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### National Secretary's Report for Month of November, 1910

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<b>RECEIPTS.</b>	
National Dues from State Committees.	
Alabama	\$ 10.00
Arizona	21.00
Arkansas	15.00
California	200.00
Colorado	35.00
Connecticut	60.00
Florida	15.00
Idaho	11.50
Illinois	275.00
Indiana	101.75
Iowa	55.00
Kansas	25.00
Kentucky	10.00
Maine	4.00
Maryland	25.00
Massachusetts	191.55
Michigan	82.00
Minnesota	142.85
Missouri	75.00
Montana	62.00
Nebraska	40.00
Nevada	5.00
New Hampshire	20.65
New Jersey	201.00
New Mexico	6.00
New York	250.00
North Dakota	36.55
Ohio	257.00
Oklahoma	70.00
Oregon	70.00
Pennsylvania	210.15
South Dakota	10.00
Tennessee	5.00
Texas	116.00
Utah	26.00
Vermont	7.00
Virginia	6.00
Washington	97.00
West Virginia	25.00
Wisconsin	133.80
Wyoming	20.80
<b>\$3,029.60</b>	
<b>UNORGANIZED STATES.</b>	
Alaska	\$ 7.50
Delaware	3.00
Georgia	3.70
Hawaii	4.00
Mississippi	6.20
North Carolina	3.30
South Carolina	4.00
Members at Large	7.10
Italian Section	20.00
Total dues	<b>\$3,088.40</b>
Supplies	127.98
Literature	578.46
Buttons	176.68
Campaign Fund	181.13
Mileage Assessment	6.00
Minnesota Primary Law	9.30
Refund, H. M. Allen	13.16
Refund, Haverhill, Mass.	100.00
Karl M. Liebknecht	850.00
Miscellaneous	1.34
Total receipts	<b>\$5,132.45</b>

EXPENDITURES.	
General expenses	\$ 12.71
Express and freight	305.14
Postage	162.62
Telegrams and phone	46.85
Printing and literature	796.65
Office equipment	91.00
Light	1.40
The Heinn Co., acct. books	10.00
F. S. Webster Co., carbon	20.00
M. Fry Co., supplies	34.00
Cons. Press Clipping Co.	6.68
Refund, W. F. Henson	3.50
A. B. Dick & Co., supplies	46.00
Miscellaneous	5.15
Reserve mileage	308.85
Caroline A. Lowe, women's correspondent	60.00
V. Licci, Italian translator	43.00
Herman Louko, Finnish trans.	84.00
<b>WAGES.</b>	
J. Mahlon Barnes	\$93.50
J. C. Chase	88.50
M. H. Hudson	90.00
J. M. Work	55.50
E. N. Taylor	68.50
E. M. Koop	48.00
A. B. Campbell	41.00
J. Schley	19.50
C. Drees	30.00
M. Altschuler	6.00
Extra help	36.00
	<b>576.50</b>
<b>SPEAKERS.</b>	
John W. Brown	\$50.00
John M. Collins	41.05
H. H. Caldwell	50.00
Anna A. Maley	150.00
John Spargo	20.00
	<b>311.05</b>
Luella Twining, Int. Con.	370.00
Geo. H. Goebel, Pol. Con.	31.10
John Spargo, Pol. Con.	11.50
	<b>712.65</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS.</b>	
Striking cigarmakers of Tampa, Fla.	50.00
Local Tampa	50.00
Local West Tampa	50.00
Local Ybor City	50.00
Adolph Germer, election contest	100.00
Total expenditures	<b>\$3,637.70</b>
<b>SUMMARY.</b>	
Bal. on hand Nov. 1	\$1,202.43
Receipts for month	5,132.45
	<b>\$6,334.88</b>
Expenditures for month	3,637.70
Bal. Dec. 1, 1910	<b>\$2,697.18</b>
Reserve Mileage Fund, \$1,746.90.	
Fraternally submitted,	
J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.	

### National Notes

Comrade Fred D. Warren on October 19th addressed and published an open letter to the United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, sitting at St. Paul, Minn., headed, "It is your move, gentlemen."

Local Lawrence, Kansas, sent a copy of the letter to the court signed by ten citizens, demanding that the Warren case be settled at once. However, the gentlemen in black have decided that the open season for decisions is after election.—Later. The decision was rendered November 23.

The receipts for dues at the National Office for September were \$3,257.00. This was \$310.30 more than for any previous month. October receipts beat September by \$142.20, the total being \$3,399.20.

During the months of September and October sixty-one party locals were organized in the state of Texas.

Eldorado, Kansas.—"Dear Comrade: Received ten books, 'Socialists at Work.' Any one is worth more than the price of the lot to any Socialist or anybody else, who wants to know what Socialism is."

