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National Secretary's Financial Report for Month of July, 1911

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| National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1911. | |
| RECEIPTS. | |
| NATIONAL DUES FROM STATE COMMITTEES. | |
| Alabama | \$ 11.00 |
| Arizona | 8.30 |
| Arkansas | 20.00 |
| California | 200.00 |
| Colorado | 6.40 |
| Connecticut | 2.50 |
| Florida | 10.00 |
| Georgia | 15.00 |
| Idaho | 4.00 |
| Illinois | 183.80 |
| Indiana | 53.35 |
| Iowa | 75.00 |
| Kansas | 50.00 |
| Kentucky | 15.00 |
| Louisiana | 15.00 |
| Maine | 13.00 |
| Maryland | 40.00 |
| Massachusetts | 181.35 |
| Michigan | 115.95 |
| Minnesota | 106.95 |
| Missouri | 55.00 |
| Montana | 70.70 |
| Mississippi | 16.70 |
| Nebraska | 30.00 |
| Nevada | 35.00 |
| New Hampshire | 24.20 |
| New Jersey | 102.00 |
| New Mexico | 10.35 |
| New York | 405.05 |
| North Dakota | 33.00 |
| Ohio | 214.60 |
| Oklahoma | 140.00 |
| Oregon | 101.65 |
| Pennsylvania | 533.15 |
| Rhode Island | 16.05 |
| South Dakota | 31.25 |
| Tennessee | 15.00 |
| Texas | 78.00 |
| Utah | 16.00 |
| Vermont | 5.00 |
| Virginia | 10.00 |
| Washington | 214.35 |
| West Virginia | 32.90 |
| Wisconsin | 230.20 |
| Wyoming | 17.70 |
| | \$3,564.45 |
| UNORGANIZED STATES. | |
| Alaska | \$ 27.75 |
| Delaware | 75 |
| North Carolina | 16.10 |
| South Carolina | .50 |
| Members-at-large | 8.40 |
| Polish Alliance Section | 25.00 |
| South Slavic Section | 50.00 |
| Total dues | \$3,692.95 |
| Supplies | 132.29 |
| Literature | 511.67 |
| Buttons | 147.60 |
| Campaign fund | 107.13 |
| Refund, Carl Strover | 50.00 |
| Refund, Adolph Germer | 50.00 |
| Refund, W. D. Thomas | 20.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 2.40 |
| Total receipts | \$4,714.04 |
| EXPENDITURES. | |
| Exchange | \$ 6.02 |
| General expenses | 64.90 |
| Express and freight | 29.78 |
| Postage | 799.73 |
| Telegrams and phone | 1.09 |
| Printing and literature | 872.65 |
| Printing Bulletin (June) | 161.00 |
| Office equipment | 121.00 |
| Light | 6.57 |
| Refund, D. M. Potter | 1.00 |
| Refund, Appeal to Reason | 2.00 |
| L. Kopelin, News Bureau | 105.82 |
| F. E. Wolfe, News Bureau | 180.80 |
| V. L. Berger, office help | 60.00 |
| L. E. Katterfeld, Lyceum Bureau | 105.00 |
| Rent (July) | 100.00 |
| Reserve mileage | 369.25 |
| Caroline A. Lowe, Woman's Correspondent | 90.00 |
| V. Licci, Italian translator | 50.00 |
| J. W. Sarlund, Finnish translator | 105.00 |
| F. Petrich, South Slavic translator | 50.00 |
| H. Gluski, Polish translator | 50.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 24.94 |
| WAGES. | |
| J. Mahlon Barnes | \$125.00 |
| Dan A. White, 5 wks. | 125.00 |
| Chas. Drees, 5 wks. | 105.00 |
| John M. Work, 5 wks. | 105.00 |
| M. H. Hudson, 5 wks. | 90.00 |
| E. N. Taylor, 5 wks. | 90.00 |
| E. M. Koop, 5 wks. | 60.00 |
| G. Ludwich, 5 wks. | 62.50 |
| M. O'Brien, 5 wks. | 60.00 |
| A. B. Campbell, 5 wks. | 54.00 |
| G. Ritterskamp | 48.00 |
| M. Altshuler | 54.00 |
| T. Vincent | 56.00 |
| L. Gerus | 29.00 |
| J. Weber | 28.00 |
| G. Cook | 16.00 |
| J. Sipple | 18.00 |
| W. C. Sahlin | 25.50 |
| Extra help | 46.40 |
| | 1,197.40 |
| APPROPRIATIONS. | |
| State of Nebraska | \$75.00 |
| State of Tennessee | 25.00 |
| | 100.00 |
| SPEAKERS. | |
| Walter J. Millard | \$165.93 |
| W. W. McAllister | 50.00 |
| O. F. Branstetter | 100.00 |
| Thos. N. Freeman | 100.00 |
| A. Crawford | 25.00 |
| Lena Morrow Lewis | 50.00 |
| John M. Collins | 50.00 |
| Tom J. Lewis | 12.43 |
| | 553.36 |
| Total expenditures | \$5,207.31 |
| SUMMARY. | |
| Balance on hand July 1 | \$1,500.10 |
| Receipts for month | 4,714.04 |
| | \$6,214.14 |
| Expenditures for month | 5,207.31 |
| Balance on hand August 1 | \$1,006.83 |
| Reserve mileage fund | \$4,809.45 |
| Fraternally submitted, J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary. | |

Woman's National Committee

MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN AUGUST.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The meeting of the Woman's National Committee will open in Chicago on August 11. The committee will discuss plans and outline a program of action for the work of the coming year.

