

EXECUTIVE DEPT.

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National Executive Committee:
JAMES MAURER, 1555 N. 11th St., Reading, Pa.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS.
Dear Comrades: I report as follows on the sixth meeting of the Committee on Constitution:

COMMITTEE ON PENDING NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTIONS.
(That the Executive Secretary submit to a national referendum four alternative propositions in the question of a National Convention, 1916.)

NOTES FROM THE LECTURE FIELD.
TWENTY-FIVE new members at one meeting! That's the record at Lansing, Mich., where Emil Seidel spoke as the first of The American Socialist League course.

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What is considered a remarkably good showing was made by the Mississippi Socialists in the recent state election, in which the Socialists elected the only opposition to the Democrats. J. T. Lester, Socialist candidate for Governor, received 4,046 votes, compared to 2,061 votes cast for the Socialist ticket in 1912, and 978 in 1908.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.
By Max S. Hayes.
EVEN though Congress pays no further heed to the report and recommendations of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, the findings of that body will serve as a basis for vigorous propaganda about to be instituted.

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Letters from "American Socialist" Readers
RULES FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.
The National Committee of the Socialist Party in providing for an Open Forum in The American Socialist ruled that:
"Recommendation No. 6.—An open forum shall consist of communications from party members or organizations on disputed points of party policy, views and tactics. No personal attacks or abuse of intemperance language shall be allowed. No communication in the Open Forum shall exceed 500 words."

HIT GARY SYSTEM.—Apropos of the introduction of the Gary System in our public schools, Lettish Branch No. 2 of the Socialist Party, Local New York, at its regular meeting held Sunday, Nov. 7, 1915, adopted the following resolution:
"Whereas it is the function of our public schools, as institutions of elementary learning, to instill in our children habits of consecutive and independent thought, to acquaint them with knowledge indispensable in their after-life, and to do everything possible to make them sensible and useful members of society; and

MURDERERS FOR SALE, \$50 PER HEAD.—This line would be a proper advertisement for the Chicago (anarchist) I. W. W., since the Toledo local I. W. W. chose Ernest Smith, Royce Hehling, James Callahan, Jack Lever and Fred Cooney to shoot Joe Hill. The fact that the state of Utah would pay \$50 a piece to five men to shoot the condemned man was the lure to which the Toledo local so infamously submitted.

THE RED SPECIAL.—In the last issue of The American Socialist Comrade Germer desires an expression from the membership regarding the Red Special.

FAVORS HOGAN'S PLAN.—I think Hogan's plan is the hope of the American Socialist movement. Everyone here is so pleased with it that we are all for it.

SHALL WE HAVE A CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE? In the pending referendum there is a proposition to the effect that the national campaign committee for the 1916 campaign shall be elected by referendum vote of the membership.

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MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

WE GET A LETTER. By J. N. Wilson, Of Grand Island, Neb. I have been a reader of The American Socialist for some time and wish to say that I am very much pleased with it...

REPLY BY THE EDITOR. It got rather monotonous reporting the same circulation figures each week. So we forgot all about these figures and plunged into the task of editing our whopper MEYER LONDON EDITION, Dec. 4. Now that that edition has broken all records we will get back to the weekly circulation reports...

ROLL OF HONOR. GEORGE H. SCHEPP, East Liverpool, Ohio, sends in three yearly orders for \$9 each one also a Socialist Campaign Book. He writes: "My wife and I journeyed to Ambridge, Pa., to hear Ryan Walker lecture. We did not get home until two o'clock in the morning, but we both believe we were well and well worth the trip..."

LOCAL CATHARTS, N. Y., sends in \$1 to pay for a bundle of 50 copies of the MEYER LONDON EDITION goes to each name. "I promise to see that the women of my precinct know something of Socialism before the 1916 election rolls around, and here's hoping many more to the same in their precincts," writes E. P. MAHERAN, San Francisco, sending in a list of 100 names to receive copies of the MEYER LONDON EDITION...

HERE'S STORY OF A. F. OF L. CONVENTION AT FRISCO. By Chester M. Wright. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—What has been one of the most important conventions ever held by the American Federation of Labor has just closed here. Here are just two of the reasons for rating this convention as of more than average importance: It marked the turning point in the matter of letting the first week go to waste while the great mass of business is jammed and rolled thru during the closing hours.

Turning Into New Road. It is safe to say that from now on the American labor movement is turning into a new road, the nobody knows just what kind of road it is going to be or where it will lead.

REVOCATION OF IMPORTANT CHARTERS AS PUNISHMENT IS A THING OF THE PAST. Some observers explain that this is due to the fact that the great international has become so powerful that the Federation doesn't dare go to extremes with them any longer.

Sees More Democracy. The convention voted to amend the constitution as to permit introduction of resolutions during the first two days only, instead of during the first four, as it has been. It is figured that this will permit the convention to get to actual work two days sooner than has been the case, thus preventing the jam during the last day or two.

Reaction and Progress. Of course there was reaction expressed in word and deed. But so was progress expressed—and just about in sufficient proportion to match every defeat with a victory. And, after all, there was no defeat, for you do not lose when you do not get something that you have not had, especially when there is the consciousness that you are nearer to it than ever before.

bate on unemployment. The resolution asking for a commission of twelve to investigate was not approved by all of the radicals. Some of them thought it too costly and impractical. But there was not in all the debate any voice raised except to say and clearly emphatically that the only true solution for unemployment was work for all thru the curbing of a fundamental social maladjustment. Every delegate who spoke seemed to know and state that there is no superficial cure for unemployment and that no palliative will satisfy labor.

