter period \$117.20.

A general discussion took place upon literature possibilities and particularly the limitations, except on leaflets or campaign documents published by the party.

Miscellaneous headings were read by the National Secretary and it was decided to take them up in the order named.

Resolution from Local Spokane, Wash., reference state organization affairs. Letter from W. P. Parks of Seattle, with other documents. Also a printed statement recently issued by the state secretary of the Socialist Party of Washington.

MOTION.

"That two members prepare a reply to the letter of Spokane and submit it to the committee before the session is over." Adopted.

Comrades Berger and Hunter appointed as a committee.

Resolution from Cumberland, Md., reference support of the party press received. Letter from Howard Lindsay of St. Louis, reference his expulsion and party tactics. Adjourned at 12:45 to meet at 4 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, APRIL 9TH.

Meeting called to order by the National Secretary at 4 o'clock. Comrade Hunter elected chairman. Comrade Berger and Hillman absent.

Following a discussion of the St. Louis election the following action was taken:

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary address a communication to the Secretary of Local St. Louis of the Socialist Party, inquiring as to an apparent violation of Sections 3 and 8, Article XII of the National Constitution, in the recent election, where it would seem to appear, from resolutions of the Local and editorials in 'Labor,' that Comrades Hill, Hoehn and Priesmeyer accepted an endorsement from the 'Independent Freeholders Conference' ticket, and that editorial in 'Labor' of April 3rd, advised Democratic and Republican voters to scratch three names on those tickets and 'write in the names of the Independent Freeholders' candidates,' one of whom was Owen Miller, not a member of the S. P., and further, that Comrade Emil Simon did not specifically repudiate the placing of his name upon the 'Republican ticket.' Adopted.

Comrade Spargo made report for the sub-committee on the Montana correspondence.

MOTION.

"The National Executive Committee, after a careful examination and study of the correspondence upon the situation in Montana, including statements by Secretary-Treasurer James D. Graham, members of the State Executive Committee, the Secretary elected by the seven members which met at Helena on March 1, 2 and 3, 1909, and various locals and individual party members in the state, makes the following report:

"1. The State Constitution provides that a State Committee meeting must be held on the first Monday in March of each year, and that all meetings of the State Committee must be called by the State Secretary and the chairman of the State Executive Committee.

"2. The secretary and chairman of the State Executive having refused to issue a call for the statutory meeting in March, seven members of the State Committee met at Helena on March 2nd and transacted certain business, including deposition of the State Secretary, election of a new State Secretary and the institution of a referendum to party members.

"3. These actions were clearly illegal for the following reasons:

"(a) There was a bare quorum present, but it appears that three of these members were not competent to serve, their locals being in arrears.

"(b) The State Constitution requires a two-third vote of the entire committee to depose the State Secretary.

"(c) The seven members had no legal authority to institute a referendum.

"4. There is, therefore, evidence of illegal procedure upon both sides of the controversy.

"5. From the correspondence at hand it is evident that the great bulk of the party membership in Montana agrees with the protesting faction.

"6. It is, however, clear that until removed from office by the methods prescribed by the constitution, James D. Graham must be recognized as State Secretary.

"It is therefore, ordered that the National Secretary communicate with all interested parties setting forth the position of this committee and calling attention to Article XII, Section 9, of the National Constitution, and placing the good offices of the National Office at the service of the Montana comrades as therein provided." Adopted.

The National Secretary reported on matter of securing bond.

MOTION.

"That the Committee elect one member to ascertain what the requirements are for surety." Adopted.

Comrade Floaten elected as a committee. Letter from Comrade Ohsol of the Lettish National Committee reporting speaking tour as arranged for Comrade John Klava and requesting reasonable financial assistance in the event of a deficit.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary be authorized to meet a deficit not to exceed \$50.00." Adopted.

Proposition from Fred H. Merrick of "The National Comrade" of Washington, D. C., in reference to the party having exclusive control of the news service on terms of \$30.00 per week for ten daily letters to be supplied as directed.

MOTION.

"That the service be accepted at the terms offered for the political season, and that the National Secretary arrange with the daily press for the service upon the best terms possible, provided that there be a minimum charge of \$1.00 per week." Adopted.

Letter from Alice Frost Lord of Lewiston, Me., suggesting replies to misrepresentations in the public press, received.

Communications from Ugo Lupi, G. Bertelli, A. Caroti and others. Also minutes of a conference of Italian Locals held in Hoboken, N. J. Matter laid over until Saturday session in order to give representatives an opportunity to be present.

Letters from Comrade Nash, State Secretary of Minnesota and C. F. Dight of Minneapolis, Minn., relating to renewal of Socialist plate matter service.

MOTION.

"That it is found impracticable to renew the plate matter service." Adopted. Communication from Comrade Daisy Halling of England, relating to a tour of this country in 1910.

MOTION.

"That she be informed that we cannot see our way clear to making arrangements." Adopted.

Letter from the Woman's National Committee reference presenting to the National Committee motions originating in the Woman's Committee.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary recite the actions of the convention and recognition granted by the National Executive Committee and methods by which they can submit a proposition." Adopted.

Letters from D. L. Stafford of Aspen, Colo., advocating old age pensions, and from Marcus Maritzer of Fort Worth, Texas, favoring an insurance plan, received.

The National Secretary reported on booklet on naturalization laws.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary be empowered to purchase 1,000 of the booklets and to offer them for sale at a flat rate of ten cents each." Adopted. Adjourned at 7:15 to meet at 10 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, APRIL 10TH.

Meeting called to order by the National Secretary at 10 o'clock. Comrade Floaten elected chairman.

Minutes of the Friday sessions read and approved.

Comrade Work submitted report for the Auditing Committee as follows:

"We, the undersigned, have audited the books of the Socialist Party for the period beginning May 1st, 1908, ending March 31st, 1909, and have found the same correct and in good order."

Signed, B. BERLYN, JOHN M. WORK.

MOTION.

"That the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted." Adopted. The National Secretary makes further report on miscellaneous subjects.

Report of Comrade Clyde J. Wright relating to his work as temporary state secretary of Nebraska.

MOTION.

"That Comrade Wright be continued in the employment of the National Office in Nebraska until July 31st." Adopted.

Comrade Floaten made report on securing bond recommending the National Surety Company.

MOTION.

"That Comrade Simons be authorized to sign the application with the National Surety Company for the Executive Committee." Adopted.

Request from State Secretary Ringler of Pennsylvania for \$2.00 per day for Comrade Gertrude Breslau Hunt for an engagement in that state beginning May 5th. The National Secretary reported that the request had been refused on the ground that arrangements for the engagement had been concluded without regard to national assistance and as a self-supporting state proposition.

MOTION.

"That the action of the National Secretary be approved." Adopted.

Letter from State Secretary Winnie Branstetter of New Mexico, requesting a Spanish organizer for a period of thirty days at the expense of the national office.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary notify Comrade Branstetter that it is impracticable at this time to make such arrangements." Adopted.

Letter from Hubert Langerock of Portland, Ore., reference international news service.

MOTION.

"That Comrade Langerock be informed that we believe that an effective international news service, as suggested by the International Socialist Bureau, would be of great service to the international working class movement and that all efficient steps to that end should be encouraged."

"It is, however, primarily a matter for the editors of our party press, and is hereby respectfully referred to them for serious consideration.

"In the meantime the National Secretary is instructed to get from Comrade Langerock the fullest possible information upon the subject." Adopted.

Communication from Italian comrades again taken up and Comrade Caroti was granted the floor.

MOTION.

"That we extend to the Italian Translator the same recognition and assistance that is now granted to the Finnish Translator, provided an Italian translator's office is established in the national office by the Italian comrades." Adopted.

Request from State Secretary Freeman of Alabama, for a continuance of the appropriation of \$20.00 per month for the months of May and June.

MOTION.

"That the amount of \$20.00 per month be continued for two months." Adopted. Adjourned at 12:20 to meet at 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, APRIL 10TH.

Meeting called to order by the National Secretary at 2 o'clock. Comrade Work elected chairman.

Communication from the State Committee of Louisiana with request for an appropriation of \$50.00 per month for several months.

MOTION.

"That \$20.00 per month be allowed Louisiana for three months." Adopted.

Request from Local Omaha, Neb., for financial assistance to maintain Comrade John Collins for local work until after the municipal election.

MOTION.

"That Comrade Collins be assigned work in Omaha involving an expense not to exceed \$50.00." Adopted.

Applications from Comrades Dorothy Johns of Los Angeles, Calif., and H. L. Drake of St. Petersburg, Fla., for positions as national organizers.

