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## A UNITED PARTY

**Social Democratic Convention at Indianapolis Takes Definite Steps Toward a Union of Socialist Forces Under the Leadership of**

## DEBS AND HARRIMAN

**What the First Convention of the Growing Young Party did to Mark a Momentous Period in the History of the Socialist Movement -- A Detailed Report of the Principal Acts of the Convention**

The first national convention of the social democratic party was called to order in Reichwein's hall, Indianapolis, Ind., on Tuesday, March 6, at 10 a. m., by Comrade Jesse Cox of Chicago, chairman of the national executive board. Comrade Charles Catton of Indianapolis delivered a brief address of welcome. A telegram was read from Amesbury, announcing the election of Selectman Spofford and the acquisition of a member of the board of health. Temporary officers of the convention were selected in the persons of Comrade William Mally as chairman and Frederick Strickland of Chicago as secretary.

Upon motion the chairman appointed the following committees:  
Rules—Comrades Mahoney, Tennessee; Jones, Ohio; Forman, Wisconsin; Phillips, New York; Poague, South Dakota.  
Credentials—Theodore Debs, Indiana; Martin Tiffin, Ohio; Robinson, Kentucky; Mrs. Halle, Massachusetts; Fechyew, Colorado.

A short recess was taken to allow the committees to perform their work, and during the intervals Comrades Strickland and Edwards sang the "Men of Harlech" and "Marseillaise," the delegates joining in the chorus. The committee on credentials submitted a partial report which seated 55 delegates, the number being increased later by new arrivals.

The committee on rules submitted their report, which called for the election of a chairman each day of the session, a permanent secretary and two assistants, a sergeant-at-arms and committees on auditing, constitution, declaration of principles and platform, resolutions, officers' reports, press and manifesto.

Comrade Carey moved an amendment that a committee of five on organized labor be also elected, to define the party's attitude toward trades unions. After some debate the amendment was adopted, and the committee's report as amended was then adopted.

The report of the national executive board was then read by the chairman, Jesse Cox. The report recites the motives for the organization of the party and its purposes. As to the organization proper the report said:

"It has therefore been the policy of the social democratic party, by patient but powerful agitation and propaganda, to convince and organize the masses, avoiding so far as possible all merely personal controversies, both with enemies and misguided friends. To carry out this policy of propaganda and organization it became necessary at the beginning of the movement that the party should be provided with a newspaper, which should be the national organ of the party. Being without organizers in the field, it became necessary that a weekly messenger in the shape of such a newspaper should visit the homes of our comrades for the purpose of keeping them informed of the progress of the movement and to maintain their interest in it. Voluntary contributions of money from friends of the cause and a timely loan from a comrade enabled our committee to commence and maintain the publication of the Social Democratic Herald until the organization became self-supporting. Comrade A. S. Edwards was chosen editor of the Herald and we cannot too highly commend his unflagging industry, ability and self-sacrifice in the conduct of the paper. But his efforts have been and still are greatly hampered by want of sufficient pecuniary means to properly conduct

the paper. The circulation of the Herald has grown from three thousand to eight thousand and is still rapidly increasing. It is sent gratuitously to every member of the party in good standing.

The social democratic party, recognizing that the regularly organized trades unions represent the economic phase of the class struggle, and that their members will ultimately become enlisted in this political phase, has at all times maintained a friendly attitude toward these unions, and rendered them such assistance as was within its power. Some of these unions have courteously received and listened to our speakers and it is hoped and expected that the doors of the unions will be more and more opened to our agitation.

We hope for large accessions to our party from the trade unionists in the near future.

In the eighteen months of its existence our party has elected to public office more than twenty of its members.

It is earnestly recommended that our comrades nominate candidates for office in every political election, wherever the opportunity shall exist. This course is highly important for agitational purposes and to give opportunity for the expression of socialist sentiment.

Our membership has grown with increasing rapidity. We now have about 400 dues-paying members. One thousand new members have been added since January 1, 1900.

The growth of the socialist sentiment and of the socialist press in the United States is highly satisfactory. There are now about twenty-five newspapers supporting the social democratic party. One of these, the Appeal to Reason, has a weekly circulation of over 100,000.

