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Secretary to International Socialist Bureau Elected

The Vote by States on Second and Third Ballots

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., June 13, 1905.

To the National Committee, Socialist Party.

Comrades: I herewith report the result of the second ballot of the National Committee for the election of a secretary to the International Socialist Bureau, vote being as follows:

VOTE BY STATES.

Alabama—Andrus for Untermann.
 Arizona—Barnette for Simons.
 Arkansas—Lowry for Hillquit.
 California—Richardson for Simons.
 Colorado—Floaten for Untermann.
 Connecticut—White for Spargo.
 Florida—Healey for Hillquit.
 Idaho—Carter for Spargo.
 Indiana—Reynolds for Hillquit.
 Iowa—Work for Simons.
 Iowa—Jacobs for Untermann.
 Kansas—McAllister for Untermann.
 Louisiana—Putnam for Untermann.
 Maine—Fox for Hillquit.
 Massachusetts—Gibbs for Hillquit.
 Michigan—Lamb for Untermann.
 Minnesota—Holman for Hillquit.
 Minnesota—Peach for Untermann.
 Missouri—Hoehn for Hillquit.
 Missouri—Behrens for Hillquit.
 Montana—McHugh for Untermann.
 New Hampshire—Little for Trautmann.
 New Jersey—Kearns for Untermann.
 New Jersey—Headley for Untermann.
 New York—Hanford for Hillquit.
 North Dakota—Lampman for Hillquit.
 Ohio—Bandlow for Hillquit.
 Oklahoma—Maschke for Hillquit.
 Oregon—Ramp for Untermann.
 Pennsylvania—Ringle for Spargo.
 Pennsylvania—Wanhope for Untermann.
 Rhode Island—Floyd for Untermann.
 South Dakota—Lovett for Untermann.
 Utah—Gilbert for Trautmann.
 Vermont—Sullivan for Hillquit.
 West Virginia—Zimmerman for Hillquit.
 Wisconsin—Berger for Hillquit.
 Wisconsin—Thompson for Hillquit.
 Wyoming—Hastings for Hillquit.

NOT VOTING.

Illinois—Berlyn.
 Kentucky—Towner.
 Nebraska—Ray.
 New York—Hillquit.
 New York—Spargo.
 Ohio—Trautmann.
 Texas—Farmer.
 Washington—Burgess.
 Washington—Smith.
 Votes cast for each candidate were: HILLQUIT—Lowry, Healey, Reynolds, Kelley, Fox, Gibbs, Holman, Hoehn, Behrens, Hanford, Lampman, Bandlow, Maschke, Sullivan, Zimmerman, Berger, Thompson, Hastings—Total, 18.
 Simons—Barnette, Richardson, Work—Total, 3.
 Spargo—White, Carter, Ringle—Total, 3.
 Trautmann—Little, Gilbert—Total, 2.
 Untermann—Andrus, Floaten, Woodside, Jacobs, McAllister, Brewer, Putnam, Lamb, Peach, McHugh, Kearns, Headley, Ramp, Wanhope, Floyd, Lovett—Total, 16.
 Total votes cast, 42; necessary to a choice, 22. No candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast, there is no election.
 Another ballot (the third) is necessary.
 Candidates Simons, Spargo and Trautmann having received less than 10 per cent of the votes cast will be dropped, leaving candidates Hillquit and Untermann to be voted for on the third ballot.
 Vote will close June 27.

HILLQUIT ELECTED.

Report of Third Ballot.

Chicago, Ill., June 28, 1905.

Comrades: I herewith report the result of the third ballot of the National Committee for the election of a Secretary

tary to the International Socialist Bureau, vote being as follows:

VOTE BY STATES.