MOTION.

"That the applications be placed on file." Adopted.

The National Secretary proposed plans for sending out organizers to trades unions for special work among the unions. General discussion followed on propaganda among trades unions.

MOTION.

"That a sub-committee on organization, consisting of two members and the National Secretary, be elected. The duty of the committee shall be to prepare a plan for more effective Socialist propaganda among the organized workers of the country, and submit the same to the members of the Executive Committee prior to its next meeting." Adopted.

Comrades Spargo and Hunter elected as a committee.

The National Secretary reported on card and record system for organization work as used by Local Philadelphia and sug-

gested the revision of the membership application cards so as to include more questions.

MOTION.

"That this be left in the hands of the National Secretary." Adopted.

The National Secretary submits data as compiled from membership record form cards as follows:

SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP DATA.

Compiled by Comrade Emma Pischel of Chicago.

Individual record forms for collecting data, relating to members of the Socialist Party were prepared by authority of a National Executive Committee motion, adopted December, 1907. These forms were circulated during the year 1908.

The total number of cards returned was 6,310, some partly and others with all inquiries answered. In considering the value of the data, it must be remembered that the Party membership numbered 41,761 during the year 1908, and the returns from the respective states must be taken into account, as to whether the records contained a preponderance of industrial or agricultural workers.

DIVIDED AS TO STATES.

	Women	Men	Total	Party Mem.
Alabama	8	34	42	240
Arizona	14	14	28	280
Arkansas	8	208	216	685
California	..	..	..	3100
Colorado	25	241	266	881
Connecticut	..	..	..	538
Delaware	..	20	20	25
Florida	3	90	93	229
Georgia	3	18	21	35
Honolulu	1	9	10	16
Idaho	23	160	183	673
Illinois	3	366	369	2973
Indiana	9	236	245	1075
Iowa	18	310	328	866
Kansas	..	72	72	1291
Kentucky	..	22	22	233
Louisiana	1	55	56	250
Maine	9	124	133	257
Maryland	..	..	..	250
Massachusetts	..	..	..	1778
Michigan	2	174	176	1188
Minnesota	4	335	339	1837
Mississippi	..	..	..	31
Missouri	4	335	339	1635
Montana	..	..	..	711
Nebraska	..	136	136	256
Nevada	2	29	31	240
New Hampshire	4	52	56	218
New Jersey	..	..	..	1416
New Mexico	..	20	20	175
New York	60	772	832	3458
North Carolina	9	25	34	66
North Dakota	3	84	87	229
Ohio	12	430	442	2156
Oklahoma	4	20	24	2243
Oregon	1	56	57	924
Pennsylvania	8	440	448	2640
Rhode Island	..	..	..	201
South Carolina	..	..	..	4
South Dakota	1	97	98	308
Tennessee	6	78	84	123
Texas	18	367	385	1537
Utah	41	179	220	341
Vermont	..	..	..	50
Virginia	..	33	33	39
Washington	15	250	265	1584
West Virginia	..	70	70	207
Wisconsin	..	1	1	1628
Wyoming	10	34	44	533
Members at large	99
	315	5995	6310	41751

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NUMBER REPORTING AGE, 6,310.

	Women	Men	Total
Under 20 years	37	135	172
From 20 to 30 years	88	1,516	1,704
From 30 to 45 years	112	2,376	2,488
Above 45 years	78	1,868	1,946

NUMBER REPORTING NATIONALITY, 6,271.

	Per Cent.
4858 American birth	71
552 German birth	8 1/2
303 English birth	4
144 Finnish birth	2
330 Scandinavian birth	5
53 Austrians	1/2
531 Others	9

NUMBER REPORTING OCCUPATIONS, 6,156.

	Per Cent.
1237 Laborers	20
2493 Craftsmen	41
330 Transportation	5
1051 Farmers	17
580 Commerce	9
288 Professional	5
177 Housewives	3

Of the 2,823 listed under the captions of craftsmen and transportation and eligible for membership in labor unions—

	Per Cent.
1254 Are members of A. F. of L.	44
135 Are members of I. W. W.	5
374 Are members of Indept. Unions	13
1060 Are unaffiliated	38

NUMBER REPORTING PREVIOUS POLITICS, 4,170.

	Per Cent.
1477 Republicans	35
1669 Democrats	40
620 Poplists	15
261 Independents	6
143 Prohibitionists	4

NUMBER REPORTING FACTORS IN CHANGING OPINIONS, 5,842.

	Per Cent.
767 By books	13
273 By Leaflets	4
2213 By Periodicals	39
470 By Street Meetings	8
420 By Lectures	7
1059 By Discussion	19
640 By Study	10

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4010 Appeal to Reason.
2074 Wilshire's.
1562 Chicago Daily Socialist.
622 The Worker.
274 International Review.
136 Seattle Socialist.
125 Social Democratic Herald.
72 Christian Socialist.
48 Vorwaerts.
40 Montana News.
15 Common Sense.
6 Socialist Woman.
1485 Miscellaneous.

MOTION.
"That the same be published in the minutes." Adopted.

The National Secretary submitted a report of the official vote of the last presidential election.

MOTION.
"That the totals be printed as official." Adopted.

Communication relating to the establishment of a Polish translator's office received. Preparation of weekly lessons discussed.

MOTION.
"That the Rand School of New York be requested to prepare the weekly lessons." Adopted.

The National Secretary submitted question of securing second-class mailing privileges for the Bulletin and explains steps necessary for same.

MOTION.
"That the National Secretary get into communication with the State Secretaries to get their consent to mail the Bulletin direct to members." Second, that he take the necessary steps to get the second-class mailing privilege." Adopted.

The matter of the political refugees was brought up for discussion and Comrade Murray of the Political Refugee Defense League was granted the floor.

MOTION.
"That Comrade Murray be asked to supply the members of the National Executive Committee with an abstract of the evidence in the Aranjó case and any other information that he may be able to secure." Adopted.

Communications from Washington again considered.

MOTION.
"That the Executive Committee has considered the communications from Local Spokane and instructs that the following reply be made:

"Under the provisions of the National Constitution it is impossible for the Executive Committee to take any action at this time, quite regardless of the fact that the Committee heartily disapproves of the methods employed and the conditions existing in Washington. The Committee would point out to the comrades that only under two conditions, as provided by the National Constitution, could the Executive in any manner interfere in the state controversy. Under Section 2 of Article VII, it is provided that if the membership in any state falls for a period of six months below an average of 150 members, whether by resignation or otherwise, then that the National Committee may revoke the charter of the state. The only other method by which the Executive Committee could interfere would be upon the request of the members themselves as a result of a referendum taken in the usual course." Adopted.

Two representatives from Neues Leben, Comrades Dreiffuss and Kissling, were granted the floor regarding financial assistance for their paper, and Comrade Dreiffuss submitted the following statement:

"Up to the present time the German comrades have not only never asked for any special aid for their publications but have always contributed heavily to the support of the English Socialist press. The German Socialist organ of Chicago, Neues Leben, has however reached a crisis where unless it receives at least three hundred dollars, it will be forced to suspend. Chicago has a large workingclass population that speak only German. It has a large number of German Socialist organizations, such as the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Association, singing societies, etc., that have always contributed heavily to all party affairs, without regard to language divisions. These organizations would find themselves without a local organ in their language and would be discouraged were Neues Leben to disappear. One of the reasons for the present emergency of Neues Leben is the enthusiastic support given by the German Socialists of Chicago to the Daily Socialist. Yet in spite of this fact the circulation of Neues Leben has continued to increase. The three hundred dollars which is now asked is but a small fraction of what the German Socialists have given to other papers in the past, and when this crisis is over and the energies of the German comrades of Chicago are devoted more largely to their own paper there will be no difficulty in supporting it. It must also be remembered that the Chicago German Socialists have one peculiar difficulty in the fact that this city is the place of publication of the only anar-

chist German daily in the country. In view of these facts it would be a calamity to the Socialist movement to permit the only German Socialist paper in the second largest city in the country to die."

MOTION.
"That we recommend to the National Committee that \$300 be appropriated for Neues Leben." Adopted.

On the question of program and order of business for the Congress of 1910, Comrades Berger and Simons were appointed as a committee to prepare the same.

Communication from the Hungarian Federation of America relating to number and location of their branches.

MOTION.
"That the National Secretary embody a summary in the Bulletin." Adopted.

Communication from the Scandinavian Socialist Agitation Committee.

MOTION.
"That the National Secretary reply to the communication by giving the exact conditions by which the Finnish, Italian and Polish are admitted, and that we cannot recognize any body admitting persons not party members." Adopted.

