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Herman F. Titus, Seattle, Wash.
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Jos. E. Voss, Jackson, Tenn.
James E. Walker, Muskegon, Mich.
J. H. Walker, Danville, Ill.
Louis F. Weiss, Worcester, Mass.
William Wilen, Negaunee, Mich.
John F. Williams, West Plains, Mo.
Winfield S. Wines, LaGrande, Ore.
A. B. Wiser, Mishawaka, Ind.
G. W. Woodbey, San Diego, Cal.
John M. Work, Des Moines, Ia.
D. Kissam Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
William H. Zerbe, Harrisburg, Pa.
Chas. E. Zimmerman, Franklin Square, O.

CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL SECRETARY—ONE TO BE ELECTED.

J. Mahlon Barnes, Chicago, Ill.
A. H. Floaten, Fort Collins, Colo.
W. Covington Hall, New Orleans, La.
Ida Crouch Hazlett, Helena, Mont.
Nicholas Klein, Cincinnati, O.
H. M. Parks, Superior, Wis.

NATIONAL NOTES

J. E. Voss, National Committee member of Tennessee, explains his failure to vote on the Plate Matter Committee by reporting that he did not receive a ballot.

John G. Willert, 3469 West Fifty-fourth street, Cleveland, has been elected State Secretary of Ohio.

Local Allegheny, Pa., has expelled from the party W. H. Gore for violating the rules of the party.

Local Asheville, N. C., expelled J. M. Westall, W. P. Bryant, David Bryant and E. T. Roberts for voting old party tickets at the recent election.

National Committeeman F. A. Zimmerman of West Virginia has resigned, and George W. Gillespie, 1836 Sixth avenue, Huntington, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

C. H. Howard, secretary of Local Claremont, N. H., has been expelled for supporting a so-called independent political party.

By a recent referendum in Kansas, C. A. Crum, 530 Minnesota avenue, Kansas City, was elected National Committeeman to assume office Jan. 1, 1907. A. O. Grigsby, State Secretary, was re-elected.

The Weekly Mimeograph Press Bulletin, edited by Comrades A. M. Simons and Joseph M. Patterson, originally designed to cover the campaign period only, has been discontinued, the last issue appearing on Dec. 4. One hundred and seventy-one publications accepted this service during the campaign, and upon the question of its continuance being submitted to them, less than one-fourth responded in the affirmative, a number expressing their preference or desire for plate matter service, if the same is available.

Local Butler, Pa., has made arrangements to give a prize for the best article on Socialism prepared by students of the high school. Said articles to be published in a local paper.

Attention is again called to National Committee Motion No. 13, adopted Sept. 26, 1906, and request is made for the filing of suggestions for amendments to the National Constitution as provided for therein.

Motion No. 13.

"I move that the National Committeemen, the National Executive Committeemen, the State Committees, the locals in unorganized states and the National Secretary suggest amendments to the National Constitution and file them in the National Office; that the National Executive Committee elect a Committee on Constitution, this committee to draft a constitution for the S. P. of United States, taking into consideration all amendments and suggestions received from members of the National and National Executive Committees, the State Committees, the locals in unorganized states, and the National Secretary, this draft to be presented at the next National Convention, together with all the amendments received for acceptance or rejection."

By a recent referendum Freeman Knowles of Deadwood, S. D., was elected National Committee member, and M. G. Opsahl of Sioux Falls was elected State Secretary.

DATES FILLED BY NATIONAL LECTURERS AND ORGANIZERS DURING DECEMBER.

J. L. Fitts.—Dec. 1-31, West Virginia, under the direction of the State Committee.

George H. Goebel.—Dec. 1, Slovan City, B. C.; 2, Bonnington Falls; 3, Nelson; 4, Ymir; 5, Northport, Wash.; 6, Frontier; 7, Roseland, B. C.; 8, Greenwood; 9, Boundary Falls; 10, Grand Forks; 11, Echo, Wash.; 12, Spokane; 13, Sunnyside; 14, North Yakima; 15, Tacoma; 16-31, Washington, under the direction of the State Committee.

A NUMBER OF FINE ELECTRO-TYPES (PHOTO SIZE) OF COMRADES MOYER AND HAYWOOD HAVE BEEN SECURED WHICH LOCALS CAN HAVE AT COST (75 CENTS EACH, DELIVERY FREE) FOR USE ON ADVERTISING MATTER FOR PROTEST MEETINGS.

Correspondence of the National Executive Committee During December

National Headquarters Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10, 1906.

To the National Executive Committee: Dear Comrades:—On February 17th of the current year, Charles H. Moyer, president, and William D. Haywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, together with George A. Pettibone, were kidnapped from their homes in Denver, to Idaho. The affidavits on which the arrests were made are now admitted by the prosecution to have been false, in that they charged the accused with being in the state of Idaho at the time of the death of former Governor Stuenkel.

The prisoners were denied the advice of counsel, and consequently the opportunity of a writ of habeas corpus, and rushed out of Colorado, during the night, on a secret special train.

Claim for the rights of the prisoners to a writ of habeas corpus was filed with the United States Supreme Court early in the month of May. The hearing was set for October 9th, and held on that date, after which the matter was taken under advisement.

On Monday, December 3, Justice Harlan delivered the opinion, Justice McKenna dissenting, which decision overthrows and annuls every safeguard which heretofore assumed, without due process of law, to hold inviolate the body or person of every citizen.

That these men have not yet paid with their lives the penalty exacted by class hatred can be attributed to the alacrity with which the Socialist party discerned and disclosed, at its very inception, the suspicious stage-settings of a conspiracy.

The Socialists refused to accept the verdict and sentence—"GUILTY—THEY WILL NEVER LEAVE IDAHO ALIVE—GUILTY"—repeated parrot-like in turn by Governor Frank Gooding of Idaho and Pinkerton Detective McPartland, alias Jim McKenna, and demanded a fair and impartial trial for the accused.

The Supreme Court decision reads in part as follows: "Looking first at what was alleged to have occurred in Colorado touching the arrest of the petitioner and his deportation, we do not perceive that anything done there, however hastily or inconsiderately, can be adjudged to be in violation of the constitution or laws of the United States."

The court even presumed that these officers proceeded throughout this affair with no evil purpose and with no other motive than to enforce the law.

The prisoners are therefore remanded for a fair trial into the hands of those whose every act has been unfair.

It can only be claimed that the Socialists started the agitation which grew into a protest of national proportions to which the economic organizations of the workers contributed the greatest measure of success and financial support, while all manner of organizations and citizens of every political persuasion participated. The labor and radical press were united and never before. All of which exerted an influence upon a certain portion of the public press, compelling some to state fairly the facts of the case, and others to come boldly out in denunciation of this kidnapping outrage.

Denied a speedy trial, for which they asked, these men have been separated from their homes and families and incarcerated for a period of nine months. "The law's delay" has been studiously arranged for, and employed by the prosecution. The usual plea of "big case, forgetfulness of the victims on the part of the public," cannot be permitted. A FAIR TRIAL TO ALL PERSONS, NO MATTER HOW ACCUSED, is the only basis of present civilization.

The perusal of the public press, since the decision of the Supreme Court was rendered, discloses the fact that in many papers the decision was simply noted, some but faintly conceal their joy and assurance of conviction for the prisoners, while others hailed the decision as a victory for Governor Gooding and extol his virtues, veracity and fairness. The editorial papers are guiltless of opinions and silent on the subject.

That which is to be done, to be effective, must be definitely planned and with due number of suggestions are offered.

That the presidents of all national and international trade and labor unions or representatives thereof, and representatives of all liberal, radical and other organizations who will unite on this one important issue, namely, "A fair and impartial trial for every man and extol his virtues," to the end that the people may know the law and in that knowledge know the conspiracy already enacted.

