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## THE REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

The monthly report for December shows a much better condition of the finances than did December of last year. Deducting receipts for the various funds, which we simply pass on to the beneficiaries, our total receipts were \$2,140.44 greater than the corresponding month of last year. The following table will show how the receipts were distributed:

Receipts.	—December—	
	1912	1913
Dues .....	\$4,988.35	\$4,459.05
Supplies for locals.....	206.16	239.05
Literature and buttons.....	663.55	999.53
Outstanding accounts paid.....	123.89	348.98
Contribution to party.....	176.67	620.25
Estate of Leon Chanute.....		875.00
Party Builder .....		595.25
Miscellaneous .....	4.25	166.20
	\$6,162.87	\$8,303.31

Analyzing the above items, we find that all have increased except dues, the one thing over which this office has no control.

The disbursements were \$1,649.24 greater than in December, 1912, of which \$1,292.85 was due to the greater amount paid to creditors and organizers, and the increased wages account which is explained below.

Disbursements.	1912		1913	
Wages .....	\$1,584.50	\$2,121.38		
General postage .....	147.04	423.30		
General expense .....	97.77	63.39		
To creditors and organizers.....	3,124.55	4,417.40		
Miscellaneous .....	989.04	566.67		
	\$5,942.90	\$7,592.14		

Analyzing the above accounts we find that wages are \$536.88 higher this year than last December, this being due to the fact that the Information Department at that time had only a manager, while now there are three additional employees, at an expense of \$182.17. We have now a Young People's Department at an expense of \$72.00; we also have two more translator secretaries than we had then, and the wages of the translators have been raised by the Executive Committee from \$15.00 to \$19.00 per week, making a total difference in the wages paid to translators of \$272.00, or a total of \$531.17 added to the pay rolls for these three departments. This latter figure covers all but \$5.71 of the total increase of wages of the operating departments of the office.

In December, 1912, there were but small contributions to the party, amounting in all to \$178.67, while in December, 1913, we handled \$2,311.27 for various strike funds, in addition to \$565.10 on the special assessment, all of which requires infinite care and attention because nearly all receipts on these funds are in small amounts and take as much time as if they were large. At least one-third of the time of the bookkeeper is required for the handling of these funds for which service the party charges nothing; the time of two persons who open and tabulate the mail, and which requires from two to three hours when the mail is heavy, is given to these funds also.

It must be remembered that this year we are publishing a weekly paper as against a monthly paper a year ago, which fact itself entails a greater amount of labor.

The stability of the national dues for the last three months is particularly encouraging, as they are always dull months in years that do not have a nation-wide campaign.

## LEAD IN NORWAY.

Five new seats were gained by the Socialists in the municipal elections at Christiania, Norway. They are now the leading party. The gains were made at the expense of the Conservatives, who lost four seats, and the Independents, who lost one. The council is now composed of three Socialists, thirty-five Conservatives, eight Radicals and five Independents. The Socialists polled 30,868 votes; the Conservatives 30,079; the Radicals 7,130, and the Independents 4,360. While the Socialists have not secured a clear majority, they will be able to put many of their immediate demands into effect, as the Radicals are pledged to them also.

## HOW WE SCORED.

For once, at least, the Socialist party as an official organization functioned without loss of time, and effectively.

While Comrades Berger, Stedman and Russell were on their way to Michigan to make a first-hand investigation, the National Office force was working late into the nights, hurrying out 15,000 letters to secretaries of trades unions and to the locals of the Socialist party, asking immediate and concerted action, and flooding Congress with letters, resolutions and telegrams, demanding investigation. This has had its effect, for Senator Ashurst of Arizona said on the floor of the Senate that he personally had received 4,000 telegrams.

Keep it up.  
Make life a burden for your congressman. Send him something, if only a postal card.  
Let him know you are on the job. Congress listens to the capitalists. Why not to you?

## THE NATIONAL OFFICE STIRRED THEM UP.

That the National Office did a fine piece of work when we sent out blank resolutions to 15,000 organizations, union and Socialist, regarding the Michigan strike, is evidenced by the following news item sent out by the Associated Press:

[By The Associated Press.]

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—“That the government take immediate steps to acquire possession of the copper mines and operate them under union conditions” was the demand of resolutions by trade unions throughout the country which poured today into Congress. The resolutions came from many organizations in industrial and mining centers and declared that conditions demonstrate conclusively the utter incapacity of the present mine owners to operate the mines in justice to labor, in safety to the community or in harmony with the welfare of the people of the nation.

## KEEP WORKING ON CONGRESS.

By the time this issue is in the hands of our readers, the information will be general that the Democratic House of Representatives have refused to investigate the Michigan strike. The only hope now is in the Senate.

Comrade Charles Edward Russell appeared before the House Committee and presented the report of our committee, which was printed last week in the Party Builder. This had no effect.

Comrade Russell wires us as follows:  
“Beaten in House by Democrats of Rules Committee who refused any hearings. There is a chance in the Senate. Please have everybody write to members of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor particularly Hoke Smith, Kenyon or Borah, asking for investigation.”

This cue ought to be enough for the comrades. Flood the Senate and the senators mentioned above with demands for a hearing.

## WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS.

January 6, 1914.

Mr. Walter Lanfersiek, Executive Secretary,  
National Office Socialist Party,  
111 N. Market St., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor to hand of January 3, inclosing checks for \$33.75 and \$600.37, which amounts were receipts on the Colorado and Michigan strike funds, and in reply to same would state that check for \$33.75 was forwarded to E. L. Doyle, secretary of District No. 15, of the U. M. W. of A. of Denver, Colo., who will forward you receipt from that office direct. Receipt for the amount of \$600.37 is herewith enclosed.

I assure you we appreciate your interest in forwarding this sum, and trust you will extend our sincere thanks to those who aided in making up this substantial assistance in behalf of our striking brothers of Michigan. Again thanking you, and with kindest regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,  
ERNEST MILLS,  
Secretary-Treasurer W. F. M.

## ELECTION RETURNS.

Salem, Mass.—Tom Lally, Socialist, elected commissioner.

Republic, Wash.—A Socialist was elected councilman here, and a Socialist mayor came near being put in office.

## SOME THINGS THE NATIONAL OFFICE SHOULD BE DOING.

### A Plate Matter Service.

The function of the Socialist party organization is mainly the propaganda of Socialism. In the past we have spent thousands of dollars for organizers and speakers, mainly to bring the message to the unconverted.

We are today neglecting one of the best means of reaching the heathen, i. e., through the printed word. We do print leaflets and booklets by the million, and yet the casual visitor, like the leaflet, does not have the same effect as an old friend, like the weekly paper, whose influence is vastly greater.

Most weekly papers are edited and managed by one man, and usually this one man is continually harassed by fears that he cannot pay the bills or will not draw his wages, and therefore the output of his brain is below par. This can be prevented in a large measure by the party, and at no cost to the party itself.

A plate matter service should be established, similar to the service that the capitalistic rural papers throughout the country use. It could be furnished them at less than half the present cost of a page written by their own editor and would doubtless have more merit.

In Germany Socialist writers are forbidden to write for capitalist papers. In this country such a rule would be an absurdity because there is now no way a man can earn his living by writing for the Socialist press, except in the capacity of editor. None of the American weeklies are strong enough to pay anything like a proper price for copy, and writers are forced to sell the product of their brains to whoever will buy.

A plate matter service would make a beginning for the cure of this condition. Writers could be paid a fair price that would be prohibitive for one paper, but which spread over a number would be insignificant. In this way a number of papers could be served with really good material, which would cost them less than their own product, since it would be set in plate form ready to print. Their papers would have an added value in a literary way, which in turn would give them a wider circulation among the unconverted. The editor would have to grind out less stuff, which means that he would grind out better stuff. In this manner everybody would be benefited and nobody hurt.

Such a service as the one suggested can be operated by no other agency than the national organization. In time such a move will be undertaken by the papers themselves, and if this does occur, it might be difficult for the organization to control such a service. There can be no doubt that the party ought to determine in a measure what goes into the Socialist press. If the party declares for one policy and the press, for another, confusion results. The method of a plate matter service would give a cheap, efficient and meritorious propaganda. It would be a means of helping the various papers to help themselves.

In connection there should be established a telegraphic news service. In these troublous times things are happening so fast that the telegraph must be called into requisition.

## ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HIT.

The attempt of the Italian government to further divide the Socialist forces by appointing three of the Reform Socialists senators, has been defeated by the refusal of the Socialists to accept the appointments. They have refused to support the government in any way at present. The delegates of the regular Socialist party were rather surprised by Bissolati's announcement in Parliament that the Reform Socialists could not support the government because of its imperialist policy. He also expressed his opinion that the war with Tripoli had a bad influence on the international relations of Italy. Bissolati is the leader of the Reform Socialists, and it was because of his support of the government in the Tripolian war that he was expelled from the regular Socialist party. His position may again lead to a union of the two parties.

# National Executive Committee Meeting

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

January 10, 11, 12, 1914.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Socialist party called to order at 10:45 a. m., January 10, 1914, at national headquarters.

There were present: James H. Maurer, George H. Goebel, J. Stitt Wilson and Adolph Germer. James H. Maurer was elected chairman for the day. Bertina Hale Brown was designated as secretary of the session.

The following communications were read:

Letter from J. Raphaelson, state secretary of Kentucky, requesting an appropriation for organization work in that state. Action postponed until later in session.

Letter from William Eberhard, state secretary of South Carolina, requesting an appropriation of \$50.00 to assist in keeping an organizer in the field. Action postponed.

Letter from A. Carlson, state secretary of Wyoming, asking that the National Office bear half the expense of an organization tour of the South Slavic translator-secretary through Wyoming.

Moved that consideration of request be postponed until report on states is taken up. Carried.

Communication from Louis Goaziou inclosing application for affiliation with the National Socialist party from the French Federation under instructions from the temporary executive committee of the federation.

Moved that executive secretary be instructed to organize the French comrades into an affiliated body of the Socialist party, according to provisions contained in Section I of Article XIV of the national constitution. Carried.

Communication from Armin Loewy, translator-secretary of the Hungarian Federation, charging that Frank Bohn is seriously interfering with the work of the Hungarian Socialist organization in South Bend, Indiana.

Moved that the secretary be instructed to write to Comrade Bohn for his version of the matter and to furnish him with a copy of complaint. Carried.

Communication from Guy Underwood, acting state secretary of Illinois, in answer to letter sent by instruction of the Executive Committee regarding alleged violation of the national constitution in retaining first month's dues as initiation fee.

Moved that the state secretary of Illinois be instructed that it is not constitutional to retain any money from dues but that the regular amounts should be forwarded to the National Office and to the federations. Carried.

Communication from the convention of Marquette County (Michigan) Socialist party, November 16, 1913, stating that the translator-secretary and executive committee of the Finnish Federation had usurped authority and had refused to sell dues stamps to Local Negaunee, Finnish Branch, and request that Executive Committee of the Socialist party investigate.

Moved that this matter be postponed until afternoon session. Carried.

Communications received in answer to letter sent out to various comrades according to instructions of Executive Committee at October session, on question of naturalization.

Moved that Carl D. Thompson be instructed to prepare a book of Naturalization. Carried.

Letter from G. H. Duthie, attorney at law, reference to Anna A. Maley case on appeal in the Marion County Circuit Court, West Virginia.

Moved that executive secretary be instructed to communicate with G. H. Duthie and Comrade Maley and get all information necessary, including the exact charge, and what advantages would accrue to Comrade Maley and to the Socialist movement should the case be won, and should the secretary be in doubt after securing the fullest possible information as to whether or not the case should be continued the matter be referred to the Executive Committee by correspondence. Carried.

Letter from J. R. Osborne, who is being sent abroad in order to undergo an operation for the recovery of his sight, requesting that he be routed across the United States in order to help defray expenses of the journey.

Moved that the executive secretary be instructed to secure a list of dates for Comrade Osborne from San Francisco to New York arranging with the locals to pay \$10 per lecture. Carried.

Letter from Clarence A. Lewis in reference to the matter of Local Pittsburg (Kansas), which was submitted to the Executive Committee at the last two sessions, stating that some official communication from the Executive Committee would go a long way toward preventing similar difficulties in the next election.

Moved that Goebel take up the Pittsburg matter and send a communication to Local Pittsburg with a statement regarding provisions of the party constitution and policies. Carried.

Letter from H. Martin, secretary of the Social-Democratic party of Canada with reference to the practicability of issuing a traveling card and stating that members of the party in Canada had been refused admission to the party in the United States although paid up members of the Canadian party.

Moved that Comrade Martin be instructed that the Executive Committee has no jurisdiction in the matter. Carried.

Adjourned until 2:30.

### Afternoon Session, January 10, 1914.

Present: Victor L. Berger, J. Stitt Wilson, Adolph Germer, George H. Goebel and James H. Maurer.

Communication from W. M. Brandt, under instructions from the General Committee of the Socialist party of St. Louis, Mo., asking that the Executive Committee consider the advisability of sending some representatives to Panama to investigate into and get all information in reference to the government ownership of shops, stores, etc., which existed there during the building of the canal, and report findings at the next meeting of the National Committee.

Moved that in consideration of financial resources of the National Office, and considering further the fact that journalists and writers are exploiting government shops in Panama, that the committee does not concur. Carried.

Communication from G. E. Shuler containing reply to the report of the Anderson controversy made by Carl D. Thompson as committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

Moved that communication be filed. Carried.

Resolutions from Local Vigo, Indiana, asking that the Executive Committee delegate not less than three members of the Socialist party of the United States to visit the president and Congress of the United States and present a demand for a remedy for abuses suffered by the working class.

Moved that communication be filed. Carried.

Communication from Charles H. Kerr & Co., with a proposition to turn over to the Socialist party of America the publication of the fifty 32-page booklets, which have been advertised under the name of "Pocket Library of Socialism."

Moved that the proposition to buy the "Pocket Library of Socialism" be rejected and the executive secretary be instructed to ask for a proposition of Charles Kerr & Co. upon which they would part with their entire book business with the exception of the International Socialist Review. Carried.

Telegram from E. P. Johnson, member of state committee of South Dakota announcing satisfactory settlement of matters under dispute within the party organization.

Moved that communication be filed. Carried.

Letter from Grafton Coleman, Juneau, Alaska, with request from Local Juneau that the executive secretary appoint a provisional secretary of the territory until a referendum can be carried on and a secretary elected, stating that local Juneau desired that Lena Morrow Lewis be appointed to fill this position.

Moved that request be granted and that Comrade Lewis be made provisional secretary until such time as a regular election may be held. Carried.

Letter from Howard H. Caldwell, asking that the National Office arrange a tour for him through the southern and western states.

Moved that the national secretary be instructed to offer Comrade Caldwell to the several states mentioned in communication and see if such route can be arranged. Carried.

Letter from Lucien Saint outlining a plan for a Washington news letter bearing upon the situation in Congress to be mimeographed by the National Office and sent out on the regular Socialist party press service.

Moved that such news service be accepted. Carried.

Letter from state secretary of Michigan with resolutions from the State Executive Committee of that state, requesting the National Executive Committee to instruct the Finnish translator-secretary to observe the provisions of the national constitution relating to foreign speaking organizations and state autonomy.

Statement from Frank Aaltonen regarding the controversy in Local Negaunee, Finnish Branch.

Report on controversy by former state secretary of Michigan, James Hoogerhyde.

Moved that committee requests that Comrade Sarlund, translator-secretary of the Finnish Federation, kindly have the Finnish Executive Committee meet with the Executive Committee in joint session at the National Headquarters at 3 p. m., January 11, 1914. Carried.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock.

### Evening Session, January 10, 1914.

Present: As before.

Communication from Carl D. Thompson, reference to work among trade unionists, and suggesting that the national organization ought to have a department or at least an organizer or organizers to carry on such work.

Moved that the subject of work among trade unionists be made part of the agenda for the next session of the committee. Carried.

Communication from Carl D. Thompson asking whether the Information Department should answer letters asking for interpretations of the national constitution. It was the sense of the committee that the executive secretary was the proper authority on such matters.

Letter from M. J. Beery, national committeeman for Ohio containing a National Committee motion that the executive secretary be instructed to return the money forwarded to the National Office as dues by Charles S. Wallace.

Letter from Charles S. Wallace under instruction of "The Socialist party of Washington" by referendum of its membership, tendering dues to the National Office.

Letters from William H. Daniels, reference to Washington controversy.

Moved that it is the sense of the National Executive Committee that in their judgment this is too important a question to be settled either by correspondence or by the National Executive Committee in session, therefore, we defer it to the next meeting of the National Committee, and in the meantime request Charles S. Wallace to prepare a statement for those he represents stating upon what ground they should receive recognition as the Socialist party of Washington, and also to request of Frans Bostrom a statement as to why recognition should not be accorded to those represented by Charles S. Wallace. Carried.