Communication from Croatian comrades asking financial assistance for "Radnicka Straza."

MOTION.
"That we cannot grant the request." Adopted.

Adjourned at 6 p. m.
Attest: JOHN C. CHASE, Secretary.

Secretary.

PUBLISHED BY REQUEST OF COMRADE HANFORD.

Dear Comrade:
I herewith second the motion submitted by Comrade Herman of Washington providing that the word "occupation" appear on application cards from the National Office.

I do not desire this information in order to make any invidious distinctions, but because it seems to me that the occupation of our various members is a matter of importance to the party and comes properly within the purview of the membership. I have no fear that the party will be dominated by members who are capitalists nor captured by the intellectuals (so called). The Socialist philosophy clearly shows that, as a class, only the workers will join the Socialist movement. But it also shows, and it is clearly to be seen, that individuals from other classes (in considerable numbers) will join the Socialist movement and work therein faithfully and efficiently. A man may be a capitalist and at the same time a good Socialist. A man may be, strange as it may appear, a good lawyer and a good Socialist at the same time. As a member of the Socialist party (with exceptions which I will note later), a man should be judged by his party activities. If a party member who is a lawyer or an "intellectual" puts forward a proposition which will be of benefit to the Socialist movement, we should support it. And if a lawyer or an "intellectual" is important factor bearing for or against any proposition before us they should have our careful consideration and be given due weight according to their merits. Likewise, if a proletarian presents propositions which will benefit the party they should be adopted, and so far as he presents sound arguments and important facts bearing on the question at issue they should receive our careful consideration and due weight according to merit. The various propositions that come before us and the reasons therefor are the things that demand our consideration and our judgment, and not the occupation or idiosyncrasy of the mover or supporter.

There is a point, however, where party members should properly interest themselves in a comrade's occupation. If a man is a proletarian and a scab he must be denied admission to the Socialist party should he apply for it, and if already a member thereof he must be expelled. Likewise, our party cannot admit to membership a rack-renting landlord, and should any capitalist member of our party make war on union labor we would be in duty bound to compass his expulsion.

We are living in the midst of capitalism. We Socialists cannot be perfect. But we should have higher ethical ideals and higher social standards than our non-Socialist fellow citizens. In fact, it is only the Socialist who can have true social standards and ideals, for it is only through the abolition of classes, which will be brought about by Socialism, that we can establish social standards which will be in the true interest and welfare of all mankind.

When lecturing on the road in years past one of the things which gave me particular pleasure was the frequency with which some man who was especially active in the Socialist movement had the universal respect of all the citizens and would be referred to as the most able and public-spirited man in town. Oftentimes he would be a union mechanic. Sometimes a druggist. Frequently a professional man—lawyer, doctor, dentist. Sometimes a merchant. And real estate. Quite frequently a Jew, with some small business.

Up to this hour in the Socialist party in America a careful and candid observer must be compelled to admit that those who have joined our movement from other classes than the proletariat have with few exceptions been loyal, faithful and sacrificing. Such men need our movement as a field of activity in which to work out the realization of their aspirations, and our movement needs them. At the same time the working class does, and the working class will continue, to dominate the Socialist party in its immediate activities and its future aims.

(Signed) BEN HANFORD.

Letter to State Secretaries

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., April 19, 1909.

To the State Secretaries:
Dear Comrades: In furtherance of a general plan to disseminate information among our foreign-speaking comrades relating to the naturalization laws and the securing of citizenship papers, I am greatly in need right now of the names and addresses of secretaries of foreign-speaking locals, as follows: Bohemian, German, Hungarian, Polish, Slavonic and Swedish.

A new booklet entitled "The Law of Naturalization Made Easy to Understand," is now in print in the above languages, and also in English, the price per copy being ten cents.

Every comrade with any experience knows of the difficulties encountered in the past by reason of lack of information on this subject and knows the importance of any move to secure citizenship papers for our foreign-speaking comrades.

I therefore ask you to give me a list of local secretaries, on separate slips, of the nationalities above named.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

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Report of Action by National Committee on Motions Numbers 4 and 5. Call for Nominations for Additional Secretary to the International Socialist Bureau.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., April 14, 1909.

To the National Committee.
Comrades—Herewith is submitted the report of National Committee Referendum No. 4, Motions Nos. 4 and 5, by Arthur Jensen, National Committee member for Washington.

MOTION NO. 4.
"That one-third of the cost of the litigation, resulting from the legal contest carried on by the party against the filing fee system in the primary election laws of Minnesota be defrayed by the National Treasury."

MOTION NO. 5.
"That appeals be sent out from the National Headquarters, calling for the financial support of all state organizations in the fight for the abolition of the filing fee system in the primary election laws of Minnesota, such appeals to be framed in a manner that will show the danger to the party throughout the nation if this attempt to disfranchise the working class be not thwarted."

Vote on both motions:

VOTING YES.	
Alabama	Baldwin
Arizona	Morrison
Arkansas	Perrin
California	Cole
California	McDevitt
Connecticut	McLefy
Florida	Pettigrew
Idaho	Riggs
Illinois	M. W. Simons
Illinois	Berlyn
Iowa	Work
Kansas	Hibner
Kansas	McAllister
Louisiana	Triay
Maine	Hunter
Maryland	Culp
Massachusetts	Wentworth
Massachusetts	Putney
Michigan	Bohn
Michigan	Stirton
Minnesota	Henning
Minnesota	Kaplan
Missouri	Pope
Missouri	Behrens
Montana	Ambrose
Nevada	Burton
New Hampshire	Murray
New Jersey	Kraft
New Mexico	Wright
New York	Lee
New York	Spargo
New York	Hanford
Ohio	Chifford
Ohio	Prevey
Oklahoma	Hagel
Oklahoma	Block
Oregon	Barzee
Pennsylvania	Maurer
South Dakota	Knowles
Texas	Haynes
Texas	Meltzen
Utah	Syphers
Vermont	Dunbar
Washington	Jensen
Washington	Herman
Total,	45.

VOTING NO.

Kentucky Dobbs
Total, 1.

NOT VOTING.

California	Richardson
Colorado	Buie
Indiana	Reynolds
New Jersey	Carless
North Dakota	Lampman
Pennsylvania	Slayton
Rhode Island	Baudreau
Tennessee	Voss
West Virginia	Gillespie
Wisconsin	Thompson
Wisconsin	Heath
Wyoming	Johnson
Total,	12.

The motions are therefore adopted.

The votes of Comrades Carless of New Jersey and Voss of Tennessee were received too late to be counted.

COMMENT.

CONNECTICUT (M'LEVEY): "I vote yes on Motion No. 4 because I believe the National Office should do all within its power to defeat these primary acts with filing fees for candidates attached that are springing up all over the country. In the last session of the Connecticut legislature a bill very much the same as that now in operation in Minnesota was introduced. This act called for a fee for every office to be voted for and if it had passed it would have been very expensive for the Socialist Party to place any candidates at all in the field.

"It was mainly through the agitation and activity of the Socialist Party and trades unions that this act was temporarily defeated. As another bill of this kind is to be brought up in the present session of the Connecticut legislature we are very much interested in the fight in Minnesota and hope that our comrades out there will be successful in defeating this very obnoxious law."

KENTUCKY (DOBBS): "Without any desire to raise a technicality I am compelled to vote against Motion No. 4, because it obligates the National Office to pay a sum of money which might easily bankrupt the organization or seriously cripple its work. The motion provides that the National Treasury pay "one-third of the cost of the litigation" in Minnesota without giving any idea what the total sum will be. The National Office has no right to assume any obligation when there is any doubt of its ability to dis-

charge the same. If the motion set a definite limit upon the amount of the National Treasury's liability, I would vote for it."

"As Motion No. 5 is based on the preceding proposition, I must vote in the negative here also."

MINNESOTA (HENNING): "In voting yes on both National Committee Motions, Nos. 4 and 5 I do so because it is my opinion, that the filing fee that is exacted at the present time is a menace to the progress of Socialism. The amount required for fees in many instances is a serious drawback and hardship where the organization is not very strong.

"Although we have a very strong local here, considering the length of time we have been organized, it has been my experience that the filing fee is one of the hardest obstacles we have to contend with.

"It is mainly on account of the fee exacted that we have had to keep out city ticket for the election April 6th down to five candidates, and this in spite of the fact that there is a very favorable outlook for carrying the city."

MONTANA (AMBROSE): "I favor motions for reason that the fight belongs to all comrades and they should bear some of the burden."