The proposed order of business is herewith given, and the general membership is requested to send in any suggestions that will aid the committee in formulating the plans.

Proposed order of business for the Woman's National Committee meeting in Chicago, beginning August 11, 1911:

Report of General Correspondent of the Woman's National Committee.

Organization and propaganda within the party.

1. Rules of order for guidance of General Correspondent and committee members.
2. Progressive Woman: How to improve it for organization and propaganda among women. How to increase its circulation.
3. Equitable dues: Solution of dues for women.
4. District organization: Reports from Anna A. Maley, Nellie M. Zeh, Florence Wattle. Plan of work for organizer. Handling of literature. Financial arrangements with national, state and local organizations.
5. Plans for National Organizers and Lecturers: Press notice sent in ad-

vance, advertising meeting. Press notice giving synopsis of lecture for publication after meeting. (Both notices emphasizing the special appeal to women.)

6. How to increase interest in local and party work, for both men and women. Monthly programs: Are they meeting the needs of the locals?
7. New plan of work: To reach women of city, small town and country.
8. Leaflets: For propaganda and for organization.
9. Socialist songs as means for propaganda and organization.
10. Socialist plays: Plays for Socialist propaganda.
11. Socialist Sunday Schools: Reports from Bertha Maily of New York, Georgia Kotsch of Los Angeles and Mary Livingston of Chicago.
12. Socialist Woman's Day: Definite plans for 1912.
13. Arrange for National Socialist Woman's Conference at National Convention, 1912.
14. Arrange for regular international correspondence and reports.
15. Work among foreign-speaking women: How to secure closer relations between them and English-speaking women. Suggestions from Victoria Licci, Italian translator; Hipolit Gluski, Polish translator-secretary; J. W. Sarlund, Finnish translator-secretary; Mrs. M. Altshuler, wife of secretary of Russian Bureau and Jewish Agitation Bureau. Other foreign-speaking organizations have been asked to report.
16. How to arouse sense of responsi-

bility in secretaries and correspondents in the matter of answering communications and sending in reports.

17. National Socialist Lyceum Bureau: Women's share of work. Report by L. E. Katterfeld, in charge of bureau.

18. Proposed Bureau of Socialist Schools and Socialist Teachers: Report by Terence Vincent.

19. Proposed National Socialist Bureau of Information: How can the Woman's National Committee assist in gathering information concerning women?

Organization and Propaganda outside the party:

20. Effective protest and educational campaign against the imprisonment of Angelino Napolitano.

21. How reach the unorganized girl in factory, store, shop and kitchen?

22. How reach the housewife?

23. How can the Woman's National Committee co-operate with the Intercollegiate Socialist Society in reaching students and teachers?

24. Women's trade unions and women's trade union leagues: Report from Alice Henry, editor of Life and Labor.

25. Labor laws affecting women and children.

26. The Socialist Woman's Suffrage Petition: Complete it for distribution. How secure co-operation of other organizations for women? How secure more active agitation for suffrage?

27. Naturalization of women.

28. Relation of activity of Socialist women in women's clubs: Report from Anna K. Hulbud.

29. Peace proposal: Report by Mary E. Garbutt.

30. How can Socialists make use of the New York and Chicago Child Welfare Exhibit, with its wealth of statistics and propaganda material condemning the present system? Report by Prudence Brown.

Chicago, Ill.,
July 5, 1911.

Dear Comrade—The Woman's National Committee is making use of every opportunity to call the attention of the membership of the Socialist Party to the necessity of securing the aid of the women in our movement.

To this end we are sending press notices in advance of the national organizers and lecturers, bringing out the fact that Socialism stands for woman's enfranchisement, and urging the women to attend the lecture.

We ask the local comrades to co-operate with us to the fullest possible extent by carrying out three definite things:

1. See to it that the enclosed notice is published in your local paper as a news item as one means of advertisement.

2. See to it that you ask the national organizer for a short synopsis of his lecture, which should include his reference to the need of women in the movement, and then publish this as a news item the day following the lecture.

You should add to his synopsis of the lecture a few lines telling of the number present, and the interest manifested. If new members were secured, or a local organized, you should state the fact and give the time and place of the next meeting of the local. Be sure to make it clear that women are expected to attend the local meetings.

3. Send for special leaflets for women and distribute them at this meeting. Make every effort to get women to attend. Have some woman comrade call at the schools and invite the teachers to come, and then ask permission to make an announcement to the children urging their parents to hear the lecture. When I was in the field work I followed this plan, and it had most excellent results.

