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## SHALL WE MAKE IT A MILLION?

The second issue of the Party Builder for the month of July will be the first of the new series—that is, the Party Builder will become a paper of general propoganda as well as a paper of information to Party Members. This first issue we intend to make an event long to be remembered in the American Socialist movement. The Party Builder will appear in regular newspaper size; it will be specially edited and the most famous Socialist writers will be asked to contribute.

We count on your local to put that first issue into the hands of as many people as possible. You have done big things in the past for papers which are privately owned; you will do as much for YOUR OWN PAPER.

Order a bundle of the first issue of the new series NOW. Bundle orders are FIFTY CENTS a hundred—FIVE DOLLARS a thousand. No local, however small, should neglect to order at least a hundred to distribute among members and sympathizers. If every one of the six thousand locals in the United States would order only a thousand, we would have to get out an edition of SIX MILLION copies. It would be the largest edition ever issued by any paper in the world. Such an edition would shake capitalism. It would be a fit answer to the capitalist outrages in Colorado and elsewhere. We cannot make it quite that big.

SHALL WE MAKE IT A MILLION?  
 It is up to you.

Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Comrades—Inclosed please find ..... for which send ..... copies of the first issue of the new series of the Party Builder. We want to help make the national organ of the Socialist Party the biggest political weekly in the world.

Yours for Socialism,

Name ..... Town or City .....

Street and Number ..... State .....

### FEARS SOCIALIST SPECTER.

The attempt to secure a new constitution for the state of Indiana is only a dark scheme of the Socialists according to Charles G. Sefrit, editor of the Washington (Ind.) Herald. In discussing the matter he says:

"Behind this commotion for the destruction of Indiana's constitution looms the forbidding shadow of Socialism. Solicitation of the favor of citizens who would eradicate the saloons or who would give the right of suffrage to women is a lure displayed by Socialism to sentimentalists. Indiana does not need a new constitution. The present one is well established. It may be old but it is sound. It is not Socialistic but it is safe."

### CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the International Workingmans' Association, which was formed in London on September 28, 1864. Delegates from Germany, England, France, Italy, Poland and Ireland were present among whom was Karl Marx. Marx kept in the background through most of the proceedings. However, he was elected on the committee to draw up a statement of principles. Two drafts were offered—one by Marx and one by Mazzini, the Italian. Marx's draft was approved which made Mazzini ever after a bitter enemy of the German Socialist. The International Socialist Congress this year was postponed from last year in order to commemorate the formation of the International.

### LEADING POETS SOCIALISTS.

In discussing the prominent American and English poets of the present day, one of the literary publications voices its surprise that most of them are Socialists. A list of all of them would prove quite startling. Among the best known are William Dean Howells, John Davidson, Edwin Markham, William Vaughan Moody, Florence Wilkinson, Carmen, William H. Caruth, Edward Conner, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Nicholas Longfellow, Harry Kemp. "If it is true, as some wise men have said, that it is better to make the ball nation than its laws, the future of the world is in the hands of the Socialists."

### CARL PERSON DEFENSE FUND.

The following resolution has been adopted by the Socialist Party of Cook County, and has been ordered published in the Party Builder by the Executive Committee:

Whereas, Carl Person, secretary of Local Clinton, Ill., Socialist Party, is now in Clinton County Jail charged with murder; and

Whereas, Carl Person, in the discharge of his duties as editor of the Strike Bulletin (a paper devoted to the interest of the System Federation of Shop Employes of the Railroad), has been harrassed by spies and agents of the Illinois Central Railroad; and

Whereas, On December 30, 1913, he, Carl Person, was assaulted and his life almost crushed out by one Tony Musser, an employe of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, as slugger and strikebreaker; and

Whereas, To protect himself from any bodily harm, shot Tony Musser in self-defense; be it therefore

Resolved, By Local Cook County of the Socialist Party of Illinois, in meeting assembled, that we call upon the state and national organization of the Socialist Party to immediately take action as may be necessary to raise funds and actively co-operate with the Carl Person Defense League, and other organizations, so as to insure Carl Person a fair and impartial trial.

Contributions to the Carl Person Defense Fund should be forwarded to the National Office.

### WOULD OUST RED ALDERMAN.

An attempt is being made to oust Socialist Alderman G. W. Andrews of Rockville, Conn., on the charge of having insulted the American flag. Andrews recently made a speech on the Colorado situation in which he said that whereas the white in the flag had originally stood for purity, the red for brotherhood and the stars in the blue field for the liberty of the thirteen colonies, this had all been changed in the state of Colorado by the mineowners. He said that instead, by the use of the militia in the Ludlow disaster, they had made the red stand for murder and the stars in the field of blue for the governors of the different states who were ready to call out the militia to suppress the workers. One of the aldermen, John T. Doyle, was present at the meeting and thought he would make political capital out of the incident by giving his own twist to Andrews' statements. A number of witnesses corroborated Andrews' statements.

### TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SOCIALIST GROWTH.

That the Progressive party is in existence simply for the purpose of stealing Socialist thunder, because of the growing Socialist movement is the statement made by the Washington (D. C.) Herald. It says:

"Many of the Progressive leaders openly assert that if Roosevelt had not been a presidential candidate in 1912 Debs, the Socialist candidate, would have received 2,000,000 votes instead of \$1,000,000. They expect a tremendous growth of Socialism in this country, just as it has developed in Germany, England and France, and they are not averse to using the socialistic sentiment to advance their own political ends. As a political maneuver this is undoubtedly wise."

### PICK AMERINGER FOR GOVERNOR.

Wisconsin Socialists are now ready for the fall campaign, a convention having recently been held in Milwaukee at which a full ticket was nominated and a platform drafted. Oscar Ameringer was nominated for governor; Emil Seidel for United States senator; R. C. McCaleb for lieutenant governor; F. W. Rehfield for secretary of state; Edward C. Deuss for state treasurer, and Lynn D. Joseph for attorney general. A host of speakers will begin immediate work throughout the state.

### CONVERTS PREACHER IN DEBATE.

After a series of three debates with Fred Strickland on "Resolved, That Socialism is a Menace." If G. Herbert Elkins threw up the sponge accepting his defeat and stating that he would permanently renounce red cards if necessary."

to get-r pastor of the First Congregational Church, Braddock, Pa., and is a very forceful

ate took place at Homestead Park, Pittsburgh attracted large crowds.