NEW YORK (HANFORD): "I vote for Motion No. 5 of Referendum No. 4 with the hope that, if adopted, it will be carried out in strict conformity to the wording of the motion in an important particular. I understand that compliance with Motion No. 4, if adopted, will involve an expenditure by the National Office of between \$200 and \$400, and Motion No. 5 provides that, to secure funds, "appeals be sent out from the National Headquarters, calling for the financial support of ALL STATE ORGANIZATIONS," etc. Motion No. 5 does NOT provide for an appeal to the party membership generally for contributions, and in this case, in view of the amount involved, I do not think that such an appeal should be made.

"Very likely I am needlessly perturbed and that no general appeal to the party membership is contemplated either by the mover of Motion No. 5 or by the National Secretary. But I regard it as of the highest importance that when we call upon our 50,000 party members for special contributions, the appeal should be for amounts involving their full strength and for purposes the gravity, greatness and scope of which would demand and bring forth the full measure of their devotion and sacrifice. Such occasions as appeals for the Red Special, support for the anthracite coal strikers in 1902, for the defense of Moyer and Haywood, the Russian revolutionists, etc. The point being that in order that our great organization may be successfully appealed to to do great things it must not be constantly nagged with minor matters.

"I do not mean that any fight for the ballot is a minor matter. Nothing could possibly be of greater importance to us or more worthy of a fight to the last ditch. But the amount of money involved in these motions is small, and if the National Office is not in a financial condition to allow of this payment from current receipts I feel confident that it could be secured by compliance with the strict letter of Motion No. 5—that is, by an appeal to the STATE ORGANIZATIONS." I have no doubt that the various state committees can and will supply the National Secretary with the funds necessary to comply with the provisions of the motions."

TEXAS (HAYNES): "I am voting yes on Motion No. 4 for in this, as in all other questions that involve the liberty of the workingman, the burden should be borne by all alike as near as possible to do so.

"I am voting yes on Motion No. 5 as it is a fact that this move as well as many others is to 'knock out' the workingman.

Some years ago Texas voted the poll tax law into existence, with the result that she has lost many thousands of votes.

"Some two years ago the good old Democratic legislature of this state passed a law compelling all candidates to make oath to the amount of expenses incurred for campaign purposes and until the present time not one has even sworn to the fact that any money had been used for boodle. The next thing to happen will be to tack on a property qualification, not only here in this state, but in all others as well."

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., April 23, 1909.

To the National Committee.

Comrades—You are hereby called upon to nominate candidates for the position of Secretary to the International Socialist Bureau. This call is issued by authority of the National Committee motion, as follows:

MOTION NO. 2.

"I move that, in accordance with the suggestion of the National Executive Committee, we proceed to elect from the party membership an additional International Secretary, and that upon the election of such additional secretary we request the International Bureau that he be seated in place of the present representative of the Socialist Labor Party."

Each member of the National Committee is entitled to place in nomination the name of one candidate. Please use this blank in filing nomination. Nominations will close May 11th.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM A, 1909

VOTE CLOSED APRIL 24, 1909

Amend Art. VI, Sec. 1:
The National Executive Committee shall be composed of seven members, six of whom shall be elected from the membership of the party by a referendum vote, and the National Secretary, who shall act as an ex-officio member and who shall preside at all meetings of said Committee. The term of office to be two years, and no person shall be eligible to membership on this Committee who has not been a member of the Party at least three years prior and continuous to date of receiving nomination. The call for nomination shall be issued on the 15th day of September of odd numbered years. Each Local shall be allowed to nominate six candidates. Thirty days shall be allowed for nominations, fifteen (15) for acceptance and declinations, and fifty (50) for the referendum. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes to be declared elected to membership on the Executive Committee; provided, however, that no two (2) candidates shall be elected from the same state. In case of two (2) members having been nominated from one state and having received highest number of votes the one having received the larger number of the two shall be declared elected from said state. One nomination from Locals in three different states or nominations from at least five (5) Locals in one state shall be necessary to place candidate's name upon the ballot. Vacancies on the Executive Committee occurring between times of holding regular election shall be filled by candidate having received next highest vote in order at election at which Executive Committee was elected.

Amend Art. VI, Sec. 2:
The six members of the Executive Committee shall receive as compensation \$50.00 per month and their wages and transportation while traveling to take their seats and to their respective homes after their term of office expired. They shall be required to do the clerical and other work at headquarters with such additional help as may be necessary from time to time, in addition to their duties as members of the National Executive Committee, and they shall render continuous service of eight (8) hours per day while holding office. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to send out as many National Organizers without expense, to the different Locals and states as the finances of the party will permit. The National Secretary shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as other members of the Executive Committee, and same rules shall govern nominations and election. The National Secretary shall receive a wage of \$1,500 per year. He shall serve as Executive Committeeman from the state in which he held membership at time of receiving nomination, and no other member shall be allowed from said state.

Relating to Dues:
Dues in the Socialist Party shall be 30 cents per month, of which 10 cents shall be State and 20 cents National. In cases where foreign speaking nationalities shall be organized in the Socialist Party, five cents of the National dues received from said foreign speaking Locals shall be used to keep up Secretary and Translator of said nationality. The passing of these amendments to the Constitution of the Socialist Party shall annul all previous clauses and amendments to said Constitution that are in contradiction to said amendments.

Time to Take Effect:
The change in dues shall take effect immediately upon carrying. The change to salaried Executive Committee shall take effect and new committee elected to take their seats January 1, 1910.

	Section 1, Article 6.		Section 2, Article 6.		Increased Dues.		Immediate Change.	
	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
Alabama	23	23	2	44	10	36	6	39
Arizona	22	33	12	43	21	34	21	34
Arkansas	31	31	15	43	10	52	24	35
California	301	373	250	412	142	514	256	375
Colorado	185	88	159	102	103	169	112	154
Connecticut	86	125	18	193	26	186	26	180
Delaware								
Florida	66	24	56	26	62	30	61	21
Georgia								
Honolulu		9		9		9		9
Idaho	55	60	44	71	48	67	54	59
Illinois	321	657	146	830	125	862	157	907
Indiana	115	273	81	306	61	324	86	296
Iowa	112	60	74	95	75	97	80	70
Kansas	93	214	50	254	29	275	50	239
Kentucky	23	59	9	73	10	76	10	72
Louisiana	31	6	16	21	3	34	17	19
Maine	17	67	12	72	5	79	5	69
Maryland								
Massachusetts	149	316	51	388	79	408	63	269
Michigan	174	71	85	168	67	185	93	118
Minnesota	156	182	80	264	77	283	87	243
Mississippi		9		9		9		9
Missouri	145	411	70	485	65	493	218	328
Montana	43		40	4	42	1	41	
Nebraska	71	28	59	38	50	48	67	27
Nevada	15	11	14	14	3	25	8	19
New Hampshire	42	76	111	6	113	24	93	
New Jersey	84	181	30	229	22	248	23	222
New Mexico	12	27	10	29	11	28	13	26
New York	289	736	118	914	117	908	137	786
North Carolina								
North Dakota								
Ohio	219	504	79	663	63	671	110	612
Oklahoma	193	228	132	278	66	327	148	254
Oregon	116	170	411	168	419	167	443	142
Pennsylvania	183	350	99	626	55	680	84	614
Rhode Island								
South Carolina	9		9		9		9	
South Dakota	36	39	13	63	21	54	34	52
Tennessee	33	47	32	50	15	60	35	48
Texas	198	267	108	356	109	355	75	241
Utah								
Vermont								
Virginia	9	11	9	11	10	10	4	16
Washington								
West Virginia	20	58	5	75	2	78	3	77
Wisconsin	56	434	37	461	42	455	55	440
Wyoming	22	16	39	6	6	33	5	32
Members-at-large	6		6		5	1	6	
Totals	4,052	6,483	2,439	8,056	2,083	8,493	2,741	7,155

In accordance with the above recorded vote each proposition was defeated.
Attest: J MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary

National Notes

The comparative receipts of the National Office for dues for the quarter ending March 31 were, for 1908, \$6,235.10, and for 1909, \$6,504.93, an increase of \$269.83. The receipts for the month of March just closed were \$2,453.78. This exceeds the receipts for any month in the history of the party except that of October, 1908, at the very height of the campaign. The increase here shown is most gratifying, considering the prevailing condition of unemployment and the fact that the receipts for dues were unusually large in the first quarter of 1908, the representation in the National Convention being based upon the receipts of January and February of that year.

By recent referendum W. C. Hills, The Normandy, 12th and High Streets, Des Moines, Iowa, and John M. Work, 1311 Harrison Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, have been re-elected State Secretary and member of the National Committee, respectively.