About six hundred of second edition left. First come, first served. Price in lots of ten, twenty-five cents each.

**THE PERPETUAL CAMPAIGN.**  
Since election day many written, mimeographed or printed advertising

circulars from locals have been received, reading in the following strain: "Dear Comrade—Come to the meeting of the Local Monday evening, November 14, at 7:30, and help celebrate our success and plan the work for the 1912 campaign."

Comrade Karl M. Liebknecht closed a most successful tour of the country November 28, at New York City, which has netted the locals that charged admission about five thousand dollars clear money. By proper advertising and the sale of tickets in advance every meeting may be made a financial success. It is time to make the curious and the outsiders pay for their education and, moreover, it has been demonstrated that they are willing to pay.

**NO GRAFT HERE!**  
"Haverhill, Mass., Nov. 3, 1910. "Dear Comrade—The Campaign Committee declines with many thanks the \$100.00 appropriated for the election of Chas. H. Morrill. "We do not need it this trip, as his election is absolutely certain. "Hoping you can use it to better advantage somewhere else, we remain,  
"Socialist Campaign Committee,  
"M. C. DONAHOE, Sec."

Comrades de Lara, Magon and other Mexican political refugees are now publishing a paper in the Spanish language, entitled "Regeneracion," address 420 West 4th St., Los Angeles, Cal. Donations in support of this project are solicited. All com-

munications should be addressed to the office of publication.

Since last report charters have been granted to locals in unorganized states as follows: North Carolina, Bessemer City, six members; Cherryville, ten members; Fork Church, five members; High Point, five members; Lexington, six members; Spencer, eighteen members; South Carolina, New Brookland, ten members; Mississippi, Corinth, eight members; Eastabuchie, six members; Hattiesburg, fourteen members; Meridian, nineteen members; Mosselle, ten members; Pleasant Hill, twenty-three members.

The state organization of Arizona has appropriated \$4.20 for the Minnesota primary law contest.

**CABLED CONGRATULATIONS.**  
London, England, Nov. 24, 1910. J. Mahlon Barnes, 180 Washington St., Chicago. National Council I. L. P., now in session, send hearty congratulations to Socialist Party of America on recent election results and best wishes for more successes next occasion."  
(Signed) ANDERSON, Chairman; JOHNSON, Secretary.

**LOCAL PORTLAND (OREGON) AGAIN REPORTS DOINGS.**  
During October: Number of propaganda meetings, 49; business meetings, 5; new members, 112; receipt for dues, \$219.00; literature sales, \$189.40; collections, \$189.35; donations, \$54.40; total receipts, \$652.15.

It has been publicly announced that the Republicans and Democrats in Milwaukee propose to fuse in the next judicial election, which till now has always been a non-partisan election. And they openly give their reason for this fusion: "Anything to beat the Socialists."

**TWO REPORTS REGARDING THE LOS ANGELES DISASTER.**  
From San Francisco: "The prospects are that a frame-up is being prepared by the Pinkertons in regard to the 'Times' explosion that will require as great a struggle on the part of Labor to prevent the hanging of some of the Labor Leaders in this state as that which was made to save Moyer and Haywood."  
From Los Angeles: "That there is a deliberate frame-up to convict Labor organizations and some of their more prominent leaders in the state, is simply beyond question."

Copies of the second edition of "Socialists at Work" are going very fast. Comrades who want copies should get in their orders at once. Price, in lots of ten, twenty-five cents each.

#### NOTICE

The Progressive Woman, Girard, Kan., the official organ of the Woman's National Committee, is giving a

prize of \$10.00 to every person, local or committee that will sell during the month of December 100 sub-cards at 25 cents each. You cannot earn ten dollars in an easier way, and at the same time you are doing good work for Socialism. Start today, and earn ten dollars for Christmas money.