The nation might be districted and prominent speakers assigned to such territory as could be thoroughly covered within the limit of time allowed.

The publication and wide distribution of the brief submitted to the United States Supreme Court by the attorneys for the defense, the Supreme Court's decision and the dissenting opinion of Justice Joseph McKenna, should be given a consideration. A suggestion made some time ago, when the trial seemed imminent, by Comrade Debs, that "a popular jury composed of six or twelve men selected by the labor organizations be authorized to sit in court throughout the trial and render reports thereof to their constituents."

Suggestions, however numerous or gathered from whatever source, amount to naught unless shaped and acted upon by

some authoritative body. A plan and system for uniting all possible forces is the necessity of the hour.

Rule II of the National Executive Committee: "Special meetings may be called by the National Secretary whenever he may deem necessary, at the request of any three members of the Executive Committee."

By authority of the above rule, I therefore call a special meeting of the National Executive Committee to meet at National Headquarters, Saturday, 10 a. m., December 15th, 1906.

Purpose of the special meeting: 1. Consideration of action to be taken in connection with Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone case. 2. Methods of organization for 1907. 3. To advise with Comrade Frederic Heath, representing Plate Matter Committee, on questions relating to the work of same.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12, 1906.

To the National Executive Committee: Dear Comrades:—I herewith report the action taken by your committee on the subject submitted under date of November 30th, relating to the recommendations of the Finnish Socialists' National Convention, the establishment of a Finnish translators' office and an arrangement for the sale of national dues direct to the translator on certain terms, provided the same is acceptable to the respective state committees.

No expression was received from Comrades Bandlow, Mally, Towner and Simons. The letters of other members are submitted.

LETTER OF COMRADE FLOATEN, DECEMBER 4TH.

"In reply to the proposition of establishing a translator's office, and selling stamps direct to such, at the regular price of 5 cents, and that the other 5 cents be divided between the regular state organizations and the Finnish National (translator's) office, I will say:

"I favor the proposition as a solution of an important problem, not only for this case, but want to make this applicable to all nationalities when organized nationally, and who carry on their own propaganda."

"We have two good Finnish locals in this state, and one of the secretaries asked the state secretary if he could have his letters translated if he wrote in Finnish. I believe under such an arrangement as we now contemplate, many will organize who now don't. The same will be true of the Italians, if the same arrangements could be carried out in his state."

"I think that the proposition of the Finnish convention to employ a national translator, instead of having the work of translation duplicated in each state, is an excellent one."

"Moreover, I concur heartily in the idea of selling due stamps direct from the national office to the Finnish national translator at 5 cents, allowing him to dispose of them to locals at 10 cents, remitting monthly 2 1/2 cents to the state secretary for the balance in his state."

"Possibly, unless the proposition is thoroughly understood in advance, the state secretaries might imagine that it involved a loss of revenue to them. As a matter of fact, I believe that it would result in an increased revenue to each state organization where there are Finnish locals, for the reason that it would be impossible for the state secretary to carry on the correspondence with the Finnish locals which would be necessary to keep them alive, so that the revenue of 2 1/2 cents from each Finnish member which would be secured to the state organization from this plan would really be an addition to what could otherwise be secured."

"My suggestion would be that a circular letter explaining these facts in considerable detail be sent to each state secretary and an expression of opinion be thus secured without delay, so that the new arrangement may if possible be put into operation the first of the year."

LETTER OF COMRADE WOK, DECEMBER 3RD.

"In reply to your National Executive Committee communication of November 30, the method of amilation proposed by the National Convention of the Finnish Socialists is satisfactory to the various state committees that are interested in the matter, it seems to me that it should be satisfactory to us. At any rate, I am willing that the plan should be given a trial."

The subject regarding dues stamps will therefore be submitted to the several state committees for action.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24, 1906.

To the National Executive Committee Socialist Party.

Dear Comrades:—I herewith report further developments in the program mapped out by your committee while in session. Comrades Towner and Barnes visited Indianapolis, Ind., December 18th, and arranged an informal conference similar to the one held in the city of Chicago. The

same document (see National Executive Committee minutes) excepting only change of city and date, was signed by representatives of every national labor union which maintains headquarters in that city, as follows:

(Signed): B. W. Wilson, secretary-treasurer U. M. W. of A.; T. L. Lewis, vice-president U. M. W. of A.; Jacob Fischer, secretary-treasurer J. B. I. U. of A.; Wm. D. Huber, president U. B. of C. & J.; Frank Duffy, general secretary U. B. of C. & J.; Thos. Neale, general treasurer U. B. of C. & J.; J. W. Bramwood, secretary-treasurer Int. Typo. Union; J. J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer Int. Assn. B. and S. I. W.; Wm. J. Bowen, president Bricklayers and Masons' I. U. of A.; Thos. L. Hughes, secretary-treasurer I. B. of T. of A.; C. G. Wertz, secretary-treasurer Sawsmiths' U. of N. A.

Comrades Towner and Mally visited Cincinnati December 19th and pursued the same methods and met with similar success. Every official who could be reached attended. The following signatures were secured:

(Signed): Joseph F. Valentine, president I. M. U. of N. A.; R. M. Metcalf, financial secretary I. M. U. of N. A.; Joe N. Weber, president A. F. of M.; James Wilson, general president P. M. L. of N. A.; Jere L. Sullivan, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, etc.; Hubert S. Marshall, I. U. of J. H.; Louis Kemper, Int. Sec. I. U. U. B. W. of A.; Joseph Proebstel, Int. Sec. I. U. U. B. W. of A.

The letters of Comrade Mally further explains the present status of the case.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21, 1906.

J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade:—I saw president Gompers yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, at 2:30, and submitted the documents signed at Chicago, Indianapolis and Cincinnati to him, with your letter, and verbal explanation. He made an engagement to see me at 10 o'clock this morning, and I have just got through speaking with him. James O'Connell, president of the machinists, and Secretary Frank Morrison were also present. The matter was gone over between us and the conference concluded with President Gompers stating that the matter would be referred to the Executive Council, a course which it would have to take anyway. I was received very cordially.

President Gompers has been suffering greatly with neuralgia for the past week and was really not in good condition to discuss business matters, as a consequence, he had already arranged to leave today for ten days' rest, upon order of his physician. He said he would leave matters in connection with our subject in such a shape that the action of the Executive Council could be carried out in his absence.

I advise that no further action be taken by our National Executive Committee until the Executive Council has acted.

I leave for New York at 1 today, and you can reach me there after today.

President Gompers asked the original documents be left with him, and I did so.

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) WILLIAM MAILLY.

P. S.: Action of the Executive Council will be reported direct to you. Am in hurry to catch train.

New York, Dec. 21, 1906.

J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade:—I would have written more today from Washington, but that I had to hurry to catch the train. Even now I do not know that I can add much, except to say that President Gompers did not commit himself as to what sort of official action he favored, nor what he would advise, if he advised at all, when laying the matter before the Executive Council. Neither did O'Connell or Morrison express themselves.

I was received cordially and courteously and we discussed the subject without reserve. The importance of the proposition that favorable action would be taken, I explained the attitude of the Executive Committee as clearly as possible, and my meaning was apparently fully understood.

President Gompers handed me today your special delivery. I mentioned the matter of the Moyer, Haywood conferences being represented at the National Conference, but O'Connell called attention to the fact that the unions in those conferences would be represented through their national unions.

I have hopes that the Executive Council will act favorably. Herewith is my report of additional expenses.

I would suggest that you submit these two letters to the Executive Committee for their information.

Hoping this is satisfactory, I am,
Fraternally yours,
(Signed) WILLIAM MAILLY.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

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National Committee Motions Nos. 17, 18 and 19 Submitted. Report of Action on Motion No. 16.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18, 1906.
To the National Committee.
Comrades:—Herewith is submitted National Committee referendum No. 13, motion No. 17:
BY E. L. RODGERS, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF OHIO.
MOTION NO. 17.