## The Open Forum

Chicago, Ill., June 10, 1914.

Comrades:

While we Socialists, according to the motto, "Workmen of the World, Unite!" are straining our nerves to unite the workers, there are other forces at work dividing them. There still exists religious prejudice; there are still people of one nationality who think themselves better than those of another. Socialist education, however, has to some extent torn down these barriers; more and more the proletariat feels as one class, demands as one class, its rights from the state and the exploiting class.

Just at this stage of our progress the peculiar manner in which the drink question is handled, threatens to divide the workers of America. So-called reformers are at work, not to do away with bad effects of the saloon business—not through education to prevent the harm that indulgence in alcoholism may do, but by force, to restrict the people in their manner of living.

By that much harm is done, much energy diverted into wrong channels, much unnecessary bitterness—let us be honest—engendered in our circles.

At its last meeting the National Committee of the Socialist party appointed a sub-committee to study this question. It is unnecessary for us to say that we are strongly interested in the results of that investigation. It is sufficient to state that we consider force and the appeal to the police power of the state as the worst of all methods of dealing with the problem. It is, for instance, an historical fact that the growth of the Socialist party of Germany, with which growth necessarily the spreading of intelligence went hand-in-hand, meant more for temperance and personal dignity, than all the reformist sermons ever preached and compulsory laws ever passed. Therefore, we must avoid compulsory laws regarding the manner of living of the people. And this, let us say here, in order that we may not be misunderstood, by no means implies that we favor the indulgence in alcoholism.

The undersigned is instructed by the National Committee of the German Federation of the Socialist party to gather material on this question, work it out and submit it to the aforesaid investigation committee. The National Committee has also written to European comrades for material.

We are especially interested in reports from districts that have shown essential changes in the vote for the Socialist party after some Socialist candidates, or other known comrades, had publicly shown themselves friendly toward prohibition or local option; also in reports about weakening of party organizations on account of differences of opinion on the alcohol question, etc.

Hoping that all branches will give attention to this important matter and send me their reports as soon as possible.

A. DREIFUSS,  
German Translator-Secretary.  
Room 402, 803 W. Madison St.

Mr. Walter Lanfersiek.

Comrade Secretary:—I notice in the Party Builder that Comrade Armitage says he will pledge \$10 to a fund to build a national party headquarters. Why could not thousands of us put up (each whatever he was able monthly) for such a cause? Lay the plans and let us work to the plans. Not only lay the plans for the fund, but lay the plans for the building. Not only for the headquarters but perhaps for some part of the building to produce revenue.

Or get a little outside of Chicago and get a piece of land and establish a headquarters colony. Locate on some one of the electric lines, where headquarters would be close enough to Chicago for the requirements of the party.

It seems to me feasible plans would not be hard to arrange, and start the ball rolling. It has to be done some time, I think, and may as well be begun as soon as possible. Start right. Buy a piece of land with timber and a sawmill on it. Employ all Socialists. They would have pride in the undertaking. There are plenty of comrades who can put their brains to work and plan a feasible scheme. Let us hear from others.

Fraternally,  
F. W. CHASE.

Portland, Ore.

Dear Comrade:

The Rip-Saw bunch is simply waiting for the start to be made on our new party weekly, and on our new Socialist headquarters to get back of both propositions and push in regular Rip-Saw style.

When the building committee starts operations and a building fund is established, please draw on the Rip-Saw account for \$20.00.

With best wishes, we remain

Yours fraternally,  
THE NATIONAL RIP-SAW.

St. Louis, Mo.

F. P. O'Hare.  
June 15, 1914.

The Party Builder:

The Socialist party of the state of Kentucky will hold a mass convention in the city of Louisville on July 4 for the purpose of ratifying the nomination of our candidate for United States senator, who will have received his nomination beforehand by a referendum of the party membership.

This convention is held in order to comply with the state law, for the Socialist party, having cast more than two per cent and less than twenty per cent of the total vote at the last general election, goes on the ballot by a convention.

All party members in the state are invited to attend this convention. Every party member in good standing has a voice and vote at the convention.

Fraternally,  
J. RAPHAELSON,  
State Secretary.

Newport, Ky.

Dear Comrade:

I am writing to you at this time to let the comrades know, through your paper, what Local Lansing is doing in the way of organization.

We have what is known as the card index system. By means of this system we can keep track of every voter in the city and tell almost to a certainty how he casts his ballot on election day. In addition to this we keep track of all readers of Socialist papers, literature, etc.

We have also passed a resolution to the effect that all persons becoming members of the local shall receive a year's subscription to The Party Builder.

I notice in your current issue a list of state correspondents, but fail to see Michigan on the list. What is the matter with the Wolverines? Can we not have a correspondent to our only party-owned press? Wake up, comrades in Michigan, and let the world

know what you are doing for the revolution. Any local wishing to know more of our system, if they will write to me, enclosing a stamp, I will be glad to explain the same to them.

Yours for the Revolution,  
JOHN J. SHAFER,  
Organizer Local Lansing.

Lansing, Mich.

At a convention held June 17 the Socialists of Brunswick, Md. (5,000 population), nominated the following ticket and adopted a platform for the city election, August 3, 1914:

For Mayor—Frank G. Hoar, car inspector.  
For Councilmen—  
First Ward—John D. Crummett, locomotive engineer.  
Second Ward—James A. Appleby, brakeman.  
Third Ward—John R. Virts, locomotive engineer.  
Socialist sentiment is growing here and the recent distribution of Bombshells is having an excellent effect. We hope to get one councilman at least.  
Box 566, Brunswick, Md.

The Socialist Party of the state of Vermont held its convention at Barre, Vt., on June 13, and nominated the following comrades to run on the party ticket:

For Governor—W. R. Rowland of Corinth.  
Lieutenant Governor—J. F. Bradbury of Bennington.  
State Treasurer—John McMillan of Burlington.  
Secretary of State—M. C. Niven of Woodstock.  
State Auditor—John T. Callaghan of Barre.  
Attorney-General—Allan P. Bourdon of Woodstock.  
The convention recommended the name of Markus P. Armstrong of Bennington for candidate for Congress in the First District. Delegates from the Second District convened on same date, namely, the 13th, and nominated J. P. Marsh as candidate for Congress from the Second District. Jas. Canfield of Bennington was the choice of the convention for senator.