Alabama—Andrus for Untermann.
 Arizona—Barnette for Untermann.
 Arkansas—Lowry for Hillquit.
 California—Lewis, Lena M., for Untermann.
 California—Edmiston for Hillquit.
 Colorado—Floaten for Untermann.
 Florida—Healey for Hillquit.
 Idaho—Carter for Hillquit.
 Illinois—Berlyn for Hillquit.
 Indiana—Reynolds for Hillquit.
 Iowa—Work for Untermann.
 Iowa—Jacobs for Untermann.
 Kansas—McAllister for Untermann.
 Kansas—Brewer for Untermann.
 Maine—Fox for Hillquit.
 Massachusetts—Gibbs for Hillquit.
 Massachusetts—Wentworth for Hillquit.
 Minnesota—Holman for Hillquit.
 Minnesota—Peach for Untermann.
 Missouri—Hoehn for Hillquit.
 Missouri—Behrens for Hillquit.
 Montana—McHugh for Untermann.
 New Hampshire—Little for Untermann.
 New Jersey—Headley for Untermann.
 New Jersey—Kearns for Untermann.
 New York—Spargo for Hillquit.
 New York—Hanford for Hillquit.
 Ohio—Bandlow for Hillquit.
 Ohio—Trautmann for Untermann.
 Oklahoma—Maschke for Hillquit.
 Pennsylvania—Ringle for Hillquit.
 Pennsylvania—Wanhope for Untermann.
 Rhode Island—Floyd for Untermann.
 South Dakota—Lovett for Untermann.
 Utah—Gilbert for Untermann.
 Vermont—Sullivan for Hillquit.
 Washington—Smith for Untermann.
 Wisconsin—Berger for Hillquit.
 Wisconsin—Thompson for Hillquit.
 Wyoming—Hastings for Hillquit.
 Total, 40.

NOT VOTING.

California—Lewis, Austin.
 Colorado—Woodside.
 Connecticut—White.
 Indiana—Kelley.
 Kentucky—Towner.
 Louisiana—Putnam.
 Michigan—Lamb.
 Nebraska—Ray.
 New York—Hillquit.
 North Dakota—Lampman.
 Oregon—Ramp.
 Texas—Farmer.
 West Virginia—Zimmerman.
 Total, 13.
 Votes cast for each candidate were: Hillquit—Lowry, Edmiston, Healey, Carter, Berlyn, Reynolds, Fox, Gibbs, Wentworth, Holman, Hoehn, Behrens, Spargo, Hanford, Bandlow, Maschke, Ringle, Sullivan, Berger, Thompson, Hastings. Total 21.
 Untermann—Andrus, Barnette, Lewis, Lena M., Floaten, Work, Jacobs, McAllister, Brewer, Peach, McHugh, Little, Headley, Kearns, Trautmann, Wanhope, Floyd, Lovett, Gilbert, Smith—Total, 19.
 Total votes cast, 40; necessary to a choice, 21. Comrade Hillquit having received a majority of the votes cast is declared elected.
 Lamb (Michigan) is recorded as not voting. His ballot was received with note to record one-half vote for each candidate.
 The ballot of Zimmerman (W. Va.) voting for Hillquit was received too late to be counted.
 Fraternaly submitted.

J. MAHLON BARNES,
 National Secretary.

NATIONAL NOTES.

State conventions held this year: Michigan, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, New Jersey and Alabama.
 In the early part of June negotiations were pending between the National Executive Committee and Comrade Michael Puntervold of Christiania, Norway (Scandinavian lecturer

and organizer), for a tour of 60 to 90 days beginning July 1st.

Comrade Puntervold organized Local Narvik in Norway and edited a paper there, this being the first town to elect a socialist representative to the Norwegian Parliament. He acted as secretary at the late party convention of Norway. A pamphlet ("Militarism") written by him and widely circulated in the army induced the Parliament to pass a law forbidding the distribution of literature among the soldiers.

A considerable number of dates had been assured when, on June 17th, the following notice had to be published:

Just received word from Comrade Puntervold that the Socialist party of Norway desires his services at once and for an extended period in Sweden. He begs the comrades of America will excuse him and presents his keen regrets on the necessity of canceling his tour.

An Italian branch of 67 members has been organized in Oakland, Cal.

South Dakota members and organizations are becoming very active. The movement is in better shape than for some time. A good-sized local was organized at Lohre, the result of a debating society. Call for speakers is increasing.

The capitalists of Allentown, Pa., led by his honor (f) the mayor, have been trying to stop Socialist street meetings with the usual result. Comrade Maurer of Reading spoke to the largest audience ever assembled in Allentown. The mayor took a back seat.

Richard Rimbach, a member of Local New York Social Democratic party (Socialist party) was unanimously expelled by the general committee at its regular meeting held on May 27th, for enrolling as a Republican.