Your committee has sent greetings to the convention of the socialist labor party, recently held at Rochester, N. Y., and the social democratic party has also been represented by Comrade Eugene Dietzgen at the international socialist conference in Brussels held last year. The policy of our party during its eighteen months in its attitude toward the trades union movement, in avoiding all personal controversies and in endeavoring to maintain a dignified but earnest propaganda has, we believe, commended itself to socialists as well as to reformers generally and this policy has attracted the support of the independent socialist press.

The good reputation of the party thus gained is inseparably associated with the name "Social Democratic Party," and by this name the party has become known and respected throughout the country.

The hearty thanks of all our comrades are due to our national secretary-treasurer, Comrade Theodore Debs, for his tireless and unceasing efforts in behalf of the party. We doubt if another in all our ranks could be found more highly competent and devoted.

Mrs. Theodore Debs and Mrs. A. R. Edwards have earned our gratitude by their unselfish services to the national organization.

The convention then adjourned for dinner and met again at 2 o'clock. Permanent organization was effected by the election of the temporary officers with the addition of Comrades R. Val Putnam and R. H. Johnson as assistant secretaries. The following committees were elected:

Auditing—Butscher, New York; Jones, Mass.; Miller, Ind.; Lonergan, Conn.; Strobel, New Jersey.

Constitution—Cox, Ill.; Heath, Wis.; Gobel, New Jersey; Halle, Mass.; Robinson, Ky.; Zorn, Ohio; Jones, Ohio.

Platform—Berger, Wis.; E. V. Debs, Ind.; London, New York; Wheelock, Ill.; Carey, Mass.; Stedman, Ill.; Mahoney, Tenn.; Poague, N. D.; Brown, Ill.; Gordon, N. H.; Wensel, Md.

Resolutions—Crumley, Ohio; Phillips, New York; Chase, Mass.; Farmer, Texas; Butscher, New York.

Officers' report—Arnold, Wis.; Nagel, Ohio; Arnold, Ky.; O'Neal, Ind.; Martin, Ohio.

Press—Edwards, Ill.; Farmer, Tex.; Mally, Mass.

Manifesto—E. V. Debs, Ill.; MacCartney, Mass.; Chase, Mass.

Organized labor—Carey, Mass.; Hoehn, Mo.; Miller, Ind.; Zorn, Ohio; Debs, Ind.

The committee on credentials then submitted a complete report showing 55 delegates entitled to 115 votes. The total number of delegates afterwards reached 67—representing over 2100 votes.

Colorado—W. H. Fechyew.

Connecticut—William F. Lonergan.

Illinois—Eugene V. Debs, Theodore Debs, Edward Ewing, Herman Stumpfe, Judson O'Neal, Jas. O'Neil, William Bienko, J. W. Kelly, Hugo Miller, R. Grewling, J. R. Backus, Matthew Hallenberger.

Indiana—Convin E. Brown, Seymour Stedman, Edwin D. Wheelock, A. E. Edwards, Jesse Cox, Rowell H. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Simons Johnson.

Kentucky—James H. Arnold, Alex. Hirschberg, F. S. Robinson, Frank C. Stumph.

Massachusetts—William Mally, Jas. F. Carey, Samuel N. Jones, John C. Chase, Frederick O. MacCartney, Squire E. Putney, Margaret Halle.

Missouri—S. H. Caldwell, G. A. Hoehn, E. Val Putnam.

Maryland—Ernest H. Wensel.

New Hampshire—F. G. R. Gordon.

New York—Meyer London, William Butscher, I. Phillips, Louis E. Miller, Miss E. H. Thomas.

North Dakota—George W. Poague.

Ohio—Charles R. Martin, Adam L. Nagel, Hugh R. Crumley, Charles Oliver Jones, John M. Dillon, Fred Q. Arnold, W. E. Taylor, J. L. Franz, Joseph Mats, Julius Zorn.

Pennsylvania—Meyer Gillis.

Tennessee—William Mahoney.

Wisconsin—Albert F. Forman, Fred Heath, L. A. Arnold, Victor L. Berger.

New Jersey—G. H. Strobel, G. H. Goebel.

Texas—W. E. Farmer, S. J. Hampton.

After the adoption of the report Comrade E. V. Debs introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, a committee of nine, representing the socialist labor party has been delegated to visit the convention to present certain matters of importance to this body, Therefore, be it resolved that a committee of three members be appointed

by the chair to meet said representatives of the socialist labor party and extend to them a cordial welcome to this convention.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, and the chairman appointed Comrades E. V. Debs, Victor L. Berger and James F. Carey as the committee.