A. F. OF L. AT CLOSE RANGE. By Lee L. Stoppel. During the sessions of the American Federation of Labor at San Francisco I had occasion to gather a great deal of first-hand information regarding the workings of the American trade union movement. As a trade unionist I have often wondered why it is that the principles of Socialism found so little response among the leaders of organized labor in this country.

Sees Weak Link. During the sessions of the convention much attention was given to questions of jurisdiction among unions working in closely similar branches of a given industry. This is the weak link in the chain of trade organization. Out of the department organizations must come the solution of the many differences now arising among unions jealous of the supremacy of a sister union.

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official method of representation of the American labor movement is the American Federation of Labor and its subsidiary organizations. It is to that body that we owe allegiance. If Socialists think that the officers are too conservative to be leaders of labor, do not criticize the officers—they represent the rank and file. It is to the latter that we should make our plea.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT. Organization - Education - Solidarity. WILLIAM F. KRUISE - Director. To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and bring them into the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist Leagues.

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PROGRAM. There is some material now coming in on the appeal for programs, but not nearly as much as we had hoped for. It is considered urged to look over the schedule of events, and to see that the program is as timely as possible. It is very pleasant to get Haloween suggestions, and some fine one that have been received. We want more and more suggestions. Get your thinking busy and ship the result along.

NEW WAY TO GET SPEAKER. The Friends of Colorado Springs, Colo., have met with unusual success in their educational work since they adopted the method of the monthly "Socialist Night" where a number of honorary members, whose recognized knowledge of economic science adds to their collective work and helps to bring strangers to their meetings.

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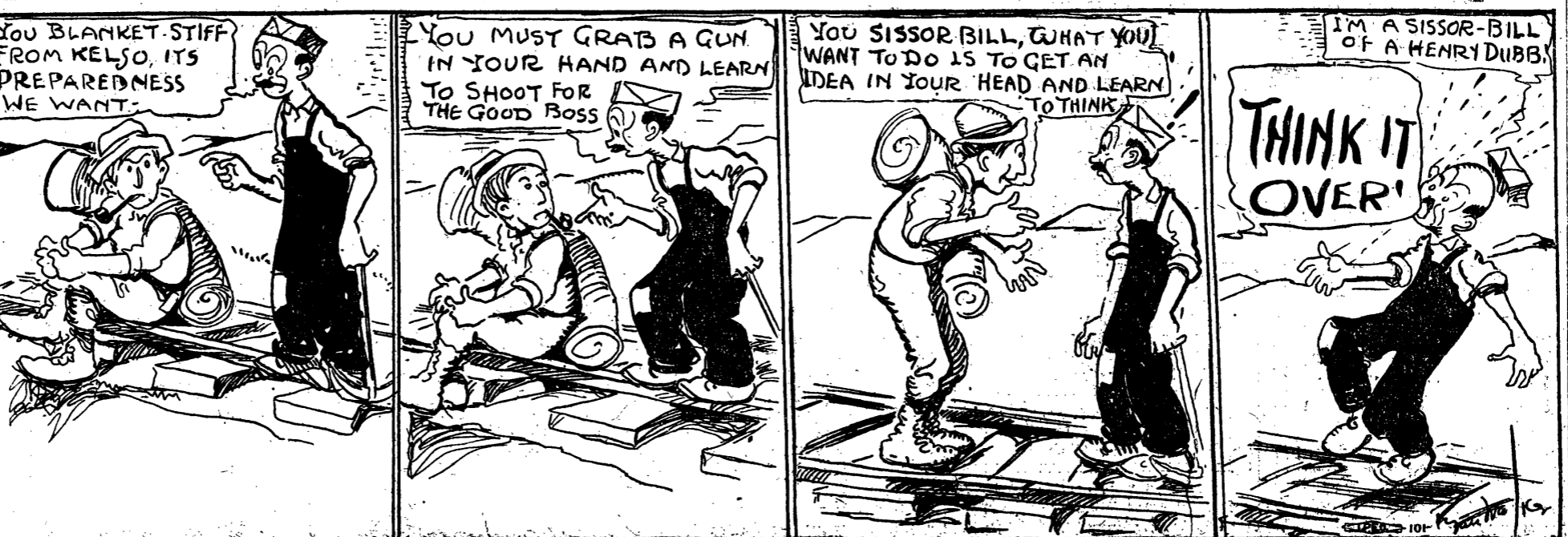
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tical man, instead of an idealist, he would stay in Detroit and attend to his business instead of chartering a ship and starting on a peace crusade for Europe accompanied by distinguished citizens whose affairs will permit them to accept his hospitality.

less it shall provoke ridicule or resentment. There is a phase to Mr. Ford's peace expedition that emphasizes the power of wealth in the affairs of the American people. Mr. Ford has made automobiles. He has succeeded in making them so cheaply that he has become exceedingly rich. While he has succeeded in making automobiles cheaply, he has been given no mandate from the American people to represent them in their international affairs or to perform the functions of a sovereign state.

Lincoln Puffer's New Book, THE DRAMAS OF KANSAS. A book you will enjoy to the full. It deserves a welcome.—New York Call. The Northeast will have to keep its eye on Kansas as well as Indiana hereafter.—New York Sun. Unusual, interesting, entertaining.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Was read by me with very great interest and relish. I wish everyone would read it and derive the pleasure I have therefrom.—Frank P. Walsh. It is a unique volume, with flashes of a fine mind in all its pages.—Eugene V. Debs. The book is a delight.—Ryan Walker.

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