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### National Headquarters, Socialist Party CHICAGO, ILL., March 6, 1906

To the Locals and Members of the Socialist Party—To the Working Class not yet in jail or restrained by injunctions—Greetings:

#### The class war is on in America as in Russia.

By a foul conspiracy of the capitalist class, Comrades Chas. H. Moyer, Wm. D. Haywood and Geo. A. Pettibone, of the Western Federation of Miners, have been kidnaped and secretly transported from home and friends, denied the usual civic rights and are held in separate and solitary confinement. The Governors of Colorado and Idaho have tried them and found them guilty; every big and little detective, including the decrepit McParland, has convicted them; the latter boasted they would never leave Idaho alive. The capitalist press having already tried and condemned them, calls upon all labor organizations to denounce them as criminals.

#### The Answer of the Socialist Party to the Conspiracy.

The following motion was passed by unanimous vote of the National Executive Committee this day, March 6th:

"That the National Secretary be instructed, immediately upon the adoption of this motion, to issue a call to all locals of the Socialist Party to hold public indignation meetings and to take up collections at such meetings to assist the Western Federation of Miners in defending its officials.

"That the Socialist Party locals unite with other labor organizations, wherever possible, in the holding of indignation meetings so that the protest can be made as unanimous and effective as possible."

Protest meetings should be called with all dispatch, allowing only time for proper arrangements to assure their being of a character worthy of the cause. Take a collection at the meeting and appoint committees to gather funds. Act at once.

We must look behind the screen of law and tear the mask of respectability from these capitalist conspirators and reveal them for what they really are: Adepts in small thievery as in grand larceny; skillful in purchasing a confession as in packing a jury; as smooth a set of pirates as ever cut a throat, stole the widow's mite or robbed the schoolhouse, the playground and the cradle to coin, from young blood, shining shekels.

The laws administered by the capitalist class by the consent of the unawakened working class, and they deal out two kinds of law, one for the working class, one for the employing class, the former equipped with seven league boots, the latter with leaden shoes.

#### The reason for this capitalist murder plot is not far to find.

Certain "gentlemen" own the storehouse of nature containing precious metals. The Western Federation of Miners prevent them from owning the workers who alone create the value of all property. Comrades Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone advocate the Socialist Program. The collective ownership of the means of production. The conquest of the public powers by the working class.

While capitalism is permitted to retain power, it will demand its revenge and claim its victims.

This nation must be ruled by the working class or misruled by the capitalist class.

Under any, under all circumstances, each vote for capitalism endorses its every crime.

Fraternally submitted,

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOCIALIST PARTY.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

Make all remittances payable to J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS' DEFENSE FUND FOR MONTH OF MARCH.

Local Cook Co., Ill.	\$41.00
Local Orange City, Ia.	5.50
Local Rochester, Pa.	4.55
Local Hillsdale, Mich.	1.25
Local Calumet, Mich.	5.55
Daniel Kisner, Central City, Ky.	1.25
Local Washington, D. C.	5.00
Local Logan, Ia.	1.00
John Tullett, Greensburg, Kan.	1.00
Local Alta, Ia.	10.00
Local Weatherford, Tex.	1.00
Local Wrenshall, Minn.	3.00
Dr. de Lespinasse, Orange City, Ia.	5.00
H. C. Kuehl, Thornton, Wash.	1.00
Local Crookston, Minn.	3.75
Local Monett, Mo.	2.50
Local York, Ala.	2.25
Local Toronto, Ohio.	5.03
Local Benton Harbor, Mich.	3.10
Local Leadville (Finnish), Branch, Colo.	20.75
Local Olney, Ill.	1.75
Local Wauegan, Ill.	2.40
Local Cape Girardeau, Mo.	1.00
Local Waterloo, Ia.	5.00
Local Elkhart, Ind.	4.60
Russell C. Massey, Grand View Idaho	10.00
Local Redonda, Wash.	1.50
Local So. Sharon, Pa.	3.00
Comrades of Allegheny Co., Pa.	15.88
National Office Force	16.00
German Socialists, Gesang Verein Vorwaerts Glouster, Jacksonville, Ohio.	10.00
R. H. Payne, Norfolk, Va.	7.50
Local Elgin, Okla.	1.75
John Dowd, Chicopee, Kan.	1.00
Cora S. Hodges, So. Pasadena, Cal.	5.00
M. Burghart, Fairfield, Neb.	1.00
A. F. H. de Lespenasse, Orange City, Ia.	1.00
Local Lehre, S. Dak.	1.00
Local No. Powder, Ore.	1.00
Local Staunton, Ill.	12.97
Labor Union No. 1702, Me-Guffy, Ky.	10.00
Local El Campo, Tex.	2.45
Local Detroit, Tex.	1.40
Local Centennial, Wyo.	3.50
Local Manson, Ia.	.40
Local St. Louis, Mo.	9.70

Local Exeter, Cal.	2.75
Local Pensacola, Fla.	2.00
Local Fairview, Idaho.	2.05
Local Rosebud, Pa.	10.00
Local Grand Rapids, Mich.	9.10
Local Cleveland, O., Br. No. 5.	6.35
Local Asheville, N. C.	4.27
Local Augusta, Me.	1.00
Local Paulsboro, Wash.	4.00
H. P. Osborne, Wartrace, Tenn.	1.00
Local Port Angeles, Wash.	10.90
Martin V. Konda, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Local New Orleans, La.	11.00
Local Portsmouth, Ohio.	10.00
Local Thurber, Tex.	25.00
Karl Marx Club, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Local Dill, Okla.	3.25
Local Robertson, Wyo.	2.25
Local Memphis, Tenn.	7.30
Local Jacksonville, Fla.	8.00
Local Carneyville, Wyo.	10.00
Local Orange City, Ia.	.50
Local Stella, Wash.	5.00
Local Lincoln, Neb.	4.00
Local Omaha, Neb.	10.00

#### CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO "BLOODY SUNDAY" PROCLAMATION DURING MARCH.

Joint Meeting American, Finnish and Italian Comrades, Quincy, Mass.	\$18.81
Bohemian Executive Committee, Cleveland, Ohio (additional)	20.85
Local Marshalltown, Ia.	1.70
Local Sharon, Pa.	5.00
H. E. Caywood, Lake Park, Ia.	2.00
Local Billings, Mont.	4.35
Local No. 2, Astoria, Ore.	6.85
Local Huntington, Ind.	5.00
Comrade, Local Modesto, Cal.	1.75
Local Spokane, Wash.	9.66
Local Baltimore, Md.	4.10
Local Redondo, Wash.	3.00
Local Natchez, Wash.	1.50
Local Lake Washington, Wash.	2.00
Local Harper, Wash.	4.00
Circle City, Alaska	35.50
Bohemian Br., Wilmerding, Pa.	12.20
Local Lorain, Ohio.	3.50
Previously acknowledged	1,960.38
Total	141.77
Total	1,960.38
Total	\$2,102.15

#### DATES FILLED BY NATIONAL LECTURERS AND ORGANIZERS DURING MARCH, 1906.

James H. Brower—March 1, Noble, Ill.; 2, Salem; 3-4, Marion; 5, Murphysboro; 6, Cairo; 7, Du Quoin; 8, Centralia; 9, Nashville; 10-11, St. Clair Co.; 12, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; 13, Poplar Bluff; 14, Little Rock, Ark.; 15, Texarkana; 16-22, Grand Saline, Tex.; 23-25, Denison; 26-31, Fort Worth.

E. E. Carr—March 2, Russiaville, Ind.; 3-4, Fort Wayne; 6-7, Wadsworth, Ohio; 8-9, Uhrichsville; 10-11, Ashtabula; 12, S. Sharon, Pa.; 13-15, Warren, Ohio; 16-20, Allegheny County, Pa.; 21, Lock Haven; 22, Williamsport; 23, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 25-31, Newark.

John Collins—March 1-4, St. Clair County, Ill.; 5, Jacksonville; 6, Quincy; 7, Galesburg; 8, Monmouth; 9, Kewanee; 10-11, Rock Island; 13, Keokuk, Ia.; 14, Muscatine; 15, Dubuque; 16-17, Osage; 19-20, Colo.; 21-27, Alta; 28-31, South Omaha, Neb.

A. H. Floaten—Enroute to National Executive Committee meeting: March 22, Lincoln, Neb.; 23, Omaha; 24, Des Moines, Ia.; 25, Waterloo; 27, Kewanee, Ill.