"I move that the National Office place at least one organizer in the field (with privilege of increasing the number, as found advisable), on or before March 1st, 1907, whose duties shall be as follows:
"He or they shall be assigned to certain compact sections, where there are already some Socialists, and remain there until a local shall have been organized in each city or town and placed in good working order.
"He shall instruct the locals how to conduct the regular business of a local. How to arrange and advertise agitation meetings, how to work their local newspapers for publicity of their work, etc., etc."

COMMENT.

"The organizers or circuit speakers in the employ of the National Office do very little real organizing. They speak in one place one day and in another place the next day, and when they occasionally organize a local they are compelled to all once move on and leave the new comrades to get along the best way they can. The present method creates Socialist sentiment, but adds very little to the strength of the party movement.

"It may be said this proposed method would be costly. Perhaps it would be, but the results would be permanent and sooner or later the money would all come back in the way of dues. The different state movements no doubt would be willing to bear part of the expense of such organizers while they were working in their respective states.

"Let our motto from this on be, **POLITICAL EFFICIENCY.**"

COMMENT BY COMRADE O'NEAL, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF INDIANA.

"In commenting on Comrade Rodgers' motion to the National Committee, I wish to say that while I favor it and believe it to be the work that should be undertaken next year on a scale as large as our resources will permit, yet I believe it should be referred to the National Executive Committee. There seems to be a tendency on the part of the National Committee to assume work that is left to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will no doubt meet early next year and can then outline plans for the year.
"No extended plan can be adopted by referendum, and hence Comrade Rodgers' motion should not be mandatory, but referred to the Executive Committee for its consideration. The contents of the motion, I am unwilling to commit myself to its adoption by the National Committee, thus binding the hands of the Executive Committee when it meets.
"In accordance with the rules of the National Committee, I therefore move the following amendment:
"That Comrade Rodgers' motion be referred to the Incoming National Executive Committee for action, together with all similar suggestions."

COMMENT BY COMRADE LOWRY, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF ARKANSAS.

"I wish to endorse the motion made by Comrade Rodgers of Ohio, relative to placing organizers in the field.
"It has been my experience and observation that we have too many good speakers, comrades who make red-hot talks, then move on to the next appointment, and leave the field in accordance with Comrade Rodgers' motion as to route three or four lecturers as has been done, but the money will be well spent and in the long run it will return in increased dues and an increased demand for propagandists. By all means let this motion be adopted, and then let it be put into effect promptly and energetically, in a manner to comply with the spirit as well as the letter of the motion."

COMMENT BY COMRADE HAGEL, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF OKLAHOMA.

"Referring to National Committee motion by Comrade E. L. Rodgers of Ohio, wish to say that I favor laying this matter over for some time, until after a full discussion pro and con on the merits and demerits of different plans.
"In other words, I would like the different members of the National Committee to write up their experiences in the last campaign, what action they would be in favor of taking, and what plans they have to suggest, and have all the above comments published in the National Monthly Bulletin, and not in the Weekly Bulletin.
"The members from New Jersey and Colorado are leading off in this discussion; let the rest follow. Let us have no motions until after we have surveyed the field.
Vote will close—January 8th, 1907, and votes received after that date will not be counted."
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18, 1906.
To the National Committee, Socialist Party.
Dear Comrades:—Herewith is submitted referendum No. 13, motion No. 18.

This motion appears in the form of an amendment to Motion No. 17.
BY JAMES O'NEAL, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF INDIANA.
MOTION NO. 18.

"That Comrade Rodgers' motion (No. 17) be referred to the Incoming National Executive Committee for action, together with all similar suggestions."

COMMENT.

"In commenting on Comrade Rodgers' motion to the National Committee, I wish to say that while I favor it and believe it to be the work that should be undertaken next year on a scale as large as our resources will permit, yet I believe it should be referred to the National Executive Committee. There seems to be a tendency on the part of the National Committee to assume work that is left to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will no doubt meet early next year and can then outline plans for the year.
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"In accordance with the rules of the National Committee, I therefore move the following amendment:
"That Comrade Rodgers' motion be referred to the Incoming National Executive Committee for action, together with all similar suggestions."

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26, 1906.
To the National Committee, Socialist Party.
Dear Comrades:—Herewith is submitted referendum No. 14, motion No. 19:
BY FRED L. SCHWARTZ, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF PENNSYLVANIA.
MOTION NO. 19.

"I move that January 22, 1907, be made the day by the National Committee on which the Socialist party locals of the United States be requested to commemorate the massacre of our Russian comrades, and that the same day be used to make a united protest against the kidnaping of our Comrades, Moyer, Sawyer and Pettibone.
Members will use the enclosed card in voting. Vote will close January 10, 1907, and votes received after that date will not be counted.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19, 1906.
To the National Committee, Socialist Party.
Dear Comrades:—Herewith is submitted report of referendum No. 12, motion No. 16:
BY JAMES O'NEAL, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF INDIANA.
MOTION NO. 16.

"I move that the rules of the National Committee be amended by insertion of the following clause:
"A motion or referendum that has gone to a vote of the National Committee shall be declared lost if the total number voting on said motion or referendum does not constitute a majority of the national committee members entitled to vote. Provided, this rule shall not apply to a third ballot in referendums, as provided in Rule 10."

VOTING YES.

California—Holloway, Edmiston, Lewis, L. M.
Colorado—Woodside.
Florida—Pettigrew.
Illinois—Stedman, Berlyn, Simons.
Idaho—Rigg.
Indiana—O'Neal, Hart.
Iowa—Work, Gifford.
Kansas—Brewer.
Kentucky—Miller.
Massachusetts—Wentworth, Carey.
Michigan—Menton.
Minnesota—Holman, Peach.
Missouri—Hoehn.
Montana—McHugh.
New Hampshire—Little.
New Jersey—Ufer, Rilly.
New York—Lee, Hillquit.
North Dakota—Lampman.
Ohio—Prevery, Rodgers, Bandlow.
Oklahoma—Hagel, Bentley.
Oregon—Holt.
Pennsylvania—Adams.
Rhode Island—Carpenter.
Tennessee—Voss.
Texas—Mills.
Vermont—Sullivan.
Washington—Wagenknecht.
Wisconsin—Burger, Thompson.
Wyoming—Hastings.
Total—48.

VOTING NO.

Arkansas—Lowry.
Pennsylvania—Swartz.
South Dakota—Cochran.
Total—3.

NOT VOTING.

Alabama—LaRue.
Arizona—Barnette.
Connecticut—Kriegler.
Louisiana—Smith.
Maine—Fox.
Missouri—Behrens.
Nebraska—Blackford.
New York—Jackson.
Washington—Herman.
Wisconsin—Heath.
West Virginia—Zimmerman.
Total—11.
Motion is therefore adopted.

COMMENT.