I am enclosing a sample set of leaflets and hope to receive an order for them at your earliest convenience. Do not fail to push the circulation of the Progressive Woman, the only Socialist woman's magazine in the United States. The price is fifty cents per year; in clubs of four, twenty-five cents. In bundle orders, two cents a copy. For the Progressive Woman address 5445 Drexel avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Hoping for your hearty co-operation in our endeavors to organize women into the party, and with best wishes for a most successful meeting.

Chicago, Ill.,
July 7, 1911.

To the Woman's National Committee: Dear Comrades—The vote upon the motions submitted June 23 is as follows:

By Strickland, that General Correspondent submit propositions as recommendation: Yes—Simons, Strickland. No—Floaten, O'Hare, Allen, Branstetter. Not voting—Lewis. Motion lost.

By Strickland, that all motions be made by members of committee. Yes—Simons, Strickland. No—Floaten, O'Hare, Allen, Branstetter. Not voting—Lewis. Motion lost.

By Floaten, that all motions be initiated by members of the committee.

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National Socialist Lyceum Bureau

205 West Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

July 8, 1911.

TO THE LOCALS, SOCIALIST PARTY:

Dear Comrades—We are launching the greatest organizing campaign that the Socialist movement has ever known.

A National Socialist Lyceum Bureau has been established in connection with National Headquarters.

The most efficient and best known speakers that the national organization can secure will be in our charge.

We are assured of the co-operation of nearly every State Office. We have back of us the united support of the entire Socialist press.

A COURSE OF SOCIALIST LECTURES.

A course of five Socialist lectures is planned. These will not be mere agitation talks, but carefully prepared addresses. Each one will follow out of the other, so that together they will give a logical presentation of the Socialist position. They will lead the audience step by step through an understanding of our philosophy to the inevitable conclusion—membership in the Socialist Party. These lectures will be delivered by the most impressive lecturers that the Socialist movement can produce.

FREE TO LOCALS.

This lecture course costs you no money—nothing but some work. Merely sell \$300.00 worth of subscriptions to Socialist papers and books. We pay the lecturers and their expenses, furnish all the necessary advertising, and a special organizer to explain the details of the plan. The local only pays the hall rent. The local gets all collections and profits from the book sales at the meetings and a commission of forty per cent on all subscriptions sold above the \$300.00 requirement. Any live local in a town of five thousand or more can make good with this undertaking and realize a good profit for its treasury.

Subscription cards will be issued by the National Office, good for ANY Socialist paper OR BOOK. Every worker can hustle for the paper that he likes best, and every subscriber can take the paper or book of his choice and receive a lecture ticket free with it. A ticket to one lecture will be given with each 25-cent subscription, and with a dollar subscription comes a ticket to all the lectures.

WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE IT.

Of course, this will mean work for your organization. That is the purpose of the whole project. No organization can build itself up except through active, systematic work. Through the very doing of this work you will develop the power to do more—you will build the EFFICIENT organization, the TRAINED Fighting Machine, that you MUST have before you can capture your community.

This is worth while, Comrades. Under our plan you can do more toward this end than through years of ordinary propaganda effort. It is a labor-saving device. In it we have many different factors working together, without waste of energy, toward the common goal.

The printed page and the spoken word reinforce each other, and together make the most effective propaganda.

The plan brings back into the harness every old war horse of your local. It puts to use all the enthusiastic energy of every new convert.

Through it, Comrades learn to do their work not as mere individuals, but as an organization.

This plan furnishes the local a list of nearly all the Socialists in the community, and the names and addresses of ALL those who are workers for the Cause.

It makes use of all the Socialist publications to directly build up the party organization. On the other hand, it uses the full power of the whole Party Machinery, from the National Office down through the state and local organizations, to build an ever larger circulation for our Socialist press. This, in turn, will give our whole movement added strength and power.

Thus every factor helps the other. In this plan all the different elements are moulded together into one Mighty Engine to FIT THE WORKING CLASS FOR VICTORY.

This is what you are organized to do. It is THE purpose of your existence as a local.

Fraternally yours,

J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

TO THE LOCALS.

Please consider the National Socialist Lyceum Bureau offer at your next meeting.

The routes for the entire season must shortly be arranged. Take advantage of this great organizing campaign while you have the chance.

SIGN AND MAIL THIS BLANK AT ONCE:

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* J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary,

205 West Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade—Our local is favorably impressed with the

plans for the National Socialist Lyceum Bureau and would like to

have detailed information.

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Number of members

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(Signed), Secy.

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Street and Number

.....

City, State

.....

WOMAN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE

(Continued from page 1.)

and that General Correspondent submit suggestions as recommendations: Yes—Simons, Floaten. No—Allen, Branstretter, O'Hare. Not voting—Lewis, Strickland. Motion lost.

By Branstretter, that General Correspondent submit in form of motion, question or suggestion, according to her judgment: Yes—O'Hare, Allen, Lewis, Branstretter. No—Floaten. Not voting—Simons, Strickland. Motion carried.