Comrade Seymour Stedman, secretary of the national executive board, submitted a report which was referred to the committee on officers' reports.

National Secretary-Treasurer Theodore Debs then submitted a report of the financial transactions of the national office. The report showed that the receipts from the organization of the party in June, 1898, until the first of March, 1900, had been \$3,345.74 and expenditures of \$2,154.22, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,191.52. The report was a model one and told the tale of the hard work and sacrifice that the national secretary and associates had given to bring the party to the present standing. The reading of the report was interrupted frequently by applause, and at the close, the national secretary was given something like an ovation.

Upon motion Comrades James E. Carey and Margaret Halle were added to the committee on manifesto. There being no further business before the convention until the various committees reported, adjournment was taken.

### SECOND DAY.

Comrade Seymour Stedman was elected chairman of the convention for the second day.

Several communications of greeting were read and ordered filed.

The auditing committee reported having found the national secretary's treasurer's books in excellent condition with all accounts correct. The report was accepted.

The committee on officers' report submitted a report in approval of the actions of the national executive board. Comrade London of New York objected to that portion of the report wherein the executive board had censured the New York branches for affiliating with the Independent labor party organized in that city last year. Comrade London attacked the board's actions and questioned their right to act as they had in the matter. Comrade Phillips of New York replied to London and defended the board. After remarks from Comrades Thomas and Mally the committee's report was adopted unanimously.

The committee on resolutions reported consideration and approval of a resolution condemning the establishments of militarism in Puerto Rico and the combination of the capitalist classes to deprive the natives of Puerto Rico of the franchise. The committee reported in favor of sending the following telegram to the socialist meeting to be held at Cooper Union, New York, tomorrow night:

L. D. Abbott: "Say to Cooper Union meeting that social democratic convention passed resolution demanding

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The convention of the social democratic party held in Indianapolis last week did work that entitles it to the distinction of being the most important socialist convention ever held in the United States.

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labor movement. Arrived at the present stage of thought through many gradations, he seems to have grasped the full meaning of the socialist philosophy with its relation to present conditions, and he thus embodies in his personality an historic significance peculiar to the present period of industrial and political development.

It has been remarked, and we call attention to the fact here, that the nomination of Eugene V. Debs as president by the united socialist parties was an appropriate act in this, the closing year of the nineteenth century.

There is a certain pleasure in being able to chronicle the nomination of Job Harriman as vice president on the united party ticket.

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The victories gained by the social democrats in the recent town elections in Amesbury, Merrimack and Georgetown gives the movement a stronger hold in this congressional district.

It is reported that Rev. Chas. Sheldon would not allow the news relating to the Coeur d'Alene mining inquiry proceeding at Washington to be printed in the Topeka Capital because it was understood as "spotters" had been employed in that controversy.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to compel voters to state their political preferences when they register.

Social democrats should read the card of the union bakers published in another column and give the bakers all the assistance possible.

Mr. Thomas W. Lamson asserted before the gas investigation committee that half a million dollars was spent to influence legislation at the state house last year.

The people who invested in that Hindu "good luck box" were as badly fooled as the workmen who invest in capitalist politics and expect prosperity from the transaction.

Debs and Harriman is an ideal ticket.

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change in Puerto Rico, the restoration of the franchise, and pledges support to this end. Success to international socialism.

Upon motion the press committee was increased to five members and Comrades F. G. R. Gordon and G. A. Hoehn were added.

The committee on organized labor submitted a report. The report defined clearly the party's attitude toward the trades union movement and closed with a warning to all members to refrain from the so-called "capturing" tactics, which really proved a boomerang.

Immediately after the convention had met for the afternoon session Comrades Job Harriman and Hillquit of the socialist labor party appeared, escorted by the reception committee.

Comrade Harriman was the first speaker, and on behalf of the committee reported the action of the Rochester convention.

Comrade Hillquit followed in a clear, logical address, reviewing the situation and tracing the causes for it in a matterly manner.

Comrade Hayes was the next speaker. He is forcible, energetic and emphatic, and there was no danger of misunderstanding his position.

Comrade E. V. Debs moved that a committee of conferring with the sub-committee from the socialist labor party to decide upon a plan of action for the convention to follow.

The declaration of principles and platform are substantially the same as the previous one with some changes in nomenclature.

1. Revision of our federal constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to full and complete control of government by all the people, irrespective of sex.