(PENNSYLVANIA) SCHWARTZ:—"On motion No. 16, I vote 'no', because a good proposition may be brought up and be lost because of the neglect to vote by a sufficient number of national committee members. Therefore I deem it unwise because of this dilatory action that a good proposition should be lost.
"If the members of the National Committee have not sufficient interest in the movement to vote on measures placed before them, they ought to resign as national committee members.
"The rank and file should also be careful and select men who will pay the attention that is required of a national committee member."
(SOUTH DAKOTA) COCHRANE:—"I vote 'no' on motion 16, because I think the adoption of such a rule would work harm and could do no possible good. No member ought to vote on any question until he has given it mature consideration. I have refrained from voting on a large number of questions this fall simply because I was not familiar enough with the matter under consideration to vote intelligently, yet I would not like to have my vote counted in the negative, as it might be under the rule proposed. It is possible that the four-member committee who voted on the plate matter motion constituted the entire number who had given the question enough attention to enable them to vote intelligently."
Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

"1. The Socialist party of Utah, neither state or county, has ever fused, combined or compromised with any other political party or organization; has never refrained from making nominations in order to favor the candidates of any other organization, and no candidate, to the best of my knowledge, has accepted any nomination or endorsement from any other political party."
We did not nominate a candidate for county attorney because we had no one to nominate. The only lawyer we had was W. S. Dalton, and he was our nominee for Judge of Supreme Court. He later resigned and worked the last part of the campaign for the American party (the anti-Mormon).
"2. I and others knew that some one would be elected to the office of county attorney. A. J. Weber has been for years a consistent friend and helper of labor. He was the only lawyer who would help the railroad men in the '94 strike, and did much for them at that time. He was the man who did everything in his power to aid the coal miners in their trouble in Utah a few years ago. He has a straight, clean record, and has spent as much time, money and brains for the workingman as many of our active members—maybe even as much as Comrade O'Neal.
"Knowing these facts, I advised all our people who were going to vote for a county attorney to vote for A. J. Weber, and I have no apology to offer.
"4. If there is any blame or censure, you can charge it up to me. I am tough and it won't hurt me to carry the stigma of ostracism pronounced by professional heresy hunters.
"Here in Utah we have the hardest fight of any state in the Union, and it does seem that we should not be jumped on every time we begin to get out of the woods. We recognize the need of a national organization (although it has never done us any good) and are perfectly willing to abide by the constitution of the party.
"Many of our best workers have been disgusted by former interference of outside parties and a rumpus now will require the work of the last two years to be all gone over again.
"We have here in Salt Lake a clique of just the kind of people Comrade O'Neal likes. They would have the Salt Lake city local confined to fifteen members, and they do nothing but quarrel as to which is the most scientific, class-conscious, etc., etc., Socialist.
"Let's quit fighting windmills and do something. That's all.
"Fraternally yours,
(Signed) H. P. BURT."

Report of Nominations for Members of the National Executive Committee and National Secretary

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22, 1906.
Comrades:—Your attention is directed to a resolution submitted by National Committeeman Franklin H. Wentworth of Massachusetts, as follows:
"Resolved, That an advisory ballot of the National Committee be taken as to the expediency of the repeal of the amendments adopted December 22, 1905, in Article VI, Section 1, and Article VII, Section 1, of the National Constitution."
The amendments referred to, adopted December 22, 1905, provide for the election of the National Secretary and the National Executive Committee by direct vote of the party. The national committee members being similarly elected in their respective states, we have thus three distinct bodies deriving authority directly from the membership and only nominally responsible to one another. With our administrative organization so constituted, I can conceive of a crisis involving differences over immediate tactical action which would precipitate hopeless confusion and deadlock at a time when such a condition would be fatal to the party's usefulness.
"I cannot but believe that these amendments, which emasculate the National Committee and inflict upon us so cumbersome and unwieldy an organization, received their large endorsement solely through the position of members who favor all applications of the referendum as a principle, without reflection that it may be so imposed as to cripple the executive efficiency of the party. I believe that the Executive Committee and the National Secretary should be elected by, responsible to and removable by the National Committee, thus obviating any division of responsibility.
"It is not at all undemocratic to place full responsibility upon the National Committee, so long as any member of that body is subject to recall by the party membership.
"Realizing that these amendments were adopted by a substantial majority, and wishing to avoid the expense which would be entailed should Massachusetts move unsuccessfully for their repeal, I adopt this method to ascertain if the National Committee members are alive to the dubious character of our executive organization, and if they are willing to do the educative work among the members necessary to its successful improvement.
(Signed) FRANKLIN H. WENTWORTH."

Section 1 of Article V of the Constitution, which deals with the "Duties and Powers of the National Committee," gives the National Committee the power to deal with the organic law or act as advisors of legislation pertaining thereto. Article XI of the Constitution specifically defines the methods of procedure relating to amendments to the Constitution.
The advisory ballot on constitutional matters by the National Committee is a proposition not provided for by law and without a precedent.
The National Executive Committee in session went so far as to deny space in the minutes to suggestions dealing with constitutional amendments, taking the ground that it would be an invasion of the prerogatives of the membership as set forth in the Constitution.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
APRIL 20-22, 1905.
"National Secretary Barnes presented communications from Comrades Bandlow and Maschke (members of the National Committee of Ohio and Oklahoma respectively), advising a number of constitutional amendments."
"MOTION BY MAILLY:—That the suggested amendments be made a part of the minutes of the Executive Committee for the information of the National Committee."
"Bandlow demanded a roll call. Yes—Bandlow, Mally, Slobodin. No—Burger, Berlyn, Reynolds, Work. Motion defeated.
"Reynolds requested that he be recorded as voting against the motion, as the action would conflict with Article II and its sections."
For the above reasons the resolution of Comrade Wentworth is ruled out of order as a National Committee motion.
Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