By Branstretter, that all matter from members of committee or outsiders be submitted to committee. Carried unanimously.

By Strickland, that Comrade Wattles be engaged as district organizer. Carried unanimously.

By Simons, that Comrade Zeh be engaged as organizer. Carried unanimously.

By Simons, that reading notice be sent to papers for the Progressive Woman by the General Correspondent. Carried unanimously.

By Branstretter, that concluding articles in Howe series be sent. Yes—Branstretter, O'Hare, Allen, Lewis, Floaten, Strickland. Not voting—Simons.

By Allen, that speakers for the Woman's National Committee urge women to enter local work. Carried unanimously.

Comment by Lewis on Motion 4: "I vote yes on the motion offered by Comrade Branstretter, as it is in line with the order as pursued by the National Secretary in relation to conduct of National Executive Committee."

NEW MOTIONS SUBMITTED ON JULY 7, 1911.

By Simons, that meeting of committee be held Friday, August 11, and such succeeding days as is deemed advisable.

Comment by Lowe: "Comrades Floaten, Branstretter and Strickland submitted similar motions, which are practically embodied in the above by Comrade Simons."

By Branstretter: I move that a protest against the execution of Angelino Napolitano be issued, not by the Woman's National Committee of the Socialist Party, but by the party itself. That the protest be submitted to the National Executive Committee by the Woman's Committee. Such protest to be written by our Corresponding Secretary, subject to suggestion by Comrade Barnes. Upon completion, that the protest be submitted to the National Executive Committee with recommendation from the National Woman's Committee that the same be adopted by the National Executive Committee as a protest by the Socialist Party of the United States.

Comment by Lowe: "I have submitted this to Comrade Barnes, and it meets with his approval. It is now but five weeks until the day set for her execution. Send in your vote stating your desires on the enclosed postal."

By Strickland: I approve plan to protest against execution of Angelino Napolitano, and desire Comrade Simons to write to press.

Comrade Floaten writes in favor of protest, and says: "It matters not to me who writes it. Will say Comrade O'Hare, but will agree to any one who has the highest number of votes, if it takes mine to decide. We must not waste time; have it out at once."

Comrade Allen writes in favor of protest, and says: "Every Socialist man and woman should write a letter of protest to Uriah McFadden, Esq., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada."

By Simons: That Comrade Anna Maley be requested to send in suggestions to this meeting and, if possible, a brief report.

Comment by Simons: "It is regrettable that Comrade Maley cannot be with us, as her suggestions would be of the greatest value."

Comment by Lowe: "I have written Comrade Maley urging her to be present. She has arranged with Comrade Barnes to do so."

By Simons: I move the sending out of the Joseph Cohen article to press.

Comment by Lowe: "In talking with Comrade Barnes regarding the sending out of articles for the press, he advised that we combine our press work with that of the National Office, thereby saving the duplication of work and expense. The National Office sends out articles to the press each week, and we may include one from the woman's department. Our articles shall be credited to the Woman's National Committee, thereby advertising our work. But the length must conform to those sent out by the National Office and must not exceed two pages. They should be confined to one page if they are to receive recognition from all of the papers."

By Allen: I move that our General Correspondent communicate with Comrade Mrs. Gates of New York in regard to selections and suggestions for a Socialist Song Book.

Comment by Allen: "Comrade Gates and her daughter Elizabeth have given their services to the movement both in the West and in New York City for years. I believe that suggestions from them would be helpful to the committee. Music is much neglected and is most valuable for propaganda work."

Motion by Allen: I wish to make a motion that the question of dues for women be taken up as a part of the order of business at our meeting.

Comment by Allen: "It would be well to defer action on the suggestion of

Comrade Mary E. Garbutt until our meeting, I believe."

Comment by Allen: "The Child Welfare Exhibit presents a good basis for propaganda work, and I hope we may come to some decision at our meeting regarding it."

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Comrade Edelson for your decision.

The enclosed letter and press notice have been sent to the local comrades on Comrade Branstretter's route. Comrade Malkiel reported that they were printed in almost every place along her route, and with good results.

I appreciate the promptness with which the members of the committee sent in their replies, and trust that we may have the same with this.

Fraternally submitted,
CAROLINE A. LOWE,
General Correspondent,
Woman's National Committee.

Chicago, Ill.,
July 13, 1911.

To the Socialist Press:

Comrade Editor—The enclosed letter regarding the National Socialist Lyceum Bureau is being mailed this week to all locals in cities of over 2,500 population. The plan has been well received by the state organizations. The undertaking will be a success.

But the measure of this success will depend very largely upon the degree of co-operation of those most directly concerned, the Socialist periodicals.

If, as we hope, 600 locals put the proposition through, that means 3,000 lectures next winter. That will take four sets of lecturers of five each. It will mean 20 lectures a night throughout the season. It will mean a quarter of a million dollars' worth of subscriptions for the Socialist press secured through this one project.

This is worth while, comrade, for both the party and the papers. Coming as it does just a few months before the 1912 national campaign, all this will be doubly effective.