2. The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

3. The public ownership of all railroads, telegraph, telephone, all means of transportation, communication, water works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

4. The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, coal and all other mines, also all oil and gas wells.

5. Reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production.

6. The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of a large number of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose.

7. All useful inventions to be free to all, the inventor to be remunerated by the public.

8. National insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment and want in old age.

Comrades Berger, Gordon, Carey, MacCartney, Farmer, Benham and others. Carey's motion was adopted.

THIRD DAY.

Comrade John C. Chase was elected chairman for the third day's session, but being absent on committee work, Comrade Stedman acted throughout the morning session.

The press committee submitted a report in which the following recommendations were made: That the incoming executive board consider the advisability of establishing a central bureau of literature.

Comrades F. G. R. Gordon, A. E. Edwards and Ed. E. Vengler were appointed as the committee called for in the report.

The committee on organized labor again submitted a report. The word "boomerang" had been stricken out, but the original resolution was re-submitted.

Before adjournment for dinner the committee appointed to confer with the socialist labor party committee on the report submitted a report.

The committee reported that it could not recommend these conditions, but proposed the following: First, that a committee of nine be appointed; second, that the convention instruct this committee to preserve the name social democratic party; third, that all questions decided by the committee, except party name, be submitted according to referendum.

A roll call was had upon the question and resulted in the adoption of the minority report by several hundred votes.

A few minutes after nominations were declared in order for president and vice president.

Comrade MacCartney was recognized by the chair and said:

MACCARTNEY'S NOMINATION SPEECH.

Mr. Chairman and Comrades of the Social Democratic Party in convention: I know that it is customary in place of nomination a candidate for president to give forth utterances which are winged with eloquence.

In a dark epoch of strife a child was born, an epoch of strife between two great classes of society. On the one hand, there was the maturing capitalist class. On the other hand, there was the evolution of the self-conscious class—the conscious, wage-earning working class.

And then began a campaign of conquest of the minds of his fellow countrymen, in order to bring about a better era.

I say that man at once contributes to a great epoch, and the epoch in turn contributes to his life.

Comrade Strobel of New Jersey moved an amendment which would place the demand for the initiative and referendum the first in the platform.

Comrade Carey moved to insert the words "wage earners" in the declaration of principles.

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heroic strikes in modern history, a strike based upon love for fellowmen, a strike the significance of which lies in the fact that it is a strike in which men asked not that the rate of their own wages should be maintained, but that the wages, the standard of living of their fellowmen should be maintained.

In the meantime capitalism had been growing to maturity. A critical point had been reached. A strike was inaugurated by the American Railway union and the capitalist party exercised its ultimate power in the courts, in the evolution of the capitalist class had become subservient and did their will.

This man defied the courts, in the case of humanity. This man jeopardized his life, and finally gave himself to imprisonment. For the time being the courts had away, and the capitalist class was triumphant. The man thus giving himself had followed the evolution of the labor movement. He had gone from one party to another in the evolution of politics, his mind open, all alive. When he entered the tomb he had completed one cycle of his life.

There it was that, like John of Patmos, he had revealed to him a vision of the things that were to be, of the new kingdom of the new era. There it was that there came to him a message which was the completion of the Pilgrim's Progress of Labor. When he came forth from that tomb it was to a resurrection of life, and the first message that he gave to his class as he came from his darkened cell was a message of liberty. He became the liberator. Then the inevitable movement and the man met, and they were sever again to be separated. He was to continue to lead and mould the movement, and the movement in turn was again to transform him into a liberator of his kind.

And so the time has come when the first presidential campaign is to be given such of his strength and much of his life to the cause of humanity, and if that strength shall be conserved, it will remain for many years; but above all he has the opportunity now of giving to his name and to his class only of him. We would not put one burden upon him. We would conserve his strength more than we would conserve our own strength. We would guard his life as more precious than our own lives. We believe, Mr. Chairman, that the time has come for another step. However great may be any of the candidates that may come before us, however eloquent they may be in presenting their thought, I believe that we require only one thing to make our party a party of national significance, and that is the acceptance by this man of the nomination for president—a man whose brain and mind were the greatest of his time, and whose philosophy found the ultimate philosophy which will liberate his kind; a man whose heart takes in his class; but more than that, whose heart takes in the world.

Let us not be deceived. Our opponents, the capitalistic parties of this nation will put forth giants; and if we would have national significance we must also put forth a giant.