The nominations closed Dec. 5th. The names of the nominees are arranged alphabetically, and the locals nominating each are indicated.
Section 1 of Article VI, and Section 1 of Article VII of the Constitution, provide that "Each local shall be entitled to nominate." In accord with this provision, I returned to the Secretary of Cook County, Ill., a number of nominations received from Ward Branches in the City of Chicago. On this subject, Comrade Smith, State Secretary of Illinois, submitted the following under date of November 30:
"I am herewith returning the nominations made by the Branches of Cook County; as we place our Cook County Branches on equal footing with ordinary locals in the state, I have made no preparations to act otherwise.
"I would suggest that you accept these, even though it will be under protest, because in this county we cannot take a referendum in less than two months' time. It would result in the sending out of a notice for nominations, and when such nominations are in they have to be resubmitted again for the choosing of the seven names out of the total originally nominated."
Upon the authoritative statement that "Branches are on equal footing with locals," and so recognized by the State Committee of Illinois, the nominees of the Ward Branches (Chicago) were listed, also the nominees filed by all other Ward Branches. Evidently nomination blanks were provided by the State Committee, the only source of supply in organized states.
Each nominee has been notified, either directly or, in the absence of address, in care of Local Secretaries.
FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM ADAMS, Wilmerding, Pa.: By New Kensington, Pa.; Titusville.
OSCAR AMERINGER, Columbus, Ohio: By Columbus, Ohio.
H. H. ACTON, Concord, N. H.: By Nashua, N. H.
PETER C. ALLERS, South Haven, Mich.: By South Haven, Mich.
CLAUDE ANDREWS, Bellevue, Ky.: By Newport, Ky.
O. F. ANDERSON, Quincy, Mass.: By Menasha, Minn.
JAMES H. ARNOLD, Columbus, Ind.: By Columbus, Ind.
J. J. BAKER, Portland, Ore.: By Portland, Ore.
ROBERT BANDLOW, Cleveland, Ohio: By San Francisco, Cal.; Crested Butte, Colo.; Cripple Creek; Falcon; Lake City; Rockyville, Conn.; Eleventh Ward Branch, Chicago, Ill.; Chandler, Ind.; Terre Haute; Logan, Ind.; Muscatine; Sioux City; Spring Lake; Larned, Kas.; Earlham, Ky.; Springfield, Minn.; St. Paul, Minn.; Claremont, N. H.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Greenport; Middletown; Tonopah, Nev.; Bucyrus, Ohio; Cincinnati; Cuyahoga Falls; Postoria; Lima; Toledo; Jennings, Okla.; Patton, Pa.; Pottsville; Tacoma, Wash.
MARION BANKS, Winterset, Iowa: By Winterset, Ia.
J. MAHLON BARNES, Chicago, Ill.: By 29th Ward Branch, Chicago, Ill.; Elkhardt, Ind.; Eveleth, Minn.; Philadelphia, Pa.
C. W. BARNES, The Dalles, Ore.: By Sodaville, Ore.
J. CLARK BEACK, St. Augustine, Fla.: By St. Augustine, Fla.
MAY BEALS, Maryville, Tenn.: By Maryville, Tenn.
T. T. BEHRENS, Sedalia, Mo.: By Sedalia, Mo.; West Plains; Springfield; Carthage; Flat River; Marcelline; St. Louis; Burlington Junction; Bevier; Jennings, Okla.; Brookings, S. D.; Sioux Falls.
W. E. BELL, Tyler, Texas: By Member at Large, Gracemont, Okla.
L. ALLAN BENSON, Detroit, Mich. (Not a member): By Albany, Ore.
G. F. BENTLEY, Duncan, I. T.: By Larned, Kans.
ALBERT BERG, Indianapolis, Ind.: By Indianapolis, Ind.
VICTOR L. BERGER, Milwaukee, Wis.: By Thatcher, Ariz.; Denver, Colo.; Rockyville, Conn.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Wallace, Idaho; 6th, 23d, 27th, 31st Ward Branches, Chicago, Ill.; Quincy; Salem; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Winchester, Ind.; Alta, Iowa; Emporia, Kans.; Newport, Ky.; East Boston, Mass.; Hyde Park; Waltham; Benton Harbor, Mich.; Detroit; Flint; Eveleth, Minn.; Minneapolis; St. Paul; Burlington Junction; Carthage; St. Joseph; St. Louis; Deane, Mont.; Fairbury, Neb.; Claremont, N. H.; Nashua; Hudson Co., N. J.; New York; Bucyrus, Ohio; Cincinnati; Continental; Xenia; Etowah, Okla.; Jennings, Mo.; Albany, Ariz.; Allegheny, Pa.; Jackson, Tenn.; Knoxville; Ballard, Wash.; 10th Ward Branch, Milwaukee, Wis.; Madison; Sheboygan; Sturgeon Bay.
BARNES BERLYN, Chicago, Ill.: By San Francisco, Cal.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Hartford; 6th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 27th Ward Branches, Chicago, Ill.; Joliet; Stanton; Muscatine; Ia.; Fulton, Kans.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; St. Louis, Mo.; Monroeville, Nev.; Etowah, Okla.; Steelton, Pa.; Brookings, S. D.; Lead; Sioux Falls; Jackson, Tenn.; 10th Ward Branch, Milwaukee, Wis.
C. A. BERRY, Joplin, Mo.: By Joplin, Mo.
GEORGE E. BIGELOW, Chicago, Ill.: By Aurora; Pleasant City, Ohio.
EDWARD E. BOEN, Fergus Falls, Minn.: By Fleming, Minn.
CHAS. BONSAL, Salem, Ohio: By Salem, Ohio.
H. A. BOYCE, Carmen, Okla.: By Sulphur, Okla.
E. RUCHLER, Chicago, Ill.: By 23d Ward Branch, Chicago, Ill.
THOMAS L. BUIE, Denver, Colo.: By Sellersville, Pa.
D. BURGESS, Tacoma, Wash.: By Boston, Mass.; Newton; North Yakima, Wash.
O. H. BLASE, Wichita, Kans.: By Wichita, Kans.; Brandon, Ind.: By Utica, Ind.
CHAS. A. BRANNAN, Goodland, Kans.: By Fayetteville, Ark.
O. F. BRANSTETTER, Norman, Okla.: By Chandler, Okla.
M. A. BRINTLAND, Ada, Minn.: By Fleming, Minn.
CHAS. L. BRECKON, Chicago, Ill.: By Jacksonville, Fla.
GEO. D. BREWER, Girard, Kans.: By Pittsburg, Kans.
FRID. BROCKHAUSEN, Milwaukee, Wis.: By Bridgeport, Conn.
JAS. H. BROWER, Elgin, Ill.: By Fulton, Kans.
J. W. BROWN, Hartford, Conn.: By Bridgeport, Conn.
WILLIAM BROWN, Sheridan, Wyo.: By Laramie, Wyo.
JOHN C. CASE, New York, N. Y.: By Hyde Park, Mass.; Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Trenton, N. J.; Sulphur, Okla.; Allegheny, Pa.; Lead, S. D.
P. H. CALLERY, Carthage, Mo.: By Burlington Junction, Mo.; Aurora; Springfield, Mo.
JAMES F. CAREY, East Sarry, Me.: By Modesto, Cal.; Watertown, Conn.; Rock Island, Ill.; Terre Haute, Ind.; Larned, Ind.; Leominster, Mass.; Cambridge; Waltham; Chelsea; West Derry, N. H.; Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; New York; Rochester; Cuyahoga Falls; Ohio; Portsmouth; Locke, Okla.; Knoxville, Tenn. (member at large).
CALEB CAPSCOMB, Liberal, Mo.: By Aurora, Mo.
E. E. CARR, Chicago, Ill.: By Fairhope, Ala.; Jacksonville, Fla.