We shall appreciate whatever publicity you may give this matter.

Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

Chicago, Ill.,
July 15, 1911.

To the Socialist Press:

Comrade Editor—On June 28 I sent you a letter inviting you to co-operate under the National Socialist Lyceum Bureau.

Enough favorable replies have been received to assure that the proposition is going through.

But I have not yet heard from you regarding the matter. Please give it your immediate attention.

The enclosed letter to the locals gives you the plan in general. Briefly, it is this:

We use the entire party machine—national, state and local—as one great subscription agency for the Socialist press. For subscriptions secured in this way we get special commissions from the publications. With these commissions we finance the lecture courses. We shall give the lecture course of five numbers to every local that will sell \$300 worth of subs in a limited time. Every subscriber gets a ticket to the lectures free with his subscription.

A printed list of all the publications that are co-operating under this plan will be furnished to each purchaser of a subscription ticket to help him make his choice of papers.

We shall go to press with this list about August 1.

IF YOU DESIRE THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING YOUR PUBLICATION ON THIS LIST WE MUST HEAR FROM YOU THIS MONTH.

The project was planned on a 50 per cent commission basis. In making up this rate, take into consideration this:

1. All of the commission is used to build up the party organization, which in turn helps you. 2. Nearly all this circulation will be in addition to what you already have. 3. These new readers will hear the Socialist lectures. A large percentage of them will therefore become interested in Socialism. They will probably become, not only permanent readers, but WORKERS for the papers that they start to take. 4. This does not mean an abnormal circulation that cannot be maintained for any one paper. It means a healthy increase all along the line. 5. To get this new circulation costs you neither money nor effort. All you need to do is to fill the subscriptions that we send.

Give us this special commission on subscriptions that we secure under this plan. It will be to the mutual advantage of your periodical and the party.

Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

Chicago, Ill.,
July 12, 1911.

To the State Secretary:

Dear Comrade—The enclosed letter regarding the National Socialist Lyceum Bureau is being mailed this week to all locals in cities of over 2,500 population, to the National Committees, and to the Socialist press.

If, as we hope, 600 locals put this proposition through, that will mean 3,000 lectures next winter. It will mean four sets of lecturers of five each, 20 meetings a night throughout the season. It will mean a quarter of a million dollars' worth of subscriptions to Socialist publications secured in these cities through this one project.

In connection with this we have planned a way to get information regarding the party—a membership application card, etc.—into the hands of every subscriber. A wonderful increase in organization is sure to result.

But the measure of success will depend very largely upon the degree of co-operation of those most directly concerned, the state organizations.

Many of the locals that could handle this will apply on their own initiative. But others will need special encouragement.

A letter from your office to the locals in your state regarding this matter would be especially effective right at the present time.

We want to arrange this, not to take the place of but to supplement the lecture work that is normally directed from state headquarters. Please advise whether it makes any difference to your office at what time of the season the lecture courses are arranged in your state, and, if so, how we can best fit this in with the regular work of your state office.

Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUMS.

Lowell, Mass.,
July 1, 1911.

Local Lowell, Mass., proposes a party referendum as follows: "That the Socialist Party establish or acquire a weekly publication."

Comment: "We believe in the press being owned and controlled by the party. The Socialists of this local are opposed to private ownership even in Socialist publications. Let us put the same effort to establish our own press that we do for others at present."

Yours for co-operation,
ROBERT J. KELLY,
Secretary.

Members in good standing, 53.

Newport, Ky.,
July 7, 1911.

Local Newport, Ky., offers the following referendum, having adopted same at regular meeting July 6, 1911:

"That Article X, Section 6, of the National Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. Railroad fares of delegates going to and coming from conventions and the congresses of the party, and \$3.00 per day for all time spent, shall be paid from the national treasury, and such expenses shall be raised by setting aside 15 per cent of the national dues."

Comment: "The delegates to the International Congress are allowed wages and expenses, and we hold that the delegates to the National Convention are just as much entitled to a reasonable wage for the time they spend in the service of the party."

"Also, that the payment of wages will make it possible for any member of the party to serve as delegate, and that this will assure us of a delegation that is more representative of the rank and file."

"That the payment of delegates' wages and mileage will be more beneficial to the party than the purchases of newspaper stock, which may create bad feeling between some of the papers and the National Office; or the reduction of the national dues, which will be of little assistance to the weaker states, whereas the payment of delegates will help the weaker states to be represented."

"Good, strong organization, so that the poorest man may represent the party in its national councils."

PEARL ALINE LANFERSIEK,
Secretary.
I. RAPHAELSON, Chairman.
Members in good standing, 40.

Malden, Mass.,
July 11, 1911.

Malden-Everett Club at its last regular meeting ordered the following forwarded to you to be offered as a referendum for the consideration of the membership:

Malden-Everett Local of the Socialist Party proposes the following as a new section to the National Constitution under Article VIII:

"ORGANIZERS.