The California State headquarters has been removed from Los Angeles to Oakland. Comrade Helfenstein has resigned as state secretary, and H. C. Tuck, 405 Eighth street, Oakland, has been elected secretary pro tem.

S. Jacobson is a defaulter, and until recently was a member of Cook County Local. He has disappeared with about \$200 belonging to the Ninth Ward Branch as reported by the secretary of Local Chicago.

Gaa Paa, now published at 1910 Franklin avenue, Minneapolis, Minn., is the only paper published in the Scandinavian language which espouses the cause of Socialism. Literature in the same language can be secured at the publication office.

At Greensboro, N. C., where we had one member at large, a local has been organized with twenty-three charter members.

The Lithuanian convention held at Newark, N. J., May 20th endorsed the Socialist party and promised support.

Until the settlement of the Chicago teamsters' strike sets of books for locals and other supplies too bulky to mail will be shipped by fast freight immediately upon orders being received.

A charter was granted by the national office to Local Haileysville, Indian Territory. Nine members.

The Ohio state committee is successfully operating the circuit plan for speakers. One hundred and twenty-nine new members are reported for the month of May and charters were granted to Waterford and Middletown.

Three sets of books for locals have recently been ordered by the county organization of Allegheny, Pa. They intend to supply each local with a set.

Glas Svobode, published at 683 Loomis street, Chicago, is published in the Slavonic language. Literature can be secured at the publication office.

Hagerstown, Maryland, has reorganized with sixteen members.

Martin Hendrickson, of Fort Bragg, California, Finnish organizer, reports a successful tour. Within three months he has spoken in the following states: Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Minnesota, Michigan, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois.

Vinita, Indian Territory, has been granted a charter by the national office. Ten members.

Inquiries are being received at the national office regarding Labor Day speakers. A list is being compiled and correspondents will be placed in communication with speakers as applications are received.

Report of the Action Taken by the National Committee on Referendums

MOTIONS 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., June 8th, 1905.
 To the National Committee, Socialist Party.

Comrades:

Herewith is submitted report of the action of your committee on N. C. Referendum No. 12, Motion No. 13.

MOTION NO. 13.

By Spargo (New York)—"The decision shall be made in the following manner: All manuscripts received shall be, in the first place, sent to the two members of the Editorial Selective Committee elected by the National Committee. This committee's duty shall be to exclude all such Mss. as are found to be (1) Out of compliance with the instructions governing the competition. (2) Such as are obviously unfitted for use by the Party. Such Mss. shall be returned to the National Secretary and by him held subject to the disposal of the National Executive Committee. All other manuscripts shall be deemed eligible for the competition and shall be printed in a sufficient number of copies and forwarded to the members of the National Committee, they to determine their choice under the preferential plan, designating their choice one, two, three, etc. The contribution receiving the largest number of votes, provided, however, that no article shall be published or awarded a prize which does not receive a favorable vote of a majority of the members voting. The other prizes shall be awarded in the same manner. In case no contribution shall receive a majority of the votes cast the eight receiving the highest number of votes shall be again submitted to the vote of the Committee. Seven prizes to be offered for each contest."

VOTING YES.

Alabama—Andrus.
 Arizona—Barnette.
 Arkansas—Lowry.
 California—Richardson.
 Colorado—Floaten.
 Colorado—Woodside.
 Connecticut—White.
 Florida—Healey.
 Idaho—Carter.
 Indiana—Reynolds.
 Indiana—Kelley.
 Kansas—McAllister.
 Kansas—Brewer.
 Louisiana—Putnam.
 Maine—Fox.
 Massachusetts—Gibbs.
 Minnesota—Peach.
 Minnesota—Holman.
 Missouri—Hoehn.
 Missouri—Behrens.
 Montana—McHugh.
 New Hampshire—Little.
 New Jersey—Kearns.
 New Jersey—Headley.
 New York—Spargo.
 New York—Hanford.
 Ohio—Bandlow.
 Ohio—Trautmann.
 Oklahoma—Maschke.
 Pennsylvania—Ringle.
 Washington—Burgess.
 Washington—Smith.
 West Virginia—Zimmerman.
 Wyoming—Hastings. Total—34.

VOTING NO.

Iowa—Work.
 Michigan—Lamb. Total—2.

NOT VOTING.