Local Allegheny, Pa., reports that a former member, Fred L. Schwartz, was expelled from the party last October for tactics of disruption and that he is now engaged in an effort to start a new party, an alleged physical force combination. He has been writing to active members of the Socialist Party, bidding for their indorsement, and all comrades are asked to take note of the above and be guided accordingly.

By recent referendum Ida Hayman of Castle was elected State Secretary of Oklahoma.

In accordance with the suggestion contained in the National Committee motion of Comrade Herman of Washington, the words

"occupation" and "age" have been added to the stock of application cards now in the National Office. In the first instance they were omitted by the printer failing to follow copy.

In the recent election Milwaukee comrades elected Emil Seldel alderman-at-large, and Frederic Heath and Mrs. Meta Berger members of the school board.

The Socialists of St. Louis polled about 6 per cent of the total vote in the municipal election, an increase of about 700 over the presidential election.

The comrades of Brainerd, Minn., in the first election under the new charter re-elected Alderman Dieckhaus by an increased majority and elected R. A. Henning and P. J. Kjellquist aldermen for the Third and Fourth wards. Comrade Adolph Ousdahl was elected mayor by a majority of 86 votes.

The Socialist platform is printed in foreign languages as follows: Bohemian, Croatian, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Jewish, Lettish, Norwegian, Danish, Polish, Russian, Slovak, Spanish and Swedish. Price, \$2.00 per thousand, postpaid.

Comrade Beardsley, State Secretary of Connecticut, reports renewed interest and activity in the state movement and that two new locals and two branches were organized during the month of March, resulting in a splendid increase in the membership role.

The National Hungarian Socialist Federation of America, with headquarters at 1523 Second Avenue, New York City, transmits the following:

The federation has accepted the resolution of the National Executive Committee of the

Socialist Party on the subject of affiliation of foreign speaking organizations. A referendum of the branches discloses the fact that all branches are willing to join the Socialist Party through the respective state organizations. The present form of organization of the federation will be maintained. We now have twenty-five branches and a membership of about 1,000 in good standing. The branches which are now to become locals of the party are distributed as follows:

California—San Francisco, Joseph Demeter, 717 Laguna street; Los Angeles, Frank Miller, 428 Central Avenue.

Illinois—Chicago, four branches, with secretaries as follows: C. Engly, 671 W. 14th street; Gustav Karl, 223 Stevenson Avenue (Pullman); Steven Vigh, 23 Sullivan street; Joseph Csefko, 3717 S. Halsted street.

Indiana—Gary, A. Lukacs, P. O. Box 132; South Bend, A. O. Weiss, 515 Chapin street.

Minnesota—St. Paul, A. Lufcsak, 379 East Eighth street.

Missouri—St. Louis, John Kozma, 1320 St. Louis Avenue.

New Jersey—Harrison, Alex. Varju, 535 Harrison Avenue; Trenton, J. Zaboly, 257 church street.

New York—New York City, three branches with secretaries as follows: H. Koengs-knecht, 504 E. 79th street; Thomas Dee, 299 Avenue A; B. Krausz, 517 E. 156th street. Long Island, Steven Szalay, 907 Steinway Avenue, Rochester, Frank Csaky, No. 1 Bessey place, Schenectady, Steven Schwartz, 548 Chrysler Avenue.

Ohio—Cleveland, two branches with secretaries as follows: L. Simon, 1964 Fulton place; Alexander Takacs, 2473 E. 22d street. Cincinnati, Headquarters, 304 W. 9th street.

Pennsylvania—McKees Rocks, B. Hennyey, 723 Boquet street.

Wisconsin—Milwaukee, A. Lowy, 210 Lyon street.

Organizations are in prospect in Brooklyn and Greenridge, Illinois. State Secretaries are requested to render every assistance in enrolling these Hungarian branches and in notifying Hungarian comrades of the action taken by the federation.

The Hungarian Federation maintains a publication entitled "Elora." Subscription price, \$1 per year. Publication office, 1528 Second Avenue, New York City.

Comrade U. Solomon, 239 E. Eighty-fourth street, New York City, has been elected to the position of State Secretary of New York.

The annual state convention of the Socialist Party of New Hampshire was held in the city of Concord, Tuesday, April 22d, beginning at 10 a. m., in Central Labor Union hall, Odd Fellow Avenue.

The National Office since last report has granted charters to locals in unorganized states as follows: Poole, Neb., six members; Ansley, Neb., five members; Hastings, Neb. (reorganized), thirty-two members; Mason City, Neb., ten members.

The National Executive Committee gave consideration to the question of securing the second class mailing privilege for the Official Monthly Bulletin and authorized that the necessary steps be taken to secure the same.

By recent referendum H. Claude Lewis, 428 Lauraine Avenue, Baltimore, Md., was re-elected State Secretary, and S. L. V. Young of Hagerstown was elected a member of the National Committee.

Since last report the proposed National Party referendum submitted by Local Cloquet, Minn. (Finnish) and first published February 27, has been indorsed by the following locals: Pearson, Wash. (Finnish); Stockett, Mont. (Finnish); Eureka, Calif. (Finnish).

Speakers who desire to engage for the Texas midsummer encampments or Chautauquas, or comrades who desire to engage stand privileges for same, will please address W. J. Bell, State Secretary, Tyler, Texas.

Letter to State Committees

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., April 24, 1909.
To the State Committees of the Socialist Party.

Dear Comrades:—Your attention is respectfully directed to the following National Committee Motions:

MOTION NO. 4.
"That one-third of the cost of the litigation resulting from the legal contest carried on by the Party against the filing fee system in the primary election laws of Minnesota, be defrayed by the National Treasury."

MOTION NO. 5.
"That appeals be sent out from the National Headquarters, calling for the financial support of all State Organizations in the fight for the abolition of the filing fee system in the primary election laws of Minnesota, such appeals to be framed in a manner that will show the danger to the party throughout the nation if this attempt to disfranchise the working class be not thwarted."

These motions were adopted by an almost unanimous vote of the National Committee, showing the sentiment to be almost universal in favor of the party as a whole financing and fighting this specific and flagrant instance of class legislation. Such laws oper-

SOCIALIST NEWS SERVICE

National Headquarters
Socialist Party,
Chicago, Ill., April 16, 1909.
To the Socialist Press.

Comrade Editor—Your attention is directed to that part of the minutes of the National Executive Committee meeting relating to communications from Comrade Hubert Langerock of 309 Davis street, Portland, Ore., and the action taken thereon by which the subject of establishing an American division of the "International Socialist Press Service" was referred to editors of the party press.

In order that you may have the view point of Comrade Langerock, I submit the following resume of his presentation to the National Executive Committee:

"The International Socialist Bureau has decided to extend to all Europe the now existing German Socialist Press Service. I have been a correspondent of a great many European Socialist dailies. Everything I have done so far has only been with the view of supplying the information required by the Socialist press of Europe.

"The comrades of Europe are moving rapidly in this matter. Things are going fast. The Serbian comrades have started a bulletin, the Bulgarians and Roumanians are getting theirs ready, so I had to start getting things in some kind of shape on this side of the Atlantic. However, I shall be always ready and consider it my duty to turn over the appointed agency to a party constituted organization. Such an organization must start with the moral approval of the party.

"Comrade Huysman asked me to take on the additional work devolving upon the American correspondent resulting from the increased scope of the German Press Bureau. I have undertaken a weekly news letter, but this is insufficient. Arrangements should result in keeping the wire open between New York and the Berlin distributing agency at least three minutes per day. Special service to papers according to their size and relative importance should be considered later.

Awaiting the decision of the party, I have refused the request of several papers to be their correspondent. Also declined to enlarge the service concerning crop conditions, price of flour, etc., which I am supplying to a certain number of Socialist co-operatives.

"New York seems to me the natural distributing center for the foreign service, and I submit the following suggestions on organization:

"1. ORGANIZATION.—That all party papers constitute an autonomous co-operative society with themselves as members to operate a news service on the following lines:
"(a) American correspondence of European Socialist press.

"(b) International, American and Canadian news distributing service.

"(c) Organization of the press; national, state and local.

"(d) Special Washington correspondent.

"(e) Material purchasing agency, advertising soliciting agency.

"(f) Constitution of an emergency fund to tide existing papers over periods of financial difficulty.

"2. FINANCIAL.—The European correspondence part—commercial and news—would be more than self-sustaining. The cost of the international or American service would be reduced, first, by the sale of information to the trade union and non-Socialist press; second, by the use of regional papers as correspondents of the central news service and their remuneration for same.