"It shall be the duty of the National Secretary, upon the written request of a state having 3,000 or over dues-paying members, to appoint an organizer for said state. Said organizer may be selected by the state to which he is assigned. The principal duties of this organizer shall be to call upon the subscribers of the various Socialist periodicals and induce them to purchase literature and join the party. He shall visit the organized and unorganized cities and towns and revisit them with regularity. The profits made from subscriptions taken and literature sales and the expenses of said organizer shall be equally divided between the National Office and the state office to which he is assigned. The salary of this organizer shall be thirty dollars per week, flat."

Comment: "We believe that this type of organizer is absolutely needed at this stage of the development of our movement. We need to intensify our propaganda and we need to follow the line of least resistance. Those already reading our periodicals are the ones that can be most easily reached and brought into our movement. Again, the regular visits of this type of organizer will serve to keep weak clubs from going to pieces, and will succeed in getting the movement started in places that the present plan of national lecturers speaking in a place and then going away can never accomplish. We do not believe in the plan of lowering the share of the dues that shall go to the National Office, but we do believe that the National Office should assist the several states to properly organize."

ARTHUR GILL, Secretary.
Members in good standing, 80.

Hoosick Falls, N. Y.,
June 18, 1911.

"Whereas, A proper education of the people will aid in the introduction of Socialism;

"Resolved, That Local Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, N. Y., request that there be placed in the next national platform a plank dealing with education covering the following grounds:

"1. That all children up to and including 18 years of age be kept in school. Each state shall have same platform where necessary.

"2. Each state to support children—that is, wherever children would have to leave school to earn their own living.

"3. Each state to have a free university to study any subject or profession desired.

"4. The necessary study of a practical physiology to combat prostitution or white slavery. Each boy or girl to understand himself or herself.

"Comrades, a letter was written to the Commissioner of Education of New York State. The chief of the Compulsory Attendance Division replied that he was pleased to read such ideas. The letter covered the ground that this referendum covers. He said that for some time to come nothing could be done because the legislature would not pass any bill to that effect. Comrades, get together. Agitate and interest the people that there may be something doing in this line."

Fraternally yours,
F. W. SPENDIFF,
Secretary.

Members in good standing, 9.

Terryville, Conn.,
July 21, 1911.

Terryville Local, Socialist Party of the State of Connecticut, in regular meeting assembled, passed the following:

"Amendments to Article XVII of the National Constitution:

"Sec. 1. National organizations working in languages other than English shall have the right to affiliate with the Socialist Party only through local organizations in organized counties, state organizations in unorganized counties, and the national organization in unorganized states and territories.

"Sec. 3. Such organizations shall pay a sum of five cents monthly per capita to the National Office, receiving in exchange therefor dues stamps the same as those issued to English-speaking organizations; they shall also pay through their translator-secretary such dues to state, county and local as they mutually agree with the respective organizations.

"Sec. 5. Each national foreign-speaking organization shall be entitled to elect delegates from its ranks to national conventions and congresses of the party, as provided in Article X, Sections 2 and 5. The electing of delegates shall be conducted by said organization, provided that the members of the organization shall have no right to vote for English-speaking candidates at the same time."

Add the following to Article XVII: "There shall not be two or more organizations of the same nationality in the party."

Everything not in accordance with the above provisions in Article XVII shall be stricken out.

Fraternally submitted,
ANTONI KORPINSKI,
Chairman.
L. RUSINOWICZ,
Secretary.

The above was endorsed by the members of the Polish Section of the Socialist Party, representing a membership in good standing of 1,250.

H. GLUSKI,
Translator-Secretary.

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Correspondence of the National Executive Committee During July

National Headquarters, Socialist Party.
Chicago, Ill., July 3, 1911.
To the National Executive Committee:
Dear Comrades—I enclose herewith a copy of the Constitution for the State of Mississippi, which was drafted in the State Convention held in Jackson, beginning June 15. The said Constitution in ballot form has been submitted from this office to a referendum vote of the membership of Mississippi. Vote is also being taken upon the election of state officers and a member of the National Committee.
The comrades of Mississippi are duly qualified under the National Constitution, that is, having a sufficient number of locals and members, and through their provisional State Secretary, by direction of the State Convention, have made application to this office for a charter as an organized state.
In accordance with Section 2 of Article VI of the National Constitution, the question is submitted: Shall a charter for a state organization be granted to the comrades of Mississippi?
Kindly return your vote at an early date. In the event of favorable action, a charter will be issued dated July 1.

Chicago, Ill., July 6, 1911.
To the National Executive Committee:
Dear Comrades—I herewith submit questions upon the controversy in the State of Missouri, and preliminary statement for your information:
In the February (1911) session of the National Executive Committee, Comrade Boswell informed the committee that a referendum was then pending, the text of which was as follows:
"Motion No. 1. That a cordial invitation is hereby extended to the National Executive Committee to use their good offices to investigate the late controversy in the City of St. Louis, with a view to bringing about a full and fair understanding in the Socialist movement at that place."
"Motion No. 2. That the National Executive Committee bear the expense of such investigation."