George H. Goebel—March 1-31, Pennsylvania, under the direction of the Pennsylvania State Committee.

Guy E. Miller—March 12-13, Raleigh, N. C.; 14-15, Greensboro; 16-17, Winston-Salem; 18-19, Pfaffton; 20-21, Ashboro; 22-23, Central Falls; 24-31, Winston-Salem.

John W. Slayton—March 1, Prescott, Ariz.; 3-9, Globe; 10-16, Safford; 18-27, Bisbee; 29-31, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

M. W. Wilkins—March 1-31, New England States, under the direction of the respective State committees.

John M. Work—Under the direction of the Territorial Committee: March 12, Alva, Okla.; 14, Carmen; 15, Enid; 16, Perry; 17, Guthrie; 18, Oklahoma City; 19, Elk City; 20, Foss; 22-23, Duncan, Ind. Ter.; 24, Norman.

#### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—CORRESPONDENCE.

National Headquarters Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., March 6, 1906. To the National Executive Committee: Comrades—I herewith report the action upon the motion of Comrade Maily, submitted under date of February 24th:

**Motion.**  
"First: That the National Secretary be instructed, immediately upon the adoption of this motion, to issue a call to all locals of the Socialist Party to hold public indignation meetings, and to take up collections at such meetings to assist the Western Federation of Miners in defending its officials.  
Second: That the Socialist Party locals unite with other labor organizations, wherever possible, in the holding of indignation meetings, so that the protest can be made as unanimous and effective as possible."

**Letter of Comrade Bandlow, Feb. 26.**  
"Record my vote in favor of Comrade Maily's resolution, calling upon locals to hold indignation meetings protesting against the outrage upon members of the Western Federation of Miners."

**Letter of Comrade Floaten, Feb. 26.**  
"I heartily vote YES on Comrade Maily's motion to hold protest meetings and take up collections for the Western Federation of Miners to defend its officials from this last outrage."

**Letter of Comrade Kerr, Feb. 26.**  
"I desire to vote YES on the motion of William Maily in the matter of a public protest against the unlawful arrest of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners."

**Letter of Comrade Maily, March 4.**  
"Record me as voting YES on my own motion regarding action on the Western Federation of Miners' case."

**Letter of Comrade Simons, Feb. 27.**  
"YES on Maily's motion."  
**Letter of Comrade Towner, Feb. 26.**  
"I vote in favor of Maily's motion, in instructing national secretary to issue calls for locals of Socialist Party to hold indignation meetings to protest against the outrageous attempt to pervert the minds of the workers against organized labor movement of the world in order to counteract this movement of capitalism."

**Letter of Comrade Work, Feb. 26.**  
"Record me as voting YES on the two motions made by Comrade Maily regarding indignation meetings and collections for the Western Federation of Miners in defending its officials.  
"The lives of these innocent men must be saved; and, in addition to that, the villainy of the capitalists must be made to react against them and hasten their downfall."

The motion is therefore adopted by unanimous vote, and a call to the locals will issue forthwith.  
Fraternally submitted,  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.

### Minutes of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party Chicago, Ill., March 29, 1906

The National Executive Committee members present, Comrades Robert Bandlow, A. H. Floaten, Chas. G. Towne, Chas. H. Kerr, William Maily, A. M. Simons and John M. Work, were called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 10:15 A. M. Comrade A. H. Floaten elected Chairman. Comrade Chas. Drees elected Secretary.

National Secretary Barnes presented a report of the condition of the organization in organized and unorganized states, submitted a financial report covering transactions from Jan. 1st to March 26th, inclusive, as follows:

#### DUES, ORGANIZED STATES.

Alabama, Jan. \$5.00, Feb. \$5.00, Mar. \$5.00; Arizona, Feb. \$5.00, Mar. \$5.00; Arkansas, Jan. \$15.00, Feb. \$18.00, Mar. \$19.00; California, Jan. \$95.00, Feb. \$75.00, Mar. \$90.00; Colorado, Jan. \$15.00, Feb. \$12.00, Mar. \$13.00; Connecticut, Jan. \$15.00, Feb. \$30.00, Mar. \$25.00; Florida, Jan. \$7.00, Feb. \$10.50, Mar. \$5.00; Idaho, Jan. \$25.00, Feb. \$10.00; Mar. \$10.00; Illinois, Jan. \$118.00, Feb. \$120.50, Mar. \$154.50; Indiana, Feb. \$50.00, Mar. \$25.00; Iowa, Jan. \$35.00, Feb. \$25.00, Mar. \$25.00; Kansas, Jan. \$10.00, Feb. \$25.00, Mar. \$15.00; Kentucky, Jan. \$20.00, Feb. \$10.00; Louisiana, Jan. \$3.00, Feb. \$5.00, Mar. \$4.00; Maine, Jan. \$15.00, Feb. \$15.00, Mar. \$15.00; Massachusetts, Jan. \$103.50, Feb. \$70.00, Mar. \$60.00; Michigan, Jan. \$16.00, Feb. \$41.50, Mar. \$45.00; Minnesota, Jan. \$50.00, Feb. \$100.00; Missouri, Jan. \$40.00, Feb. \$54.50, Mar. \$50.00; Montana, Feb. \$10.00, Mar. \$20.00; Nebraska, Jan. \$10.00, Feb. \$10.00, Mar. \$5.00; New Hampshire, Jan. \$2.80, Mar. \$6.20; New Jersey, Feb. \$50.00, Mar. \$100.00; New York, Jan. \$150.00, Feb. \$100.00, Mar. \$100.00; North Dakota, Mar. \$10.50; Ohio, Jan. \$50.00, Feb. \$100.00, Mar. \$60.00; Oklahoma, Jan. \$15.00; Feb. \$58.25, Mar. \$60.00; Oregon, Jan. \$30.00, Feb. \$30.00, Mar. \$15.00; Pennsylvania, Jan. \$75.00, Feb. \$75.00, Mar. \$75.00; Rhode Island, Feb. \$5.00, Mar. \$5.00; South Dakota, Jan. \$2.05, Feb. \$13.20, Mar. \$10.50; Texas, Jan. \$32.20, Feb. \$24.10, Mar. \$37.50; Utah, Feb. \$10.00, Mar. \$15.00; Vermont, Feb. \$9.00, Mar. \$5.00; Washington, Jan. \$47.05, Feb. \$53.60, Mar. \$49.15; West Virginia, Jan. \$5.00, Feb. \$10.00, Mar. \$5.00; Wisconsin, Jan. \$88.20, Feb. \$45.00, Mar. \$40.00; Wyoming, Jan. \$10.00, Feb. \$10.00, Mar. \$10.00, Total, Jan. \$1,104.80; Feb. \$1,291.15; Mar. \$1,193.90.

#### DUES, UNORGANIZED STATES.

Delaware, Feb. \$10.00; Washington, D. C., Jan. \$5.00, Feb. \$5.00, Mar. \$5.00; Georgia, Jan. \$5.00, Feb. \$3.00; Maryland, Jan. \$11.40, Feb. \$10.80, Mar. \$0.80; Nevada, Jan. \$6.00, Feb. \$11.00, Mar. \$9.20; North Carolina, Jan. \$2.00, Feb. \$5.00, Mar. \$2.70; South Carolina, Feb. \$1.80; Tennessee, Jan. \$16.00, Feb. \$8.50, Mar. \$7.10; Virginia, Jan. \$3.00, Feb. \$2.40, Total, Jan. \$48.40; Feb. \$57.50; Mar. \$24.80.

#### AMOUNT OWING FOR WEEK'S PAMPHLETS.

Kansas, \$3.10; Massachusetts, \$15.91; Michigan, \$6.50; Montana, \$11.80; New York, \$35.00. Total, \$72.31.

#### BILLS OWING BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

H. G. Adair Printing Co. \$214.50  
Chas. H. Kerr & Co. 2.13  
Kerwin Bros. 504.68  
H. P. Peabody, rent 90.00  
Total \$811.31

#### ORGANIZERS.

J. F. Carey 9.80  
Geo. H. Goebel 144.85  
Guy Miller 23.36  
J. W. Slayton 30.73  
M. W. Wilkins 136.10  
Total 344.84

#### COMPARATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.

January, February, March, 1905, Agitation Fund, \$111.61.  
January, February and to March 27, inclusive, 1906,  
Agitation Fund \$123.88, Russian Defense Fund \$244.91, W. F. of M. Defense Fund \$305.67.  
Secretary Barnes submitted the following review on Organization and Agitation:

The following states during this year, have been visited by speakers, or routes are arranged which contemplates assignments for National Organizers:

**Maine**—Wilkins has 28 dates and will return again for a period of 60 dates.  
**New Hampshire**—8 dates and will return for about the same period. Some dates are being contemplated for Comrade Fieldman in this state.