"3. CONFERENCE.—With a matter of this importance the constitution of our party press becomes a necessity. Therefore, a conference should be held of editors of party papers, foreign correspondents of Socialist papers in America and editors of union periodicals in open sympathy with political action. The editors should formulate their views in reports printed in advance in their respective papers and to be used as a basis for discussion."

All of the above is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

ate to the disadvantage of the propertyless and especially favors members of the propertied class as public officials.

The total expense is too large to be borne alone by any one state, and the benefits of a successful issue will be advantageous as a precedent to all state organizations.

Certainly it is expected that your organization will contribute its share to this worthy purpose. And upon the question of a just share I wish to assist you in determining the amount by the following statement: Taking as a basis the apportionment of membership, as published in the January Bulletin, I find that if each state organization will contribute a sum equal to one cent and a half per member, the total will meet the National Office's liabilities and leave a small balance. A proportionate division of the expense among the state organizations is the equitable plan, and such a division was no doubt the thought and intent of the members of the National Committee.

Please remit your contribution on this account at as early a date as possible and use the enclosed form in reporting the same. The amounts received will be reported weekly in the Bulletin.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SOCIALIST PARTY

SESSIONS APRIL 9 and 10, 1909

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, APRIL 9TH.

Meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 10 o'clock. Comrades Floaten, Hunter, Simons, Spargo and Work present. John Spargo elected chairman. John C. Chase elected secretary. Telegram received from Comrade Hillquit as follows: "Unavoidably prevented from attending meeting." Phone message from Comrade Berger stating that he would be present at 4:30 p. m.

The National Secretary takes up subject of the controversy in the state of Montana and recommends that a committee be elected to go over the correspondence.

MOTION.

"That a committee of three be appointed to look over the letters from Montana and report back to the committee."

Adopted.

Comrades Spargo, Hunter and Floaten, together with the National Secretary, appointed as a committee.

The National Secretary then submitted his report, taking up first organized states, giving a review of the condition of the movement in each state. Comrades Floaten, Hunter, Simons, Work and Spargo made additional reports for Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa and New York.

REPORT ON UNORGANIZED STATES

Nebraska and Virginia were shown to be promising fields for agitation, the latter having a state election in November. Taken as a whole, the unorganized states for the year 1908 and to date of this year show a percentage of progress equaled by very few states. Notwithstanding the fact that during the year 1908 two states were taken from this list and placed in the organized column, the dues for the year increased from \$402.25 to \$966.37.

REPORT OF FINANCES.

On the question of finances, so far as the receipts for dues are concerned, you have been advised of the comparative figures for states, and I submit herewith a resume in the form of a table for ready reference:

RECEIPTS FOR DUES BY MONTHS, 1909, AND TOTAL, ALSO TOTAL FOR SAME MONTHS, 1908.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.	1908 Total.
Alabama	\$ 9.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 37.50	\$ 33.00
Alaska					3.40
Arizona	20.00		25.00	45.00	25.00
Arkansas	30.00	25.00	25.00	80.00	120.00
California	125.00	100.00	100.00	325.00	350.00
Colorado	34.50		142.00	176.50	149.00
Connecticut	30.00	40.00	20.00	90.00	51.50
Delaware					10.00
Florida	10.00	10.00	5.00	25.00	19.00
Georgia	4.00	5.00	5.40	14.40	2.00
Hawaii					4.00
Idaho	23.00	23.00	41.10	87.10	94.25
Illinois	225.00	125.00	225.00	575.00	382.50
Indiana	51.00	46.50	51.40	148.90	125.35
Iowa	25.00	25.00	50.00	100.00	195.00
Kansas	60.00	50.00	75.00	185.00	190.00
Kentucky	15.00	20.00		35.00	25.00
Louisiana	5.00	15.00	25.00	45.00	45.00
Maine	17.00	15.00	16.00	48.00	32.35
Maryland	15.00	20.00	15.00	50.00	40.00
Massachusetts	84.50	181.00	126.70	392.20	306.75
Michigan	94.60	78.10	53.35	226.05	128.55
Minnesota	70.90	84.70	149.35	304.95	242.25
Mississippi	3.30	1.90	3.50	8.70	2.20
Missouri	75.00	52.80	100.00	227.80	226.00
Montana	31.30	20.85	18.70	70.85	132.70
Nebraska	28.80	2.70	31.60	63.10	59.50
Nevada		10.00	10.00	20.00	28.30
New Hampshire	14.25	10.50	17.50	42.25	30.40
New Jersey	100.00	100.00		200.00	150.00
New Mexico	5.00		10.00	15.00	31.15
New York	200.00	200.00	200.00	600.00	500.00
North Carolina	11.30			11.30	30.80
North Dakota	8.30	7.40	16.30	32.00	28.40
Ohio	101.50	57.65	251.00	410.15	308.50
Oklahoma	60.00	75.00	90.00	225.00	445.00
Oregon	60.00	30.00	60.00	150.00	176.50
Pennsylvania	84.75	217.10	187.75	489.60	431.40
Rhode Island	10.00	5.00	15.00	30.00	18.00
South Carolina	2.50		4.20	6.70	
South Dakota	17.50	13.50	10.00	41.00	53.75
Tennessee	5.00	12.00	11.00	28.00	16.00
Texas	75.65	75.05	42.55	193.25	220.90
Utah	24.00	18.00	31.10	73.10	47.00
Vermont		3.65	6.30	9.95	7.00
Virginia	2.50	2.50	14.70	19.70	5.80
Washington	18.80	68.95	13.45	101.00	234.80
West Virginia	10.00	5.00	10.00	25.00	20.50
Wisconsin	90.65	114.60	102.80	308.05	342.65
Wyoming	23.05	52.25	17.03	92.33	94.45
Members at Large	6.30	2.70	11.50	20.50	19.50
Total	\$2,017.75	\$2,033.40	\$2,453.78	\$6,504.93	\$6,235.10

The financial report, ending March 31, is before you, showing cash on hand, assets and liabilities with net resources. The auditing committee, appointed by you, will be prepared to report before the close of the session.

The cash on hand at the close of business April 8 was as follows: Reserve mileage fund, \$245.35; regular fund, \$424.50; total, \$669.85.

ORGANIZATION AND AGITATION.

Letters to state secretaries and organizers reference propaganda work for 1909 were read and replies noted.

PRESENT ASSIGNMENTS.

John W. Brown—April and May in Maine under the direction of the state committee. Committee wants time extended to June and July.

Geo. H. Goebel—March in New Jersey under direction of the state committee. Vermont and New Hampshire in prospect.

Harold W. Houston—Assigned to West Virginia for April and May under direction of state committee.

Ralph Korngold—March 3 to April 7, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Utah.

A. Litman (Jewish)—Started Feb. 12 at Detroit, Mich., making larger cities in Ohio, ending the month at Wheeling, W. Va. In March was in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut. April in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Dated up to April 26th at Baltimore, Md.

Lena Morrow Lewis—Started out first of March through Colorado, the Black Hills, S. D., and Wyoming, for a six weeks' assignment in Montana beginning March 15. Owing to friction in the state organization, the Montana assignment fell through. Further assignment, North Dakota till April 24. South Dakota till June 3.

Mila Tupper Maynard—March 13 to 19, dated through Colorado and Wyoming en route to Utah for a six weeks' engagement beginning March 20. Under direction of the state committee.

James Oheal—April 17 to 23, dated across Arkansas from St. Louis en route to Texas

for three months' engagement beginning April 24, under direction of the state committee.

C. C. Ross—Assigned to Tennessee on application of the state secretary for one month, beginning March 20.

Clyde J. Wright—In Nebraska since Jan. 15 as temporary state secretary and state organizer.

John M. Work—Feb. 8 to 28 and March 8 to April 1, Iowa under direction of the state committee.

Dan A. White—In New Jersey for month of April.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

It is trite to say that this department has never measured up to expectations. This report has been repeated so frequently and reasons given therefor that I need but suggest at this time, being non-publishers, that we are under the necessity of competing with existing publishing houses who are constantly offering combinations of goods to locals at bargain counter prices. Consequently the volume of the literature trade gravitates to the source of the cheapest supply.

Recourse to the files of the Bulletin will show that whenever space permitted, extensive advertisements as to supplies in the literature department were printed. This has been followed up by letters at stated intervals addressed to the locals.

The total literature sales for 1907 amounted to \$1,414.06. The sales for the year 1908 amounted to \$5,980.58. It should be pointed out that about \$3,000 of this sum was for special campaign literature.

Some slight progress is shown by a comparison of the average receipts for the first quarter of the year 1908 and the quarter just closed. For the former the average sales per month were \$71.10, and for the latter period \$117.20.