#### National Congressional Campaign Fund Receipts During November

Previously reported	\$3,527.47
O. A. Horst, Hilbert Wis.	1.00
F. Anderson (collected), Chicago, Ill.	12.75
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 59, Stapleton, N. Y.	1.00
F. C. Hall, Missoula, Mont.	5.00
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 228, Davenport, Ia.	5.00
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 139, Tonawanda, N. Y.	3.58
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 241, Charleroi, Pa.	3.00
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 75, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2.00
Socialist Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2.00
G. Dorsch (collected), Terre Haute, Ind.	2.00
C. P. Reichel, Washington, D. C.	.50
G. G. Opsahl (collected), Davenport, N. D.	1.50
Bessie Bartholomew, Hutchinson, Kan.	.25
E. D. Loewenthal, Chicago	5.00
E. Dickinson, Tampa, Fla.	5.00
Local Cripple Creek, Colo.	2.00
R. Love (collected), Altoona, Pa.	1.00
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 31, W. Lynn, Mass.	1.00
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 133, Dayton, O.	3.00
H. H. Doubrava, El Campo, Tex.	.25
Branch West New York	2.00
A. Helm, Richmond, Mo.	.25
S. White, Richmond, Mo.	.25
J. Flynn Mueck, Bishop, Cal.	4.00
A. Thiel (collected), Park Ridge, N. J.	1.00
W. H. Hyde, New Canton, Ill.	1.00
J. O. Tupper, Portland, Ore.	.60
Finnish Local, Palmer, Mich.	1.80
Finnish Local, Brooklyn, N. Y.	4.70
O. Knoff, Gutenberg, N. Y.	1.00
C. Thegen (collected), Chicago	1.75
G. P. McDonald, Laurel, Mont.	.50
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 39, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
J. Schley, Chicago	1.00
Abington Socialist Club, Abington, Mass.	2.00
F. J. Wildanger, Elk Grove, Cal.	.25
J. J. Thompson, Elk Grove, Cal.	.25
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 172, Easton, Pa.	1.00
W. S. and D. B. F., German Branch, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2.75
W. S. and D. B. F., Branch 210, Allentown, Pa.	4.40
Local Rankin, Okla.	4.00
Lettish Local, Los Angeles, Cal.	3.00
Finnish Local, Wilkeson, Wash.	28.00
From Finnish Locals—	
Chicago, Ill., No. 1	2.60
Norwood, Mass.	9.00
Ishpeming, Mich.	2.75
New York, N. Y.	15.00
Portland, Ore.	21.70
Pittsburg, Pa.	2.75
Total	<b>\$3,708.60</b>

### Woman's National Committee Correspondence

**REPORT FOR OCTOBER.**  
Chicago, Oct. 31, 1910.  
To the Woman's National Committee.  
Dear Comrades—Under date of October 19, I sent you the result of votes cast upon all questions previously submitted. I submitted for your decision motions dealing with plans for propaganda for the year 1911. Suggestions regarding plans for increase of funds were requested. Also a list of subjects for monthly programmes.

Under date of October 15, another communication was sent to all state secretaries. Under date of October 25, a communication addressed to all local secretaries is prepared, ready to be sent out with the next bulletin sent from the National Secretary. These letters were enclosed to you in my communication of October 19.

The enclosed "Notes from the Woman's Department" was sent out with the Weekly Bulletin under date of October 22.

I am enclosing clipping from Chicago Daily Socialist in which is printed a list of all Women's Committees that have been reported up to this time. I am asking the Progressive Woman to print this list, and am calling upon locals for corrections.

Under date of October 25, the enclosed letter was sent to the correspondents in this list. This should give us a basis upon which to build for the coming year. Many of these may no longer be existent, but this is our only means of ascertaining our approximate strength. One hundred fifty-nine correspondents are in this list.

During the month encouraging letters were received from the state secretaries of Washington, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Comrade Lanfark of Kentucky reports outlook discouraging in his state.

Chicago, Nov. 1, 1910.  
Upon referring to the minutes of the meeting held last May, I find that I was mistaken in regard to the action taken at that time. Leaflets were to be written by Comrades Simons, Laukki, Stern and Lowe. The other subjects were assigned for the purpose of investigation and were to be reported upon at the next meeting of the W. N. C. However, as these leaflets are badly needed, if there is no objection the matter will stand as at present, and the leaflets will be prepared for use in the work for 1911.

Upon the first motion referring to preparation of leaflet by December 1st, Comrades Branstetter, Laukki, Simons, Kalkiel and Lowe voted. Had our women comrades throughout the country made a similar effort we could have distributed a half a million leaflets among the women while the campaign house to house propaganda was going on.

Motion by Comrade Branstetter: That our General Correspondent be instructed to send circular letters in advance of all National Organizers that greater propaganda among women may result from their tours.

Motion by Comrade Simons: I move that a report be printed in the Progressive Woman every month.

Remark by Comrade Lowe: I have arranged with the P. W. for a page to be given for our use each month, and shall send in report before the 20th.

Motion by Comrade Simons: That our General Correspondent communicate with our committee as to the possibility of arranging a lecture tour for Comrade Kollontay some time during the early part of next year, the Woman's Committee to handle the tour.

Motion by Comrade Simons: I move that the General Secretary of the Woman's National Committee communicate with the Countess of Warwick as to her probable coming to America and ascertain the probable number of meetings she could address for the women, terms, etc., and report to the committee.

Chicago, Oct. 21, 1910.  
Dear Comrade—I would suggest that the Woman's National Committee conduct a prize contest to arouse and instruct women as to methods of work. Through the Appeal and the Chicago Daily call for articles on the subject of

**To the Local Secretary:**  
Did your State Secretary receive a report card from you last month?  
Will you send him one this month? He needs it and will be looking for it.