That the executive secretary shall receive all money tendered by Charles S. Wallace, giving receipt therefor, same to be held as a deposit pending a decision of the National Committee in session. Carried.

Letter from W. B. Killinsbeck requesting that he be routed as national organizer to centers where industrial troubles prevail.

Moved by Goebel that Killinsbeck be placed upon the available list of speakers. Carried.

Letter from Ralph Hertz, president Young People's Socialist Society, Erie, Pa., reference to Young People's Department.

Moved that this be made a matter of administration. Carried.

Letter from Lord E. Rush, asking that the Executive Committee consider the value of songs in leaflet form to be used at local and branch meetings, and that action be taken at this meeting of the committee to make such leaflets available.

Moved that song leaflets be issued by the Literature Department containing a number of songs suitable for Socialist meetings. Carried.

Moved that the report of Literature Department be made the first order of business for morning session. Carried.

Adjourned until ten o'clock Sunday morning.

### Sunday Morning Session, January 11, 1914.

Committee met at National Headquarters 10:30 a. m. Wilson elected chairman for the day.

Pending the arrival of one member of committee the report of Literature Department was deferred.

Communication from William E. Trautman appealing to the Executive Committee to take action toward securing a revision of the case by which he, William Trautman, was found guilty of contributing to misuse of funds collected principally through efforts of the Socialist party of the Lawrence strike.

Moved letter be laid on table and Mr. Trautman be informed that no good can come to the movement from taking up the matter now. Carried.

Report of Literature Department, by A. W. Ricker.

According to previous action of the Executive Committee the following proposal by Goebel, submitted by correspondence for consideration, was taken up:

(a) That no advertisements of any periodical other than the Party Builder shall appear in The Party Builder.

(b) That each three months there shall be published in The Party Builder two lists of publications (periodicals), one list to appear under the heading of Socialist party publications and containing the list of all periodicals owned by members of the Socialist party, and the other list to be made up of publications like the Miners' Magazine and Pearson's Magazine, this list to be headed with the statement that

the publications named, while not in any way connected with the Socialist party, yet as a regular thing contain Socialist articles.

(c) That the Party Builder print advertisements of no books or pamphlets except over the address of the Socialist party as selling agent, and on which the profits connected with handling the same goes to the national organization.

Motion taken up seriatim.

Section A. That no advertisements of any periodical other than the Party Builder shall appear in The Party Builder. Motion lost.

Section B. That each three months there shall be published in The Party Builder two lists of publications (periodicals), one list to appear under the heading of Socialist party publications and containing the list of all periodicals owned by members of the Socialist party, and the other list to be made up of publications like the Miners' Magazine and Pearson's Magazine, this list to be headed with the statement that the publications named, while not in any way connected with the Socialist party, yet as a regular thing contained Socialist articles. Lost.

Section C. That the Party Builder print advertisements of no books or pamphlets except over the address of the Socialist party as selling agent, and on which the profits connected with handling same goes to the national organization. Motion lost.

Moved that a Socialist Hand Book be published by the National Office of which there shall be printed 10,000 paper bound copies and 1,000 cloth bound copies. Carried.

Moved that Dan W. Hoan's book on Regulation be published according to estimate furnished by the manager of the Literature Department. Carried.

Committee then adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. at the Briggs House, on account of lack of heat at National Headquarters.

### Afternoon Session, January 11, 1914.

Committee met at 3:30 p. m. at the Briggs House.

Present: As before.

Reading of auditor's Report.

According to agreement of previous session the Executive Committee of the Finnish Federation appeared before the meeting and the question of controversy between the translator-secretary of the federation and the State Executive Committee, and the State Executive Committee and the state secretary of Michigan was taken up. A communication from Joseph Warnock, state secretary, under instructions of the State Executive Committee, was read and James Hoogerhyde, who was state secretary at the time the controversy began, made an explanation in reference to same.

Statement by Frank Aaltonen representing Local Negaunee, Finnish Branch, explaining upon what grounds the charter of their branch had been revoked by former state secretary Hoogerhyde under instructions of the State Executive Committee, and that upon reorganization of said branch the Finnish translator-secretary had refused to serve as a medium of communication between the new organization and the state office, or to furnish dues stamps to them.

Statement by Translator-Secretary Sarlund that he, acted under instructions of the Executive Committee of the Finnish Federation.

After retiring for consultation the Executive Committee of the Finnish Federation reported as follows: "Moved that with the understanding that the membership of the state of Michigan has approved of the action of State Executive Committee in re-organizing the Finnish local at Negaunee, we admit the re-organized local as a local of the National Finnish organization with all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other locals in our Federation. Carried."

Moved that the report be accepted and that a vote of thanks be extended to the Executive Committee of the Finnish Federation for their prompt action, and to the translator-secretary for his co-operation in settling the matter under dispute. Carried.

Report of Information Department, by Carl D. Thompson.

Moved that an edition of 2,500 of books, covering work of Socialists in Legislatures, be published by the National Office. Carried.

Moved that the question of a conference of elected officials of the Socialist party be postponed at this time. Carried.

The question of publishing a list of books as compiled by the Information Department was deferred until the next meeting of committee.

Moved that report be accepted as a whole and filed. Carried.

Moved that leaflet by Dan W. Hoan be published by National Office. Carried.

Moved that Thompson's leaflet on Socialism be published. Carried.

Moved that the selection of two additional leaflets to be published by the National Office be referred to the editing committee. Carried.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock.

### Evening Session, January 11, 1914.

Present: As before.

Report of Young People's Department, by J. A. Rogers.

Moved that committee endorse propositions submitted for consideration by Director of Department. Carried.

Moved that report be accepted and filed. Carried.

Report of Woman's Department, by Winnie E. Branstetter.

Moved that discussion on report be discontinued until Monday morning session. Carried.

The subject of the Burnett immigration bill was brought before the committee.

Moved that the Executive Committee of the Socialist party protests against the passage of the Burnett immigration bill and that protest be sent to the committees on immigration in the House and the Senate. Carried.

The question of a bill providing against the importation of operatives of detective agencies into strike regions was brought before the committee for consideration.

Moved that the executive secretary be instructed to have such bill drawn, provided it would not cost more than \$50.00. Carried.

Adjourned until 9:30 Monday morning.

### Morning Session, January 12, 1914.

Committee met at National Headquarters at 9:30 with all members in attendance.

Germer was elected chairman for the day. The question of purchasing a multigraph was discussed and the following action taken:

Moved that action be postponed and that in the meantime the executive secretary secure the actual data concerning the extent of our circulation and the actual cost of mimeograph work as compared with the multigraph. Carried.

Discussion of the report of the Woman's Department was resumed. In connection with the item Children's Strike Relief Fund the following action was taken:

Moved that, Whereas, our comrade, Winnie E. Branstetter, director of the Woman's Department of the Socialist party in the National Office, without the advice, consent or authority of either the Woman's National Committee or the National Executive Committee has created of her own initiative, the national secretary consenting, a national fund and institution, known as the Strike-Children's Relief Fund, and has circularized the lo-

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## Executive Department

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**SOCIALIST PARTY, 111 North Market Street, Chicago, Illinois**

January 17, 1914

### Official Business

#### PROPOSED NATIONAL REFERENDUM BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF KANSAS.

Resolved, That Article XV of the National Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Art. XV, Sec. 1. Motions to amend any part of this constitution as well as any other motions or resolutions to be voted upon by the entire membership of the party, shall be submitted by the executive secretary to the referendum vote of the party membership upon the request of locals representing 5 per cent of the entire membership of the party, on a basis of dues paid in the preceding year, or upon the request of 5 per cent of the locals regardless of membership.

Sec. 2. Each motion and resolution shall be printed in the Party Builder and remain open ninety days from the date of first publication and if it has not then received the requisite number of seconds it shall be abandoned. The vote on each referendum shall close sixty days after its submission.

Sec. 3. Referendums shall be submitted without preamble or comment. But comment not to exceed two hundred words both for and against may accompany the motion when printed.

Sec. 4. Any officer who attempts to interfere with the processes of the membership shall be expelled from office.

COMMENT—We feel that the Socialist party has strayed from the path of democracy. And feeling that we should return to that vital fundamental principle, we therefore submit the accompanying proposed referendum and urgently request that our sister states take favorable action and assist by seconding this motion.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

calls of the party and the trade unions of the nation, on behalf of said fund and has by such means brought into the national treasury or such fund a considerable sum of money.