The National Executive Committee thereupon took the following action:
"Motion. In the event that the motion now pending before the members of the State of Missouri is adopted, this committee exercise its good offices in the following manner: That each side to the controversy be requested to designate a party member outside the State of Missouri to represent it on a board of arbitration and adjustment; that the two comrades so selected shall jointly choose three additional members of such board, none of whom shall be a member of the State of Missouri. Should the two representatives of the sides to the controversy fail to agree upon the three additional members, the National Executive Committee shall appoint such additional members to complete the number of five."
"Motion. That the cost be divided into three equal parts, one-third to be paid by one side to the controversy, one-third to be paid by the other side to the controversy, and one-third to be paid by the National Office."

However, the above reported referendum did not receive sufficient endorsements and consequently failed of action.
State Secretary Ristine now reports that State Referendum "A," 1911, has been adopted by a vote of 458 for to 152 against, and requests the National Executive Committee to carry out the provisions of the referendum as soon as possible. The referendum reads as follows:
"Resolved, That the Socialist Party of Missouri hereby invites the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, through a committee composed of the National Executive Committee's own members, and at the National Executive Committee's own expense, to investigate the charge that former Local St. Louis violated the National Constitution in the St. Louis municipal campaign of 1909 (of which charge they were found guilty and had their charter revoked under the laws of the Socialist Party of Missouri)."

A petition signed by 512 persons and addressed to the National Executive Committee has also been received. The petition reads as follows:
"We, the undersigned members of the Socialist Party of Missouri, in good standing at the time of the controversy hereinafter mentioned, deny the validity of the title to office of R. R. Ristine, alleged State Secretary; W. W. McAllister and C. A. Berry, alleged National Committeemen, and J. S. Kiefner, Otto Vierling, A. L. Meyer, H. J. Steigerwalt, C. C. Wideman, and Geo. W. Boswell, alleged State Committeemen from the 10th, 11th and 12th Congressional Districts. The validity of the title of said claimants to office is denied on the ground that their election was conducted in gross violation of the State Constitution of the Socialist Party of Missouri by excluding the vote of the members of Local St. Louis. The controversy arose when the vote of said local was excluded by the Local Quorum April 15, 1910. And we hereby petition your committee to no longer recognize the validity of the title to office of the above named alleged officials, and that your committee conduct a referendum of this state to elect state officials in lieu of these alleged officials in accordance with Article XII, Section 9, National Constitution of the Socialist Party."

Relating to the petition, Comrade W. M. Brandt, Secretary of Local St. Louis, reports as follows:
"The membership in Missouri at the time the controversy arose, as shown

by the official reports of State Secretary Ristine, was as follows:
"Dues sold by Ristine—
In January, 1910 \$145.60
In February, 1910 140.00
In March, 1910 154.60
\$440.20
"Average dues per month, \$146.73.
"Average members per month (including members-at-large), 1,474.
"One-third of membership, 491 and a fraction."

The questions submitted are:
1. Shall the request of the State Referendum of Missouri be complied with?
2. Shall a referendum for the election of officials in the State of Missouri be conducted in accordance with Article XII, Section 9, of the National Constitution?
Chicago, Ill., July 18, 1911.
To the National Executive Committee:
Dear Comrades—I herewith report action upon the question of granting a charter to the comrades of Mississippi for the establishment of a state organization:
Voting Yes: Comrades Berger, Carey, Hillquit, Lewis and Spargo. Other members not heard from. A charter has therefore been granted.
The referendum for the adoption of a Constitution for the State of Mississippi and the election of state officers, which closed on July 15, resulted in the adoption of the Constitution as drafted by the State Convention, and in the election of W. A. Knight, R. F. D. No. 2, Hattiesburg, as State Secretary, and J. P. Lipscomb, Jackson, as member of the National Committee.

Replies to an informal letter upon the question as to the convenience of the members to meet a day in advance of the conference—that is, on Friday, August 11—show a majority favorable to meeting at 2 p. m. on that date.
I also report herewith upon the consideration given to the subject matters submitted under date of July 6, relating to Missouri, as contained in two propositions, as follows:
1. The request by the State Committee of Missouri for the National Executive Committee, at its own expense, to investigate the question of Local St. Louis violating the National Constitution in the spring campaign of 1909.
2. The petition signed by 512 (to which number ten have been added since the submission of the question) persons requesting a referendum for the election of state officials, according to Article XII, Section 9, of the National Constitution.

Upon the first proposition Comrades Hillquit and Spargo voted in the negative. Comrade Hunter voted in the affirmative. Other members not heard from.
Upon the second proposition Comrades Berger, Hillquit, Hunter, Lewis and Spargo voted in the affirmative. Other members of the committee not heard from. No action, therefore, has been taken on the first proposition. The second has been adopted.
Upon the two questions Comrade Carey submits a motion as follows:
"That action be postponed until the Milwaukee session of the National Executive Committee."