The State Committee is as follows:  
Fred W. Sutor of Barre, Chairman.  
Andrew Mann of Websterville.  
James Lawson of Granitaville.  
Antoni Broggi of Barre.  
John McMillan of Burlington.  
Jas. Gall of Barre was elected secretary, but refused to serve, and Gilbert Phillips of Barre was elected by the State Committee to serve in his place.

The fifth annual encampment of the Western Michigan Socialist Encampment Association will be held in Manistee July 15 to 19, inclusive. Eugene V. Debs, late presidential nominee of the party; Ryne Walker, the creator of Henry Dubb; Prof. Ira C. Tilton, teacher of political economy in the University of Valparaiso; Rev. B. A. Hill, a constructive minister of the gospel; Mrs. Ella Carr, assistant editor of the Christian Socialist; Mrs. Lillian Martin, a revolutionary orator from Indiana; Winnie Branstetter, director of the Woman's Department of the Socialist Party; Joseph Warnock, state secretary of the Socialist Party for Michigan; E. K. Evens, a member of the State Committee; Otto Delton Maple, minister-evangelist, and Ernest Moore, agitator, associate member of the National Child Labor Committee, who will present moving pictures on child labor and the evolution of the farm tool four thousand years before Christ up to the modern automatic header.

These noted speakers and others of national reputation will be on the program in Manistee during the week of July 15.

Everybody is invited to attend these meetings and learn of the constructive purpose of Socialism. A movement which has over seventy millions of followers throughout the world and nearly one million voters in this country.

Read its platform, study its philosophy, and then you can understand its rapid growth.

### RESOLUTION ON PARTY PRESS

Adopted by State Convention, Socialist Party of Connecticut at Hartford, Conn., May 30, 1914.

Whereas, The press is one of the most effective means that is or may be employed to aid the organized Socialist movement in its effort of emancipating the working class from the chains of wage slavery; and

Whereas, It is essential that there shall exist a press which will be ready at all times to employ its whole might to that end; and

Whereas, The only press that can safely be depended upon for that purpose is one which is owned, controlled and managed directly by the organized Socialist movement; and

Whereas, The National Committee of the Socialist party, by its recent action, created an opportunity for making The Party Builder, which is published by the Socialist party at Chicago, Ill., the most powerful working-class press of the United States. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Socialist party of Connecticut, in convention assembled, pledge our support to the maintenance of The Party Builder, and declare and indorse it as the official organ of the Socialist party of Connecticut; and be it further

Resolved, That all our party members and sympathizers are herewith urged to subscribe to and support The Party Builder in preference to any other publication; and be it further

Resolved, That in our opinion it is wrong for any member of the Socialist party to secure subscribers or readers for any publication which does not editorially, as well as in its news columns, support the constitution and platform of the Socialist party; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge every local and branch to take special steps and make special provisions for helping to increase the circulation of The Party Builder; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge all locals that before they accept the application of a new member he shall become a subscriber of The Party Builder.

Dear Comrade Lanfersiek: In the May 30 issue of the Party Builder Comrade Frank A. Marek offers a plan for ten thousand party members to give ten dollars each toward building a National Headquarters for the party. I wish to second his motion by also offering to be one of the ten thousand. I would suggest that you give further publicity to the plan in the Party Builder.

Fraternally,  
GEO. W. DOWNING,

Los Angeles, Cal.

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## Executive Department

### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

WALTER LANFERSIEK

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**SOCIALIST PARTY, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois**

June 27, 1914.

## Official Business

On June 23 the amendment to the National Constitution covering the question of referenda went into effect, and the right to propose and second referenda was taken from the state committees and given to local organizations. All proposals not sufficiently seconded upon above date expired. These are:

### By the State Committee of Ohio.

"That the relief fund for striker's children be re-established and that a stipulated price be made upon stamps if stamps are used."

Submitted for seconds April 11.

### By the State Committee of Washington.

To amend Article 5 of the National Constitution to read as follows:

"Article V. Section 2. There shall be a National Executive Committee consisting of five members, and a Woman's National Committee of seven members, and no two members of either committee shall be members of the same state, nor shall they hold membership in the National Committee after their election.

"Art. V. Sec. 3. There shall be a national secretary and a general correspondent for the Woman's National Committee, neither of whom shall hold any other office in the party.

"Art. V. Sec. 4. The members of the National Executive Committee, the Woman's National Committee, the national secretary, and the general correspondent shall be nominated by the locals and elected by national referendum. Nomination blanks for this purpose shall be sent out by the national secretary to the state secretaries on the 10th of January each year, returnable direct to the National Office on or before February 14. Twenty days shall be allowed to permit nominees to accept or decline the nominations. On the 12th of March the ballots for election shall be sent out to the state secretaries and the tabulated returns from the state offices must be in the National Office not later than May 1.

"The term of office of all these officials shall begin immediately upon their election and shall expire with the election of their successors."

Submitted for seconds April 18, 1914.

### By the State Committee of New Mexico.

That Article V, Sec. 9, of the National Constitution be amended by striking out the following words:

"The election of the Executive Committee, the Woman's National Committee, the Executive Secretary, General Correspondent of the Woman's National Committee and the submission of proposed amendments to this constitution, and all other affirmative actions of the committee, shall be taken at its regular or special meetings. Between such meetings the National Committee shall initiate no motions or resolutions except hereinafter provided, and except motions to recall members of the sub-committees, or officials elected by it, or to fill vacancies in such committees and offices."

That Article XVI, Sec. 1, of the National Constitution be amended by striking out the words "in session" in two places, where they follow the words "National Committee."

Submitted for seconds April 25, 1914.

### By the State Executive Committee of Michigan.

That a clause in favor of industrial unionism be embodied in the next national platform to be adopted by the Socialist Party.

Submitted for seconds May 30, 1914.

### MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. JUNE 13, 1914.

Meeting called to order at 2:30 p. m., with Kennedy, Stedman, White, Thompson and Lanfersiek present. Kennedy elected permanent chairman of the committee.

The following order of business was adopted for all sessions:

- Roll Call.
- Minutes.
- Communications.
- Reports of Special Committees.
- Unfinished Business.
- New Business.
- Adjournment.