I believe, Mr. Chairman, that while we are making the sacrifice we are asking him to make, the strain upon his strength and upon his life we are asking him to undergo, yet if he will consent that life to us we will preserve that life, we will give to us the magic of his name. It is for him to decide. I therefore place in nomination the name of one whom we love, the peerless champion of labor, the knight-errant of the new chivalry which will mean the emancipation of our land from the thrall of the capitalist class. I place in nomination the name of Eugene V. Debs.

The scene that followed was indescribable, the applause lasting several minutes. When silence was restored, Comrade Debs was recognized and declined in a feeling speech. While this was not unexpected, yet the declination was received with a deaf silence that was thrilling and embarrassing. The silence was broken by Comrade Carey taking the floor and urging the nomination of Comrade Debs. Carey was followed by Comrade Arnold of Kentucky and one or two others.

Comrade Seymour Stedman requested the convention not to urge the nomination upon Comrade Debs. They all desired to see him nominated, but there were good reasons why he should decline, one of them being the state of his health.

Comrade Benjamin of the socialist labor party urged Debs to accept. "I have a mission for such as you out in California," he said.

Debs continued to shake his head in declination, and the question was brought before the convention whether to accept the nomination. Comrade Theodore Debs was nominated, but declined.

Comrade Theodore Debs was nominated and also declined, saying he was too young.

There was a temporary lull, after which Comrade Carey took the floor and placed Comrade Job Harriman in nomination for president, as the best available candidate next to Debs.

Comrade London objected to the nomination of anyone who was not a member of the socialist democratic party.

Comrade Mally followed and seconded the nomination of Harriman, and was interrupted frequently while doing so.

Comrade London raised the point of order that Harriman was not a member of the party and could not be nominated.

Chairman Chase ruled the point not well taken.

Comrade Berger was recognized and said he believed the convention should nominate its own ticket and if union was effected the committee on union could decide who would be the candidate.

There was some confusion at this point. Comrade Carey at last secured the floor and withdrew the nomination of Harriman and Mally withdrew the second.

The convention then adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

Comrade John C. Chase was unanimously re-elected chairman for the fourth day's session. He announced to the convention that in the interval since the adjournment of the convention the day before, Comrade Eugene V. Debs had decided to accept the nomination for president.

The announcement was received with enthusiastic cheers.

Comrade MacCartney again nominated E. V. Debs for president and the nomination was agreed to by unanimous vote.

Comrade Victor Berger was recognized and nominated Comrade Job Harriman for vice president, and the nomination was also affirmed by unanimous vote.

A committee was appointed to inform Comrades Debs and Harriman of their nomination.

The committee on constitution reported through the secretary, Margaret Halle.

Upon motion the constitution was adopted as read and referred to the committee on socialist union.

The matter of a manifesto was referred also to the committee on union.

Upon motion a committee was appointed in the person of Comrade Seymour Stedman with power to appoint others for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of Comrade E. V. Debs.

Comrades Debs and Harriman entered the hall and were received enthusiastically. Cheers were given for "Debs and Harriman," "Socialist Unity" and "International Socialism."

Comrade Debs went to the platform and accepted the nomination in the following speech, being frequently interrupted by applause:

MR. DEBS' SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE.

Mr. Chairman and comrades: A few moments ago your committee advised me of the great honor conferred upon me by this convention in making me one of the standard bearers of the party in the great campaign upon which we are now entering. Never in all my life was I so profoundly impressed with the conviction that there is a divinity that shapes our ends rough hew them though they come, yesterday I left this hall under the solemn belief that I could not under any circumstances accept the nomination tendered me with such enthusiastic unanimity. But with your united voices ringing in my ear your passionate appeals burning and glowing in my breast, and your eyes searching the very depths of my soul, I was soon brought to realize that in your voice in behalf of socialism there was the supreme command of duty that I could not disregard it and decline the nomination without proving myself wholly unworthy of the confidence which inspired it. I felt that I could not decline this nomination tendered under such circumstances without being guilty of treason to the cause we love so well. And so I come to you this afternoon obedient to the call voiced by our committee, to say that I accept your nomination, and with it all of the responsibilities that the great trust imposes; and with my heart trembling upon my lips, I thank the comrades one and all for the great honor you have conferred upon me.