W. H. CRAWFORD, Pleasant City, Ohio: By Pleasant City, Ohio.
W. W. CASSADY, Winterset, Iowa: By Winterset, Iowa.
E. V. CLARKE, Cincinnati, Ohio: By Cincinnati, Ohio.
J. E. CHENOWETH, Shelbyville, Md.: By Marcellus, Mich.
JOHN COLLINS, Chicago, Ill.: By Jacksonville, Fla.; 13th and 14th Ward Branches, Chicago, Ill.; Lead, S. D.
ISAAC COWEN, Cleveland, Ohio: By Wadsworth, Ohio.
JOSEPH COHEN, Philadelphia, Pa.: By Pottstown, Pa.; Pottsville.
C. F. COOPER, Chestick, Pa.: By New Kensington, Pa.
T. J. COONROD, Emmett, Idaho: By Laramie, Wyo.
JOSEPH M. COLDWELL, Brockton, Mass.: By Steelton, Pa.
T. J. COONEX, Bridgeport, Conn.: By Bridgeport, Conn.
JOHN CLOAK, Bellingham, Wash.: By Beaver County, Pa.
IRA CROSS, Madison, Wis.: By Superior, Wis.
GEORGE G. CUTTING, Boston, Mass.: By Cambridge.
E. D. DAVIS, Beloit, Ohio: By Salem.
HERBERT C. DAVIS, Gary, Fla.: By St. Augustine.
EDGENE V. DEBS, Terre Haute, Ind.: By Fairhope, Ala.; Pine Bluff, Ark.; Sacramento, Cal.; Palo Alto; Wallace, Idaho; Decatur, Ill.; 14th Ward Branch, Chicago, Ill.; Quincy; Leominster, Mass.; Washington, D. C.; Kansas City, Mo.; St. Joseph; West Plains; Butte, Mont.; Asheville, N. C.; Newark, N. J.; Hudson County, N. Y.; City of New York; Schenectady; Nebraska; Tonopah, Nev.; Bucyrus, Ohio; Portsmouth; Chandler, Okla.; Sulphur; Cottage Grove, Ore.; Wheeling, W. Va.
THEODORE DEBS, Terre Haute, Ind.: By Indianapolis, Ind.; Utica.
J. EDWARD DWYER, Limestone, N. Y.: By Limestone, N. Y.
A. J. DENNIS, Allentown, Pa.: By Pottsville, Pa.
CHAS. DOBBS, Louisville, Ky.: By Columbus, Ind.; Camden, N. J.
JOSEPH H. DUNBAR, North Hartland, Vt.: By Proctorsville, Vt.
D. L. DUNHAM, St. Augustine, Fla.: By St. Augustine, Fla.
ED. DYKOW, Calumet, Mich.: By South Haven, Mich.
PHILIP R. EAST, Reading, Pa.: By Harrisburg, Pa.
WM. M. EVANS, Hazleton, Pa.: By Pottsville, Pa.
JOHN EVANS, Massillon, Ohio: By Salem, Ohio.
L. H. EDMISTON, Riverside, Cal.: By Gracemont, Okla. (member at large).
MAURICE E. ELDRIDGE, Chicago, Ill.: By Chicago, Ill., 14th Ward Branch.
RICHARD ELSNER, Milwaukee, Wis.: By Kewaunee, Wis.
CHAS. ERB, Detroit, Mich.: By Detroit, Mich.
CHAS. ESCHER, Chicago, Ill.: By 14th Ward Branch, Chicago.
GEORGE A. FRYHOFF, Mystic, Conn.: By Pine Bluff, Ark.
CON. F. FOLEY, Pottsville, Pa.: By Pottsville, Pa.
A. H. FLOATEN, Fort Collins, Colo.: By Winslow, Ark.; Bentonville; Crested Butte, Colo.; Cripple Creek; Colorado Springs; Falcon; Lake City; Rockyville, Conn.; Rock Island, Ill.; Terre Haute, Ind.; Waterloo, Ia.; Alta; Logan; Sioux City; Boston, Mass.; Newton; Springfield; Waltham; St. Paul, Minn.; Flat River, Mo.; St. Joseph; Butte, Mont.; Douglas, Neb.; Fairbury; Hastings; Omaha; South Omaha; Ponca; Sparta; Verdell; Niobrara; Hudson County, N. J.; Middletown, N. Y.; Caddo, I. T.; Durant; Patton, Pa.; Tacoma, Wash.; Laramie, Wyo.; Pottsville, Pa.; Beaver Co., Pa.; Lead, S. D.
WILLIAM E. FARMER, Denison, Texas: By Sulphur, Okla.
FRED FINKBAUM, Brooklyn, N. Y.: By 16th Ward Branch, Chicago.
CHAS. E. FENNER, Worcester, Mass.: By Worcester.
T. N. FREEMAN, Fairhope, Ala.: By Fairhope.
ROL. FIELDMAN, New York, N. Y.: By Rochester.
GEO. FITTS, Atlanta, Ga.: By Asheville, N. C.; Kimberley, W. Va.
WINFIELD R. GAYLORD, Milwaukee, Wis.: By Jacksonville, Fla.; 11th and 16th Ward Branches, Chicago, Ill.; Trenton, N. J.; Kewaunee, Wis.; Sturgeon Bay; Superior.
JOSEPH GALLAGHER, Goshen, Ind.: By Elkhart.
JAMES D. GRAHAM, Helena, Mont.: By Dean, Mont.; Como.
WILLIAM GLANZ, Paterson, N. J.: By Redlands, Cal.
W. L. GARVER, Chillicothe, Mo.: By Marysville, Mo.
ROBERT GATHERUN, Gatewood, W. Va.: By Kimberley, W. Va.
EDWARD GEMMELL, Salem, Ohio: By Salem, Ohio.
A. F. GERMER, Mt. Olive, Ill.: By Staunton, Ill.
W. J. GHEENT, New York, N. Y.: By Sacramento, Cal.
DR. HOWARD GIBBS, Worcester, Mass.: By Nashua, N. H.
A. K. GIFFORD, Davenport, Iowa: By Rock Island, Ill.
CHAS. R. GILDEA, Coaldale, Pa.: By Indianapolis, Ind.
GEO. GILGES, Stillwater, Okla.: By Chandler, Okla.
GEO. H. GOEBEL, Newark, N. J.: By Bentonville, Ark.; Fayetteville; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Caddo, Okla.; Durant, I. T.; Butler, Pa.; Ballard, Wash.; North Yakima.
A. O. GIBBS, Leavenworth, Kans.: By Cambridge, Mo.
M. M. GORDON, Winterset, Iowa: By Winterset.
LOUIS GOAZIOU, Charleroi, Pa.: By Fuiton, Kans.
WILLIAM GUBBINS, Chicago, Ill.: By 14th Ward Branch, Chicago.
JOHN HAGEL, Oklahoma City, Okla.: By Caddo, I. T.; Durant.
GEO. G. HALL, Dorchester, Mass.: By Chelsea, Minn.
ALEX. HALONEN, Fitchburg, Mass.: By Eveleth, Minn.; Menasha; Superior, Wis.
BEN HANFORD, Brooklyn, N. Y.: By Park Alto, Cal.; Vailojo; Denver, Colo.; Emporia, Kans.; Newport, Ky.; Eveleth, Minn.; Bevier, Mo.; Tonopah, Nev.; New York, N. Y.; Yonkers; Cincinnati, Ohio; Toledo; North Yakima, Wash.; Seattle; Washington, D. C.
JOHN HANFORD (address unknown): By Chicago, Ill., 8th Ward Branch.
JOS. E. HARRIS, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.: By Kewaunee, Wis.
HARRY HART, Indianapolis, Ind.: By 18th Ward Branch, Chicago, Ill.; Utica, Ind.; Winchester.
MAX HAYES, Cleveland, Ohio: By Jacksonville, Fla.; Joliet, Ill.; N. 13th, 23d Ward Branches, Chicago, Ill.; Columbus, Ind.; East Boston, Mass.; Boston; Newton; Hyde Park; Bevier, Mo.; St. Louis; Atlantic County, N. J.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Schenectady; Sulphur, Okla.; Pleasant City, Ohio; Clifton Heights, Pa.; Jackson, Tenn.; Seattle, Wash.; Madison, Wis.
WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD, Ada County Jail, Boise, Idaho: By Fairhope, Ala.; Alameda, Cal.; Vailojo; Denver, Colo.; Wallace, Idaho; 13th, 23d, 27th Ward Branches, Chicago, Ill.; Decatur; Joliet; Salem; Quincy; Chandler, Ind.; Emporia, Kans.; Wichita; Baltimore, Md.; Hyde Park, Mass.; Leominster; Worcester; Benton Harbor, Mich.; Marcelline, Mo.; Fairhope, Ala.; Vailojo; Atlantic City, N. J.; Greenport, N. Y.; Limestone; New York, N. Y.; Bucyrus, Ohio; Lima; Portsmouth;

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Minutes of The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, Dec. 15-17, 1906

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15, 1906.

Special session of the National Executive Committee was called to order by National Secretary Barnes, 10:30 a. m. Comrades A. H. Floaten, Chas. H. Kerr, William Maily, A. M. Simons, Chas. G. Towner and John M. Work present.

Comrade Chas. G. Towner elected chairman.

Comrade Chas. Drees elected Secretary.

After reading the call for the special meeting of the National Executive Committee, National Secretary Barnes read the following letters from Comrades U. Solomon of New York, and Robert Bandlow, Cleveland, O., respectively:

New York, Dec. 12, 1906.

Mr. J. Mahlon Barnes,
National Secretary,
269 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade: I wish to inform you that at the regular meeting of our General Committee, after a discussion on the advisability of having the National Organization of the party take steps to have a special representative at the trial of Comrades Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone, for the purpose of supplying daily reports of the trial to all the Socialist papers, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That Local New York Socialist party calls upon the National Secretary to have a special representative on the ground for the purpose of supplying daily to the Socialist press the details of the trial, and that Local New York pledge the sum of \$25 for the purpose of assisting in defraying this expense. Our delegates to the Moyer-Haywood conference were also instructed to bring this matter up at the meeting of the conference so that additional funds for this purpose may be raised."

Please let us know whether you favor our proposition, and what action on the same will be taken by the National Executive Committee. The \$25 are at your disposal, and you can apply for them any time you are in a position to carry out our proposition.

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) U. SOLOMON,
Organizer.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 14, 1906.

J. Mahlon Barnes, Esq.,
National Secretary,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade: Until this morning I thought I would be able to make the trip to attend the session of the Executive Committee called by you. However, our affairs at the office at this time will not permit of my being away even for a day or two. However, I wish to say that the matter presented by you to the committee is in my estimation of great moment. Conferences of the character you suggest on behalf of the parties to be brought together are ticklish things to handle, and may do more harm than good.