Reading of communication from Carl D. Thompson stating that the Information Department had received requests from several congressional districts for the records of congressmen, and asking the advice of the committee as to the best method of proceeding in the matter.

Action deferred.

Communication from R. A. Henning, Brainerd, Minn., asking for assistance in the congressional campaign in the Sixth Minnesota District.

MOTION: That the question of special assistance to congressional districts be laid over until the next meeting, and that those asking for assistance be notified that the question will not be decided until the committee has some information as to the funds which will be available for the campaign. Carried.

MOTION: That Comrade Lanfersiek be instructed to address the state secretaries in all states in which to secure all possible information regarding the most promising districts, based upon the record of leading congressional districts, and such other special information as can be secured. Carried.

The question of a special stamp for the One-Day Wage Fund was discussed.

MOTION: That the plan of the special stamp, as submitted by Comrade Lanfersiek, be adopted. Carried.

MOTION: That letters be sent to such Socialists as, in the judgment of the secretary, have the movement at heart, urging them to make contributions to the congressional campaign. Carried.

At this juncture A. M. Simons arrived.

MOTION: That letters be sent to the secretaries of the various state organizations requesting them to forward to the locals in their respective states letters urging that twenty per cent of funds realized on picnics, celebrations, etc., be donated to the congressional campaign fund. Carried.

A "slogan" suggested for the campaign was "Contributions to Elect Twelve Socialist Congressmen to the Next Congress and to Give Socialist Literature to Every Voter."

A suggestion was made that local editions of The Party Builder should be made available to local organizations for a period of three weeks preceding election. No action.

### Campaign Leaflets.

The following subjects were suggested for leaflets:

1. Colorado Strike.
2. Farmers.
3. Regulation and Government Ownership.
4. Suffrage.
5. Shorter Hours in Governmental Enterprises.
6. Parcels Post.
7. Nationalizing of Telegraph and Telephone.
8. Congress.
9. Social Insurance.
10. Mines.

Discussion on the method of distribution of leaflets.

### Speakers.

MOTION: That the secretary ask such campaign lecturers as in the opinion of the committee are necessary to the successful conduct of the campaign to give their entire time for the months of September and October upon such terms as are mutually satisfactory. Carried.

MOTION: That a communication be sent to Georg Ledebour, member of the Reichstag, asking upon what terms he would consent to make a tour of the United States under the direction of the National Campaign Committee. Carried.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Comrades Berger and Hillquit upon the question of securing a foreign speaker for the campaign, with a request that they would give the matter their personal attention while in attendance upon the International Congress.

MOTION: That a leaflet on the farmer be published. Carried.

MOTION: That Comrade Simons be requested to write the leaflet on the farmer. Carried.

MOTION: That a leaflet on railroads be published. Carried.

MOTION: That Charles Edward Russell be requested to prepare a leaflet on government ownership of railroads. Carried.

MOTION: That Comrade Kennedy be requested to prepare a leaflet on government ownership of telephones and telegraph, such leaflet to cover the question of parcels post also. Carried.

MOTION: That May Wood-Simons, J. Stitt Wilson and Winnie E. Branstetter be requested to prepare material for a leaflet on suffrage. Carried.

MOTION: That a general leaflet on the subject of "Why the Workingman Should Vote the Socialist Ticket in the Present Campaign" be published, and that Allan L. Benson be requested to prepare material for same. Carried.

MOTION: That Comrade Stedman be requested to prepare material for a leaflet on mines. Carried.

MOTION: That a leaflet entitled "What a Socialist Congress Could Do for the United States" be published. Carried.

MOTION: That Victor L. Berger be asked to write the leaflet on Congress. Carried.

Discussion on the congressional program.

MOTION: That Comrade Simons be appointed to work with Comrade Berger in arranging a first draft of the congressional program. Carried.

Adjournment subject to call.

### HOLD BIG DEBATES.

J. W. Corell, Democratic candidate for Congress, and H. H. Stallard, Socialist candidate for Congress in the Seventh District of Oklahoma are pulling off a series of thirty-two debates. These debates are drawing tremendous audiences and securing great publicity for Socialism in the capitalist press as great parts of the speeches are quoted. Socialists expect to reap a great harvest as a result of these debates.

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### EMPEROR WANTS NEW ELECTION.

Talk is reviving in Germany that Parliament is likely to be dissolved and a general election held before the end of the present year.

All students of political affairs agree that the Socialists made a great deal of capital out of the Zabern affair in attacking military rule and thereby the monarchy.

Now Emperor William and his advisors have hit upon the novel but desperate scheme to use the Zabern case as a basis to undermine the Socialist movement. They know from experience that they would fail to make an impression upon the "Red flood" in a fair, square, open fight, so they will resort to subtle and underhanded methods.

The plan of the monarchists is to place two bills before Parliament requiring that the individual states must dissolve organizations that are disloyal to the government, and that all literature attacking the government in native or foreign languages must be suppressed.

It is expected that the Socialists will oppose those measures, claiming that they are aimed at their movement and individual rights as citizens, but Emperor William and his politicians will deny this interpretation, claim that the bills are aimed at French intrigue, as well as the meddling of other countries, and charge the Socialists will be enemies of their country, and, with much patriotic fervor, Parliament will be dissolved and a strong fight will start to win the election in a flag-waving campaign. If the scheme is successful, then the Socialists will have to prepare for another era of repression.

### TRUSTS CAUSE GROWTH OF SOCIALISM

"The tide of Socialism has been rising in this country for the last decade until now it numbers about 1,000,000 voters, and its growth continues. I prophesy that unless these anti-trust bills or something similar are enacted into law and enforced the tide of Socialism will swell until it overwhelms all other parties. If those who profit by trusts, combinations and monopolies desire to avoid that dreadful condition, it is up to them to submit to the moderate regulations proposed by these bills, for just so sure as the iron hand of monopoly continues to oppress the people, just so sure will Socialism finally succeed and overthrow not only monopolies and trusts, but our republican institutions."

Thus spoke Congressman M. E. Burke of Wisconsin in supporting the Wilson trust bills as being the only alternative to Socialism.