Illinois—Berlyn.
 Iowa—Jacobs.
 Kentucky—Towner.
 Nebraska—Ray.
 New York—Hillquit.
 North Dakota—Lampman.
 Oregon—Ramp.
 Rhode Island—Floyd.
 South Dakota—Lovett.
 Texas—Farmer.
 Utah—Gilbert.
 Vermont—Arvidson.
 Wisconsin—Berger.
 Wisconsin—Thompson. Total—14.
 Vote closed June 7. Motion adopted.
 Chicago, Ill., June 13, 1905.

Comrades:

Herewith is submitted report of the action of your committee on National Committee Referendum No. 13, Motion No. 14.

MOTION NO. 14.

By the National Secretary: Shall Joseph Gilbert, National Committeeman of Utah, as recommended by Utah

reserve list of National speakers and organizers?

VOTING YES.

Iowa—Work.
 Minnesota—Holman.
 Missouri—Hoehn.
 Missouri—Behrens.
 Montana—McHugh.
 Wisconsin—Thompson. Total—6.

VOTING NO.

Alabama—Andrus.
 Arizona—Barnette.
 Colorado—Woodside.
 Connecticut—White.
 Idaho—Carter.
 Illinois—Berlyn.
 Indiana—Kelley.
 Kansas—McAllister.
 Kentucky—Towner.
 New Hampshire—Little.
 New Jersey—Headley.
 New York—Spargo.
 Ohio—Bandlow.
 Oklahoma—Maschke.
 Pennsylvania—Ringle.
 Texas—Farmer.
 Washington—Burgess.
 West Virginia—Zimmerman.
 Wyoming—Hastings. Total—19.

NOT VOTING.

Arkansas—Lowry.
 California—Richardson.
 Colorado—Floaten.
 Florida—Healey.
 Indiana—Reynolds.
 Iowa—Jacobs.
 Kansas—Brewer.
 Louisiana—Putnam.
 Maine—Fox.
 Massachusetts—Gibbs.
 Michigan—Lamb.
 Minnesota—Peach.
 Nebraska—Ray.
 New Jersey—Kearns.
 New York—Hillquit.
 New York—Hanford.
 North Dakota—Lampman.
 Ohio—Trautmann.
 Oregon—Ramp.
 Pennsylvania—Wanhope.
 Rhode Island—Floyd.
 South Dakota—Lovett.
 Utah—Gilbert.
 Vermont—Arvidson.
 Washington—Smith.
 Wisconsin—Berger. Total—26.
 Question is therefore decided in the negative. Vote closed June 12.

Chicago, Ill., June 16, 1905.

Comrades:

Herewith is submitted report of the action of your committee on National Committee Referendum No. 14, Motion No. 15.

MOTION NO. 15.

By Lamb (Mich.): "I move to lay No. 14 on the table until Comrade Gilbert's side of the case may have opportunity to be heard and until Comrade Burgess shall supply to the National Committee through the National Secretary, the evidences upon which his protest is based. In the absence of this information an intelligent vote is impossible."

VOTING YES.

Arkansas—Lowry.
 California—Richardson.
 Colorado—Woodside.
 Florida—Healey.
 Indiana—Reynolds.
 Iowa—Work.
 Kansas—McAllister.
 Kansas—Brewer.
 Maine—Fox.
 Massachusetts—Gibbs.
 Minnesota—Holman.
 Minnesota—Peach.
 Missouri—Behrens.
 Montana—McHugh.
 New Hampshire—Little.
 Ohio—Trautmann.
 Oregon—Ramp.
 Pennsylvania—Wanhope.
 Rhode Island—Floyd.
 South Dakota—Lovett.
 Washington—Smith.
 Wisconsin—Thompson.
 Wisconsin—Berger. Total—24.
 Wyoming—Hastings.

VOTING NO.

Alabama—Andrus.
 Connecticut—White.
 Idaho—Carter.
 Illinois—Berlyn.
 Kentucky—Towner.
 Missouri—Hoehn.
 New York—Spargo.