Therefore, Resolved, that the National Executive Committee herewith record its policy, both in regard to such action on the part of Comrade Branstetter and the national executive secretary, and in regard to the disposition of said fund, and the continuance of the fund and institution thus created.

First, That, while we commend Comrade Branstetter for her industry and her devotion in the conduct of the Woman's Department; and while we appreciate the originality and energy with which she has executed her proposal, and while we are ready to commend the spirit of the proposed fund; nevertheless, we distinctly disapprove of any executive or administrative officer in the National Office assuming such power, or inaugurating any policy of raising or creating any fund without the authority of the National Committee or the National Executive Committee. Since this disapproval on our part pertains, not to the motive or to the object sought in this particular case, but only to the policy and method of doing business, our disapproval carries no note of censure.

Second, That, in the meantime, the amount already in the national treasury as the result of this appeal shall be apportioned between the two strike regions, viz., Colorado and Calumet, Michigan, in proportion to their respective needs and numbers as determined by due investigation; that all future amounts forthcoming to this fund in the near future while these two strikes continue shall be apportioned in the same manner by the national secretary; and that the disposal of any amounts coming later to the national treasury for the fund shall be subject to the subsequent action of the National Executive Committee. Carried.

Moved that committee concur in recommendation reference to woman's trade union organizer. Carried.

Moved that report of Woman's Department be received as a whole and filed. Carried.

The request for assistance from the National Office in the matter of routing the translator-secretary of the South Slavic Federation through the state of Wyoming for a period of two months was again presented for consideration.

Moved that \$100.00 be appropriated toward the expense of such tour. Carried.

The question of appropriation for Kentucky and other southern states was taken up.

Moved that such appropriation be postponed until Goebel makes his tour through the South and reports on same. Carried.

The matter of printing an edition of "Socialism Summed Up" at 6c per copy was taken up.

Moved that action be deferred in view of the fact that we have published several books during the past few months and have ordered the publication of a number of others in the near future, and also have on hand a stock of "The Truth About Socialism," a book similar in character. Carried.

The question of providing for the additional work which the compilation and preparation of new books for publication would entail upon the Information Department was discussed.

Moved that the executive secretary be instructed to employ additional temporary help for the Information Department, and that the employees engaged meet with the approval of the head of the Information Department. Carried.

Moved that in view of the greatly increased correspondence of the National Office one additional stenographer be employed. Carried.

The manager of the Information Department made a statement regarding the nature of the work required by those employed in his department and asked that an increase of one dollar per week be granted the classifier and stenographer.

Moved that such increase be allowed. Carried.

Report of the Michigan Strike Committee.

Moved that telegrams demanding investigation of the strikes in Michigan and Colorado be sent to the president of the United States, speaker of the House of Representatives, to Senator Martine of New Jersey and to Representatives Keating and McDonald. Carried.

Headquarters.

Moved that lease for the floor now occupied by national headquarters be renewed for another year at least.

Motion lost. Goebel and Maurer asked to be recorded as voting yes. Berger wished to be recorded as voting against the motion as a simple business proposition, believing that proper location would increase efficiency over cost of change.

Moved that executive secretary be instructed to renew lease of present quarters for one year only. Carried.

Moved that in the event lease cannot be renewed for one year that it be taken for two. Lost.

Moved that if the necessity for taking other quarters arises through failure to secure the lease for present location for one year that under no circumstances shall the lease be for more than \$3,000. Carried.

Goebel asked to be recorded as voting no.

On account of certain remarks Goebel requested that he be relieved of the southern assignment. It was the sense of the committee that Goebel consent to serve as the best adapted for this particular field. So arranged.

Wilson moved reconsideration of motion fixing the amount to be paid for national headquarters at not more than \$3,000. Carried.

Moved that in case lease cannot be renewed on present quarters for the year that the amount for a new location shall not exceed \$2,500. Carried.

Moved that the executive secretary be instructed to get out a special edition of THE PARTY BUILDER containing the Michigan Strike Report. Carried.

The translator-secretary of the Scandinavian Federation appeared before the committee on behalf of the Amalthea Defense Fund.

Moved that revised statement be published in THE PARTY BUILDER. Carried.

Committee adjourned to meet at National Headquarters, Saturday, March 7, 1914.

BERTHA HALE BROWN,  
 Secretary.

Attest:  
 WALTER LANFERSIEK,  
 Executive Secretary.

#### TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN FOR YEAR 1913.

STATE—	Dues	Average Membership	Average Ex-empt Members	Average Total Members	National Committeemen
Alabama	170.10	283	4	287	1
Arizona	299.05	498	8	506	1
Arkansas	347.60	578	46	624	1
California	3,513.95	5,857	400	6,257	2
Colorado	618.60	1,030	80	1,110	1
Connecticut	918.25	1,530	83	1,613	1
Delaware	41.00	68	..	68	1
District of Columbia	152.10	253	4	257	1
Florida	310.00	517	43	560	1
Georgia	55.00	92	3	95	1
Idaho	489.65	818	46	864	1
Illinois	4,047.35	6,745	67	6,812	3
Indiana	1,378.50	2,297	53	2,350	1
Iowa	672.55	1,121	17	1,138	1
Kansas	1,070.75	1,784	96	1,880	1
Kentucky	220.00	367	14	381	1
Louisiana	215.00	358	31	389	1
Maine	239.70	398	..	398	1
Maryland	298.50	497	..	497	1
Massachusetts	2,895.30	4,825	76	4,901	2
Michigan	1,731.55	2,885	54	2,939	1
Minnesota	2,916.05	4,860	67	4,927	2
Mississippi	69.05	114	..	114	1
Missouri	1,156.85	1,928	50	1,978	1
Montana	857.70	1,428	30	1,458	1
Nebraska	291.90	486	16	502	1
Nevada	402.40	670	..	670	1
New Hampshire	341.85	568	..	568	1
New Jersey	2,087.65	3,479	-167	3,646	2
New Mexico	85.00	140	..	140	1
New York	6,164.35	10,274	783	11,057	4
North Carolina	82.00	137	..	137	1
North Dakota	802.35	1,337	16	1,353	1
Ohio	3,396.55	5,662	142	5,804	2
Oklahoma	1,701.60	2,836	16	2,852	1
Oregon	925.55	1,542	58	1,600	1
Pennsylvania	5,822.15	9,703	283	9,986	4
Rhode Island	298.25	497	..	497	1
South Carolina	45.00	75	2	77	1
South Dakota	240.50	400	..	400	1
Tennessee	138.55	230	13	243	1
Texas	1,263.15	2,105	..	2,105	1
Utah	310.55	518	11	529	1
Vermont	133.45	222	10	232	1
Virginia	145.60	242	13	255	1
Washington	2,396.90	3,993	167	4,160	2
West Virginia	435.80	726	13	739	1
Wisconsin	2,487.90	4,146	52	4,198	2
Wyoming	414.15	690	3	693	1
Unorganized—					
Alaska	311.00	260	..	260	..
Members-at-large	94.50	79	4	83	..
Hawaii	30.00	25	..	25	..
Total	\$55,532.90	92,178	3,041	95,214	64
Translator-secretaries, exempt members					743
Total average membership, 1913					95,957

#### SOCIALISTS IN SALT LAKE CITY REORGANIZE.

Rancor and interior dissensions since more than two years were the the direct cause of the breakdown of our party machine, hence the consequent result in the last municipal election like Milwaukee. Our political step-brethren jubilated, but the turning point was finally reached when in a meeting on January 5 it was unanimously decided to reorganize every voting district in the city and push the local and the national press, the only effective means to keep alive the interest as to the party's affairs in every party member and sympathizer, and which, in turn, will induce each and every one to do his or her due share towards the emancipation of mankind.—C. K. Flanderka, Salt Lake City, Utah.

#### PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

At the late meeting of the International Socialist Bureau the following agenda was drawn up:

Unemployment. This subject for discussion was put forward by the English delegation. It will be opened by addresses from Ramsey MacDonald of England and Molkenbuhr of Germany.

The High Cost of Living. This question was requested by France. The discussion will be opened by Webb of England, Bauer of Austria, and Dr. Justo of Argentina. The farm question will also be discussed in so far as it affects the high cost of living.

Imperialism. This matter was placed on the agenda upon the motion of Holland.

Alcoholism. Sweden requested a discussion of this subject. Arguments will be opened by Vander-velde of Belgium, from the standpoint of the total abstainer, and Wurm of Germany, from the standpoint of the moderate drinker.

Russian Prisons. This subject will be opened by a report from the French Socialist editor, De Presseuse.