I also thank you for having nominated as my associate and colleague as true socialist, so many a man as Comrade Job Harriman, and let me assure you we will stand together side by side in the true spirit of socialism, and joining hands, we will bear aloft the conquering banner of the social democratic party of America.

The ordeal through which we passed yesterday was indeed painful and trying to us, but perhaps it was necessary to completely consecrate us to our sacred task.

Standing in your presence this afternoon, the standard bearer of a united socialist party, so long a cherished hope and now practically a realized fact, all the skies of the future are bright, and I do not hesitate to believe that in the great campaign upon which we are now entering, that we are to achieve results that will mark the real beginning of socialism in America, as also the real end of capitalism. The time is to be sharply drawn. The issue is to be clearly understood. We are to move forward, side by side, a united party, a solid, invincible phalanx. We are to move forward with steady step, our eyes upon the goal. No backward step is to be taken. We are not to be deflected from the path by the breadth of a hair; and in the first great battle, whatever the outcome, a great victory will have been achieved, to be followed by others until at last socialism, triumphant, capitalism falls, never to rise again, and the working class, bruised, degraded, plundered through all the centuries of the past, for the first time in the history of the ages will stand forth redeemed, disembarrassed, the coronated sovereigns of this world.

I congratulate my comrades one and all upon the very happy outcome of this historic convention. I were less than just to myself if I failed to make some personal acknowledgments of the invaluable services rendered by the committee representing the socialist labor party. During the trying hours of yesterday I was more than impressed with their noble bearing, their devotion, their courage, their faith in the spirit of socialism. Fortunately for you and me and for the

may were met in the same spirit, and now, instead of being a source of division, we are united in the world's shared joy. I have no more to say about it, it is a matter of course that it is the people's business and interests it to the people.

Comrades, we invoke your united aid and cooperation. We should be seen in a single obligation that has been placed upon us, and it is the extent of our ability serve you and those you represent in this great cause. There is no time to lose as to the ultimate outcome. Speaking for myself I am not only hopeful, I am confident. The new crusade is now thoroughly organized, and when the message goes forth I will bring joy and hope and enthusiasm to the heart of every socialist in the land.

Allow me to say, in closing, that I am deeply sensible of the great honor that you have conferred upon me, that when I attempt to express the gratitude with which my heart is overflowing, all language is meaningless and I am left only a socialist. I believe with all my heart in the conquering and emancipating power of socialism. With me it is something more than a conviction. It throbs in my heart, it surges in my soul; it is my very life. Without it every star that blazes in the horizon would go out forever. Without it this earth were simply a jungle and we were wild beasts devouring each other. With it this earth becomes transformed into a veritable paradise and we are almost gods.

Again and again I thank you. All hail to the united socialists of America!

He was followed by Comrade Harriman, whose speech was received with no less enthusiasm than that of Debs. Comrade Hillquit, Benjamin, Hayes and Carey were called upon and delivered speeches that roused the delegates to still greater fervor.

All matters that may have been neglected or that may hereafter arise were referred to the committee on union.

Resolutions of thanks to the local branch of the party for their kindness to the delegates, also to the local press for courtesies rendered and to all those who assisted in making the visit of the delegates agreeable and pleasant were unanimously adopted.

Comrade Hugo Miller informed the convention that the Indianapolis comrades were so delighted at the outcome of the convention that they had decided to defray the full expense of the convention. The announcement was received with cheers.

The vote on members of the committee on union resulted in the election of the following: Berger, Wisconsin; Stedman, New York; Debs, New York; Halle, Texas; Chase, Carey and Halle, Mass.; Heath, Wis. and Hoehn, Mo. Farmer afterwards resigned from the committee and Longergan of Connecticut having received the next highest number of votes was substituted.

After attending to some minor details the delegates sang the "Marseillaise" and what is believed to be the most important socialist convention ever held in the United States was declared adjourned sine die.

CONVENTION NOTES.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The committee of nine on union met the sub-committee from the socialist labor party after the convention adjourned after a conference it was decided that the joint committee of eighteen representing both parties met in New York city on Sunday, March 25.

On Tuesday evening a mass meeting was held at Langhville, a suburb of Indianapolis at which Mayor Chase and Comrade G. B. Benham, editor of the San Francisco Class Struggle, were the speakers. On Wednesday evening the local social democrats gave a smoker to the delegates at the convention hall, which was well attended, many ladies being present. Representative Carey and Comrade J. L. Franz of the Brewers' Journal, were the speakers. The affair was an enjoyable one. On Thursday evening a banquet was held in the court house, at which Comrade Max Hayes was the principal speaker. Friday evening the delegates were spending home in various directions and the hotel corridors and convention hall knew them no more.

