Delegates from Nine States Assemble in Chicago To Deal With Matters of Vital Interest to the Party and the Cause of Socialism

NEW PLATFORM AND CONSTITUTION

The Plan Advocated by Eugene V. Debs for Consolidation of All Socialists Is Adopted With Only a Few Changes

The special national convention of the Social Democratic Party, which opened at Adler Hall, Chicago, at noon on Tuesday, January 15, was attended by a larger number of members and delegates than at any convention held in Indianapolis last March. The principal business of the gathering was the nomination of presidential candidates; that of the present organization, in fact, of the convention, of which the constitution and platform were also adopted. The party has not been able, as yet, to decide upon the exact date for its state convention. The three days of the convention passed without any serious incident, except for a few changes in the platform and constitution. The convention has been well attended, and the delegates have been active in their work.

ACTION OF CONVENTION GOES TO REFERENDUM

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Delegates Start a Fund for National Organization and Nearly Eight Hundred Dollars is Pledged

The first order of business was the report of the Executive Board, which was presented by O. C. Colby, chairman.

EXECUTIVE BOARD'S REPORT

To the Social Democratic Party in Chicago, Illinois: We, the undersigned officers of the Social Democratic Party of America, having met in Executive Board to consider the interests of the party and the cause of Socialism, do hereby report the following:

The Convention takes the most important step for a great National Party Movement ever proposed in the history of Socialism. The Convention has decided to adopt the plan advocated by Eugene V. Debs for consolidation of all Socialists, and to begin preparations for a national convention to be held in September. The Convention has also decided to start a fund for national organization, and to raise nearly eight hundred dollars.

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Convention Report

The Social Democratic Party of America, at its convention held in Chicago, Saturday, January 26, 1901, passed the following resolutions:

1. The convention urges the acceptance of the principles of the Social Democratic party by the labor movement, and the adoption of the platform of the Social Democratic party by the labor movement.

2. The convention expresses its hope that the Social Democratic party will continue to grow in strength and influence, and that it will ultimately become the political party of the working class.

3. The convention recommends that the Social Democratic party should take an active part in the election of public officers, and that it should work for the election of candidates who are pledged to the principles of the Social Democratic party.

4. The convention urges the establishment of a national labor union, and the absorption of all existing labor unions.

5. The convention resolves that the Social Democratic party should take a prominent part in the struggle for the eight-hour day, and that it should work for the establishment of a national eight-hour law.

6. The convention recommends that the Social Democratic party should take a leading part in the struggle for the right to vote for women, and that it should work for the establishment of a national woman's suffrage law.

7. The convention resolves that the Social Democratic party should take an active part in the struggle for the abolition of child labor, and that it should work for the establishment of a national child labor law.

8. The convention urges the establishment of a national system of social insurance, and the abolition of the present system of private charity.

9. The convention resolves that the Social Democratic party should take an active part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of public education, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of free and compulsory public education.

10. The convention recommends that the Social Democratic party should take a prominent part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of old-age pensions, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of old-age pensions.

11. The convention resolves that the Social Democratic party should take an active part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of national defense, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of national defense.

12. The convention urges the establishment of a national system of public utilities, and the abolition of the present system of private monopolies.

13. The convention recommends that the Social Democratic party should take an active part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of public health, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of public health.

14. The convention resolves that the Social Democratic party should take an active part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of social welfare, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of social welfare.

15. The convention recommends that the Social Democratic party should take a prominent part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of social justice, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of social justice.

16. The convention resolves that the Social Democratic party should take a leading part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of social progress, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of social progress.

17. The convention urges the establishment of a national system of social freedom, and the abolition of the present system of private tyranny.

18. The convention recommends that the Social Democratic party should take a prominent part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of social solidarity, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of social solidarity.

19. The convention resolves that the Social Democratic party should take an active part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of social security, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of social security.

20. The convention urges the establishment of a national system of social peace, and the abolition of the present system of private war.

21. The convention recommends that the Social Democratic party should take a leading part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of social harmony, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of social harmony.

22. The convention resolves that the Social Democratic party should take a prominent part in the struggle for the establishment of a national system of social progressiveness, and that it should work for the establishment of a national system of social progressiveness.

23. The convention urges the establishment of a national system of social reform, and the abolition of the present system of private reaction.
JOINT NATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR CONSOLIDATION OF SOCIALISTS

SOLD ADAPTED BY THE PARTY IN CONVENTION AT CHICAGO

Whereas, The Socialists of the United States are at present divided into several socoentcircles which are independent of each other and of the national organization, and are engaged in the work of establishing a national party, which is the first step toward the establishment of an independent socialist government in this country;

Resolved, That a more thorough organization of Socialists is demanded, and that the establishment of the national party is the only general convention called to be met hereinafter provided.

Whereas, The Convention is composed of a majority of members elected by the previous state conventions, and the national executive board of the previous party;

Resolved, That the last general convention was subject to the party and was represented by the chairman of the national executive board without any discussion made to the party and the national executive board;

Resolved, That, in order to organize the party, we shall have to agree to establish a national convention, and elect to it a national executive board of three members, one from each of the four sections of the country, and the national executive board of the previous party;

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