It was definitely decided that the congress will be opened at Vienna on August 23, 1914. The United States was represented at the conference by Kate Richards O'Hare.

#### GOLDSTEIN-SPEISS DEBATE.

David Goldstein, the Catholic-Jew, and George Speiss, Jr., of Hartford, Conn., clashed in debate in Springfield, Mass., recently on the question, "Resolved, That the Principles of Socialism Are Not Opposed to the Principles of Christianity." The debate was held under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who reserved the balcony and gallery for their own members. The house was pretty evenly divided between supporters of the two debaters. Upon Goldstein's demand that Speiss quote one prominent Socialist who was opposed to free love Speiss read extracts from the Massachusetts state convention of 1902 in which Goldstein stated that he believed there was not a person present who would refuse to repudiate the doctrine of free love. As the debate drew to its close the applause for Goldstein diminished while that for Speiss increased. It is judged from this that Speiss had much the better of the argument.

#### CLOSE LODGING HOUSE.

One of the first things done by the anti-Socialist administration of Schenectady, New York, upon taking office was to close the municipal lodging house for the use of homeless men. This means that they will have to sleep in the filthy corridors of police stations hereafter, with a stone floor for a bed and no covering.

In commenting on the matter former Socialist Mayor Lunn said:

"I consider the closing of the municipal lodging house as an act of inhumanity, engendered by a gross ignorance of anything approaching fairness. I wish that all of the members of the present city administration could be compelled to go down stairs in the police station and stay there for only 10 minutes and endure the stench of the city 'lockup' where unfortunates, most of whom are out of work, are compelled to pass the night."

#### GOEBEL'S DATES.

George H. Goebel is now touring the South. Following are his dates for the near future:

January 27, Paris, Tenn.; 28, Little Rock, Ark.; 29, Batesville; 30, Van Buren; 31, Fayetteville; February 1, Springdale; 2, Decatur; 3, Spiro, Okla.; 4, De Queen, Ark.; 5, Texarkana; 6, Shreveport, La.; 7, Couchatta; 8, Calhoun; 9, Monroe; 10, Delhi; 11, Jackson, Miss.; 12, Meridian; 13, Laurel; 14, New Orleans; 15, Mobile; 16, Chipley, Fla.; 17, Live Oak; 18, Palatka; 19, Daytona; 20, Fort Pierce; 21, Delray; 22, Key West; 23, Miami; 24, West Palm Beach; 25, New Smyrna; 26, St. Augustine; 27, Waycross, Ga.; 28, Charleston; March 1, Georgetown, S. C.; 2, Columbia; 3, Ashville, N. C.; 4, Winston-Salem.

#### NEW RUSSIAN WEEKLY.

A new Russian weekly, "The Ray," is being published at 417 Free Press Bldg., Detroit, Mich. Joseph B. Polonsky is editor. There are one hundred thousand Russians in Michigan and Ohio.

As a result of a recent election in Ohio, O. T. Van Schoyck has been elected state secretary. Address 101 N. High St., Columbus, O.

## Information Department

CARL D. THOMPSON, Director

**PURPOSE**—To collect, classify and make available all data and information on economic, political and social problems. To assist elected officials with such information as they may need in the discharge of their duties. Address all communications to

SOCIALIST PARTY, Information Department  
111 North Market Street Chicago, Illinois

### REPORT OF THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT.

For Three Months Ending Jan. 1, 1914.

The following is a brief outline of the report of the work of the Information Department for the three months ending January 1, submitted to the National Executive Committee in session January 10, 11 and 12:

#### PART I—GENERAL WORK.

##### Inquiries.

The total number of inquiries received during this period is 2,020, an average of 26 a day. While it appears that the inquiries have not very greatly increased in number, it is true that they are more of a technical nature and therefore more difficult to answer. Further, it is apparent that the members of the regular party organization are using the department increasingly.

Although the work has been steadily increasing no additional help has been employed since the organization of the department.

##### Preparation of Pamphlets and Leaflets.

We have prepared for the literature department the following:

1. A pamphlet on "The Work of Socialists in the State Legislatures."
  2. A leaflet, "Are Socialists Practical?" a resume of the material in the above mentioned pamphlet.
  3. A leaflet on "Have the Socialists Made Good?" an account of the work of Socialists in municipalities.
  4. A leaflet on "Regulation" (about to be published), a brief presentation of the data contained in a pamphlet by Daniel W. Hoan on "The Failure of Regulation," which the department also assisted in bringing out.
- Two leaflets are now in preparation: one on "Socialism," a compilation from authoritative writings, and one on "Municipal Ownership."

##### Collection of Material.

We believe that for some time to come a considerable portion of time and energy of the department should be expended in collecting and preparing material for the use of the membership. We are slowly gathering a library of Socialist works. By the means of offering reviews to the publishers, we secure copies of the new books, not only Socialist books, but practically all bearing on social and economic problems. We are also collecting the publications of special bureaus, organizations, libraries, etc.

We have made a careful collection of party data, including (a) constitutions of the state organizations; (b) constitutions of the local organizations of the larger cities of the country; (c) platforms of the party, municipal, county, township, state and national. We are also collecting and having translated the platforms of the Socialist party of foreign countries.

##### Classifying and Indexing.

I cannot lay too great stress upon the matter of proper classification and indexing. Much of the material required by the Socialist official, writer, speaker, is fugitive and difficult to secure. It is to be found in passages of books, in pamphlets, leaflets, reports and magazines. Not infrequently the most vital and valuable material appears in newspapers. The exact location of this data is easily forgotten. In order to make it accessible when required, every book, every pamphlet, report, leaflet and clipping is properly classified. The books receive special tags, bearing the classification designation. The pamphlets are collected in specially prepared cases, and are thus properly classified; while the fugitive material, such as leaflets, clippings, magazine articles, etc., is collected in a vertical file system, alphabetically classified.

Equally important is the work of indexing the material after it is classified. Our index is steadily growing, and we hope to make it more and more valuable as a source of reference.

##### Work With Other Information Bureaus.

The state organizations of the Socialist party in Connecticut, New Jersey and California have established state information bureaus. In state and local matters these bureaus are "sufficient unto themselves," and, we believe, will be of inestimable value to the national bureau in supplying information of local character. However, the national bureau has so far been and will continue to be a source from which these bureaus may derive much information of a general nature.

We exchange material with the Socialist information bureau of England and with the international Socialist bureau at Brussels. The newly established bureau of the Belgian Socialist party at Brussels wrote us for our method of classification. The comrades in France contemplated the establishment of

an information bureau in the near future and have written us for suggestions.

##### Answering Press Articles About Socialism.

Recently we issued a call in *The Party Builder* for Socialist writers to answer criticisms of Socialism appearing in various local papers. Forty comrades offered their services. Now, when a tirade against Socialism appears the local comrades may forward a copy of it to the department, the department will send it on to the volunteer writer, his answer will be submitted to us for approval and suggestions and then forwarded to the comrades asking for it.

#### PART II—WORK PENDING.

##### Publications.

The department, upon recommendation of the National Executive Committee in previous sessions, will undertake the compilation of a Socialist handbook and a book on naturalization. It also has in preparation a pamphlet on the work of Socialists in municipal administrations.

##### Free Text Book.

We addressed a questionnaire concerning free text books to the superintendents of schools in all cities of 25,000 and over, and now have data compiled showing the replies which we have received from 162 cities. We are still working on this so as to put it in the best available form.

We have also gathered from the same sources information on systems of vocational education and medical inspection in the various city school systems.

##### Conference of Elected Officials.

Members of the party holding public office find themselves confronted with many problems upon which the party has taken no position. This is notably true on the subjects of vice and gambling. Solution of these matters cannot be left to our untrained officials nor to the information department. We believe a conference of these elected officials for the earnest consideration of such problems is needed.

##### Legislative Problems.

While there is only one of the state legislatures in which we have representatives holding sessions this winter, namely, Massachusetts, we are, nevertheless, asked for assistance occasionally on various legislative measures. Considerable thought is being given by the comrades, particularly in the Western states, to the measures which they are proposing for general state referendum. It is our purpose to help the comrades in whipping these bills into the best possible form. In this we are trying to get the assistance and co-operation of such legal authorities as are available.

CARL D. THOMPSON, Director,  
Information Department.

#### PEARSON'S FOR FEBRUARY.

Pearson's promises several very interesting articles for February. Two are worthy of special mention:

"The Magazine Soft Pedal," by Charles Edward Russell, tells some very significant and interesting things about the magazines. It shows why they print nothing but fiction and "harmless" articles. One time the magazines did tell the truth about things. This article shows how they have come under the influence of advertisers and certain moneyed men.