The growth of Socialism, Burke admits, is due to the bad examples set by trusts and monopolies. "As trusts, combinations and monopolies have grown in number," declared Burke, "so has Socialism grown in number and power. The billboards in every city in the land in campaign times have posters in big, red letters containing the Socialistic motto: 'We believe in the nation owning the trusts instead of the trusts owning the nation.'"

### STRIKERS MEET IN SOCIALIST BURG.

The 10,000 strikers at the Westinghouse Electric Company at East Pittsburg are beginning to realize the necessity of electing Socialists to office. East Pittsburg is under the domination of old party politicians who are controlled by the company. The strikers are therefore holding all their meetings in Turtle Creek which is controlled by Socialists.

A demand to close the saloons was made by the strike committee and this has finally been done.

The following demands were drawn up at a monster meeting of the strikers in Turtle Creek:

First—That all employes laid off or discriminated against since the beginning of the organization of the Allegheny Congenial Industrial Union be reinstated without prejudice or discrimination.

Second—The employment during slack periods of all employes in rotation except those whose temporary laying off would hinder the operation of the plants.

Third—The 8-hour day and 45 hours a week. Time and one-half for all overtime except holidays and Sundays, which shall be at the rate of double time.

Fourth—All employes receiving 20 cents or under per hour, 30 per cent increase; 20 to 25 cents an hour, 25 per cent increase; 25 to 30 cents an hour, 20 per cent increase, and over 30 cents an hour, 15 per cent increase.

Fifth—No man shall run more than one machine at one time, no matter what machine it may be.

Sixth—Elimination of all bonus, premiums and piecework systems.

Seventh—The minimum rate for girls shall not be less than \$10 a week.

Eighth—The traveling expenses of all erection men who come home because of calling of strike shall be paid by the company.

June 20, 1914.

To Comrades—I want all comrades to know that I have not been connected with the American Correspondence School of Law since September, 1913. The advertisement of said school appeared in the Party Builder of June 13, 1914. Catalogs or literature sent to inquiring Socialists using my name in any manner is without my authority or consent.

STEPHEN M. REYNOLDS.

Terre Haute, Ind.

## 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**  
803 West Madison Street Chicago, Illinois

### ANOTHER "FAILURE" OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Certain capitalistic publications take great delight in recording the "failures" of municipal ownership. They astonish the world every now and then with the announcement of some horrible example of wreck and ruin wrought by some municipal ownership project.

Investigation generally shows that these reports are entirely without foundation—some pure fakes and others distortions and misrepresentations of the facts.

A recent instance of this kind is the statement made in a booklet put out by Otis & Company of Cleveland concerning the municipal lighting plant of Chicago. This booklet says: "Chicago's municipal plant for street illumination showed a loss of \$225,000 in one year, according to last figures available."

The facts in the case are that the city of Chicago has saved itself \$743,494.78 on the cost of street lights alone, by means of its municipal electric light plant. And besides, the city has the plant, which was appraised in 1907 at \$1,315,707.18.

In commenting on the financial results of the municipal electric light plant in Chicago, the report of the Commission on Public and Private Ownership and Operation of Public Utilities, published by the National Civic Federation, part 1, volume 1, page 180, remarks: "A more significant evidence of the success of municipal ownership in a city which is not famous for as good government as some could not be well imagined."

This report, above referred to, after a most careful analysis of all of the facts concerning the history of the Chicago municipal lighting plant, from the period of its establishment in 1877, reaches the conclusion that up to 1905 the city was paying for electric light from a private company at an average rate of \$195 per arc light per year. After the city had established its municipal plant and greatly reduced the cost of light by so doing, the private companies still held their prices far above what it was costing the city under municipal ownership. As late as 1906 the very best offer that the city could get from the companies was \$90 per light per year.

Meanwhile, the total cost to the city for its light, manufactured in its own plant, was \$55.93 in 1899. Since that time, as shown by the report of the Department of Electricity of the City of Chicago for 1912, page 10, the cost has steadily decreased, until in 1912 it was \$34.26 per arc light per year. Thus the cost of light under municipal ownership was \$34.26, as against the minimum charge of \$90 per arc light per year under private ownership.

Upon this basis, the report of the Civic Federation above referred to estimates a saving to the people of Chicago of \$743,494.78 from the time of the establishing of the plant in 1877, to the year of the report, 1907.

The charge of the Otis & Company booklet to the effect that the city's municipal plant had lost \$225,000 in one year is therefore without any foundation whatever.

### SUCCESSFUL ENGLISH CITY OWNED RAILWAYS.

#### Sheffield.

In 1896 the city of Sheffield took over the street railways. The present system has open for traffic over 48 route miles of track, of which 38 are double. The construction is claimed to be of the most approved, modern and durable nature.

Wages, in cents per hour, are: Motormen, 13½ on joining; 14½ cents after six months; 15 after further six months; 16 to 17 for special work, with small increase for long-term service. Conductors, 11½ on joining; 12 after twelve months; 13 after further six months, with small increase for long-term service. Inspectors, \$9.75 to \$10.70 a week.

The service commences at 4:15 a. m. and finishes at 1 a. m. The average frequency of service is five minutes, with cars as close as three minutes on busy lines during rush hours. The average fare is less than one cent a mile. The regulation fare is 2 cents, but there are 1-cent stages throughout the business section of the city, which range from one-half to three-quarters of a mile. These are to the most-used points out from the heart of the city. The public uses the tramways to the extent of 207 miles per head of population per annum.

For the year just passed the city ran its street cars over more than 8,000,000 miles and carried approximately 100,000,000 passengers, an average of 11,935 passengers per car-mile, at an average fare per passenger of 1.808 cents.

The average total revenue per car mile was 21.783 cents, as against an average working expense

per car per mile of 12.506 cents, giving a balance net revenue per car per mile of 9.27 cents, or on the total system for the year a balance net revenue account of \$763,855. Of this, about \$390,000 was appropriated to pay interest on borrowed capital and for a sinking fund to redeem mortgages, stocks, and bonds; about \$145,000 is applied to a reserve fund for renewals, repairs, and improvements; and the remaining \$228,855 paid over to the city during the fiscal year for reduction of municipal taxes and sundry general improvements.