Socialist Party Vote in the U.S. Nov., 1904, 409,230 Authoritative Record

The following table has been prepared by Comrade W. J. Ghent from the official returns and is accepted as authoritative by the National Executive Committee. Since the publication of this table in "Wilshire's," "The Worker," and "The Appeal to Reason," last February, Comrade Ghent has received word from the Secretary of State of Alabama that the Socialist party vote in that state in 1904 was 1,853, and not 853, as previously reported. He has also received special information that the Colorado vote of 1900 was 684 instead of 714, as previously reported. Corrections of these figures, as well as of the totals to correspond therewith and of the percentages for Colorado and Alabama, constitute the only changes made from the earlier table. In the meantime he has gathered the official figures for 1902, which are included in the following table.

The figures as now published are final. In every case of doubt or of conflicting figures Comrade Ghent has asked for and received detailed information from both the state officials and the Socialist Party Secretaries of the various states. It should be noted that the method of giving the Presidential vote varies in the different states, some counting the vote for the first elector and some the highest vote cast for any elector. In every case, both for 1900 and 1904, the vote as given by the Secretary of State has been taken. In the vote of 1902 the figures are invariably those for the head of the ticket, except in the case of Minnesota, where legal complications prevented the Socialist candidate for Governor from getting the Socialist designation on the ballot, and in Kentucky, New Jersey and Virginia, where only Congressmen were voted for. The correction of the Alabama vote makes the total for the nation for 1904, 409,230.

State	1900	1902	1904	in 4 yrs.	Percentage increase	Percentage state
Alabama	228	2,312	1,853	99	1.69	1.56
Arkansas	27	.....	1,816	6626	8.91	1.76
California	7,572	9,592	29,533	290	3.81	2.37
Colorado	684	7,177	4,304	529	7.72	0.33
Connecticut	1,029	2,804	4,543	341	3.31	0.15
Delaware	57	.....	146	156	2.73	0.06
Florida	603	.....	2,387	287	4.76	0.15
Georgia	.....	.....	197	.....	0.15	0.06
Idaho	.....	1,567	4,954	.....	6.82	0.15
Illinois	9,687	20,167	69,225	614	6.43	1.76
Indiana	2,374	7,111	12,013	406	3.06	0.88
Iowa	2,742	6,360	14,847	441	4.77	1.84
Kansas	1,605	4,078	15,494	865	5.37	0.88
Kentucky	770	1,683	3,602	368	4.77	0.88
Louisiana	.....	.....	995	.....	1.84	0.06
Maine	878	1,973	2,106	139	2.19	1.00
Maryland	908	499	2,247	136	1.00	0.55
Massachusetts	9,716	33,629	13,604	40	3.05	1.19
Michigan	8,226	4,271	8,941	216	1.72	0.65
Minnesota	3,065	15,143	11,692	281	3.99	0.67
Mississippi	.....	.....	393	.....	0.67	0.06
Missouri	6,128	5,335	13,009	112	2.02	0.80
Montana	708	3,131	5,676	701	8.80	3.29
Nebraska	823	3,157	7,412	800	7.89	1.21
Nevada	.....	.....	925	.....	1.21	0.03
New Hampshire	790	1,057	1,090	38	0.03	0.03
New Jersey	4,609	14,541	9,587	108	2.25	0.06
New York	12,869	23,400	36,883	186	2.02	0.06
North Carolina	.....	.....	124	.....	0.06	0.06
North Dakota	518	1,245	2,017	289	2.87	0.31
Ohio	4,847	14,270	36,260	648	8.48	1.76
Oregon	1,495	3,771	7,651	412	2.87	0.31
Pennsylvania	4,831	21,910	21,863	352	1.76	1.39
Rhode Island	.....	.....	956	.....	1.39	0.03
South Carolina	.....	.....	22	.....	0.03	0.03
South Dakota	169	2,738	3,138	1757	3.09	0.55
Tennessee	410	1,354	1,354	230	0.55	1.19
Texas	1,846	3,615	2,791	51	1.19	5.67
Utah	717	3,069	5,767	704	5.67	1.62
Vermont	371	.....	844	127	1.62	0.17
Virginia	145	115	218	50	0.17	6.90
Washington	2,006	4,739	10,023	400	6.90	0.65
West Virginia	268	.....	1,572	482	0.65	6.37
Wisconsin	7,095	15,970	28,220	297	3.51	2.98
Wyoming	.....	552	1,077	.....	2.98	.....
Totals	96,116	221,021	403,321	319	2.98	.....
Territories	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arizona	.....	510	1,304	.....	6.08	0.37
New Mexico	.....	.....	162	.....	0.37	4.79
Oklahoma	815	1,963	4,443	445	4.79	.....
Grand totals	96,931	223,494	409,230	322	2.99	.....