"What the Rothschilds Mean to You," by Allan L. Benson: The Rothschilds started the idea of a national debt, which now means that before any of us were born, a certain part of the money we would make was mortgaged. It costs every American family about 50c a day. This is a story of the man who formed the idea and a simple explanation of how it still takes the money out of the pocket of the working class for purposes which do not serve the working class interests.

#### WERE ANY OF THESE FROM YOU?

We frequently receive letters on which the comrades have failed to note their street numbers or essential parts of their addresses. We have in this department at present the following letters which we are unable to answer because the letters do not have the proper return addresses:

William Parker.  
F. H. Bailey.  
Simon Wein.  
R. D. Bell.  
I. Davidson.

We suppose these comrades are wondering why we do not answer their letters.

All inquirers should be very careful to put their names and addresses on their letters and to have them written distinctly and correctly.

#### BOOK REVIEW.

*The Call of the Carpenter*, by Bouck White, Published by Doubleday, Page & Company, Garden City, New York, \$1.20. Cloth, 355 pp.

Of this book John Howard Melish of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y., has said: "The aim of this book is to make Jesus the most interesting person in history, and it succeeds splendidly. It is a book which everyone interested in the religion of Christ should read in order to get the social basis of the Gospel. It is a book which everyone interested in the social question should read that he may have a new view of the religion of Christ."

It is a fearless and almost fierce presentation of the character of the Christ and the nature of his mission. The author presents Christ as the supreme revolutionist, the truest comrade of the working classes and the greatest prophet of democracy in history.

As presented here, Christ had an utter scorn of the conventional forms of religion and a passion for the actual needs of the people. Out of his thought and moral purpose the modern democracy has arisen. As an illustration of the author's treatment of these subjects, we may quote a few words from the chapter on "Democracy's Ultimatum." He says:

"The antagonism of the democracy to the doctrine of the 'first person of the trinity,' though not clearly thought through in every case, falls largely into three classes: First, that the doctrine is unscriptural; second, that it is untrue; third, that it makes for economic and political despotism." These three counts the author then attempts to sustain in the following pages.

Speaking of religion, the author says: "Hitherto, in practically every age, religion has been on the side of the privileged class and against the working class. And in this day of the interrogation of all things it is being found out."

A rather curious idea of the author is that one of the first acts of the coming proletarian revolution will be to put the Bible into the public schools.

Jesus, the writer believes, is the true leader of the "proletary" forces, as he calls them, and will yet lead the world through the workers into the new democracy. And he closes by saying:

"Democracy is not perfect; but it is the least imperfect thing the human race thus far has produced. Man for man, there is as much sagacity in the working class as in any other rank of society. To wipe democracy from the slate would be expurgatory of the best enthusiasm of the modern world. Its faults are the faults of strength and not of weakness. They are shadows cast by a morning sun and will grow less."

#### WANTED.

##### Co-operative Enterprises.

The Information Department wishes to know the name and address of every co-operative enterprise in the United States. Please send us the name of any co-operative undertaking of any kind that you know now to be in existence. We want to have complete and reliable data on this movement in our country, and when we get these addresses, we will circularize the companies for information concerning their activities. Also, kindly send us the names and addresses of any organizations or societies interested in or promoting co-operation, or any other sources of information on the subject.

#### WAGES AND HOURS UNDER MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

On December 10, 1913, 84 men were working 10 hours a day at an average of about 27c an hour for a privately owned street railway in San Francisco.

At midnight the city of San Francisco took over the line, and those 84 men and 12 others began working eight hours a day at 37½c an hour. (The Public, January 9, 1914.)

Incidentally this immediately increased the number of men employed.

#### "A WORD TO THE WISE."

Of the 100,000 blind people in the United States, 12,000 suffer blindness which could have been avoided by the installation in factories of proper safety devices. (Press Bulletin of American Medical Association, December 27, 1913.)

#### THE AMALTHEA COMMITTEE.

An appeal for support has been issued by the Scandinavian Socialist Federation and all progressive Scandinavian organizations to support the movement to free Anton Nilsson, Algot Rosberg and Alfred Stern, who are serving a life sentence in a Swedish prison for killing a strike breaker.

During the great transportworkers strike in Sweden in 1908 strike breakers were imported from the slums of the English cities. A load of them came to Malmo on the ship Amalthea.

The three youths, who all were about twenty years of age at the time, decided upon a very irrational course of action. They crept up to the boat at night and dropped a bomb through one of the port holes to scare the strike breakers so that they would refuse to land and return to England. One man was killed by the bomb and the three youths were arrested, tried and sentenced to life imprisonment.

While the gravity of their act is realized, it is claimed they were irresponsible youths at the time and the six years of imprisonment which they have spent has been enough punishment.

## Woman's Department

WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER, Director

### WOMAN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Gertrude Breslau Fuller, 209 E. Reliance St., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Alma M. Kriger, 403 S. Main St., Butte, Mont.  
Lena Morrow Lewis, Fairbanks, Alaska, Gen. Delivery.  
Bertha Howell Mally, 140 E. 19th St., New York, N. Y.  
Anna A. Maley, 140 E. 19th St., New York, N. Y.  
Gertrude Reilly, 306 Shippen St., West Hoboken, N. J.  
May Wood-Simons, 115 Auer Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

This department has charge of propaganda and organization among women. Its purpose is to make Socialists, unionists, and intelligent voters of women, and to secure their active membership in the Socialist party.

Address all communications to

SOCIALIST PARTY, 111 North Market Street, Chicago, Ill.

### REPORT OF WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

To the Executive Committee:

At your last meeting, I submitted a complete report of my department for the months of July, August and September. This report was published in the Party Builder, No. 49, under date of October 11, 1913.

During the months of October comparatively little stimulative work was done, but in November all names found in the Lyceum Department, either of secretaries of lyceum hustlers, were circularized by this department; also all state secretaries and state correspondents.

In the month of December, this department circularized the entire list of Socialist locals and party officials; also 3,000 names of active Socialist women, Socialist and labor papers, and 200 Socialist writers.

You will notice from the above figures that every name on file in the National Office, with the exception of the Party Builder list, has been circularized during the past quarter.

#### Organizer.

At the October meeting of the National Executive Committee it was decided that we place a woman organizer in industrial centers, doing intensive organization work for a period of two months, the national, state and local organizations to bear equally the financial responsibility of such organizer. This matter was placed before the Woman's National Committee, but up to date no action has been taken.

Comrade Kriger of Montana submitted the name of Mary Geffs of Denver, Colo., and the general correspondent of the Woman's Department submitting the name of Janet Fenimore Korngold of Spring Lake, Mich., to the Woman's Committee for their action.

I have had hardly time to hear from the committee, and therefore urge upon you the importance of appointing one or the other of the above comrades to begin work January 15, 1914, in Chicago, the county secretary accepting the organizer upon the above stated terms.

#### Leaflets Sold.

During the past six months there was a total of 501,824 woman's leaflets sold by the National Office.

#### National Children's Day.

In the past it has been the custom of the woman's department to circularize immediately after the holidays. In reviewing the work of the past year and looking forward into the work which we might be able to accomplish during the coming year, the thought occurred to me that a National Children's Day celebration, to be held during the holiday season, would be a good idea, as it would be something unique so far as the United States is concerned and would attract some attention from the non-Socialist press.

I placed the matter before Comrade Lanfersiek and he agreed that I might circularize, calling on the locals for the celebration of December 28 as National Children's Day. I immediately communicated with the Socialist writers asking them to submit original articles for special children's editions of Socialist and labor papers to be issued Christmas week. The response from our comrades was most remarkable, over one hundred manuscripts being received.

I also communicated with the Socialist and labor press, urging upon them the advantage, both to the Socialist movement and their publications of issuing special children's editions during Christmas week. I volunteered to furnish them with special press service for these editions. I received requests from about one-half of the editors of Socialist papers for this special press service.

On December 15, we forwarded to the entire Socialist and labor press 59 pages of press matter. I edited the press matter very carefully, and there was not a single article sent out that was not first class from the standpoint of tactics, policy and literary value.

The paper file shows that this service was put to use by papers throughout the United States, many of the papers devoting their entire editions to the children.

#### Strike-Children's Relief Fund.

Simultaneous with this general publicity of Children's Day came the thought that the mass meeting would be much more successful if there were a definite purpose for their being held; that money collected at these meetings should be used for children only. Gradually the entire plan for the STRIKE-CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND outlined itself as follows:

That National Children's Day be made the occasion for the collection of a permanent STRIKE-

CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND throughout the United States.