Names and Addresses of State Secretaries		
Alabama	G. L. Cox	2800 10th av., Birmingham.
Arizona	Cora Martin	617 N. 2nd st., Phoenix.
Arkansas	Wells Le Fevre	Huntington.
California	F. B. Meriam	424 Henne Bldg., Los Angeles.
Colorado	A. H. Floaten	1430 Monroe st., Denver.
Connecticut	Edward Perkins Clarke	Mystic.
Florida	A. C. Sill	Ruskin.
Idaho	T. J. Coonrod	Emmett.
Illinois	J. O. Bentall	180 Washington st., Chicago.
Indiana	Wm. Sheffler	410 H st., N. E., Linton.
Iowa	J. J. Jacobsen	1127 11th st., Des Moines.
Kansas	Geo. F. Hibner	Girard.
Kentucky	W. Lanfersiek	506 Washington av., Newport.
Louisiana	Mrs. Hazel Putnam	Wilburton.
Maine	Norman W. Lermond	R. F. D. No. 1, Thomaston.
Maryland	H. C. Lewis	428 Lauraine av., Baltimore.
Massachusetts	James F. Carey	14 Park Sq., Room 7, Boston.
Michigan	G. H. Lockwood	124 W. Main st., Kalamazoo.
Minnesota	J. E. Nash	723 Nicollet av., Minneapolis.
Missouri	R. R. Ristine	117 W. 4th st., Joplin.
Montana	Lewis J. Duncan	P. O. Box 543, Butte.
Nebraska	Clyde J. Wright	419 S. 11th st., Lincoln.
Nevada	Jud Harris	Sparks.
New Hampshire	Chas. W. Greene	51 Dennett st., Portsmouth.
New Jersey	W. B. Killingbeck	62 Williams st., Orange.
New Mexico	J. A. Chapman	Willard.
New York	U. Solomon	239 E. 84th st., New York City.
North Dakota	Arthur Bassett	Fargo.
Ohio	George A. Storck	287 E. Town st., Columbus.
Oklahoma	O. F. Branstetter	Indiana Bldg., Oklahoma City.
Oregon	C. W. Barzee	68 E. 30th st., Portland.
Pennsylvania	Robert B. Ringler	623 Walnut st., Reading.
Rhode Island	Fred Hurst	1923 Westminster st., Olneyville.
South Dakota	M. G. Opsahl	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	J. E. Voss	778 Eastern av., Jackson.
Texas	E. R. Meitzen	Hallettsville.
Utah	Jas. A. Smith	572 S. 2nd st. W., Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Mary P. Sanford	Bennington Center.
Virginia	C. E. Kidd	3601 Huntington av., N'port News.
Washington	Frans Bostrom	Box 491, Everett.
West Virginia	H. W. Houston	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin	E. H. Thomas	344 6th st., Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Paul J. Paulsen	Rock Springs.



"Methods of Agitation, Education, and Organization among Women." Three dollars in books may constitute the first prize, and a dollar's worth of books each the second and third prizes.

1.—Have the contest open to men and women. 2.—Give three months time in which to send in articles. 3.—The articles should not exceed five hundred words. 4.—The judges should not know who wrote the articles. 5.—Some of the best should be printed in the Appeal, Daily Socialist, Democratic Herald, etc. 6.—A summary of helpful hints should be made in the Appeal.

The following questions should be answered, unless the comrade thinks he can do better by saying just what he or she desires:

- 1.—Do women need special lectures to arouse them?
- 2.—What methods of agitation would you use to gain the trade union woman, the non-union woman, the housewife, club woman?
- 3.—How much time should be given to woman suffrage agitation, and nature of the work?
- 4.—Should locals have permanent study clubs for women? If so, how conduct them?
- 5.—How get the women to feel they should attend the local and work with the men?
- 6.—Should married women pay dues?
- 7.—Should women pay most attention to history of woman or socialist political economy, or what subject? Give reasons.
- 8.—Should women conduct and speak at street meetings?
- 9.—Should women distribute literature from house to house?

Respectfully submitted,  
MARTHA BIEGLER,  
State Correspondent of Illinois.

In order to bring this matter before you I move that steps be taken to put it into operation. In voting upon this motion, submit any change or addition as an amendment to the motion. In wording your amendment, kindly make it as clear and concise as possible, that undue correspondence may be avoided.

**WOMAN'S WORK IN NOVEMBER.**

The Chicago Woman's Agitation Committee got out a special edition of the Daily Socialist on November 19 for the benefit of the striking Garment Workers. This edition of 62,000 copies was sold upon the streets of Chicago, and \$3,764.61 raised. The Committee had the hearty co-operation of the striking women and men, of the Woman's Trade Union League, and of the Socialist Woman's League.