#### Bradford.

The fifteenth annual report of the tramways department of the Bradford Corporation shows remarkable development of the municipal tramways in Bradford since the opening of the first line in 1898. The annual receipts in 1899 amounted to \$43,166, while in the year ended March 31, 1913, the receipts amounted to \$1,455,580. The number of passengers carried annually increased in that time from 1,452,000 to 62,005,976, or, in other words, the population of the city has been carried 175 times. The average distance a passenger may travel today for 2 cents is 1.6 miles, or an increase of 52 per cent on the distance in 1898.

The employees now number 1,232 and the present wages average \$7.79 a week.

During the year the parcels department handled 716,157 parcels, as compared with 625,914 during the previous 12 months.

In spite of the operative difficulties of the Bradford tramways system, due to steep gradients and the disadvantage of a very low density of population per route mile, a good service of cars is maintained, all dues and demands are met, good wages are paid, and in addition substantial amounts are contributed annually to about \$437,985.—Daily Consular and Trade Reports.

### BOOK REVIEW.

"The Montessori Method and the American School," by Florence Elizabeth Ward. The Macmillan Company, 64 Fifth avenue, New York, 1913. Cloth, 240 pages; bibliography; \$1.25.

The Montessori Method has been given so much publicity by the American press that its peculiarities have become quite generally known, and one who attempts to describe them further is in danger of repetition. It is the author's aim, however, simply to offer to those who have a practical interest in its intimate details some of the impressions received through an investigation of the Methods at first hand, as well as some results of experiments made among children connected with the Iowa State Teachers' College. The talks here published are the substance of discussions conducted with Miss Ward's classes, following her return from Rome.

The chapters contain exposition of the Montessori Method, and a history of Dr. Montessori's educational experiments, and point out the possible profits to the American child through a use of these principles in our American schools.

The book published under the title "Co-operative Finance," by Herbert Myrick, through the Orange-Judd Company (\$2.50), is not about the financing of co-operative enterprises, but is a compendium of the author's views on how the banking business of this country should be reorganized. The proposals are similar to, but more complete and democratic than those recently adopted in the national banking act. The author would have had 42 zones or regional reserve leagues, equal representation in direction by the banks' customers, much greater gold reserve, facilities for formation of national banks with as little as \$1,000 capital, and the general application of the safe, non-profit savings bank laws of New York state. The central purpose is to provide banking facilities for people, and especially farmers, instead of for speculation. The principle of one man rather than one share vote is recognized as just and social.

The introduction is confusing and discouraging. The book is neither well written nor organized, but barring the introduction and the egotistic extraneous matter, it is clear in its statement. The understanding is assisted by the crude illustrations, which are in keeping with the disturbing typography of the book. It is unfortunate that such a good collection of small capitalist ideas should have so poor a vehicle of the writer's and printer's arts.

### SOCIALIST MINISTER WANTED.

Socialist minister is wanted to fill a summer's vacation period in a town in a middle-western state. If interested, please address the Information Department.

### FREE EYEGASSES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The American Medical Journal believes that in harmony with the increasing popularity of the policy of supplying text books, lunches, etc., to school children, the school board should supply eye glasses, where necessary. "Perhaps," the Journal states, "the eyes have been examined by the teacher, according to the printed instructions, and some defect has been found. So she sends a printed card to the parent, which notifies him that his child's eyes are not right, and advises him to seek competent advice. The mother or the school nurse, therefore, takes the child to the oculist, who discovers that glasses are urgently needed, to enable the child properly to receive offered school instruction. If the parents cannot buy the glasses, what is to be done? There should be a fund in the hands of the school board of every city to meet this emergency. This fund should come from the city treasury. The amount required would not be large. Suitable arrangements could be made with some wholesale optical houses, to furnish these glasses at almost cost."

"In Cleveland, where school examinations are performed quite thoroughly, less than 400 pairs of glasses are given away to children annually. This probably does not cost Cleveland \$400 a year."

### TWENTY-SIX-CENT GAS.

The municipal gas works in the town of Widnes, England, writes Vice-Consul Wm. Force Stead, Liverpool, is about to be extended, as the demand for gas has increased eight times over the demand 31 years ago, when the plant began operations. This demand is due to the extremely low price of gas to the ordinary consumer—26 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

In the United States, according to William J. Hagenah, the lowest gas rate is 50 cents, and that exists in but 3 out of 59 cities investigated, while in 24 of the 59 the rate is \$1 and over.

### LOW RATES FOR ELECTRICITY.

The lowest electricity rate in the United States is the 1 cent cooking rate offered by the municipal plant in Tacoma. This is excelled only by the recently inaugurated cooking and heating rate of ½ to 1 cent, by the publicly owned plant in Stavanger, Norway, which is a result of the cheap hydro-electric power made possible by the many waterfalls.—Daily Consular and Trade Reports.

### DEFEND PEACEFUL PICKETING.

An attempt to deprive the unions of Saxony of the right of peaceful picketing has been frustrated by the united action of the Socialist members of the diet. Police brutality has been exercised with great severity in this district and were it not for the fact that the workers use their ballot to put Socialists into office, the few rights they now have would be taken from them.



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## SOCIALIST PARTY, Woman's Department

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### WOMAN'S RECORD.

State	Mem-ber-ship	Mem-ber-ship	Per cent	State Cor.	Degree of suffrage
Ala.	500	50	10	Woman Sec.	No
Ariz.			13	Yes	FULL SUFFRAGE
Ark.				Yes	No
Cal.	7,673	1,400	22	Yes	FULL SUFFRAGE
Colo.		600		Yes	FULL SUFFRAGE
Conn.				Yes	School Suffrage
Del.				No	School Suffrage
D. C.	340	83	24	Yes	No
Fla.	800			No	No
Ga.				Yes	No
Idaho	1,180	200	10	Yes	FULL SUFFRAGE
Ill.				Yes	Limited Suffrage
Ind.	2,500	321	13	Yes	No
Ia.				Re-signed	Limited Suffrage
Kan.				Yes	FULL SUFFRAGE
Ky.	400	30	7	Yes	Limited School Suffrage
La.				Yes	Limited Bonding Suffrage
Me.	700		25	Yes	No
Md.				Yes	No
Mass.	5,130	1,500	29	Yes	School Suffrage
Mich.	3,000			Re-signed	School Suffrage
Minn.	6,262	824	13	To Be Elected	School Suffrage
Miss.	150	20	13	Woman Sec.	No
Mo.				Yes	No
Mont.	1,600		10	Yes	School Suffrage
Neb.				Yes	Limited School Suffrage
Nev.	600	200	33	Yes	FULL SUFFRAGE
N. H.	800	50	6	Yes	School Suffrage
N. J.	3,500		10	Yes	School Suffrage
N. M.				Yes	School Suffrage
N. Y.				Yes	Limited Suffrage
N. C.				No	No
N. D.	2,500	250	10	Yes	Limited School Suffrage
Ohio	7,500		8	Yes	Limited School Suffrage
Okla.	10,000			Yes	School Suffrage
Ore.			14	Yes	FULL SUFFRAGE
Penn.	8,000			Yes	No
R. I.			8	Yes	No
S. C.				No	No
S. D.	500	50	10	Yes	School Suffrage
Tenn.	500		35	No	No
Tex.	4,500	650	14	No	No
Utah	600			Yes	FULL SUFFRAGE
Vt.	460			Yes	School Suffrage
Va.	800			No	No
Wash.	4,000			Yes	FULL SUFFRAGE
W. Va.		600		Yes	No
Wis.				Yes	School Suffrage
Wyo.	600	30	5	No	FULL SUFFRAGE