**Vermont**—The same applies as to New Hampshire, both for Wilkins and Fieldman.

**Massachusetts**—Comrade Carr was offered for a number of dates in April.

The final word has not been received on this subject. Comrade Fieldman will spend three days in March and 15 days in April.

**Rhode Island**—Comrade Wilkins spent 10 days; expects to return again during the summer. I am negotiating for 15 dates for Comrade Fieldman the latter part of April.

**Connecticut**—Comrade Wilkins will begin a 30-day tour on April 6th.

**New York**—Comrade Ben Hanford is reserved for this state for the last six weeks of the campaign. A requisition has been made on the National Office for the services of Comrade Miller for a couple of months, and they want other capable speakers. Comrade Carr has 19 dates assigned during April.

**New Jersey**—Comrade Carr has spent about eight days and arrangements are being made for dates for Comrade Fieldman for the month of June.

**Pennsylvania**—Comrade Carr has filled eight dates in March and has four more in April, also is assigned 25 dates beginning May 20th. Comrade Fieldman is assigned to this state for the month of July. Comrade Goebel is filling 75 dates in this state now.

**Maryland and Virginia**—Mother Jones filled about 10 dates in these two states. For Maryland I hope to arrange dates for Comrade Miller covering the month of June.

**West Virginia**—Shall try to get Comrade Miller about 15 dates in the latter part of May.

**Kentucky**—Comrade Miller has filled two dates in this state.

**North and South Carolina**—Mother Jones filled 14 dates in the former and a few in the latter, and Comrade Miller filled 20 dates in the former and has 12 more assigned, and filled several in the latter. Comrade Fitts will spend about 10 days in South Carolina and possibly 30 days in North Carolina during April and May.

**Tennessee**—Comrade Miller has 18 dates assigned and will probably have 15 more, to be followed by Comrade Fitts with 20 to 30 dates. I think it will be well, if need be, for the National Office to assist the State Committee in directing an extended tour through the state for John M. Ray, in the event of a state organization being formed.

**Ohio**—Comrade Carr filled seven dates and will probably fill a few more enroute to Pennsylvania later. Comrade Hanford will speak in this state, as also in Pennsylvania on his general tour. Petriella and Slayton also filled one date each.

**Michigan**—Comrade Petriella has filled five dates, and Comrade Hanford will fill a number of dates.

**Indiana**—Comrade Petriella filled seven dates, Comrade Miller five, and Comrade Carr three. Arrangements are being made for about 35 dates for Comrade Gertrude Breslau Hunt.

**Wisconsin**—Comrade Petriella has filled four dates.

**Illinois**—Comrade Floaten filled one date, Brower 26 dates, Collins, 29, Petriella 19. Ben Hanford will touch Indiana and Illinois both.

**Arkansas**—Comrade Brower filled two dates and Comrade Work has 24 dates assigned.

**Missouri**—Comrade Brower filled two dates and Comrade Work has 15 assigned, and there are 28 applications on file for Comrade Lewis.

**Iowa**—Comrade Collins had 14 dates during March; Comrade Floaten two. Comrade Hanford will stop at from three to eight points.

**South Dakota**—Comrade Bowman is doing good work, as a side line to his regular occupation in the Black Hills. Comrade Collins will spend 28 days during April and May in the same territory.

**Nebraska**—Comrade Collins has four dates in March and 25 dates in April. Comrade Floaten filled two dates; Comrade Hanford will also fill dates in this state.

**Kansas**—There are 52 applications on file for Comrade Lewis, who if he fills the dates already assigned will not reach this state until the middle of June. Comrade Petriella filled three dates. One date is assigned for Comrade Work enroute from Oklahoma.

**Oklahoma and Indian Territory**—Comrade Slayton will fill one date in April; Comrade Work has filled 11 dates in March, and 21 are assigned for May. Comrade Brower will have 28 dates beginning June 3rd.

**Texas**—Jas. H. Brower has filled 16 dates and will remain there during April and May until June 2nd.

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**Colorado**—Comrade Lewis has 36 dates assigned during May and June. Comrade Hanford will probably visit this state.

**Montana**—Comrade Collins will fill 18 dates during May. Comrade Bowman, who was previously reported in the Black Hills will also spend some time in Montana. Comrade Hanford will probably visit this state on his route home.

**Idaho**—Arrangements are trying to be made for a tour of this state for Comrade Titus. Comrade Hanford will visit this state enroute home.

**Utah**—Comrade Hanford will probably stop at several points in this state.

**Arizona**—Comrade Slayton has filled 38 dates during February and March. Comrade Lewis is assigned 24 dates during April.

**Nevada**—Arrangements are being made for 15 to 20 dates for Comrade Cameron H. King, Jr., during the month of June. Comrade Hanford will probably visit the principal locals in this state.

**California**—Comrade Slayton filled nine dates during February. Comrade Hanford, according to prospectus should fill about 30 dates, beginning about the 11th of July.

**Oregon**—Arrangements are being made for a 30 days' tour beginning about the first of May for Comrade King and Comrade Titus; one to come in from the southern end and the other from the eastern end, the state election being held June 4th. Comrade Hanford will probably stop at the principal points enroute home.

**Washington**—Comrade Slayton filled 13 dates during January. Comrade Hanford will probably touch a number of points enroute home; and Comrade King's tour may include this state if it is deemed advisable.

The following states have not been reached by organizers, and no arrangements for them are now under way: Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Dakota, Wyoming.

The total number of dates filled this year by National Organizers are 351.

The total number of dates assigned and not yet filled are 518.

The total number of dates thus far secured is 975.

Twelve National Organizers have been assigned dates thus far as follows: James H. Brower, E. E. Carr, John Collins, Sol. Fieldman, Geo. H. Goebel, Ben Hanford, Arthur Morrow Lewis, Guy E. Miller, Teofilo, Petriella (Italian), John W. Slayton, M. W. Wilkins, John M. Work, and routes are being made up for Comrades J. L. Fitts, Gertrude Breslau Hunt, Cameron H. King, Jr., Herman F. Titus, and dates are being solicited for Alexander Halonen (Finnish), and Fred Martinek (Bohemian).

I have tried several times to have Comrade Untermyer undertake a tour of the Gulf States, and each time he has replied that his health will not permit.

All the above are the plans arranged prior to the adoption of National Committee Motion No. 1, and it becomes the National Executive Committee with this information at hand, and keeping in mind the provisions of National Committee Motion No. 1, to further advise and direct the National Secretary on the matter of agitation and assignment of speakers.

A German speaker, I believe, should shortly be placed afield unless we have the assurance of a visit from Comrade Bebel at an early date. Certain press dispatches report that he will probably visit this country during June.

Report was made on the Literature Bureau showing that arrangements had been made with several publishing companies enabling the National Office to transfer orders for books which were not kept in stock at the National Office, the arrangements being upon terms favorable to the party. Attention was also called to the literature in foreign languages which is regularly advertised.

Secretary Barnes then presented a resume of all other matters that would engage the attention of the Committee.

**Motion by Kerr:** "I move that the report of the National Secretary be received and considered." Carried.

**Motion by Bandlow:** "I move that the miscellaneous matter be now taken up." Carried.

**Motion by Simons:** "I move that a committee of two be appointed to draft a plan of action for the Socialist Party in connection with the arrest of the Western Federation of Miners' officers." Carried.

Comrades Simons and Mally were appointed on this committee.

**Motion by Mally:** "I move that sub-committees of two each be appointed on each subject of the National Secretary's report." Carried.

**Motion by Mally:** "I move that the chair appoint the committees." Carried.

Committees: On National Secretary's report and state organizations, Comrades Towner and Work.

On Finances, Comrades Mally and Kerr.

On Organization and Agitation, Comrades Work and Floaten.

On Literature, Comrades Simons and Mally.

Miscellaneous, Comrades Bandlow and Kerr.