Unless the response is universal and hearty, the effect will be nil. My colleagues on the committee will realize, and I leave it to their judgment and don't wish to place any obstacles in the way of aiding our incarcerated comrades. But it is a very serious proposition and should not be made a bungle of.

Regarding advising Plate Matter Committee, I am of the opinion that it would be better to leave this matter for the incoming Executive Committee instead of trying to assume this responsibility in the last days of our existence as a committee.

Regarding work of organization, I am of the opinion that the new committee should take this matter under advisement, being called together as soon as the votes have been counted and results known.

Regretting my inability to be with you in body, rest assured that in mind I am. Extend in my behalf to the members the compliments of the season with the hope that the new year may see a greater development of the Socialist party and movement than ever before witnessed.

Good will and best wishes to all.

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) ROBERT BANDLOW.

Motion by Simons: "I move that the letter of Comrade Bandlow be made a part of the minutes and so printed." Carried.

An informal discussion on the Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone situation ensued. Comrade Maily directed the attention of the committee to the proposed conference to be held to-night in New York city on this subject.

Motion by Floaten: "I move that the following telegram be sent by National Secretary Barnes to Comrade U. Solomon, Secretary of the Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone conference, 66 East Fourth street, New York, N. Y.:

"National Executive Committee considers labor organizations better take initiative in calling national conference for defense, and will cooperate if such action is taken by your conference to-night. Wire Daily Socialist Press rates to-night what action is taken." Carried.

Adjourned 1:10 p. m. to reconvene at 2:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 2:30. Comrades Floaten, Kerr, Maily, Towner and Work present. Comrade Work elected chairman.

Comrade Frederic Heath of Milwaukee, Wis., representing the National Plate Matter Committee, was present in conference on the subject of plate matter.

Motion by Maily: "I move that the National Executive Committee suggest that Comrade Heath consult the various metal and mail plate companies as to terms for such service conditioned upon copy for same being supplied free and the National Secretary to correspond with locals to ascertain upon what terms and to what extent local publications will use such service; said information to be at the disposal of the Plate Matter Committee." Carried.

Motion by Kerr: "I move that we proceed to elect a committee of three on constitution in accordance with National Committee motion No. 13." Carried.

Nominations for Committee on Constitution: Winfield R. Gaylord, Milwaukee, Wis., by Kerr; James Oneal, Terre Haute, Ind., by Maily; Chas. H. Kerr, Chicago, Ill., by Floaten; Lena Morrow Lewis, Chicago, Ill., by Maily.

Motion by Towner: "I move that Comrades Kerr, Gaylord and Oneal be elected to constitute the Committee on Constitution." Carried.

Adjourned 5:30 p. m. to reconvene Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

Morning Session.

Dec. 16, 1906.

Meeting called to order 11 o'clock. Comrades Floaten, Kerr, Maily, Towner and Work present. Wm. Maily elected chairman.

National Secretary called attention to the fact that no word had been received from U. Solomon in reply to telegram sent yesterday.

Motion by Maily: "I move that the National Secretary send the following telegram:

"U. Solomon,
112 East 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Wire immediately action of your Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone conference of last night." Carried.

Motion by Work: "That the National Secretary be directed to send a special circular letter to the officials and locals enumerated in Motion 13 regarding suggestions for amendments to the National Constitution, notifying them that the Committee on Constitution has been elected, and requesting them to send in their suggestions, if any, as soon as possible." Carried.

Motion by Towner: "I move that the National Secretary send a letter of greeting to the German Party Organization congratulating them upon the opportunity for agitation afforded by the dissolution of the Reichstag, and extending best wishes for an increased representation." Carried.

On Methods of Organization for 1907.

On the question of E. E. Carr's trip to Florida.

Motion by Floaten: "I move that the National Office render service in securing dates en route to and from Florida without incurring liabilities." Carried.

On the question of J. E. Snyder's trip to New York City.

Motion by Work: "I move that the National Secretary assist Comrade J. E. Snyder in securing dates and assign him for organizing work at such places as may apply for such services." Carried.

After a thorough discussion on methods of organization for 1907 it was moved by Towner that a sub-committee of three composed of Work, Floaten and Maily, be appointed to formulate the plan decided upon. Carried.

Adjournment 2:35 p. m. to reconvene 3:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Dec. 16, 1906.

Meeting called to order 4 p. m. Comrades Floaten, Kerr, Maily, Towner and Work present. Comrade Kerr elected chairman.

National Secretary Barnes presented letter from Seattle, Wash., on organization, suggesting the circuiting of speakers.

Motion by Floaten: "I move that the letter be incorporated in the minutes and the locals be requested to notify the National Secretary if they are willing to co-operate in carrying out the suggestions." Carried.

"Seattle, Oct. 13, 1906.

J. Mahlon Barnes,
National Secretary S. P.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade: Local Seattle is endeavoring to make arrangements for Sunday night propaganda meetings. In order to reach the largest audiences, it is necessary to have the strongest speakers, and with this in view it desires to invoke the aid of the national office.

We believe that the time has come when propaganda in the larger towns should be arranged for separately from the smaller communities and country places. The speakers' committee has proposed the following plan, which the Executive Committee has approved, and which the local desires to have the national secretary carry out.

1. The arrangements of circuits of locals, from coast to coast, or from Chicago to the Pacific coast, formed of such

locals as can secure a sufficient audience to stand railroad fare, (a sufficient number of locals being arranged on each circuit so that the railroad fare for each local for each speaker shall amount to about five dollars, the idea being to proportion the cost of transportation for the entire trip among the various locals on each circuit), the cost of advertising, Pullman fare and other personal expenses, and five dollars a day wages. An audience of 250 at ten cents admission will cover these expenses, including hall rent. Where larger audiences can be secured, larger hall rent can be paid.

2. The advertising should be more expensive than has been customary for Socialist speakers. All the printing for each speaker should be done at the Chicago office. We think that, to a moderate degree, theatrical methods of advertising might be adopted. The speakers should be generously billed as attractions. The idea in advertising should be solely to draw crowds to the speaker, and not to show that we are not "ashamed of the party." The general printing for each speaker should cost not less than \$50, and might profitably be more.

3. Each local on each circuit should have a speaker once a month;—for instance, one local would have a speaker on the first Monday in each month, the next local on the first Tuesday in each month, and so forth. Among other reasons, this will in most cities enable the local to obtain a reduction in hall rent. Each local on each circuit should be required to take all the speakers billed on that circuit. We believe that three such circuits should be formed, and that the speakers should leave Chicago a week apart. Several of the locals on Puget Sound will desire to be billed on at least two circuits, and Seattle wishes to be on three circuits, possibly on four, if so many are formed, thus providing for its Sunday night meetings, for which this plan was devised. We feel sure that there are other locals on the way which would desire to take a speaker once a week in this manner. The class of speakers desired, and which we think can be secured, will fill a house in any city any night in the week. We believe that Seattle should be given Sunday night as the originator of the plan.

4. We have placed the daily wage at five dollars, because we wish to have only the speakers who can attract large crowds, and whose Socialism is of the right brand.

5. We think that a tour on any of these would require about three weeks' time, and many comrades of national reputation who are not in the habit of making Socialist tours would be glad of an opportunity of making the round on any of those circuits at the wages proposed.

We hope that the National Secretary will find a feasible plan along these lines for providing the larger towns with speakers able to attract audiences of sufficient size. While we desire to have the plan in working order at the earliest possible day, the speakers' committee would like an opportunity to discuss any material changes with the National Secretary. Yours for the revolution,

(Signed) A. WAGENKNECHT,
Secretary of Local Seattle.
By order of the city executive committee."

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ORGANIZATION.