Mary L. Ferguson, State Correspondent. "Dear Comrade: Since last reporting on Woman's Work I have received account of the election of five new Woman's Committees, six new Woman members, and five more locals distributing literature, making a total now on file of fifteen committees, one hundred and eighty-six woman members and twenty-three locals doing active work along this line.

Yours for the Woman's Work."

### WOMAN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

- Emma F. Connolly, Sterret, Ala.
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- Janet Fenimore Korngold, Spring Lake, Mich.
- Theresa Malkiel, 141 West 111th St., New York City.
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In view of these facts the weaker states should immediately appoint or elect capable women to stimulate propoganda and organization work among women. This does not mean that we are in any sense organizing women into auxiliary leagues, but that we are putting forth every effort to induce wage-earning women and wives of wage-earners and farmers to become members of the Socialist Party, working in the regular local.

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The Socialist Party should take advantage of the suffrage campaign which is pending in the following states: Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Ohio and Oklahoma, not only in assisting the women in securing suffrage, but to instruct them in the use of the ballot.

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### A CHILD OF CAPITALISM.

A pathetic picture was Mrs. Mary Minora as she gave her testimony before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations. For though Mary is the mother of a six months old babe, she is only a child herself, being fifteen years of age.

Mary told how her parents had come to this country ten years ago in the hope of bettering their condition. They soon learned how difficult the struggle was for laborers whether in Europe or America. Her mother got work finishing trousers and Mary learned to help her. Since then she has been a slave of the needle.

Now her husband and her father have been unable to obtain work for the past nine months, though they have been willing to do anything. So Mary has been the sole support of a family of five during that time.

She said that if she and her mother were now able to make six dollars a week, they were exceedingly happy.

During the ten years she has lived in New York she has never seen Central Park or Coney Island, Fifth avenue or Broadway, the most prominent places in the city. She has never visited a playground or any modern place of recreation.

She hardly comprehended the meaning of the word "fun." When asked what she did to have a good time she said, "Good time, I have no good time. I must work, I must work."

But now when she looks out the windows and sees the children playing the streets below she longs to be with them. But as she turns from the window and sees her baby, and thinks of her husband and father, she realizes she must work. And humming an Italian tune she strives harder and harder to gather a few pennies together in order that they may continue to exist.

This is the kind of life which present social arrangements force upon thousands of young people. They are given no chance to romp and play, developing themselves physically and becoming real healthy human beings. They have no opportunity to secure an education or see any of the better, finer things in the world. Instead they grow up dwarfed in body and brain, leading a mere existence, securing no joy out of life and becoming a menace to society.

The Young People's Socialist Leagues want to end conditions which produce such pitiful little creatures as Mary Minora. They want to make it possible for every boy or girl who is developing into manhood or womanhood to have an opportunity to bring out the best that is in them. For the young men and women in the Young People's Socialist organizations realize that in a few years they too will be fathers and mothers and they want their children to grow up seeing and partaking of the beautiful things of life, developing their own individuality to the point where they will prove most valuable to the world and at the same time get a pleasure from their work.

They want to change things so that it will be impossible to ever point to a Mary Minora.

### HOW YOUNG AUSTRIANS WORK.

The young Socialists organizations of Austria have just introduced a dues paying system. In return for the dues paid each member is given a Socialist book every three months. Thus the young folk are educated in the aims and objects of the Socialist movement and soon become valuable workers in the party.

### ITALIAN M. P. HERE.

Comrade ARTURO CAROTI, the active Socialist member of the Italian parliament, recently elected from the First District of the city of Florence, Italy, very well known also in the labor movement of this country as an organizer, editor and speaker of the labor union and the Socialist party, is now making a two months' speaking tour in behalf of the Italian Federation.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.; Saturday, June 27, CAMDEN, N. J.; Sunday, June 28, at 10 a. m., VINELAND, N. J.; at 8 p. m., BALTIMORE, MD.; Monday, June 29, PITTSBURGH, PA.; Tuesday, June 30, CHARLEROI, PA.; Wednesday, July 1, WILMERDING, PA.; Thursday, July 2, BELLAIRE, OHIO; Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, CINCINNATI, OHIO; Sunday, July 5, MILWAUKEE, WIS.; Monday, July 6, and Tuesday, July 7, CHICAGO, ILL.; Wednesday, July 8, ROCKFORD, ILL.; Thursday, July 9, TOLUCA, ILL.; Friday, July 10, and Saturday, July 11, CHICAGO, ILL.; Sunday, July 12, DETROIT, MICH.; Monday, July 13, CLEVELAND, OHIO; Tuesday, July 14, ERIE, PA.; Wednesday, July 15, BUFFALO, N. Y.; Thursday, July 16, NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.; Friday, July 17, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

### HOW TO SECURE ARTICLES FOR PRIZES.

A non-Socialist young people's organization in the East has secured a great number of articles for its bazaar by having all its friends save all wrappers and coupons they could possibly secure from articles put out by companies offering premiums. Thus they saved wrappers from Yucatan Chewing Gum and Beaman's Pepsin Gum and parts of the cartons containing Crystal Domino Sugar, Kellogg's Toasted Wheat Biscuits and Corn Flakes, and other wrappers and labels from cans of sardines, bars of soap, packages of tobacco, breakfast food, garters and suspenders, coffee and cocoa and many similar things. By saving these wrappers and coupons, articles can be secured for prizes in games or contests or to be sold from booths at picnics or bazaars. No extra expense is involved. One organization secured suits for its baseball team in this fashion. Young People's Socialist Leagues can make use of this idea and do what non-Socialist organizations are doing.