National Secretary Barnes reported that Comrade Berlyn, one of the auditors had informed him on Monday that owing to illness he would not be able to serve in that capacity. Upon the arrival of Comrade Towner on March 27th, he was informed of this fact, and the following letter was sent with him to the office of Local Chicago:

Comrade Berlyn, who is one of the Auditors for the National Executive Committee, that he is ill and cannot serve. He suggested that Comrade Dalgaard or some local comrade should serve in his place. I therefore ask you to select some comrade for this purpose. The comrade should be prepared to enter service at once and accompany Comrade Towner to the National Office.

"Fraternally yours,  
(Signed) "J. MAHLON BARNES,  
"National Secretary."

In response to the above, Comrade James S. Smith acted as auditor with Comrade Towner.

**Report of Auditors.**  
To the Members of the National Executive Committee:

Comrades:—We, the undersigned, beg leave to make the following report of the finances of the National Office for the period beginning February 2, 1905, and ending January 31, 1906, together with supplementary report for the period beginning February 1 to March 27, 1906, inclusive:

INCOME.	
Bal. Feb. 2, 1905	\$ 49.12
February	\$1,413.43
March	1,516.32
April	1,444.39
May	1,394.22
June	1,316.94
July	1,149.04
August	1,440.00
September	1,727.77
October	1,777.13
November	1,337.09
December	1,411.56
	18,504.45
1906.	
January	\$2,576.56
February	2,450.40
March	1,898.61
	4,349.01
	\$22,902.58
EXPENSES.	
February	\$1,432.11
March	1,398.70
April	1,548.59
May	1,370.49
June	1,193.40
July	1,309.39
August	1,415.23
September	1,751.34
October	1,728.61
November	1,345.08
December	1,431.04
	\$18,431.47
1906.	
January	\$2,507.49
February	2,471.34
March	1,531.24
	4,002.58
	\$22,434.05
Bal. on hand March 26, 1906	\$ 468.53

We further make report that we have carefully gone over the books and vouchers of the National Secretary and find all accounts correct and in splendid order, showing the highest degree of efficiency. Fraternal submitted,  
(Signed) CHAS. G. TOWNER,  
JAS. S. SMITH,  
Auditors.

Chicago, Ill., March 29, 1906.

**Motion by Work:** "I move that the report of the Auditing Committee be received and approved." Carried.

**Motion by Mally:** "I move that we do now adjourn until 3 o'clock this afternoon." Carried.

Committee adjourned 12:10 p. m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**  
March 29, 1906.

Meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 3:30 p. m. Comrade Bandlow was elected Chairman. Minutes of morning session were read and approved. The following was submitted:

**Report of Special Committee on Western Federation of Miners' Defense.**

The committee would recommend that the first of May celebration wherever practicable be also made a protest meeting, and that the co-operation of all labor organizations be invited and that parades with transparencies be utilized as a means of publicity.

Recommend that the National Office prepare a uniform poster for use of such meeting, containing portraits of Comrades Moyer and Haywood, and a brief statement of the facts in the case, leaving space for date and place of meeting.

We would urge upon the Socialist press the necessity of taking up this matter actively and publishing not only a full statement of the facts, but also editorially urging action by the members.

Subscription lists should be circulated in addition to collections taken at the meetings, and all funds forwarded to the National Secretary of the Socialist Party.

Copies of all resolutions adopted should be sent to the governors of Idaho and Colorado, and to the President of the United States, and that the National Secretary prepare a list of available speakers for publication in the Socialist press for the use of locals for these protest meetings. Adopted. The committee also submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, The success of the conspiracy against the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners depends upon the acquiescence or silence of the working class of the United States, and is possible only because the powers of government are still in the hands of the capitalist class, therefore be it

Resolved, That we consider the most effective means of defending our comrades and of preventing the repetition of such outrages, lies in the growth of the organized Socialist movement and the threat and possibility which such a movement carries of the capture of the powers of government by the workers.

(Signed) A. M. SIMONS,  
WILLIAM MALLY.

**Report of Committee on Miscellaneous Matters.**

Chicago, March 29, 1906.

Your sub-committee on miscellaneous business has examined the correspondence submitted by the National Secretary and finds only three communications which do not properly belong to the other sub-committees.

In the matter of Comrade McCarthy's suggestion for a form of a quarterly statement for locals to send to members, we recommend that such a form be furnished to locals at cost and that the National Secretary be instructed to have a supply printed with such revision as he may consider necessary.

We endorse the suggestion of Mrs. Jennie Hirsch that a party emblem be supplied in a form acceptable to women, and we recommend that the Secretary be authorized to arrange for the manufacture of such emblems.

Relative to the communication from the Finnish Socialists of New York City and the City Central Committee of San Francisco, we recognize the importance of the revolutionary work going on in Finland and Russia; nevertheless, we do not believe that the National Executive Committee ought at the present time to organize any further movement for the raising of money to be expended in Russia. We believe that in view of the pressing local problems in various parts of the United States it will be better to leave the matter of further help for the Russian and Finnish revolutionists to the discretion of the comrades of the various States.

(Signed) ROBERT BANDLOW,  
CHAS. H. KERR.

Adopted.  
**Report of Committee on Organized and Unorganized States.**

We recommend that the National Secretary be instructed to take special pains to see that tickets are placed in the field in all the unorganized States and Territories.

We recommend that the German Branch of Baltimore be not permitted to withdraw from the City Central Committee and form a separate organization. Of necessity, the Socialists of Baltimore will have to learn to cooperate. It appears, however, that one cause of difference is the payment of 5 cents per week dues from branches to the City Central Committee, and we would recommend that the dues from branches to the City Central Committee be placed at 15 cents per month, leaving the surplus for branch purposes.

We recommend that the National Office pledge not to exceed \$50 to the Colorado State Committee, to be used in a legal contest for free speech in Denver, provided the Comrade selected to make the contest shall be approved by the National Office. The dates already secured for Comrade Lewis will not admit of his stopping the length of time that would be required.

(Signed) CHAS. G. TOWNER,  
JOHN M. WORK,  
Committee.

Adopted.  
A letter from Omaha reciting an attempt on the part of persons not affiliated with the party organization to control the Socialist primaries.

**Motion by Simons:** "That the National Executive Committee approve the action of the National Secretary in refusing to give encouragement to non-members of the Socialist party of Omaha, and in supporting the regular party organization." Carried.

**Motion by Towner:** "That the protest against Arthur Morrow Lewis by Local Globe, Arizona, be held in abeyance until word is received from Comrade Lewis, when the same shall be submitted to the National Executive Committee." Carried.

**Report of the Committee on Organization and Agitation.**

Recognizing the difficulty of corresponding in the various languages, we recommend that any foreign speaking national lecturers or organizers who so desire shall be permitted to secure their own applications for dates, the dates to be assigned and the tours otherwise handled by the National Office the same as those made for other speakers.

That the National Secretary notify the State Secretary of Montana, the National Executive Committee is anxious to give all assistance possible to Montana and other Rocky Mountain States, and requesting the State Committee to indicate what speakers are preferred.

(Signed) A. H. FLOATEN,  
JOHN M. WORK.

Adopted.  
**Motion by Towner:** "That the National Secretary place himself in communication with Comrade August Bebel, of Germany, with a view of securing his services for a tour of this country, at his convenience." Carried.

**Motion by Work:** "In order that the membership may be informed as to what requirements are necessary to secure the second class mailing rate for the Official Bulletin, I move that the National Secretary be instructed to prepare a form of constitutional amendment embodying the information given him by the postoffice authorities and submit the same at to-morrow's session." Carried.

**Motion by Simons:** "That we now adjourn to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow." Carried.

Adjourned, 6:10 p. m.

**MORNING SESSION.**  
Chicago, Ill., March 30, 1906.

The National Executive Committee was called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 9:30. Comrade Kerr elected Chairman.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

**Motion by Mally:** "That the following telegram be sent to the United Mine Workers of America:

"John Mitchell, President United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis, Ind.

"National Executive Committee, Socialist Party, in session, declares sympathy with efforts by coal miners to better their conditions and recommend support of party membership to carry strike just inaugurated to complete success, so that solidarity of labor be strengthened and extended." Carried.

**Motion by Towner:** "I move that the National Secretary shall secure lists of addresses for the distribution of literature on the Moyer-Haywood persecution, such list to be supplied to Socialist publications upon application for the purpose of mailing sample copies." Carried.

Request by Washington State Committee for the remission of \$30 Wilkins' deficit.