Comrade E. W. Latchem of Coffeyville, Kansas, has written in that the Woman's Committee of Coffeyville rendered most valuable service at the recent election by defeating the proposition to build an armory. They prepared, and hung upon every door knob, a protest card condemning the proposition, and urging that it be voted down. A large share of the credit for its defeat is given to this work by the women.

The women throughout the entire country did good work in distributing literature during the recent campaign. The New York Woman's Committee, and the Palo Alto Woman's Committee each distributed many thousands of pieces. There is an ever growing demand for women speakers to assist in campaign meetings.

The Woman's National Committee is routing two women speakers. Comrade May Wood-Simons has received calls for dates that will take her through Miami, Illinois, and Ohio to Toronto, Canada. She then goes south through the south eastern states to New Orleans. As we are convinced that the best means of education is through the regular reading of our literature, our terms for one date is 250 subscription cards to the Progressive Woman, at 25 cents each. If Comrade Simons' lecture be well advertised, these can be disposed of at her meeting. Comrade Simons was a delegate to the recent International Congress, and her lecture will be of broad general interest to all. Those desiring dates should apply at once. She will make the tour in February, and the route will be made up January 1.

We are routing Comrade Nellie M. Zeh on an organizing tour through Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama to Pensacola, Florida. To leave lasting results she should have at least two in a place. Her tour will begin in January. Do you want a woman organizer to rouse the women in your community to an interest in Socialism, and also to strengthen your general organization? If so, write at once for full particulars regarding Comrade Zeh's work.

Do you want to know about the Woman's Work for 1911? Then drop me a card today, and I will send you the instructions as prepared by the Woman's National Committee. The work is to be conducted along two distinct lines, and is so simple and complete that it can be put into operation in any community. Don't delay—write today.

Chicago, Oct. 25, 1910.  
To the Correspondents of Local Woman's Committees.

Dear Comrade—A Woman's Committee of your local was organized some time ago. That we may know the exact number of Woman's Committees now in existence, and the exact number of women in good standing, I am sending out questions to be answered. If you are unable to answer these questions, will you place this in the hands of some one who will attend to it at once? It is important that I receive the information at the earliest possible moment.

**REPORT FOR YEAR 1910.**

- 1.—Name and address of Local Woman Correspondent.
- 2.—Name and address of all members of Woman's Committee.
- 3.—Name and address of all women members of your local.
- 4.—Number of women now dues paying members in good standing.
- 5.—How many study class meetings have you held?
- 6.—How many propaganda meetings, as lectures and entertainments, has your Woman's Committee given?
- 7.—What free literature has been distributed, and how much?
- 8.—What literature has been sold, and how much?
- 9.—How much money has your committee received? How much expended?
- 10.—How much money now on hand?
- 11.—What book that you have studied seemed most profitable?
- 12.—Kindly give your opinion in regard to the enclosed, "Plan of Work."

Also any suggestions for our work for the year 1911.

The Woman's National Committee is preparing special work along two important lines for the coming year. This will be explained to you upon receipt of your answer to this.

Let me have this complete report at your earliest convenience. These reports must be compiled before the close of 1910. This will require that we have your report as soon as possible. Some committees will have accomplished almost nothing, but that should not serve as an excuse to ignore this report. Answer every question to the best of your ability, stating facts as they are. We want to understand the situation as it is, then we shall know what remains to be done.

Hoping that this will receive your prompt attention, with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely your comrade,  
CAROLINE A. LOWE,  
Gen'l Correspondent W. N. C.

**Correspondence of the National Executive Committee During November**

National Headquarters,  
Socialist Party,  
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 8, 1910.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—I herewith report upon the action taken on the propositions submitted under date of October 25, namely, the appropriation of \$100 to the campaign in Scott County, Missouri, \$50 to each of five legislative districts in Illinois, \$50 to the relief fund of the Tampa Cigar Makers' Union, and \$50 each for agitational purposes to the party locals of Tampa and vicinity.

In the affirmative—Comrades Berger, Carey, Goebel, Hillquit, Hunter and Lewis. Comrade Spargo not voting. Favorable action has therefore been taken.

Affirmative votes had been received from a majority of the committee by Saturday, October 29, and the disbursements were made on that day.

Herewith is also submitted a motion by Comrade Goebel:

"Herewith find draft of a letter which I move be sent by the National Executive Committee to each local as quickly following election as circumstances permit:

"COMMENT—The scandalous editorials in The Christian Socialist, following up the work of The Provoker, have created confusion and discouragement and suspicion in all parts of the country. Justice to the Party and its workers everywhere requires that we now compel those circulating such stories and articles to prove them or be liable to drastic action. When a paper such as The Christian Socialist, which hundreds of Socialists out of their own pockets have paid to have sent to ministers, members of churches and other conservative people, uses its columns in the closing month of a campaign to carry into thousands of homes the impression that the National Headquarters of the Socialist Party is a den of iniquity, and that the National Executive Committee of the Party stands for such things and 'moves the investigation 800 miles from the accusers,' it is more than a matter of persons. 'We are now between campaigns. We should clear the decks for the campaign about to open. The action which I propose will at once bring matters to a conclusion, clarify the situation and show 'What's what in the Socialist Party.'"