No. 19, by Comrade Gibbs, to appoint a committee to draft rules, you have presumed that I desired to make a motion to amend.

"2. I voted for Comrade Gibbs' Motion No. 19, and having so voted you had no right to presume that I desired or intended to make a motion to amend.

"3. The document from which you draw your presumption that I desired to make a motion to amend is plainly entitled, "Comments on Motion No. 19, by Lamb of Michigan," and being thus entitled, it should not have been construed into a motion.

"4. Under the practice of the National office the consideration of a motion to amend or any other subsidiary motion, is impossible, inoperative and confusing.

"5. Had I desired to make a motion, I would have done so formally, and in such manner that no presumption would have been necessary.

"6. I did not make, nor desire or intend to make any motion to amend No. 19, and am not responsible for Motion No. 21.

"Therefore I ask you to declare Motion No. 21 out of order, and that further proceedings under the same be discontinued. Yours fraternally,
"C. J. LAMB."

Chicago, Ill., June 20, 1905.

Comrades: Herewith is submitted Referendum No. 21, Motion No. 22, by National Committeeman Headley of New Jersey:

Motion No. 22.

"I move that the finding of the State Executive Board of Wisconsin upon the investigation ordered by the committee be accepted and placed on file."

Comment.

"The reason for the above motion is self-evident. The State Executive Committee of Wisconsin having acted in accordance with the instructions received from this committee, it is our duty now, to either accept or reject its work."

Vote will close on July 11.

Chicago, Ill., June 22, 1905.

Comrades: Herewith is submitted Referendum No. 22, Motion No. 23, by National Committeeman Floaten of Colorado:

Motion No. 23.

"Whenever any motion is submitted to the National Committee, which affects the standing of an organization or member in the Socialist Party, thirty days' notice shall be given such organization or member, and, if requested, an extra thirty days shall be granted to either side, before the ballots are sent out to members of the committee. All evidence must be sent through the National office."

Vote will close July 13.

Chicago, Ill., June 24, 1905.

Comrades: Herewith is submitted Referendum No. 23, Motion No. 24, by National Committeeman Sullivan of Vermont:

Motion No. 24.

"I move that the National Executive Committee be empowered, at its next meeting, to draw up rules to govern the actions of the National Committee in voting. Such rules to be submitted to the National Committee for approval, and if approved, shall be printed and a copy furnished to each member."

Comment.

"While I heartily favor the idea contained in Comrade Gibbs' motion, No. 19, and believe that some such action should be taken to aid the National Committee in their deliberations and to prevent too ill-advised and unjust decisions, yet I cannot vote for it in its present form and think that the suggestions offered by the National Secretary would be the most effective and speedy way of bringing about the desired result."

"TIMOTHY SULLIVAN."

Vote will close July 15.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

National Committee Referendums

(Continued from page 2.)

Committee, do not necessarily know the needs of the National Committee, are not at all governed by its rules. I judge from comments made that the faults of our present method have been by practical experience very strongly impressed upon several members of the National Committee as well as myself. If the rules are to be revised, they are in a far better condition to do so intelligently than is the Executive Committee. There is far more danger in haste than in delay. If we should pass a motion at once instructing the Executive Committee to formulate rules for us they might possibly be acted upon at its next meeting, July 13. In this case there would be no opportunity whatever to learn the wishes of the members of the National Committee before formulating the rules. The revision would have to be done in connection with a great mass of other work and I fail to see how it could receive proper attention. If it was not acted upon at this meeting it must be put over for three months or else put in the hands of a special committee to act ad interim by which procedure we would gain nothing in point of time. I therefore urge a special committee of our own members as provided for in my motion. The National Secretary and myself are fully agreed as to the need and the purpose of revising the rules. The only

question between us is the method of accomplishing the result desired."

Fraternally submitted,

J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

Chicago, Ill., June 19, 1905.
Comrades: Herewith is submitted Referendum No. 19, Motion No. 20, by National Committeeman Spargo of New York:

Motion No. 20.