A general discussion took place upon literature possibilities and particularly the limitations, except on leaflets or campaign documents published by the party.

Miscellaneous headings were read by the National Secretary and it was decided to take them up in the order named.

Resolution from Local Spokane, Wash., reference state organization affairs: Letter from W. P. Parks of Seattle, with other documents. Also a printed statement recently issue by the state secretary of the Socialist Party of Washington.

MOTION.

"That two members prepare a reply to the letter of Spokane and submit it to the committee before the session is over."

Adopted.

Comrades Berger and Hunter appointed as a committee.

Resolution from Cumberland, Md., reference support of the party press received.

Letter from Howard Lindsay of St. Louis, reference his expulsion and party tactics.

Adjourned at 12:45 to meet at 4 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, APRIL 9TH.

Meeting called to order by the National Secretary at 4 o'clock. Comrade Hunter elected chairman. Comrade Berger and Hillman absent.

Following a discussion of the St. Louis election the following action was taken:

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary address a communication to the Secretary of Local St. Louis of the Socialist Party, inquiring as to an apparent violation of Sections 3 and 8, Article XII of the National Constitution, in the recent election, where it would seem to appear, from resolutions of the Local and editorials in 'Labor,' that Comrades Hill, Hoehn and Priesmeyer accepted an endorsement from the 'Independent Freeholders Conference' ticket, and that editorial in 'Labor' of April 3rd, advised Democratic and Republican voters to scratch three names on those tickets and 'write in the names of the Independent Freeholders' candidates,' one of whom was Owen Miller, not a member of the S. P., and further, that Comrade Emil Simon did not specifically repudiate the placing of his name upon the Republican ticket." Adopted.

Comrade Spargo made report for the sub-committee on the Montana correspondence.

MOTION.

"The National Executive Committee, after a careful examination and study of the correspondence upon the situation in Montana, including statements by Secretary-

Treasurer James D. Graham, members of the State Executive Committee, the Secretary elected by the seven members which met at Helena on March 1, 2 and 3, 1909, and various locals and individual party members in the state, makes the following report:

"1. The State Constitution provides that a State Committee meeting must be held on the first Monday in March of each year, and that all meetings of the State Committee must be called by the State Secretary and the chairman of the State Executive Committee.

"2. The secretary and chairman of the State Executive having refused to issue a call for the statutory meeting in March, seven members of the State Committee met at Helena on March 2nd and transacted certain business, including deposition of the State Secretary, election of a new State Secretary and the institution of a referendum to party members.

"3. These actions were clearly illegal for the following reasons:

"(a) There was a bare quorum present, but it appears that three of these members were not competent to serve, their locals being in arrears.

"(b) The State Constitution requires a two-third vote of the entire committee to depose the State Secretary.

"(c) The seven members had no legal authority to institute a referendum.

"4. There is, therefore, evidence of illegal procedure upon both sides of the controversy.

"5. From the correspondence at hand it is evident that the great bulk of the party membership in Montana agrees with the protesting faction.

"6. It is, however, clear that until removed from office by the methods prescribed by the constitution, James D. Graham must be recognized as State Secretary.

"It is therefore, ordered that the National Secretary communicate with all interested parties setting forth the position of this committee and calling attention to Article XII, Section 9, of the National Constitution, and placing the good offices of the National Office at the service of the Montana comrades as therein provided."

Adopted.

The National Secretary reported on matter of securing bond.

MOTION.

"That the Committee elect one member to ascertain what the requirements are for surety." Adopted.

Comrade Floaten elected as a committee. Letter from Comrade Ohsol of the Lettish National Committee reporting speaking tour as arranged for Comrade John Klava and requesting reasonable financial assistance in the event of a deficit.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary be authorized to meet a deficit not to exceed \$50.00." Adopted.

Proposition from Fred H. Merrick of "The National Comrade" of Washington, D. C., in reference to the party having exclusive control of the news service on terms of \$30.00 per week for ten daily letters to be supplied as directed.

MOTION.

"That the service be accepted at the terms offered for the political season, and that the National Secretary arrange with the daily press for the service upon the best terms possible, provided that there be a minimum charge of \$1.00 per week." Adopted.

Letter from Alice Frost Lord of Lewiston, Me., suggesting replies to misrepresentations in the public press, received.

Communications from Ugo Lupi, G. Bertelli, A. Caroti and others. Also minutes of a conference of Italian Locals held in Hoboken, N. J. Matter laid over until Saturday session in order to give representatives an opportunity to be present.

Letters from Comrade Nash, State Secretary of Minnesota and C. F. Dight of Minneapolis, Minn., relating to renewal of Socialist plate matter service.

MOTION.

"That it is found impracticable to renew the plate matter service." Adopted.

Communication from Comrade Daisy Halling of England, relating to a tour of this country in 1910.

MOTION.

"That she be informed that we cannot see our way clear to making arrangements." Adopted.

Letter from the Woman's National Committee reference presenting to the National Committee motions originating in the Woman's Committee.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary recite the actions of the convention and recognition granted by the National Executive Committee and methods by which they can submit a proposition." Adopted.

Letters from D. L. Stafford of Aspen, Colo., advocating old-age pensions, and from Marcus Maritzer of Fort Worth, Texas, favoring an insurance plan, received.

The National Secretary reported on booklet on naturalization laws.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary be empowered to purchase 1,000 of the booklets and to offer them for sale at a flat rate of ten cents each." Adopted.

Adjourned at 7:15 to meet at 10 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, APRIL 10TH.

Meeting called to order by the National Secretary at 10 o'clock. Comrade Floaten elected chairman.

Minutes of the Friday sessions read and approved.

Comrade Work submitted report for the Auditing Committee as follows:

"We, the undersigned, have audited the books of the Socialist Party for the period beginning May 1st, 1908, ending March 31st, 1909, and have found the same correct and in good order."

Signed, B. BERLYN,
JOHN M. WORK.

MOTION.

"That the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted." Adopted.

The National Secretary makes further report on miscellaneous subjects.

Report of Comrade Clyde J. Wright relating to his work as temporary state secretary of Nebraska.

MOTION.

"That Comrade Wright be continued in the employment of the National Office in Nebraska until July 31st." Adopted.

Comrade Floaten made report on securing bond recommending the National Surety Company.

MOTION.

"That Comrade Simons be authorized to sign the application with the National Surety Company for the Executive Committee." Adopted.

Request from State Secretary Ringler of Pennsylvania for \$2.00 per day for Comrade Gertrude Breslau Hunt for an engagement in that state beginning May 5th. The National Secretary reported that the request had been refused on the ground that arrangements for the engagement had been concluded without regard to national assistance and as a self-supporting state proposition.

MOTION.

"That the action of the National Secretary be approved." Adopted.

Letter from State Secretary Winnie Branstetter of New Mexico, requesting a Spanish organizer for a period of thirty days at the expense of the national office.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary notify Comrade Branstetter that it is impracticable at this time to make such arrangements." Adopted.

Letter from Hubert Langerock of Portland, Ore., reference international news service.

MOTION.

"That Comrade Langerock be informed that we believe that an effective international news service, as suggested by the International Socialist Bureau, would be of great service to the international working class movement and that all efficient steps to that end should be encouraged."

"It is, however, primarily a matter for the editors of our party press, and is hereby respectfully referred to them for serious consideration."

"In the meantime the National Secretary is instructed to get from Comrade Langerock the fullest possible information upon the subject." Adopted.

Communication from Italian comrades again taken up and Comrade Caroti was granted the floor.

MOTION.

"That we extend to the Italian Translator the same recognition and assistance that is now granted to the Finnish Translator, provided an Italian translator's office is established in the national office by the Italian comrades." Adopted.

Request from State Secretary Freeman of Alabama, for a continuance of the appropriation of \$20.00 per month for the months of May and June.

MOTION.

"That the amount of \$20.00 per month be continued for two months." Adopted.

Adjourned at 12:20 to meet at 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, APRIL 10TH.

Meeting called to order by the National Secretary at 2 o'clock. Comrade Work elected chairman.

Communication from the State Committee of Louisiana with request for an appropriation of \$50.00 per month for several months.

MOTION.

"That \$20.00 per month be allowed Louisiana for three months." Adopted.

Request from Local Omaha, Neb., for financial assistance to maintain Comrade John Collins for local work until after the municipal election.

MOTION.

"That Comrade Collins be assigned work in Omaha involving an expense not to exceed \$50.00." Adopted.

Applications from Comrades Dorothy Johns of Los Angeles, Calif., and H. L. Drake of St. Petersburg, Fla., for positions as national organizers.