**Motion by Mally:** "I move that in view of the deficit for National Organizer Wilkins' work in Washington in 1903 being assumed voluntarily by the State Committee at that time, while the National Office bore the deficit of other States, and also in view of the present financial condition of the Washington State organization, the remaining indebtedness of \$30 for Comrade Wilkins' work be canceled per request submitted." Carried.

Reference Local Philadelphia recommendation for transfer cards.

**Motion by Bandlow:** "I move that the Secretary notify locals that the regular due cards now in use sufficiently provide for the transfer of members." Carried.

**Motion by Simons:** "I move that Comrade Isaac Cowen be so routed as to spend the time from the middle of June until the middle of July in North and South Dakota, and an explanation of the primary laws shall be made a feature of the tour." Carried.

Letter from E. Francis Atwood, of Aberdeen, S. Dak., relating to operations of the primary law in that State.

**Motion by Floaten:** "Moved that under our party constitution any person who is not a member of the party is not entitled to a vote in any caucus or convention of the party, but where the law is against us on this point we recommend that all regular members first hold their own caucuses and conventions and nominate only regular members of the party, and in case the legal convention then nominate persons not members, then all members should refuse to vote for such nominees. But we urge that the safeguard against the dangers recounted lies in a more thorough organization." Carried.

Letter from C. Alfred Schaar, of Denver, also from H. E. Sawdon, relating to the publication of pamphlets was referred to the Committee on Literature.

Proposition from W. F. Suckles, of St. Louis, Mo., on methods of raising funds.

**Motion by Bandlow:** "I move that the matter be filed." Carried.

**Report of Committee on Literature.**

Your sub-committee on literature has considered the question of distribution of literature by the National Office and desires to emphasize the importance of this department from both an educational and financial standpoint. The necessity of the widest distribution of sound Socialist literature is so well recognized that no further argument on that phase of the subject is needed from us. It is the financial phase which needs greater recognition.

We find that the National Office can by suitable arrangements with the various publishers handle and sell Socialist books and pamphlets at a cost small in proportion to the returns. Through the mail-order methods an average profit of at least 25 per cent. can be made, and with an extensive business it can be readily seen how much additional finances this would accrue to the National party. At present the only regular source of revenue of the National Office is that of dues, and it is necessary that an additional source be secured. This is offered by the literature department, but it will depend upon the party members and locals how profitable and successful the department can be made.

To increase the usefulness of the department we recommend that the National Secretary prepare a descriptive catalogue of all books and pamphlets which can be supplied, with a presentation of the purposes and usefulness of the department as a party institution.

We recommend that wherever possible uniform plates for permanent use be secured of organizers, advertising hand and show bills and such other literature in constant use by the National Office, with a view to reducing the expense.

We recommend the publication for propaganda purposes of leaflets at stated intervals touching upon important current questions, these leaflets to be furnished at cost of printing and carriage for each to States and locals. We suggest, to begin with, the immediate issuing of a leaflet on the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone imprisonment in time for use at protest meetings on May Day. Second, a leaflet on the pending coal strike. Third, a leaflet suitable for the Congressional elections.

To further this work of issuing leaflets, we recommend the appointment by your committee of an advisory committee of two on literature, to act and advise with the National Secretary in the preparation and issuance of these leaflets.

(Signed) A. M. SIMONS,  
WILLIAM MALLY,  
Committee.

**Motion by Towner:** "I move that the report be received and concurred in." Carried.

**Motion by Towner:** "I move that Comrades A. M. Simons of Chicago, Ill., and Albern Lee of New York, shall constitute the advisory committee." Carried.

**Motion by Bandlow:** "I move that Comrade Simons be requested to write the leaflet on the Moyer-Hayward dates and Comrade Mally on the coal strike and Franklin H. Wentworth on Congressional elections." Carried.

**Resolution from Grand Junction, Col.:** "Resolved, That inasmuch as the divided efforts of two Socialist organizations is more expensive and less effective than would be a united proletarian political party, we, the members of Section Mesa, County Socialist Labor Party, and the Grand Junction local branch of the Socialist Party, call upon the National Committees of both of the said parties to take action, such as will be necessary to call a joint national convention of both parties for the purpose of consolidating the said two Socialist organizations into one.

"S. B. HUTCHINSON, S. L. P.,  
"J. C. KUCERA, S. L. P.,  
"J. W. SAWYER, S. P.,  
"THOS. M. TODD, S. P.,  
"Committee on Resolutions.  
"Passed Feb. 18, 1906."

**Motion by Bandlow:** "I move that the communication of Local Grand Junction, Col., relative to unity with the S. L. P., be referred to a special committee consisting of Comrades Floaten, Simons and Work." Carried.

**Motion by Work:** "I move that the National Secretary be instructed to call attention, in the Weekly Bulletin, to the fact that Section 3, Article XI, of the National Constitution, requires that all propositions for referendum be presented without preamble or comment." Carried.

**Motion by Mally:** "I move that we do now adjourn until 2:30 p. m." Carried.

Adjourned, 12:20 p. m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**  
March 30, 1906.

Session called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 3 o'clock.

Towner elected Chairman. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The following was submitted by National Secretary Barnes:

I herewith present a National Committee motion submitted by Comrade Word R. Mills, member of the National Committee for Texas, and call your attention to Rule 3 of the rules of the National Committee, which provides: The National Secretary may declare a motion out of order if the same is in conflict with the constitution of the party or the rules of the National Committee.

According to my judgment, the purpose of this motion under the constitution can only be accomplished by referendum of the party membership, and that in the event of it being adopted as a National Committee motion, the Executive Committee would not be empowered by the constitution to carry the purpose into effect. With these views, I present the aforesaid motion for your consideration and advice thereon.

**Preamble and Motion by Comrade Mills.**  
Dallas, Texas, March 24, 1906.

J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill.,  
Dear Comrade:

I am convinced that the time has arrived in the development of the Socialist movement in this country when the segregation of the political party factors in it is no longer necessary.

Permeating the movement there is an apparent unanimity of expression that any attempt to keep the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party dissevered any longer is an attempt towards obstructing the purpose and effort towards accomplishing the solidarity of the proletariat in its historic mission of industrial emancipation and towards keeping the Socialist movement in a state of virtual disruption.

By the Socialist movement I mean all the combined forces at work indoctrinating the proletariat with the necessity of political and economic solidarity in the class struggle for supremacy, for the elimination of the wages and profit system and for the achievement of the Socialist Industrial Republic.

I believe that all the forces at work that make for the propagation of Socialism, both economic and political, ought to be brought to work in harmonious unity for the overthrow of EVERY FORM of organization that recognizes as "fair" the exploitation of the working class for private profit.

The material determinism that impels the capitalist class to unite for the economic interest of its members and for the maintenance of the wages and profit system just as powerfully impels its exploited victims to unite for the overthrow of the capitalist system that permits of such exploitation, therefore

I MOVE that, in order to secure united and harmonious action among Socialists in the United States, the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in America be instructed to forthwith take such steps as will result in their meeting with the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labor Party for a joint conference for the purpose of devising ways and means to unite the Socialist Party of America and the Socialist Labor Party in one militant Socialist political organization.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

(Signed) WORD H. MILLS,  
National Committeeman,  
Socialist Party for Texas.

**Motion by Floaten:** "That the National Executive Committee concur in the action of the National Secretary declaring the motion out of order." Carried.

**Report of Special Committee on Resolutions from Grand Junction, Col.**

Comrades:—We, the Special Committee on Resolutions from Grand Junction, herewith submit the following report:

# THE SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICIAL BULLETIN

The National Executive Committee, in reply to the resolutions from Grand Junction, Col., would say that this committee recognizes the necessity of the unity of all working class forces in the fight against capitalism, and that it is the expressed policy of the Socialist Party to lend its assistance to strengthen the laborers in their struggle for better conditions, but that so far as any organic union with any other body is concerned, neither the National Executive Committee nor the National Committee has any authority to initiate anything looking toward unity of the Socialist Labor Party and the Socialist Party. The Socialist Party is a thoroughly democratic organization, ruled by its membership, and any such action as that requested must be through a regular referendum, initiated by the locals and carried by a majority vote of the members.

(Signed) A. H. FLOATEN,  
A. M. SIMONS,  
JOHN M. WORK.

Adopted.

By the National Secretary: "In compliance with the motion of Comrade Work, adopted at yesterday's session, for the purpose of securing the second-class mailing rate for the official Monthly Bulletin, I submit the following as a suggestion: Add to Section 3 of Article VII: 'The National Executive Committee shall set aside the sum of 20 cents from the annual dues of each member, received at the National Office, as a subscription price for which each member shall have mailed to his address a copy of said Bulletin.'"