That as an inducement to non-Socialists we issue a seal or sticker, similar to the Red Cross seal. That these seals or stickers be placed in the hands of union and Socialist secretaries for disposal by them to sympathizers and their members, no price being placed on these stamps, each stamp representing a donation to the STRIKE-CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND as large as the giver could afford.

I talked over this matter personally with the heads of the various departments, and the opinion was unanimous that it was a good idea from the standpoint of propaganda, of publicity and of actual assistance to the labor movement. I placed the plan before Comrade Lanfersiek, and after consideration he gave me permission to proceed with the work.

The matter was not submitted to your committee for the reason that there was no time to do so, success depending upon immediate action. I felt at that time and still feel that it was too important a matter to be lost because of a technicality involving the rights of initiation. I considered this one of those emergency cases, where immediate action is necessary from the National Office, through the heads of departments and the executive secretary.

Immediately upon the endorsement of the STRIKE-CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND by Comrade Lanfersiek, I sent strike fund stamps in my circular letter calling for the celebration of National Children's Day. This letter was a combination letter for Children's Day celebrations and for the collection of money.

I communicated with the international secretaries of the American Federation of Labor and the national officials of the United Mine Workers and the Western Federation of Miners.

At the expense of \$2.00 postage, we have received a list of over 10,000 local union secretaries. I have circularized 5,000 of these union locals, sending 50 STRIKE-CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND STAMPS to each secretary.

We prepared and sent press articles not only to the Socialist press, but to the official papers and journals of the American Federation of Labor. I sought and secured interviews with the United Press Service, The Newspapers Enterprise Association and the Associated Press, with the result that greater publicity has been given the Socialist party, through the initiation of the STRIKE-CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND than has ever been given before.

We have received hundreds of letters congratulating and commending us upon the initiation of the STRIKE-CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND, and up to date we have received only one communication of an unfriendly nature, excepting those written by the members of the Woman's Committee and the National Executive Committee.

The total amount of receipts to date in the Strike Children's Relief Fund is.....\$3,030.83  
Total expenses ..... 199.45

Balance on hand .....\$2,831.38

In addition to this amount Local St. Louis raised \$702.75 for a Strike Children's Christmas Fund which was forwarded immediately.

In conclusion I wish to say that the Socialist press and membership, by their nationwide co-operation in response to this call, have given it their unqualified endorsement. I take pleasure in placing this matter before your committee for its endorsement and its decision as to the disposal of the fund.

WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER,  
Director of the Woman's Department.

#### AID FOR STRIKE CHILDREN.

The following telegram was sent from the National Office to E. L. Doyle, Rooms 201-2 German American Trust Building, Denver, Colo., and C. E. Biotala, Hancock, Mich.:

"We have fund to provide clothing for children in strike district. Wire, at our expense, by night letter:

"How many children need clothing, and their ages; number of boys, number of girls; number of shoes, suits of underwear, boys' suits, dresses, overcoats, girls' cloaks, and such other information as will aid in purchasing.

"WALTER LANFERSIEK,  
"Executive Secretary, Socialist Party.

"WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER,  
"Director Woman's Department."

Seven PARTY BUILDER sub cards for \$1.50.

### WOMAN'S DAY.

"Woman's Day was originally a day celebrated only in the United States. At the Woman's Conference at Copenhagen the women of Europe voted to hold a special woman's day. Since it has seemed advisable to the Socialist women of Europe to hold this special day on the 19th of March, the National Woman's Committee recommends that that day be also the one set for Woman's Day in the United States. It also recommends that the day be used as a special agitation day for woman's suffrage and for the securing of women members for the party." —Woman's Committee report adopted by National Committee.

### IOWA STATE NOTES.

Comrades, Take Notice: The year of 1914 is an election year of as much importance as that of the presidential year. The people will elect their state officers, five supreme judges, 57 district judges, 21 state senators, 99 state representatives, one United States senator, 11 United States congressmen, and most of their county officers. So that the comrades will be better acquainted with the election laws of their state, I kindly ask each local to appoint a committee to look up the election laws and report to the local. The election laws can be had by writing to the secretary of state, William S. Allen, Des Moines, and asking for them. Every local and member at large should do this at once, for the primary laws prescribe the form of organization that all political parties must adopt.

Comrade I. S. McCrillis organized locals at Ogden, Knoxville and Hocking during the month of December. He is now out organizing. Commencing his work on the 15th of January, at Pleasantville, and up to the 25th, as follows: Harvey, Buxton, Mystic, Centerville, Exline.

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(This Constitution can be changed to meet local conditions.)

#### ARTICLE I.

##### NAME.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE of .....

#### ARTICLE II.

##### OBJECT.

Section 1. The object of this organization shall be to draw into a compact body all young people interested in the betterment of the working class; to provide means for their intellectual and physical development, and to become a center for social intercourse, as well as for training them in the principles of International Socialism.

#### ARTICLE III.

##### MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Any person over sixteen years of age, who subscribes to the constitution and by-laws of this organization, is eligible to membership.

Sec. 2. Applications for membership, to be accepted, must receive a majority vote of all members present and voting at a regular business meeting.

Sec. 3. All applicants for membership must appear before the organization and take the following pledge before being admitted as members:

"I promise to abide by all decisions of the Young People's Socialist League.

"I also agree to educate myself and associates in the history of the working class and the principles of Socialism, which seek to secure for the worker the full social product of his labor by the abolition of the present form of society and the establishment of a new social order where all the people shall jointly own and manage all the industries.

"I believe in the use of the ballot and promise that while a member of this organization I shall never do anything to discredit the Socialist party."

Sec. 4. Any member upwards of twenty-one years of age, who has been a member of the League for one year or more, shall become a member of the Socialist party, or be dropped from membership in the League.

Sec. 5. Any person holding any position within the gift of any political party other than the Socialist party (civil service positions excepted) shall be prohibited from being a member of this organization.

Sec. 6. A member may be expelled from the organization at a regular business meeting by a majority vote of those present and voting, after the case has been tried by the Grievance Committee and reported on. Charges must be made in writing and a duplicate copy given the defendant within five days after the charges have been presented to the organization.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### DEPARTMENTS.

Section 1. This organization shall be divided into the following departments: Educational, Entertainment, Dramatic, Music, Athletic, Publicity, and Headquarters.

Sec. 2. Each department shall be under the supervision of a manager, who shall be elected as hereinafter set forth.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### OFFICERS.

Section 1. Permanent officers of this organization shall be a Chairman, an Organizer, a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary, and a Reading Clerk, who shall be elected as hereinafter prescribed.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Section 1. The regular officers and managers of the different departments shall constitute the Executive Board, together with a representative from the local or county organization, who shall have a voice but no vote. The Executive Board shall have full power to act on all matters between business meetings.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### COMMITTEES.

Section 1. There shall be elected an Auditing Committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to audit the books of the Financial Secretary at least once every three months, and report on condition of same to the League.

Sec. 2. A Grievance Committee of five members shall be elected, whose duty shall be to try all cases referred to them by the League.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

Section 1. Nomination and election of officers and department managers shall take place at the last meetings in June and December, the vote to be by ballot. Those elected shall hold office for six months, or until their successors are elected and qualify.

Sec. 2. Any person nominated for any office, committee or department head must have been a member of the League for at least six months (unless the organization has been in existence for less than that length of time).

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### REPRESENTATION IN LOCAL.

Section 1. There shall be ..... representatives elected to the local (city or county central committees, if such exist) who shall give regular reports to that body and have a voice, but no vote, in its meetings (providing such arrangements can be made with the local).

#### ARTICLE X.

##### RECALL.

Section 1. Any officer or department head may be removed from such office or head of department at any regular business meeting, by a majority of those present and voting, provided written notice of charges has been mailed to each member of the League.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### DUES.

Section 1. The dues of this organization shall be ..... cents per month, payable in advance and due on the first of each month.

Sec. 2. All applications must be accompanied by at least one month's dues.

Sec. 3. Dues shall be received for by the Financial Secretary in membership book or card.

Sec. 4. Any member two months in arrears with dues shall be considered in bad standing, and shall forfeit all rights and privileges while so situated.

Sec. 5. Any member more than three months in arrears with dues shall be dropped from membership within ten days after being notified of such delinquency.

Sec. 6. Any member temporarily unable to pay dues will be retained in good standing upon consulting the Financial Secretary.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the League and of the Executive Board, and handle all correspondence.