"Whenever a protest is lodged with the National Secretary against any comrade holding any position under the jurisdiction of the National Committee, or against any comrade nominated for any such position, the National Secretary shall, before submitting the protest to the members of the Committee for their consideration, give the comrade against whom the protest is directed opportunity to submit a statement in his or her behalf should he or she desire to do so.

"In the case of protests against nominees for any position this right shall belong to the nominator, whether such nominator be a party member, National Committeeman or a division of the party duly recognized as having the right to nominate candidates."

Comment.

"My reasons for offering this motion can be briefly stated. The justice of some such provision is, I think, apparent. In the absence of some rule on the matter the National Committee is being kept in a state of perplexity and doubt,

so that upon some matters of vital importance many members decline to vote at all. Thus in the Gilbert matter we have a question decided in a manner seriously prejudicial to a comrade elected to represent his state on this committee, while a majority refrain from voting, most of those declining to vote declaring their unwillingness to do so in the absence of a statement on the side of the comrade protested against. Some comrade may be able to improve upon the motion offered; if so, I shall welcome his amendment. It seems to me, however, that the motion I have offered meets the need.

Gradually, it seems, we shall have formulated a code of rules for the guidance of the National Committee, until then difficulties are bound to arise. I think that it might be a good plan to have in one of our Bulletins a copy of all such rules now existing—that would be of value in several ways, not least of which is the fact that it would probably induce members of the committee to study the same carefully with a view to offering such amendments and additions as would give us a sensible code."

Vote will close on July 10.

Chicago, Ill., June 19, 1905.

Comrades: Herewith is submitted Referendum No. 20, Motion No. 21, by National Committeeman Lamb of Michigan:

Motion No. 21.

"I move to amend Comrade Gibbs'

motion by referring the matter to the Executive Committee."

Comment.

"The comment by Secretary Barnes raised a good point. If No. 19 carries, let us elect on this special committee two members of the Executive Committee to act in conjunction with Secretary Barnes, or let the Executive Committee act at the next meeting and submit proposed rules."

Vote will close on July 10.

Motion No. 21 Recalled.

Chicago, Ill., June 30, 1905.

Comrades: In a letter containing comment, Comrade Lamb of Michigan, said, "Were it possible to do so, I would move to amend Comrade Gibbs' motion by referring the matter to the Executive Committee."

In the absence of rules an amendment is certainly admissible. I submitted Referendum No. 20, Motion No. 21, as I believed in accord with the wishes of Comrade Lamb. Comrade Lamb desires to withdraw said motion. Motion No. 21 is therefore withdrawn. It is rather an irregular proceeding and the responsibility for the same is accepted by the secretary.

Reasons submitted by Comrade Lamb for the withdrawal of Motion No. 21: "I now ask you to declare Motion 21, with which you have given me doubtful credit, out of order for the following reasons:

"1. From my comments on Motion

Perpetual Campaign Coupons

There has been a demand from a number of localities to have some plan adopted for soliciting and receipting for funds contributed to aid the Socialist Party, the lists ordinarily used being open to numerous objections. Many object to signing their names to lists. No receipts are given to contributors, and only in very few instances have all lists been returned.

To meet this want and remedy the defects enumerated, the National office has prepared and the National Executive Committee approved, the Perpetual Campaign Coupons, made up in books consisting of ten 10-cent coupons, and ten 5-cent coupons, each with memorandum stub for use of the collector. The coupons are neatly bound and printed in colors. The books are of a size that can be carried in the vest pocket. When a contribution is received, tear out coupons to the amount given and hand to the contributor. This makes a neat receipt, checks the collector, and the contributor does not need to sign his name.

The books (\$1.50) are sold by the National office to state organizations at 50 cents per book, and the states sell them to locals and branches at \$1 per book. In unorganized states the locals secure them from the National organization at \$1 per book. This gives the local, state and National organization 50 cents each, the National standing the cost of printing and mailing.

Orders for books must be signed by the secretary of the local or branch. Books will be furnished to individuals by the State or National organizations at \$1.40, which will allow for cost of remitting.

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Comrades, present this opportunity earnestly to the more than 400,000 voters of the Socialist party ticket, and the local, state and National organizations will keep the perpetual campaign in full swing from year's end to year's end, encourage our friends, discomfiting our enemies and bringing daily nearer the dawn of the Socialist Republic.

Fraternally your comrade,

J. MAHLON BARNES,

National Secretary.

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