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 10, 1910.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—Prior to last year it was the custom to have the books of the National Office audited annually in the spring, just in advance of a meeting of the National Executive Committee.

Last year two audits were arranged for, one each in the spring and fall, and I had hoped to have one during the month of October, just past. However, the activities of the campaign interfered with this purpose.

The books were last audited in April. I, therefore, suggest that another audit be had just prior to the meeting of your committee which is called for December 10.

I would further suggest that two party members be elected as auditors and that they be empowered to employ as an assistant an expert accountant.

I hope these suggestions will meet with your approval, and, if so, I hereby call for nominations for two auditors, to meet at the Headquarters December 7th, to audit the books and accounts of the National Office.

Kindly make nominations at your earliest convenience so that the election of auditors may be concluded at an early date.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 11, 1910.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—I should report to you the gratifying news that the amount of \$100.00 appropriated by your committee for the Haverhill (Mass.) legislative district campaign has been returned, reaching this office November 5th, with the following communication:

"Haverhill, Mass., Nov. 3, 1910.  
"Dear Comrade—  
"The Campaign Committee declines with many thanks the \$100.00 appropriated for the election of Chas. H. Morrill.

"We do not need it this trip, as his election is absolutely certain.  
"Hoping you can use it to better advantage somewhere else, we remain,

"Socialist Campaign Committee,  
"M. C. DONAHOE, Sec."

In connection with the above, or at least upon election matters, I received the following communication this day from Comrade Bentall, State Secretary of Illinois:

"Dear Comrade—We just have word from the 49th Senatorial District in which Adolph Germer was candidate for the legislature, that gross fraud has been practiced and that a contest will be made.  
"This contest will cost at least \$150.00 and we have spent all our money in the campaign so that we have nothing left with which to fight this important battle. You stated that \$100.00 were returned from Haverhill, Mass., because it was not needed in the campaign as the candidate was already assured of election, which has later proven true.

"The request of the Haverhill comrades was that this be used where it might do more good, and I cannot see how it could be put to better use than in this contest for the seat of Germer in the Illinois legislature.  
"We will do our level best and appreciate any help that the National Office can render."

The question submitted is: Shall \$100.00 be appropriated for the contest in Comrade Germer's district?  
Kindly wire vote and confirm by letter.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 21, 1910.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—I herewith report on the action taken upon the proposition submitted under date of November 11th, namely, the appropriation of \$100.00 to contest the election in the 49th Illinois Legislative District in which Adolph Germer was a candidate:

The appropriation was approved of by the unanimous vote of the members of the committee and the sum of \$100.00 has this day been transmitted to Comrade Germer.

I also report herewith on the action taken upon the proposition submitted under date of November 8th, namely, motion by Comrade Goebel:

"Herewith find draft of a letter, which I move be sent by the National Executive Committee to each local as quickly following election as circumstances permit."

Voting in the affirmative: Comrades Carey, Goebel and Lewis; in the negative: Comrades Berger, Hillquit, Hunter and Spargo.

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Kindly wire vote and confirm by letter.

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By Berger: B. Berlyn and Seymour Stedman.  
By Goebel: B. Berlyn and Henry E. Allen.  
By Hillquit: B. Berlyn and Peter Sissman.

By Hunter: Geo. H. Goebel and Lena Morrow Lewis.

Comrades Berlyn and Sissman accepted the nomination, and there being no opposition, they are declared elected. They are empowered to employ the services of an expert accountant.

Fraternally submitted,  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.

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# Socialist Party Program Drafted by the National Executive Committee August, 1910, for Constitutions for States of Arizona and New Mexico

The Socialist Party of the State of New Mexico enters upon the campaign for election of delegates to the constitutional convention with a solemn warning to the workers of the new state that this election is of the most momentous importance for the life and destiny of their class.

The constitution to be adopted will be the fundamental and supreme law of New Mexico for many years to come, and it will very largely determine the political conditions of the state, and the industrial relations, civic rights and general welfare of its citizens.

The constitution of New Mexico should, under no circumstances, be modeled after the constitution of the United States or any of the constitutions of the older states of the Union. For since the adoption of the old constitutions more than a century has elapsed, and this century has witnessed tremendous changes in the life of the country. New economic conditions have developed, new social relations have been created, new needs have originated, and new problems have sprung up.