### WINS ORATORICAL PRIZE.

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1890	2,919	252	35,014.57	3,600.00	\$6,062.57
1895	10,992	1,924	310,846.07	75,581.00	35,265.38
1900	21,616	4,123	1,002,398.32	253,731.35	89,773.35
1905	28,470	5,912	1,962,960.82	587,740.96	220,323.38
1910	37,743	7,524	3,236,004.12	1,087,845.77	438,501.72
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**The Literature Department**

**A PARTING WORD.**

By A. W. Ricker.

Inasmuch as this week ends my official connection with the National Office, I am strongly moved by the impulse of sentiment, perhaps, to say a few parting words.

My relations with this office have been most pleasant. The attitude of the Executive Secretary, of all the heads of the departments, and of the office force has been comradely in the extreme.

I doubt if in the whole nation there exists an institution where such fraternal conditions exist among the force as here; at least, I may say that in no other institution where I have ever worked is this true to such an extent as in the National Office.

This same condition seems to characterize the party at large just now for with one or two exceptions peace and harmony reign in our ranks throughout the nation.

Although I am now connecting myself with a private institution (Pearson's Magazine), I have and will lose none of my ardor for party ownership of its literature production and its press.

My new field of work does not in any manner conflict with our party enterprises. It will be some time before the party will be able to enter the magazine field—though I believe that time will come.

The comrades should first make a splendid success of our one party-owned paper before rushing into new ventures of a similar kind.

Let us see what we can do with the P. B. and whether or not Executive Board management can be made flexible enough to give a paper that enterprise and initiative necessary to insure success.

To my mind, the whole problem is there stated. When we shall have learned to drive an editorial horse by party management, without spoiling the mouth and the disposition, we may safely go ahead with party ownership.

The coming year is big with possibilities. Success with the new paper and with the Literature Department will bring at the end of the year a wonderfully changed Socialist party in America. The organization will grow in members and particularly in efficiency.

My year at the National Office has greatly impressed me with the need for a national party-owned paper. A few days ago we had a letter from a comrade in Oklahoma, addressed to J. Mahlon Barnes, asking for a copy of the international constitution, and inquiring if the National Office published any literature. I replied as follows: "Your letter leads me to think that you have been reading Socialist papers which do not give you information about the party; otherwise you would have known that there is no such thing as an international constitution and that J. Mahlon Barnes has not been national secretary for over two years." I sent him Party Builders and other organization literature with the advice that he subscribe.

The above case is but a sample of dozens that have occurred during the time I have been here.

There are several hundred thousand people in this nation who vote the Socialist ticket, but know little or nothing of the party.

Our propaganda papers have converted them to our principles, but take them no further. It remains now for the party-owned paper to do the propaganda work of organization and party education.

If we can do this greatly neglected work, and do it well, then more party ownership will follow.

A party-owned paper will never succeed because it is party owned. It must succeed by merit alone, and this brings me to another matter.

A great many comrades, enthused over the new order, are asking big things of the National Office.

The National Office should do big things, but if it does it will require big men or well-trained men and women to do them. And that means that the party must pay wages that will call this kind of service to its employ.

If the party will not pay, then it will get only mediocre talent, for economic determinism rules the individual Socialist as it does other people.

We are not going to get an editor like Russell or a circulation manager like Warren for \$28 per week.

These men can get vastly more for their services, and you can't blame them for selling their services where they are best paid, any more than you can blame a union carpenter for going where he can get the largest pay and the shortest hours.

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The Executive Secretary of the Socialist party now handles over \$100,000 per year. His business responsibility is great. His talent for management is also valuable. You must so dispose your minds as to be willing to pay for services a price commensurate with their value.

It is not enough to say that it is more than you get. That's not the question. We are fighting a great battle, waging a great conflict with the mightiest power in the world—capitalism.

You cannot get Socialism nor any great improvement in your condition till you have overthrown this system.

The struggle demands that we employ our very best talent, which can be done only by better compensating that talent than at present.

The men employed in official capacities in the party in Germany are paid twice as much as here and in a country where one dollar will go almost as far as two here.

Even the German Federation in this country pays its speakers better than do we.

Unfortunately the party has experienced two pieces of reckless financial management—the campaign of 1912 and the Lyceum course.

The management of these two functions unloaded on the National Office a debt aggregating \$27,000.

It was this debt doubtless that caused the comrades to vote down the National Committee referendum last year increasing the salary of the Executive Secretary to \$1,800. This increase was not much, but it would have raised the standard of the officials at the National Office.

The surest way to sabotage this office and prevent the success of its various departments is to keep the salary allowance far below that of other and privately owned Socialist institutions.

The Milwaukee Leader pays much more than the National Office—so does the New York Call. The latter paper recently offered a comrade \$75 per week to assume editorial charge. The Rip-Saw pays much larger salaries, while the Appeal to Reason pays salaries that make those of the National Office look like a pittance.

These papers reach out and secure the best talent in the market. Their success depends on so doing.

Why then must the National Office, the most important, the most useful institution of the party be restricted to such limits that it cannot employ talent that will insure its enterprises financial success?

A leaf from my own experience may not be out of place as illustrative of the above. Within three months after I accepted a position in the National Office I had received unsolicited offers from four private publishers asking immediate consideration and offering salaries much larger than I was receiving as an official of the party. I declined them all on the ground that I wanted to try out for at least a year, the experiment of promoting a party owned enterprise. I believed then and I believe now that it is as easy to promote a party enterprise as a private one, providing there is not too much official restraint to hamper and delay administration. Policies and tactics may and should be fixed by the membership and its authorized committees, but administration of details must for efficiency's sake be left to those who compose the National Office force actually present on the job.

The above is written in no spirit of complaint, but solely with the hope that the comrades will seriously consider its practical truth. And I think they will.

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