MOTION.

"That the applications be placed on file." Adopted.

The National Secretary proposed plans for sending out organizers to trades unions for special work among the unions. General discussion followed on propaganda among trades unions.

MOTION.

"That a sub-committee on organization, consisting of two members and the National Secretary, be elected. The duty of the committee shall be to prepare a plan for more effective Socialist propaganda among the organized workers of the country, and submit the same to the members of the Executive Committee prior to its next meeting." Adopted.

Comrades Spargo and Hunter elected as a committee. The National Secretary reported on card and record system for organization work as used by Local Philadelphia and suggested the revision of the membership application cards so as to include more questions.

MOTION.

"That this be left in the hands of the National Secretary." Adopted.

The National Secretary submits data as compiled from membership record form cards as follows:

SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP DATA.

Compiled by Comrade Emma Pischel of Chicago.

Individual record forms for collecting data, relating to members of the Socialist Party were prepared by authority of a National Executive Committee motion, adopted December, 1907. These forms were circulated during the year 1908.

The total number of cards returned was 6,310, some partly and others with all inquiries answered. In considering the value of the data, it must be remembered that the Party membership numbered 41,751 during the year 1908, and the returns from the respective states must be taken into account, as to whether the records contained a preponderance of industrial or agricultural workers.

DIVIDED AS TO STATES.

	Women	Men	Total	Party Mem.
Alabama	8	34	42	240
Arizona		14	14	280
Arkansas	8	208	216	685
California				3100
Colorado	25	241	266	881
Connecticut				538
Delaware		20	20	25
Florida	3	90	93	229
Georgia	3	18	21	35
Honolulu	1	9	10	16
Idaho	23	160	183	673
Illinois	3	365	368	2972
Indiana	9	236	245	1075
Iowa	18	310	328	866
Kansas		72	72	1291
Kentucky		22	22	233
Louisiana	1	55	56	250
Maine	9	124	133	257
Maryland				250
Massachusetts				1778
Michigan	2	174	176	1188
Minnesota	4	335	339	1837
Mississippi				31
Missouri	4	335	339	1635
Montana				711
Nebraska		136	136	256
Nevada	2	29	31	240
New Hampshire	4	52	56	218
New Jersey				1416
New Mexico		20	20	175
New York	60	772	832	3458
North Carolina	9	25	34	66
North Dakota	3	84	87	229

Ohio	12	430	442	2156
Oklahoma	4	20	24	2243
Oregon	1	56	57	924
Pennsylvania	8	440	448	2640
Rhode Island				201
South Carolina				4
South Dakota	1	97	98	308
Tennessee	6	78	84	123
Texas	18	367	385	1537
Utah	41	179	220	841
Vermont				50
Virginia		33	33	39
Washington	15	250	265	1584
West Virginia		70	70	207
Wisconsin		1	1	1628
Wyoming	10	34	44	533
Members at large				99
		315	5995	6310
				41751

NUMBER REPORTING AGE, 6,310.

	Women	Men	Total
Under 20 years	37	135	172
From 20 to 30 years	88	1,516	1,704
From 30 to 45 years	112	2,376	2,488
Above 45 years	78	1,868	1,946

NUMBER REPORTING NATIONALITY, 6,271.

	Per Cent.
4358 American birth	71
552 German birth	8 1/2
303 English birth	4
144 Finnish birth	2
330 Scandinavian birth	5
53 Austrians	1/2
531 Others	9

NUMBER REPORTING OCCUPATIONS, 6,156.

	Per Cent.
1237 Laborers	20
2493 Craftsmen	41
330 Transportation	5
1051 Farmers	17
580 Commerce	9
288 Professional	5
177 Housewives	3
Of the 2,823 listed under the captions of craftsmen and transportation and eligible for membership in labor unions—	
1254 Are members of A. F. of L.	44
135 Are members of I. W. W.	5
374 Are members of Indept. Unions	13
1060 Are unaffiliated	38

NUMBER REPORTING PREVIOUS POLITICS, 4,170.

	Per Cent.
1477 Republicans	35
1669 Democrats	40
620 Poplists	15
261 Independents	6
143 Prohibitionists	4

NUMBER REPORTING FACTORS IN CHANGING OPINIONS, 5,842.

	Per Cent.
767 By books	13
273 By Leaflets	4
2213 By Periodicals	39
470 By Street Meetings	8
420 By Lectures	7
1059 By Discussion	19
640 By Study	10

THE PAPERS SUBSCRIBED FOR ARE

4010 Appeal to Reason.
2074 Wilshire's.
1562 Chicago Daily Socialist.
622 The Worker.
274 International Review.
136 Seattle Socialist.
125 Social Democratic Herald.
72 Christian Socialist.
48 Vorwaerts.
40 Montana News.
15 Common Sense.
6 Socialist Woman.
1485 Miscellaneous.

MOTION.

"That the same be published in the minutes." Adopted.

The National Secretary submitted a report of the official vote of the last presidential election.

MOTION.

"That the totals be printed as official." Adopted.

Communication relating to the establishment of a Polish translator's office received. Preparation of weekly lessons discussed.

MOTION.

"That the Rand School of New York be requested to prepare the weekly lessons." Adopted.

The National Secretary submitted question of securing second-class mailing privileges for the Bulletin and explains steps necessary for same.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary get into communication with the State Secretaries to get their consent to mail the Bulletin direct to members. Second, that he take the necessary steps to get the second-class mailing privilege." Adopted.

The matter of the political refugees was brought up for discussion and Comrade Murray of the Political Refugee Defense League was granted the floor.

MOTION.

"That Comrade Murray be asked to supply the members of the National Executive Committee with an abstract of the evidence in the Araujo case and any other information that he may be able to secure." Adopted.

Communications from Washington again considered.

MOTION.

"That the Executive Committee has considered the communications from Local Spokane and instructs that the following reply be made:

"Under the provisions of the National Constitution it is impossible for the Executive Committee to take any action at this time, quite regardless of the fact that the Committee heartily disapproves of the methods employed and the conditions existing in Washington. The Committee would point out to the comrades that only under two conditions, as provided by the National Constitution, could the Executive in any manner interfere in the state controversy. Under Section 2 of Article VII, it is provided that if the membership in any state falls for a period of six months below an average of 150 members, whether by resignation or otherwise, then that the National Committee may revoke the charter of the state. The only other method by which the Executive Committee could interfere would be upon the request of the members themselves as a result of a referendum taken in the usual course." Adopted.

Two representatives from Neues Leben, Comrades Dreifuss and Kissling, were granted the floor regarding financial assistance for their paper, and Comrade Dreifuss submitted the following statement:

"Up to the present time the German comrades have not only never asked for any especial aid for their publications but have always contributed heavily to the support of the English Socialist press. The German Socialist organ of Chicago, Neues Leben, has however reached a crisis where unless it receives at least three hundred dollars, it will be forced to suspend. Chicago has a large workingclass population that speak only German. It has a large number of German Socialist organizations, such as the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Association, singing societies, etc., that have always contributed heavily to all party affairs, without regard to language divisions. These organizations would find themselves without a local organ in their language and would be discouraged were Neues Leben to disappear. One of the reasons for the present emergency of Neues Leben is the enthusiastic support given by the German Socialists of Chicago to the Daily Socialist. Yet in spite of this fact the circulation of Neues Leben has continued to increase. The three hundred dollars which is now asked is but a small fraction of what the German Socialists have given to other papers in the past, and when this crisis is over and the energies of the German comrades of Chicago are devoted more largely to their own paper there will be no difficulty in supporting it. It must also be remembered that the Chicago German Socialists have one peculiar difficulty in the fact that this city is the place of publication of the only anarchist German daily in the country. In view of these facts it would be a calamity to the Socialist movement to permit the only German Socialist paper in the second largest city in the country to die."

MOTION.

"That we recommend to the National Committee that \$300 be appropriated for Neues Leben." Adopted.

On the question of program and order of business for the Congress of 1910, Comrades Berger and Simons were appointed as a committee to prepare the same.

Communication from the Hungarian Federation of America relating to number and location of their branches.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary embody a summary in the Bulletin." Adopted.

Communication from the Scandinavian Socialist Agitation Committee.

MOTION.

"That the National Secretary reply to the communication by giving the exact conditions by which the Finnish, Italian and Polish are admitted, and that we cannot recognize any body admitting persons not party members." Adopted.

Communication from Croatian comrades asking financial assistance for "Radnicka Straza."

MOTION.

"That we cannot grant the request." Adopted.

Adjourned at 6 p. m.
Attest: JOHN C. CHASE
Secretary.