**Motion by Work:** "I move that the statement of the National Secretary be made a part of the minutes." Carried.

National Secretary Barnes submitted a communication from the Cloth Hat and Cap Makers' Union, the same being read.

**Motion by Bandlow:** "I move that the same be received and filed." Carried.

The National Secretary called attention to the report of the sub-committee of the National Executive Committee, Comrades S. M. Reynolds and Henry L. Slobodin, which was laid over for further consideration at the last meeting of the National Executive Committee.

**Motion by Simons:** "I move that it be filed." Carried.

The open letter of Comrade A. Wagenknecht, of Seattle, Wash., being presented, the National Secretary stated that it was addressed to the press as a news item in like manner as many other items of general information not emanating from Socialist sources have been reported in the past.

**Motion by Mally:** "I move that the National Secretary's explanation, that the publication of Joseph M. Patterson's resignation was merely submitted as a matter of news, be made a part of the minutes." Carried.

**Motion by Bandlow:** "I move that National Committee Motion No. 1 be complied with to the extent that existing arrangements do not interfere with such action, and State organization make a request for lecturers and organizers." Carried.

## Report of Committee on Finances.

Your sub-committee on finances beg leave to report as follows:

"The most important financial question which confronts the party at the present time is that of raising funds to be used by the national organization in the Congressional campaign next fall.

"The Congressional elections this year promise to be the most important that the country has had for many years, and the Socialist party will be a factor in these elections in proportion to its ability to take advantage of the opportunities which are gaining in number every day. We, therefore, deem the raising of funds for the Congressional campaign of the utmost importance, and we believe that the entire party should prepare to be financially equipped for the struggle.

"In keeping with this, we recommend that a call be issued by your committee to all party members and sympathizers to give an amount equal to one day's wages in July toward the Congressional campaign fund; one-third of the amount thus raised to be retained by the locals, one-third by the State organizations, and one-third to be remitted to the National Office. Where there are no State organizations, one-half of the amount to be retained by the locals and one-half remitted to the National Office.

"We believe that if this proposition is taken up and vigorously advertised and pushed by all the party members in every branch of the party, a considerable sum will be raised which will enable the party to enter the Congressional campaign in an aggressive and effective manner.

"We would also recommend that the Socialist press be especially requested to constantly advertise this proposition, and to give it the widest publicity, so that every party member and sympathizer can be called into service for this great purpose.

"In this connection we would point out that the perpetual campaign coupons gotten out by the National Office last year have not received the support which their efficiency as a means of raising funds for the party warrants. The perpetual campaign coupons are gotten up in a style which makes it easy to collect funds in large or small amounts for party purposes, and as the proceeds from the sale of these coupons go to the local and State organizations, as well as to the national party, it is to the interest of every branch of the party to handle these coupons and dispose of them. We hope that this matter will receive special attention from the party membership.

"Your sub-committee has considered the inquiry from the local quorum of Washington submitted by National Committeeman Kennedy as to the duties of each employee of the National Office, and as to whether the entire time of each is absolutely essential in conducting the work of the National Office, and in reply thereto we would say:

"There are five employees of the National Office working under the supervision of the National Secretary. These consist of a bookkeeper, a clerk in charge of routing speakers, and one in charge of the literature department. The other two are stenographers. While each of the first three is supposed to have special charge of his department, yet the National Secretary's assistants co-operate so that all share the work alike. In view of the large volume of correspondence and the multitudinous detail involved in conducting the National Office, we do not see how it would be possible to do this work with a smaller force. It is true that while the literature department has up to the present hardly shown the returns which it might have done, yet it promises to develop satisfactorily, and much more work can be done with but slight increase in expense.

"One phase of the National Office work invites special attention, and that is that much detail work is performed which does not appear in the reports, while being an essential part of the functions of the office. For instance, we cite the raising of funds in behalf of the Russian revolutionists. Over \$2,000 was collected and remitted, involving much correspondence and bookkeeping. The same is also true of the efforts made to collect money for the Moyer-Haywood defense fund.

"We believe that the responsibility for the efficiency and conduct of the office force must necessarily devolve upon the National Secretary, whose services to the party are judged by the results which the entire office produces.

"It must also be borne in mind that the efficiency of the National Office can best be estimated by those who are constantly transacting business with it, and any complaints on this score should properly be filed by local or State organizations when it is thought occasion demands it.

"We also believe that the leaflets issued by the National Office upon 'Why Socialists Pay Dues,' 'How to Organize,' 'Socialist Methods,' and others should receive wider circulation by the party members in order to increase the membership and educate the workers upon the necessity of supporting a political organization like the Socialist Party.

(Signed) CHARLES H. KERR,  
"WILLIAM MALLY."

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## NATIONAL COMMITTEE REFERENDUM NO. 2, MOTIONS NOS. 2 AND 3 SUBMITTED.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, SOCIALIST PARTY, CHICAGO, ILL., March 20, 1906.  
To the National Committee Socialist Party.  
Comrades—Herewith is submitted National Committee Referendum No. 2, Motions Nos. 2 and 3:

BY F. L. SCHWARTZ, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF PENN. SYLVANIA.

### MOTION NO. 2.

"I move that the National Secretary be instructed to have the resignation of Joseph M. Patterson as Commissioner of Public Works of Chicago printed in leaflet form, and that the same be sold to state committees and locals at cost."

BY F. A. ZIMMERMAN, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF WEST VIRGINIA.

### MOTION NO. 3.

"I move that the National Secretary be and hereby is empowered to pay a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars each month as follows:

- The articles to be clearly socialist articles.
- They shall exceed 500 words, except in the large dailies or periodicals where transient writers are limited to a less number—then that limitation shall determine the length of the article.
- They must appear in non-socialist papers or periodicals and be signed by the comrade or under a nom de plume.
- The article may be, but need not be entirely original.
- The comrade must send a marked copy of the paper containing the article to the National Secretary, together with a statement from the secretary of the local of which he is a member, certifying that he is in good standing and is entitled to consideration.
- Payments to be made at the rate of \$1.00 for each article, and for the first hundred articles each month meeting these requirements, but no comrade shall be paid for more than six articles in any one month.
- The National Executive Committee shall be the judges and see that these rules are complied with."

COMMENT.  
"Recognizing the press as perhaps the greatest educational force of the age, we should if possible get socialist articles published therein.

"With this in view and to stimulate the comrades to bombard the editors with socialist articles, I present the above motion."

COMMENT BY COMRADE HILLQUIT, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF NEW YORK.  
"We are all agreed. I suppose, that the publication of socialist articles in our popular magazines and daily press is of great value for the propaganda of Socialism, and Comrade Zimmerman's reminder of the fact is timely and useful. But I cannot endorse the system of rewards suggested by the motion. A reward of the kind proposed may perhaps stimulate a lot of school boys to do their work properly, but is entirely out of place in a great and serious movement of adults. I believe the comrades are doing and will continue to do their best to spread the gospel of Socialism through all mediums accessible to them, and that the offer of \$1.00 in cash will not increase their zeal or enthusiasm. On the other hand, it seems to me that we, socialists, who are always so emphatic in denying the theory that every useful social act is based on a cash incentive, would make ourselves somewhat ridiculous by introducing that very incentive in our party work."

Vote will close April 10th.  
Fraternal submitted.  
J. MATLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.