The reception given the committee from the socialist labor party must have surprised them. It only required their presence bearing the only branch of peace to convince every body that we were socialists first and partisans afterwards. The committee was an able one, and including Comrade Benham made a strong company. Hillquit, the shrewd, rapable lawyer, Harriman, eloquent and logical, Hayes, forcible, emphatic and enthusiastic, Benham, witty, concise and frank, fulfilled their several and collective missions in a manner that would be hard to beat.

The local committee on arrangements did their work well and everything passed off without a hitch. Comrade Hugo Miller, who was chairman of the committee, made himself more popular than ever before.

Among those who left a distinct and favorable impression upon the delegates was Comrade E. Val Putnam of St. Louis, who was the framer of the famous minority report. Putnam is only 22 years old, but his actions and evident intellectual make up mark him as a coming man in the movement.

The socialist press was well represented at the convention, among the editors present being Comrades J. S. Edwards of the Social Democratic Herald; F. G. R. Gordon, of the Milwaukee Social Democrat; Ed. Evinger of the Terre Haute Toller; W. E. Farmer and S. L. Hampton of the Benham, Texas, Farmers' Review; J. L. Franz of the Cleveland Citizen; G. B. Benham of the San Francisco Class Struggle; Victor L. Berger of the Milwaukee Worker; G. A. Hoehn of the St. Louis Arbeiter Zeitung; Louis E. Miller of the New York Forward, and the writer.

One of the pleasantest features of convention week occurred on the last day when a collection was taken up among the delegates for the benefit of the writer girls in the hospital. A neat little sum was the result and Representative Carey made the presentation speech. The girls appeared much gratified and at their request, Comrade Corinne Brown responded for them. The proceedings were hailed with tumultuous applause.

It was not to be expected that there would be no heated debates during the convention and there was. Socialists are like other folks, "just human," and when they differ they differ strenuously as men of decided convictions and marked individuality only can. The differences that arose in the convention were in opinion only and when all was over and the "good byes" were being said, the warm and close friendship that had been formed during the convention in the cause that they had ever before.

Charky's name was on hand from Thursday, with his credentials from "The Milwaukee Herald" made out to "E. V. Debs." The convention was a thoroughly arranged and well conducted affair, and the fact that the daily press of every city, without the fact of its presentation in the week that there was a "Puckishish" Al issue and that of its being a report of Charky's name to the fact.

Quiet and genial Comrade Theodore Debs was one of the favorites of the convention. His report as national secretary treasurer was a revelation to the delegates and it was impossible for them to sufficiently show their appreciation of his work and sacrifice.

Representative MacCartney's speech of nomination of Comrade E. V. Debs shines forth as the historical gem of the convention. That in saying something, too, when it is remembered that such speakers as Harriman, Carey, Debs, Stedman and Hayes spoke during the week. MacCartney's nominating speech just suited the occasion and it is doubtful if even "the country member" could make another one like it.

Nashville, Tenn., was represented directly and indirectly, rather fully at the convention. Comrade William Mahoney was the direct representative, while Comrades F. L. Robinson from Louisville, Ky., Chas. O. Jones from Cincinnati, Ohio, and the writer were the indirect representatives. In addition to this was Theodore Perry, who is now a resident of Indianapolis, and was formerly chairman of the Nashville branch of the party. All of these held something in the nature of a reunion and indulged in reminiscences of the past, which were exceedingly pleasant.

Mayor Chase was chairman of the convention on the third day and his re-election of the fourth day was a compliment to his ability which was appreciated. He has now the distinction of being able to say that he presided over the convention that nominated Debs and Harriman, and that is an honor worth having and which no one envies John.

There were four women delegates: Mrs. Corinne Brown of Chicago, Mrs. Margaret Halle of Boston, Mrs. Johnson of Chicago and Miss Elizabeth H. Thomas of New York. They were all attentive and showed their individuality by speaking and voting as they pleased.

Comrade James F. Carey took an active part in every discussion and question that came before the convention. His speeches were so convincing that those who opposed him and who did not understand them but there was a clear understanding before adjournment was taken. Carey's speech at the close defined his position clearly and to the satisfaction of every body.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Kellier were regular attendants at the sessions of the convention and were cordially greeted by old friends. Comrade Kellier is a resident of Indianapolis, and is associated with the Press of that city.