The introduction of modern machinery propelled by mechanical motive power, the general improvement in our methods of production and the development of railroads, steamships and other means of transportation and communication have increased the productivity of labor and the wealth of the nation a hundredfold. From a country of poor and struggling pioneers the United States has become one of the richest countries on the face of the globe.

But although this wonderful transformation was largely the result of the collective ingenuity and labor of the multitudes of workers of present and past generations, its fruits have been appropriated by a small portion of the population—the capitalist class. The capitalists own, as their private property, or control, all the land or its products, together with the natural treasures hidden in it; they own our railroads and telegraphs; they own our factories, machinery, and the tools indispensable for the production of the necessities of life; they own the food, clothing and shelter of their fellow men. They own or control the country, with all its wealth and resources, while the great mass of the population, the workers in the factory, farm and other fields of useful activity, whose labor has created our so-called "national" wealth and still maintains our national life, are destitute of property, and depend for their right to work and live upon the pleasure of the capitalist.

The anomalous fact that a group of capitalists are permitted to use the country's resources and social tools for their individual profit, and to make the production of the necessities of our lives the object of their competitive private enterprises and speculations, is at the bottom of all the social evils of our time; the anarchy in production, the exploitation of the workers, the widespread poverty and misery of the people and all forms of political and civic corruption.

The Socialist Party maintains that the evils of the present system will be removed only when the American people wholly abolish private ownership in the social means of production, collectively assume the management of the industries, and operate them for use and not for profit, for the benefit of all and not for the enrichment of one privileged class. In this the Socialist Party stands alone in the political field of America.

But the Socialist Party also believes that the evils of the modern system may be materially relieved and their final disappearance may be hastened by the introduction of social, political and economic reforms which will have the effect of bettering the lives, strengthening the position of workers and curbing the power and domination of the capitalists. The Socialist Party, therefore, always supports the progressive struggles of organized labor and of the laboring farmers against the exploitation and oppression of the capitalist class, and is vitally concerned in the efficiency of the instruments of such struggle.

Heretofore the people have almost invariably been defeated in their struggles against capitalism, principally because the capitalists have always owned the dominant political parties, and through them they have dictated the laws and prescribed the manner of their interpretation and execution. But the principal instruments in the hands of the dominant classes for the subjugation of the workers have always been the written constitutions. In the hands of the dominant classes and their agents on the bench and in the executive offices of the country and the states these documents have been made the unyielding means of nullifying or preventing all measures for the relief of the workers and warding off all attacks upon the privileges and immunities of wealth. The written constitutions are largely responsible for the fact that the United States is today the most backward country of the civilized world in the domain of factory reform and social legislation. In theory our unchangeable constitutions are the weapons by which the dead rule the living; in practice they are the instruments by which the classes rule the masses.

The citizens of New Mexico should take warning at the fate of the people under older constitutions. They should see to it that the constitution of their state shall leave the government in the hands of the people at all times; that it be flexible and easily amendable, and, above all, that it be adapted to the conditions of our times and the needs of the workers.

With this object in view the Socialist Party demands that the following provisions be included in the constitution of the State of New Mexico:

## I. BILL OF RIGHTS.

1. The political power of the state shall at all times be vested in the people and shall be exercised for their protection, security and welfare. The majority of the people shall always have the right and the means to freely amend, alter or abrogate all laws.

2. The constitution of the state shall be considered as a mandate to the legislature and as a guide for the people; but no court, judge or other official shall have the right to set aside any law or legal provision enacted by the people or their chosen representatives, as offending against the constitution or public policy or on any other ground.

3. The military shall at all times be held in strict subordination to the civil authorities. Civil government in this state shall never be replaced or suspended by martial law. The state militia and the police power shall never interfere in industrial disputes.

4. The writ of injunction shall not be issued by any court or judge in any action or proceeding arising out of an industrial dispute, and no person shall be punished for contempt of court unless on conviction after trial by jury.

5. Every person shall have the absolute right to freely speak, write or publish his sentiments on all subjects, and no law or ordinance shall be passed to restrain or abridge the freedom of speech or of the press, or to make such right dependent upon any permit or other condition.

6. The people shall have the right to assemble for the purpose of discussion, deliberation or petition in a peaceful and orderly manner at all times in private and public places.

7. The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall never be abrogated.

8. All property and property rights of any kind and nature are held by the consent of the state, and their use should always be subject to the regulation and control of the state and to its right of eminent domain. The state shall at all times have the right to seize the property of any person or corporation refusing to comply with the law.

9. The right of the state and of all counties, municipalities or other divisions of the state to engage in any enterprise, business or occupation shall not be denied nor prohibited.

10. The state shall never alienate any part of the school lands or other public lands now held by it.

11. All charters, grants, franchises and licenses issued by the state or any division of it shall be revocable by the people at all times.