In view of the importance of more thorough organization, generally recognized throughout the party, and the preparation necessary for the National campaign of 1908, the National Executive Committee proposes that the energies and resources of the national office be concentrated principally, during 1907, on organizing work wherever such appears to be most needed, or conditions appear to be most favorable. As the most feasible method of conducting this work, it is proposed that the country be subdivided into districts consisting of certain states, an organizer to be selected for each district to work therein for a definite period, providing such organizer be acceptable to the different state committees within the territory.

It is proposed in pursuance of this plan, that all existing contracts with organizers expire not later than March 1, 1907, and contracts made with organizers appointed to extend from that or any succeeding date to not later than Dec. 1, 1907. This would ensure an organizer engaged from March 1, at least nine months' employment, and others engaged after that date in proportion.

It is understood that organizers can be changed or transferred from any given territory whenever conditions should necessitate such change or transfer.

It is not proposed that the lecture work be entirely abandoned, but the pressing necessity of direct organizing makes it essential that the lecture feature be for the present subordinated. Lecturers can be later sent out to supplement the organizing work, but upon terms that will cover the expense of the lectures, thus leaving the national office free to concentrate its finances upon organizing.

In the present condition of the national office's finances, the number of organizers to be engaged under this plan must be limited to its immediate resources, the number to be increased as finances warrant. For the same reason those states should receive first attention where state elections occur in 1907,

other states to be attended to in their relative importance.

The districts are selected as follows: 1st. Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island (state elections 1907 in Massachusetts and Rhode Island).

2nd. New York, New Jersey and Delaware (state election in New Jersey).

3rd. Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia (state elections 1907 in Pennsylvania and Maryland).

4th. Ohio and Kentucky (state elections 1907 in both states).

5th. Michigan and Indiana.

6th. Wisconsin and Minnesota.

7th. Illinois and Iowa.

8th. Missouri and Arkansas.

9th. Nebraska and Kansas.

10th. Oklahoma and Texas.

11th. Montana and Idaho.

12th. Arizona and New Mexico.

13th. Colorado and Wyoming.

14th. North Dakota and South Dakota.

15th. Washington and Oregon.

16th. California, Nevada and Utah.

17th. Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

18th. Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

19th. Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

(Signed)
JOHN M. WORK,
A. H. FLOATEN,
WILLIAM MAILLY,
Committee.

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

Motion by Work: "I move that the following assignments for the districts named be made from March 1, 1907, if the comrades are available:

1st District—M. W. Wilkins.

3rd District—Isaac Cowen.

4th District—John Collins." Carried.

Motion by Maily: "I move that in the case of Comrade Geo. H. Goebel, at present on the Pacific coast, his engagement extend until present arrangements are fulfilled." Carried.

The following telegram received from Comrade U. Solomon, New York, 4:15 p. m.:

"Conference considers the calling of National Executive Committee, will be represented when conference is called; will co-operate concerning having representative at trial. Our agitation will start immediately."

The following telegram, received 5:15 p. m. through delay in transmission by Telegraph Co., from U. Solomon:

"Have wired last night that conference rejected National Conference proposition. Will confine activity in New York. Co-operate in sending representatives to Idaho. National Executive Committee may call National Conference. We will send delegates and begin raising funds and agitation immediately."

After further discussion on the Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone situation and arranging for a conference with Clarence Darrow, one of the attorneys for the defense, the committee adjourned 6:45 p. m., to reconvene Monday, 9:00 a. m.

Dec. 17, 1906.

MORNING SESSION.

Meeting called to order by National Secretary Barnes, 10:30 a. m., with Comrades Floaten, Kerr, Maily, Simons, Towner and Work present. Comrade Floaten elected chairman.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion by Kerr: "I move that the National Secretary be authorized to sell to the state secretaries on credit, at 25 cents each, the perpetual campaign coupon books, now on hand, each book containing five and ten cent coupons to the amount of \$1.50; provided, that no coupons be given on credit to any state committee which has not fulfilled its financial obligations to the National office." Carried.

Motion by Maily: "I move that the Illinois State Committee be requested to make returns to the National office of funds now held collected on the One Day Wage lists." Carried.

Adjourned 11:50 a. m. to reconvene at 7:30 p. m.

During the recess a conference was held at the office of Clarence Darrow, one of the counsel for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. The result of the conference is shown in the following document:

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17, 1906.

In view of the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, denying the writ of habeas corpus to Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, a decision involving the liberties and rights of every citizen, and particularly members of organized labor and their representatives, and in view of the declaration on this subject made by President Gompers to the Minneapolis convention of the American Federation of Labor, the undersigned officials of National labor unions have held an informal conference in Chicago, on this date.

After consideration of the matter it is our judgment that a National conference of labor organizations be called under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor, to provide means of protection, methods of defense, and channels of publicity on behalf of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, no other ques-

tion to be considered at the conference.

(Signed)

LEE M. HART, General Secretary-Treasurer International Alliance Theatrical Employes.
CHAS. DOLD, Piano and Organ Workers' International Union.
CHAS. A. BAUSTIAN, Carriage and Wagon Workers' International Union.
F. H. HARZBECKER, Baking and Confectionery Workers' International Union.
WILLIAM FIGOLAH, Amalgamated Glass Workers' Association.
WESLEY RUSSELL, Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.
WILL C. LONG, Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.
JOSEPH SCHMIDT, Baking and Confectionery Workers' International Union.
G. W. GIBSON, International Association of Car Workers.

EVENING SESSION.

Dec. 17, 1906.

Meeting called to order 7:50. Comrades Floaten, Kerr, Maily, Towner and Work present. Comrade Kerr elected chairman.

Comrade B. Berlyn appeared before the committee in behalf of the Chicago Daily Socialist.

Motion by Floaten: "I move that this committee select a representative of the Socialist party to act at the Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone trial, to provide reports to all Socialist and other papers desiring the same." Carried.

It was decided that National Secretary Barnes act with Comrade Towner in visiting Indianapolis, and attempt to obtain the approval of representatives of national trades unions with headquarters in that city to the above document; and that Comrade Maily on his return trip to New York, also act similarly with Comrade Towner in Cincinnati, and afterwards proceed to Washington to lay the matter before President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, with the following letter:

Samuel Gompers,
President American Federation of Labor,
423 "G" St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: By direction of the National Executive Committee, and the courtesy of William Maily, I hereby transmit certain documents, containing sentiments expressed by representatives of various labor organizations and trade unions, relating to the persecution and pending trial of Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

When this communication reaches your hands, the National Executive Committee will have adjourned, and in view of this fact, unless you can at once reply to bearer, you are respectfully requested to reply to the undersigned.

Hoping you will appreciate the necessity of a speedy reply,

Very truly yours,
(Signed) J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

It was voted to insert the following statement in the minutes:

The National Executive Committee considered fully the present situation affecting the imprisonment and trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and reached the conclusion that extraordinary means had to be invoked to get the best results. We realized that this could not be achieved unless the active and widespread co-operation of the trades unions be insured. We realized, too, for reasons apparent to all, that a call for a National Conference to organize a national movement, issuing from the Socialist party would not receive the response a call emanating from representative trades unions would get. This fact is one which we must face, however, much as we may deplore it.

In line with this, the National Executive Committee used all legitimate means to enlist the co-operation of representatives of national trades unions in having a national conference called under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor, thus striving to accomplish on a national scale what has already been done in localities for the same cause. President Gompers' positive declarations on the kidnaping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, to the recent Minneapolis convention, justified us in believing this could be done.

The emergency confronting us requires, in our opinion, that for the time being, all political and economic differences be subordinated to the unity of the working class of all shades of political and economic belief in the effort to free our comrades from the fate which the conspiracy of organized capital has evidently marked out for them.

Motion by Towner: "I move that we do now adjourn." Carried.

National Executive Committee adjourned at 10:15 p. m., Dec. 17, 1906.
CHAS. DREES,
Secretary.