Sec. 2. The Organizer shall have charge of all organization work and aid the Financial Secretary in the collection of dues.

Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the League, and of the Executive Board, and shall keep the reports of all committee and department managers on file. He shall also notify all members of their election to any committee or office.

Sec. 4. The Financial Secretary shall keep a list of the membership, collect dues and issue membership cards. He shall also receive and pay out all moneys, keeping a record of same and making a report of such receipts and expenditures at each business meeting. He shall present his accounts to the Auditing Committee upon demand.

Sec. 5. The Reading Clerk shall read all communications and reports at regular business meetings.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT MANAGERS.

Section 1. Each department manager shall have power to appoint such assistants as is deemed necessary, reporting their names to the organization within ten days after election, and shall see that all persons securing the benefits of their departments are members in good standing.

Sec. 2. The manager of the Educational Department shall have charge of all educational classes, lectures and debates, and shall act as chief librarian.

Sec. 3. The manager of the Entertainment Department shall have charge of all dances, entertainments, picnics and other social affairs.

Sec. 4. The manager of the Dramatic Department shall have charge of all plays, cantatas, minstrel shows, etc.

Sec. 5. The manager of the Music Department shall have charge of the organization of an orchestra, band, quartettes, choruses and other musical features.

Sec. 6. The manager of the Athletic Department shall have charge of the organization of athletic classes, baseball and such other athletic teams as can be organized; the arrangement of athletic meets and games all other athletic affairs.

Sec. 7. The manager of the Publicity Department shall have charge of all publicity for the organization. He shall maintain a department in the local Socialist paper (if there is one) and furnish capitalist papers with items regarding League activities.

Sec. 8. The manager of the Headquarters Department shall have general charge of the headquarters, sub-letting it to other organizations with the approval of the League. He shall report the names of any member violating house rules to the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

##### AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. This constitution can be amended at any regular business meeting by a majority vote of those present and voting, provided two weeks' notice has been given to all members of the League.

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The semi-annual inventory having been made and approved by the auditors, we are now able to give a report for this department for six months beginning July 1, 1913, and ending January 1, 1914.

We will begin first with the inventory, which showed stock of goods on hand July 1, 1913, of \$10,276.82. On January 1, 1914, inventory showed \$10,779.87.

We are thus better off in stock on hand by \$503.05. We are actually much better off, for our stock on hand now is much more valuable than in July.

The sales of literature, supplies and buttons for the period covered were as follows:

July .....	\$ 743.24
August .....	1,684.35
September .....	2,280.99
October .....	2,182.33
November .....	1,228.02
December .....	2,158.73

Total .....\$10,276.46

The cost of operation for the same period was \$11,113.83.

The department has not paid a profit, but it has reduced the deficit from the previous six months' deficit by more than \$1,000.

We asked the auditors to make a comparison of the two periods, not because we wanted to show that we had done better than the previous administration, but because heretofore the department has never been charged with rent, light, express and freight, advertising matter or wages. Now all these are charged. For this reason it would not have been fair to make comparison with previous reports.

The auditors went over the books for the first half of the year, and separated the various charges, with the following comparative result:

	Six months ended June 30, '13.	Six months ended Dec. 31, '13.
<b>Charges—</b>		
Sales .....	\$7,762.92	\$10,276.46
<b>Credits—</b>		
Gross cost of sales.....	\$5,328.79	\$6,643.74
Wages .....	1,378.00	1,641.91
Freight and express.....	895.22	700.96
Printing, postage, etc.....	961.52	1,201.91
Rent and miscel. expenses.	1,042.46	925.31
	9,605.99	11,113.83
Net loss .....	\$1,843.07	\$ 837.37

We suspect that a great many comrades will be surprised when they read this report, and find that the Literature Department has not made a surplus.

Well, I was surprised myself, but I found out, shortly after I took charge, that no profit had ever been made.

During the first years of the National Headquarters, leaflets were the only literature published by the party, and these being designed purely as propaganda, were published and distributed without regard to cost to the party and without thought of profit.

The party members, many of them former members of the S. L. P., and having fresh in mind the sad experience of a party-owned press with one man—DeLeon—in control of it, were afraid to trust the ownership of even a literature department to the party.

In time, however, by sheer necessity, a literature department grew up in the National Office. But never till the present Executive Secretary took charge was there serious thought of making it self-supporting or a source of revenue to the party.

Perhaps I am wrong in saying "serious thought," for I believe Comrade Work did have such a thing in mind, but had not got to it yet.

It is an axiom of trade that to make profit you must allow for a margin of profit between cost price and selling price sufficient to cover cost of goods, cost of operation and a per cent of profit.

It is also a fact that you cannot buy from your competitors who are making and selling an article and successfully compete with them.

It follows therefore that the only way to make this department a financial success is to go into the business of producing our own stock of goods. This we are now doing.

The various stages of the development of this department may be summarized as follows:

- First, the production of leaflets.
- Second, the production of supplies for locals.
- Third, the production of buttons, emblems, etc.
- Fourth, the publication of paper-bound books.

In time, another advance will be made, viz., the production of cloth-bound books.

In other words, the National Office will at some future time become the center for the production of Socialist literature.

As the business grows, the cost of manufacturing will decrease, as will the percentage cost of operation.

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### CIRCULATION REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 10, 1914.

Reported last week.....	17,533
Taken off.....	455
	17,078
New subscriptions.....	358
Total to date.....	17,436

This report closes the three lean weeks of the holiday season, which we strove against with all our might, but could not prevent. Now that it is all over, subs are increasing again, and the weekly battle with the "Offs" will go on, with chances decidedly in favor of the "Ons."

A very large section of the country is getting ready for the spring elections.

In Chicago and suburban towns all nominations have been made, and campaign plans are well under way. The Party Builder is coming in for its share of the renewed activity.

Receipts of dues thus far in the month indicate that the organization is weathering the financial storm in splendid shape.

The effect of the depression ultimately will be to increase Socialist activity. There can be no question about that; nor that more people will actually join the party and become active members.

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Twelve copies of *Where You Get Off* and 12 copies *Wasting Human Life* to D. H. Current, Clarksville, Tenn.

One Library of Socialism to Pedro Plata, Leander, Texas.

One thousand *Legislative Program* to R. W. Giese, Waukegan, Ill.

Three thousand Assorted Leaflets to Lionel Kendrick, Glendale, Ariz.

One dozen *Catholic Church and Socialism* to R. D. Kenady, Cobb, Ky.

One dozen *Catholic Church and Socialism* to Ellis L. Fox, Cresco, Iowa.

One thousand Assorted Leaflets to Charles Hohensee, Winfield, Kas.

Five thousand Assorted Leaflets to Dr. E. D. Foss, Muskegon, Mich.

One Library of Socialism to George S. Heiber, Merricourt, N. D.

One hundred *Where You Get Off* to George Cohen, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Fifty copies of *Shirtwaist Striker* to Leon A. Malkiel, New York City.

One Library of Socialism to J. M. Bogan, Dallas, Texas.

One thousand Assorted Leaflets to Milo C. Jones, Newark, N. J.

One hundred *Truth About Socialism*, 500 *Are Socialists Practical?*, 5,000 *National Platforms*, 200 *National Constitutions* to C. Axelsohn, Jamestown, N. Y.

One Library of Socialism to E. J. Raymond, Windsor, Colo.

One Library of Socialism to T. H. Musgrave, Ogden, Utah.

Eleven assorted books to G. Haymond, Wilson, Kansas.

One thousand Assorted Leaflets to S. Newton, West Hartford, Conn.

One Library of Socialism to Fannie Sparlank, Sandpoint, Iowa.

#### BELLAMY'S BOOKS.

The Literature Department has recently laid in a stock of Edward Bellamy's "Equality." In buying books, we should not forget the old ones which are good. The supply of "Equality" which we have purchased is in paper binding, and sells for 50 cents per copy, postpaid.

#### CHANGE PARTY NAME.

The Socialists of Minnesota will hold their convention at Brainerd February 14 and 15. At this convention the name of the party will be changed from the Public Ownership party, by which it is now known, to the Socialist party. The Socialist party was prohibited from using its correct name because of its similarity to that of the Socialist Labor party. In 1912 the Socialist Labor party failed to secure ten per cent of the total vote, and passed out of existence as a legal party. Socialist Representative Hilman had the Legislature pass a law permitting a political party to change its name. The Socialist party will now secure many votes which heretofore went to the Socialist Labor party by mistake.