## TABULATION OF REPORTS SENT IN FOR LOCALS AND BRANCHES BY STATE SECRETARIES FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1906

STATE	MEMBERSHIP			STAMPS		LITERATURE		MEETINGS			FINANCES			No. Locals
	Nov. to date	Jan. to date	Total on Roll	B'ght.	Sold.	B'ght.	Sold.	Busi-ness.	Others.	Rec'd.	Paid out.	On hand.	rep't'g.	
Alabama	33	111	184	303	112	69								
Arizona	53	200	165	365	360	360	\$3.00			16	4	\$54.90	\$51.50	\$240.90
Arkansas	12	872	587	1459	769	783	86.75	91.75	15.50	34	23	657.01	466.20	160.81
California	21	157	332	470	297	526	10.15	14.39	1.75	20	7	215.70	120.85	267.29
Colorado		46	27	73	11	11	1.30		1.00	3		1.80	1.80	
Connecticut	7	99	70	166	86	98	9.85		6.85	12	4	45.05	26.05	38.73
Florida														
Idaho														
Illinois														
Indiana														
Iowa	7	137	95	232	231	241	122.25	2.00	116.25	15	9	217.38	196.33	71.87
Kansas	4	162	62	224	123	42	7.40	3.60		12		18.70	44.40	9.10
Kentucky		98	138	236	124	120	6.75		12.00	15	4	152.90	171.79	43.28
Louisiana														
Maine	7	132	102	234	133	128	.85		2.25	22	10	85.52	67.12	93.87
Massachusetts														
Michigan	20	232	244	476	304	300	10.25	1.00	8.00	29	15	143.56	110.54	162.29
Minnesota	71	306	80	389	246	221	11.30	1.05	12.40	26	11	110.27	125.33	114.53
Missouri														
Montana	16	182	169	289	289	242	9.50	1.60	9.10	31	5	62.75	76.80	101.90
Nebraska														
New Hampshire														
New Jersey														
North Dakota	50	221	512	754	520	339				32	14	163.50	177.27	157.76
Ohio	36	609	447	912	566	558	9.25	3.95	3.70	43	18	159.13	168.13	255.22
Oklahoma	323	1000	200	1200	7325	1485	25.00	25.00				187.85	177.00	32.50
Oregon	58	612		600	641	1.25		1.25		52	12	65.05	57.01	49.60
Pennsylvania	71	488		1242	746	868	41.24	34.73	16.85	80	29	410.29	365.43	329.41
Rhode Island														
South Dakota		45	77	122	22	144				5	2		8.85	29.48
Texas	32	181	141	307	131	101	4.50		4.80	26	11	76.05	67.66	35.13
Utah														
Vermont														
Washington	24	342	234	515	320	238	25.15	3.80	8.20	43	27	141.97	116.15	129.78
West Virginia														
Wisconsin														
Wyoming	44	176	45	221	190	117	4.68	.25		13	1	28.50	19.18	87.57

## TABULATION OF REPORTS SENT IN BY LOCALS AND BRANCHES IN UNORGANIZED STATES AND TERRITORIES FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1906.

STATE	MEMBERSHIP			STAMPS		LITERATURE		MEETINGS			FINANCES			No. Locals
	Nov. to date	Jan. to date	Total on Roll	B'ght.	Sold.	B'ght.	Sold.	Busi-ness.	Others.	Rec'd.	Paid out.	On hand.	rep't'g.	
Dist. of Columbia	4	46	15	61	100	80	4.50	2.50	1.00	2	4	55.52	79.73	24.30
Maryland	1	50	41	120	100	50	5.00	4.50	2.00	3	7	34.00	30.50	5.50
Nevada	2	12		12	10	12			1.50			3.30	1.20	8.65
Tennessee	3	34	56	76	95	82				4		15.50	6.50	15.05

## REPORT OF VOTE ON REFERENDUM "C," 1905.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, SOCIALIST PARTY, CHICAGO, ILL., March 10, 1906.

1. Resolved, That a special National Convention be held during the year 1906, and that we cheerfully pledge ourselves to contribute our share to defray the transportation expenses of the delegates.

2. Resolved, That the National Committee be instructed to call upon the various state and territorial organizations to their quota of delegates and otherwise to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

3. Resolved, That instead of a National Committee meeting, a special National Con-

vention be held in 1906, between the first day of May and the 15th day of July, for the purpose of issuing a statement, setting forth the party's position on the recent exposures of highly developed capitalism and warn the working class of the friendly efforts of the "bell wethers" of capitalism to sweep them off their feet, thus better preparing the minds of the working class to grapple with the many fake issues which will be presented to them at the next presidential campaign; also, for the purpose of revising the National Constitution; making such preparations for the general advancement and strengthening of the party in view of the developing political situation throughout the country, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such a convention.

Alabama	Yes.		No.		Alabama	Yes.		No.		Alabama	Yes.		No.	
	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.		Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.		Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
Alabama	24	25	24	25	Alabama	24	25	Alabama	24	25	Alabama	24	25	
Arkansas					Arkansas			Arkansas			Arkansas			
Arizona					Arizona			Arizona			Arizona			
California	196	173	199	167	California	196	173	California	196	173	California	196	173	
Colorado	47	60	46	61	Colorado	47	60	Colorado	47	60	Colorado	47	60	
Connecticut	77	88	76	56	Connecticut	77	88	Connecticut	77	88	Connecticut	77	88	
Florida					Florida			Florida			Florida			
Illinois	542	282	535	286	Illinois	542	282	Illinois	542	282	Illinois	542	282	
Indiana	190	104	193	105	Indiana	190	104	Indiana	190	104	Indiana	190	104	
Iowa	91	90	92	89	Iowa	91	90	Iowa	91	90	Iowa	91	90	
Kansas	22	112	22	113	Kansas	22	112	Kansas	22	113	Kansas	22	112	
Kentucky	12	31	12	31	Kentucky	12	31	Kentucky	12	31	Kentucky	12	31	
Louisiana					Louisiana			Louisiana			Louisiana			
Maine	26	58	27	58	Maine	26	58	Maine	26	58	Maine	26	58	
Massachusetts	93	211	93	211	Massachusetts	93	211	Massachusetts	93	211	Massachusetts	93	211	
Michigan	64	34	65	33	Michigan	64	34	Michigan	64	33	Michigan	64	34	
Minnesota	104	172	104	172	Minnesota	104	172	Minnesota	104	172	Minnesota	104	172	
Missouri	70	335	69	335	Missouri	70	335	Missouri	70	335	Missouri	70	335	
Montana	26	72	26	72	Montana	26	72	Montana	26	72	Montana	26	72	
Nebraska	29	3	28	3	Nebraska	29	3	Nebraska	29	3	Nebraska	29	3	
New Hampshire	15	14	15	14	New Hampshire	15	14	New Hampshire	15	14	New Hampshire	15	14	
New Jersey	83	228	84	227	New Jersey	83	228	New Jersey	83	227	New Jersey	83	228	
New York	422	500	425	485	New York	422	500	New York	425	485	New York	425	478	
North Dakota					North Dakota			North Dakota			North Dakota			
Ohio	123	145	124	144	Ohio	123	145	Ohio	124	144	Ohio	124	144	
Oklahoma					Oklahoma			Oklahoma			Oklahoma			
Oregon	52	49	52	49	Oregon	52	49	Oregon	52	49	Oregon	52	49	
Pennsylvania	137	342	139	300	Pennsylvania	137	342	Pennsylvania	139	300	Pennsylvania	139	296	
Rhode Island	11	25	11	25	Rhode Island	11	25	Rhode Island	11	25	Rhode Island	11	25	
South Dakota	17	30	18	29	South Dakota	17	30	South Dakota	18	29	South Dakota	18	29	
Texas	34	167	31	165	Texas	34	167	Texas	31	165	Texas			

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REPORT OF ACTION ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE REFERENDUM NO. 1

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, SOCIALIST PARTY, CHICAGO, ILL., March 20, 1906.

To the National Committee Socialist Party. Comrades:—Herewith is submitted report of Referendum No. 1, Motion No. 1, by National Committeeman Kennedy, of Washington.

MOTION NO. 1. "Resolved, That in case of a general strike being declared by the United Mine Workers, either in the anthracite or soft coal mining districts, that the National Secretary, under the direction of the N. E. C. direct all of the National Organizers that are then in the field, to proceed as soon as possible to the different states where the strike of coal miners has taken place, and that they be placed under the direction of the different state committees, the number of organizers assigned for each state to be left in the hands of the National Secretary until such time as the strike is settled, any deficit in wages or expenses to be paid by the national office."

- VOTING YES.
- Alabama—LaRue.
  - Arkansas—Lowry.
  - California—Lewis, L. M.
  - Illinois—Stedman.
  - Idaho—Rigg.
  - Indiana—Kelley.
  - Indiana—Reynolds.
  - Iowa—Gifford.
  - Kentucky—Miller.
  - Massachusetts—Carey.
  - Massachusetts—Wentworth.
  - Michigan—Menton.
  - Minnesota—Holman.
  - Montana—McHugh.
  - New Hampshire—Little.
  - New Jersey—Rellly.
  - New Jersey—Ufert.
  - New York—Hillquit.
  - New York—Jackson.
  - Ohio—Bandlow.
  - Ohio—Frevey.
  - Oklahoma—Bentley.
  - Pennsylvania—Schwartz.
  - Pennsylvania—Adams.
  - Rhode Island—Floyd.
  - Texas—Mills.
  - Vermont—Sullivan.
  - Washington—Kennedy.
  - Wyoming—Hastings.
  - Total—29.
- VOTING NO.
- Illinois—Simons.
  - Iowa—Work.
  - Missouri—Hoehn.
  - Missouri—Behrens.
  - Nebraska—Blackford.
  - New York—Lee.
  - Total—6.