When the news was given out late on Thursday night that Comrade Debs had decided to accept the nomination, joy was apparent on all sides. There was handshaking and congratulations galore. Victor Berger hugged all and sundry who came in his way and Seymour Stedman bubbled over with delight and talked a crowd into sleeplessness until morning came. A crowd gathered in room 73 of the hotel (a room by the way which will be well remembered by many of the delegates) and Comrade Fred Heath used his telling effect. We are certain every delegate's face portrayed upon the picture bears a happy smile.

What was expected to be a severe clash between the New York delegates turned out very happily. The report of the executive board on the independent labor party affairs was contested by Comrade London, who was answered very effectively by Comrade Phillips, who ably represented the West Side branch of Gotham. The New York delegation returned home together, united and harmonious.

Comrade William Butcher of Brooklyn, handsome and good natured, made many friends, as was evidenced by his being placed upon the committee on auditing, resolutions, conferences and union. No harder worker for the cause lives and his natural tact and judgment makes him a valuable member of the committee.

Fred Gordon, formerly of New Hampshire, now editor of the Milwaukee Social Democrat, reports himself well satisfied with the town that Victor Berger made famous, and outlined much hard work for the party in Wisconsin the next few years. Gordon is as fat as ever and his good looks are unimpaired. Perhaps he did not mind being the desired results near the close of the convention than he did.

The editor of this paper had the pleasure of meeting many of the New York comrades during two short visits to that city made going to and coming from Indianapolis. It would be unnecessary to mention the names of the numerous old friends with whom he fraternized and spent several delightful hours, hours that were all too short, and few for the purpose. But he was glad to see each and every one of them and their hospitality and kindness has served to strengthen his affection for and devotion to them.

There are many other things to be said about the convention, there are many other delegates to be written about, but time or space will not permit their recital. Suffice it to say (and so far as the writer is concerned, he believes it to be true of every other delegate), every remembrance is a pleasant one, every incident leading up to the final grand result is recalled with pleasure. The experience was the most interesting and instructive I have ever had in the labor movement, and when all is said and done, one feels glad to have been present, to have partaken of the feasts of oratory and the flow of soul, to have assisted in making the history of the convention momentous and memorable, and best of all to know there are such people in the movement as were present at the convention and to be proud of being a socialist among such socialists.

Wages: what are they? Wages are but the latter-day equivalent for the former—the fodder for the human beast of burden—Brisbane Worker.

Dr. Blumhardt, a famous Protestant clergyman of Wurtemberg, Germany, has denounced the church and state by an open declaration in favor of the social democratic party. He'll lose his job.

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UNION MATTERS.

Agent Donovan of the shoe council on Monday afternoon posted the new turned workmen's price list at the factory of S. B. McNamara & Co. that has accepted the eighth firm that has accepted the new scale of wages.

SHOEMAKER STRIKE.

Seventy-five employees of Hasen B. Goodrich & Co.'s shoe factory struck on Wednesday last.

WOMEN'S S. D. CLUB.

The Women's Social Democratic club met March 12th at the residence of Mayor Chase.

LOCAL NOTES.

The weekly meeting of the Haverhill branch, S. D. P., was fairly well attended and many matters of importance came up.

UNION BAKERS.

The Bakers' Union, No. 211, of this city wishes to invite the public to buy only bread bearing the union label.

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MAYOR CHASE RETURNS.

Mayor John C. Chase returned home from the national party convention on Thursday evening, having spent four days in Milwaukee.

DEBS AND HARRIMAN

EUGENE V. DEBS. A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

(From the Social Democracy Red Book) Eugene Victor Debs was born in Terre Haute, Ind., in the autumn of 1855, and at the age of 15 years began his work as a railroad employe in the Vandala car shops.

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MASS CONVENTION.

SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

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THE IDAHO TROUBLE.

TESTIMONY GIVEN BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE WHICH RELATES A TERRIBLE STORY OF OUTRAGE AND MILITARY DESPOTISM.

The reports allowed to appear in the daily press giving the testimony presented before the congressional committee on the Idaho mining troubles are not as long as they might be but they are sufficiently explicit to reveal a horrible state of affairs.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 15.

The despatch printed below appeared in 'The People' of Tuesday last and we recommend it to the perusal of all our readers.

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