12. All counties, cities and towns of the state shall have the absolute right of local self-government.

13. The workers shall at all times have the right to organize for the advancement of their interests, to abstain from work for any employer individually or collectively, for any reason deemed sufficient to them; to attend peacefully in any numbers in and about any place of work for the purpose of giving information about pending labor disputes to any persons, or peaceably persuading any person to abstain from work for any employer. The people shall have the right individually or collectively to abstain from dealing with or patronizing any individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation, and to persuade others to do so by speech or print, or in any other manner.

14. No private police or constabulary shall be allowed to operate in this state or to give testimony in any court.

## II. SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

1. All citizens of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, without distinction of sex, race, color or creed, who have resided in the state six months, shall be qualified electors at all national, state and local elections, and eligible for all public offices. No citizen shall be deprived of the active or passive franchise on account of payment or non-payment of taxes or on account of any property or educational qualifications.

2. The right of the citizen to vote and to be voted for in all elections shall never be limited or qualified by the requirement of fees upon registering, nominating or voting or in any other manner. All elections for public office shall be on the secret Australian system, and either by blanket ballot or voting machine.

3. In all elections for members of the legislature and in all other state and local elections in which two or more persons are to be elected for the same office, such officers shall be elected at large by the entire state, district or locality, as the case may be, and all political parties shall be given representation among the officers so to be chosen in proportion to the number of votes respectively cast by them in such election.

## III. LEGISLATION.

1. The legislature of the state shall consist of one house of representatives.

2. Upon the demand of any three counties in the state or upon the demand of a number of individual citizens equal to at least five per cent of the number of all voters at the last preceding general state election, the legislature shall forthwith refer to the people any proposed new law or measure or any law or measure passed by such legislature, to be adopted, ratified or rejected by the people upon a general vote.

## IV. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

1. All judges and magistrates of all courts shall be elected by the direct vote of the people and shall hold office for short terms.

2. Justice shall be administered speedily and freely, and no fees or charges of any kind shall be exacted from litigants.

3. In criminal cases the state shall conduct the defense, as well as the prosecution, free of charge.

4. Neither capital punishment nor money fines shall be imposed for any crime.

5. No person shall be convicted of a crime within the state, nor shall any person be extradited upon the demand of any other state, without a trial by jury.

6. No person shall be imprisoned for debt, and all household furniture, implements of work and homesteads shall be exempt from levy under execution.

## V. PUBLIC OFFICERS.

1. All elective officers of the state, counties and municipalities shall be elected for short terms.

2. The representatives of this state in the senate of the United States shall be elected by the direct vote of the people.

3. Upon the presentation to the proper authorities of a petition for the recall of an elected officer, verified by ten per cent of the voters of the district represented by such officer, a new election to fill the said office shall forthwith be called. Upon such new election the name of the incumbent in office shall be placed on the ballot, together with any new candidates who may be nominated for the said office, and the candidate receiving the largest number of votes in such election shall fill the office during the unexpired term thereof.

## VI. TAXATION.

1. Neither the state nor any political division of the state shall levy indirect taxes.

2. The burdens of taxation shall be distributed among those most able to carry them and deriving the largest pecuniary benefits from the protection of the state—the possessing classes. Among the taxes to be levied by the state there shall be a substantial inheritance tax graduated in proportion to the amount of the bequest and to the nearness of kin, and a graduated income tax.

## VII. INDUSTRIAL REGULATIONS.

1. The legislature shall fix a maximum workday, not exceeding eight hours, for all workers, and shall by proper legal enactment shorten such workday from time to time in keeping with the increased productiveness of modern machinery. It shall likewise provide by law for a rest period of at least a day and a half in each week for workers in all industries.

2. Employment of children under the age of sixteen years and contracting of prison labor shall be prohibited.

3. All wages shall be paid at least once in each week in United States currency.

4. All workers injured in the course of their employment and the dependents of all workers killed in the course of their employment shall receive compensation, regardless of the cause and manner of the accident, from a state compensation fund to which all employers shall be required to contribute pro rata. Such compensation shall be equal to the full economic loss caused by the injury, and shall be recoverable without delay or litigation.

5. The legislature shall by proper enactment provide for suitable safeguards and sanitary regulations in all occupations, with ample provisions for frequent and effective inspection of the places of employment, machinery and appliances.

6. The state shall insure all workers against sickness, invalidism and old age and shall provide public industries for the unemployed.

## VIII. EDUCATION.

1. The state shall maintain a free system of public education, including the furnishing to the pupils of free text books and school supplies and free meals and clothing when necessary.

2. Education shall be compulsory for all children up to the age of sixteen years.

## IX. AMENDMENTS.

1. The constitution may be amended at any time by a majority vote.

2. Proposed amendments to the constitution may be initiated and shall be voted upon in the same manner as above provided for the popular initiation and referendum vote upon ordinary laws and measures.



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