NOT VOTING.

- Arizona—Barnette.
- California—Edmiston.
- Colorado—Woodside.
- Connecticut—White.
- Florida—Healey.
- Illinois—Berly.
- Kansas—Brewer.
- Louisiana—Putnam.
- Maine—Fox.
- Minnesota—Peach.
- North Dakota—Lampman.
- Oklahoma—Hazel.
- South Dakota—Cochran.
- Washington—Lund.
- West Virginia—Zimmerman.
- Wisconsin—Berger.
- Wisconsin—Thompson.
- Wisconsin—Heath.
- Total—18.

The motion is therefore adopted.

COMMENT.

Work, Iowa—"I am in sympathy with the spirit of this motion, but cannot vote to send all the organizers to the strike district. There will be urgent need of some of them elsewhere."

Blackford, Nebraska—"I vote no, because the time when men are on strike is the least chance to approach them with Socialism. The time to talk Socialism to them is after they have lost the strike, and lose they must under the capitalistic form of organization of the A. F. of L. Then is the time to show them that staying with the old parties and in the A. F. of L. is working in the interest of the masters and not of the workers."

Lee, New York—"I am heartily in favor of the spirit of this motion. My reason for not voting for it is that it seems too sweeping and imperative. It might prove not advisable that all our national organizers be sent to the coal fields at the same time, leaving other regions entirely without attention. It is quite possible that other events would occur which would require the attention of some of the organizers in other places, without waiting for another motion overruling this one to be passed. I believe we should leave something to the discretion of the National Secretary and the National Executive Committee. While voting in the negative, therefore, I wish it to be understood that I heartily favor the general intent of this motion and desire that, in the event of a coal strike, no effort will be spared to make propaganda in the strike field."

Schwartz, Pennsylvania—"I vote yes on Motion No. 1. I believe that it would be advisable to keep the organizers in the field should the coal strike materialize, supplied with leaflets, for free distribution; without them the speech fails. Get the workers to read."

Mills, Texas—"On Referendum No. 1, 1906. I believe the coal strike field would be the place to center the work of socialist propaganda, because, first, it would clarify the minds of many of the miners on the real purpose of their struggle; second, it would result in teaching them how they are being misled by the Gompers-Belmont-Mitchell aggregation, and would educate them in the necessity of economic organization on industrial lines under the class struggle and to use the political power conjointly therewith. Until the working class learn the necessity of economic (industrial) solidarity as well as the political working class solidarity representing it, nothing tangible can be achieved. And where men are engaged in a struggle for better conditions is the soil to plant the seed of revolutionary truth. I vote yes."

Fraternally submitted,

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION WITHDRAWN

Chicago, Ill., March 3, 1906.

"My National Committee motion on the arrest of Western Federation of Miners officers being superseded by Comrade Mailly's National Executive Committee motion, which is more comprehensive and effective for the purpose, I wish to withdraw my motion.

"Fraternally,

"(Signed) A. M. SIMONS."

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Motion by Floaten: "I move that the report be adopted." Carried.

Motion by Bandlow: "I move that the protest by Comrade George H. Goebel against Comrade E. E. Carr, as National Lecturer and Organizer, take the regular course, and that a copy be forwarded to Comrade Carr, and Comrade Carr's reply be submitted to the National Executive Committee." Carried.

The placing of national lecturers and organizers was informally discussed and the National Secretary advised as to the course to be pursued.

Motion by Simons: "I move that we do now adjourn, subject to call." Carried.

The minutes being read and approved the committee adjourned at 6:10 p. m. All members were present at each session.

CHARLES DREES, Secretary.

NATIONAL NOTES.

Newport News, Va., reorganized. Thirteen members.

Alexander F. Irvine, acting State Secretary of Connecticut, has been elected to that position for the ensuing term. Henry Krieger, of Rockville, Conn., has been elected a member of the National Committee.

Resolutions by Local Cleveland, Ohio.

Whereas, A privately owned press has been the means of a lack of unity in the Socialist Party, on matters of tactics, etc.

Whereas, The competition for circulation between the various Socialist papers has been the cause of a lowering of their standard and their value as a means of educating the working class to a knowledge of Socialism; therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Committee shall take steps toward the establishment of a national party organ as soon as possible; further

Resolved, That the above resolution shall be sent to the various locals to secure their endorsement in order to bring them before the national referendum.

Charters were granted during the week to Local Nye, Nevada, 12 members, and Rockwood, Tennessee, 10 members.

E. L. Rigg, Heyburn, Idaho, has been re-elected a member of the National Committee, and Thomas J. Coonrod, of Emmett, State Secretary. A. W. Judd has been elected State Organizer. A referendum for a special assessment for agitation purposes was adopted by a vote of 132 in the affirmative and 43 in the negative.

By a recent referendum S. M. Holman has been re-elected a member of the National Committee of Minnesota.

The following votes on Referendum C, 1905, were received March 10th, too late to be counted:

Vote No. 1—	Yes.	No.
Arizona	58	21
Florida	5	29
Oklahoma	53	188
Vote No. 2—	Yes.	No.
Arizona	58	21
Florida	9	25
Oklahoma	50	189
Vote No. 3—	Yes.	No.
Arizona	59	21
Florida	11	23
Oklahoma	50	185

The above figures would not change the result of the referendum.

State Secretary of New Jersey Killingbeck reports that charges have been preferred against Robert Webster, of Pawtucket, R. I., for financial irregularities. Last year Webster worked for the New Jersey State Committee as organizer. It is reported that he has since organized locals and branches, collecting dues, etc., for which no accounting has been made.

The State Committee of Pennsylvania reports having received a protest from Schuylkill County against wasting money in the coal fields by sending organizers there during a strike. Their objections are based upon the ground that free speakers and literature at

such times militates against the establishment of a healthy and responsible organization thereafter; that locals formed under such circumstances are composed of members not acquainted with the Socialist philosophy, and such an organization may readily become a prey for practical politicians, as has been the case in several instances in the past. Since the strike of 1902 a new trespass law has been passed which would bar out speakers at many points. The State Committee takes the same view and suggests that the nature of the assistance rendered should be that newspaper writers should be stationed at vantage points to send wiregrams, reports and letters to the Socialist press and labor papers.

Comrade D. Feely, of San Jose, Cal., who died recently, left his estate mainly to the Socialist Party. Two Comrades are acting as executors under the direction of the State Committee. It is expected the party will be the beneficiary to the extent of several thousand dollars.

J. B. Cameron, 508 Carondelet street, New Orleans, La., has been elected State Secretary, vice Patrick O'Hare, resigned.

Resolution Adopted by Local Schenectady, March 18, 1906.

Whereas, in conformity with the expression of the International Socialist Congress at Amsterdam, we deem the unification of Socialist parties against the common enemy in the line of our duty; and

Whereas, The antagonism between the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party was and is detrimental to the propaganda of Socialism in the United States; and

Whereas, Events have so shaped themselves that unity meetings of the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party are being held all over our land, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; be it therefore

Resolved, That Local Schenectady of the Socialist Party call on the State and National Committees of the Socialist Party to take such action as will lead to the unification of the Socialist Party, the Socialist Labor Party and the Independent Socialist organizations.

Resolved, That we request the National Committee of the Socialist Party to submit a referendum to the party membership on the question of unification and the holding of a unity convention, and that we invite all the locals of the Socialist Party to assist us by similar action.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the National Secretary of the Socialist Party to the N. Y. State Secretary of the Socialist Party and to Section Schenectady of the Socialist Labor Party, and that they be spread on the minutes of this meeting.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of resolutions adopted by Local Schenectady, S. P., March 18, 1906.

HERBERT M. MERRILL, Secretary.

The State charter of Texas, originally granted October 16, 1901, has been reported lost, and, upon the request of the State Committee, a new charter has been issued.

S. H. Holt, P. O. Box 386, Ashland, Ore., has been elected a member of the National Committee.

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CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IX

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Sec. 3. The profits of the Literature Bureau shall go into the general funds of the party treasury.

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