Comrade Lewis submits the following motion: "I move that action on No. 1 be deferred till the National Executive Committee meeting August 12"
The letters of the members are herewith transmitted:
LETTER OF COMRADE HILLQUIT, DATED JULY 10.
"Please record me as voting in the negative on Question No. 1 submitted by you under date of July 6, and as voting in the affirmative on Question No. 2 submitted by you under the same date."
"My reasons for voting in this manner are as follows: It would obviously be useless to undertake an investigation as suggested by the State Committee of the State of Missouri, and at the same time initiate the referendum petitioned for by the 512 petitioners. We can only undertake one or the other of the two proceedings proposed, and, since we have no discretion in the matter of the petition, but are bound to initiate the referendum under the provisions of our Constitution, the petition must prevail over the invitation to investigate. I wish, however, to add in all frankness that, even in the absence of the petition for a referendum, the invitation of the Missouri state organization would not commend itself very favorably to me. The controversy in the State of Missouri arose over the alleged violation of our National Constitution by the St. Louis local in the municipal campaign of 1909, but it also involved the question of the fairness and legality of the proceeding by which the charter of the local was revoked. The resolution of the Missouri state organization would limit the investigation of the National Executive Committee to only one branch of the controversy, that of the alleged offense of Local St. Louis, but would not allow our committee to review the proceedings against the local."
"What we principally desire is to re-establish a harmonious and efficient organization in the State of Missouri, and not merely to fasten the blame for the present deplorable state of disruption, and rest satisfied with that. The Na-

tional Executive Committee has time and again offered its good services to the state organization of Missouri to restore harmony in the movement in that state, but the Missouri State Committee, instead of facing the situation in a straight and direct way, has been fencing with us, and has, to my mind, shown more regard for cavils and technicalities than for the cause of Socialism and an efficient organization of Socialists. The petition of the 512 Missouri comrades, if acted upon by the National Executive Committee, will leave the entire matter in the hands of the membership of the State of Missouri, and, as far as I am concerned, I trust implicitly in their collective wisdom and broadness of mind to settle it in the best interests of the party."

LETTER OF COMRADE SPARGO, DATED JULY 13.
"On the Missouri matter you will please record me as voting in the negative on the first motion and in the affirmative on the second motion.
"State Referendum 'A,' upon which the first motion is based, is obviously one-sided. When Comrade Boswell, at our February meeting, reported that a referendum was being taken I sincerely hoped that referendum would be carried. It provided for the acceptance of the good offices of the National Executive Committee to investigate the whole controversy, with a view to bringing about a full settlement of the controversy.
"But State Referendum 'A' merely provides for an investigation of the original charge against Local St. Louis, and does not make it possible for the National Executive Committee to carry its investigations further into the subsequent actions of the Local Quorum. This is manifestly no way to set about the solution of the difficulty.
"But even if the referendum had been wholly satisfactory to me, I should regard it as useless to vote for the motion based upon it in view of the petition upon which Motion No. 2 is based. As I read the National Constitution, we have no option in the matter. Its provisions are absolutely mandatory. Except for your own satisfaction, there seems to me no reason why you should even submit the questions to this committee. Automatically, the receipt of such a petition makes the taking of a referendum by the National Office imperative.
"Of course, you will satisfy yourself that the signers of the petition were all members in good standing at the time the controversy arose. It seems to me that you ought not to accept the mere assertion of anybody in this matter, but demand and secure satisfactory evidence of such membership."

Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1911.
To the National Executive Committee:
Dear Comrades—Referring to motions submitted under date of July 18 by Comrades Carey and Lewis, each providing for the postponement of action until the next meeting of the National Executive Committee upon the questions relating to the Missouri controversy, I have to report that no action has been taken. The vote of the mover in each motion has, as usual, been recorded in the affirmative. The other members of the committee have not been heard from.
Therefore the decision of the committee providing for a referendum for the election of officials in the State of Missouri, as reported under date of July 18, is operative and shall be carried into effect as soon as a verification of the signatures appearing upon the petition can be secured. Letters to that purpose have been sent to the respective local secretaries, and a copy of the petition, with names of signers, has been sent to the State Secretary.
Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

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PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM SUPPORTED

Since last report the proposed national party referendums have been seconded as follows:

That proposed by Local Collinsville, Okla. (Motion No. 1), first published in the Weekly Bulletin May 6, by Local Fort Smith, Ark.

That proposed by Local Washington County, Pa. (relating to the recent investigation), first published in the Weekly Bulletin May 6, by Local Rosedale, Wash.

That proposed by Local Washington County, Pa. (relating to reduction of national dues), first published in the Weekly Bulletin May 6, by Locals Santa Ana, Cal.; Putnam, Conn.; St. Helena, Cal.; Zanesville, O.; Rosedale, Wash.; Tivoli, Tex.

That proposed by Local Alma, Neb., first published in the Weekly Bulletin May 13, by Local Stirling City, Cal.

That proposed by Local Ashtabula, O., first published in the Weekly Bulletin May 20, by Locals Casco, Mich.; Stirling City, Cal.

That proposed by Local Charleston, S. C., first published in the Weekly Bulletin May 20, by Locals Attleboro, Mass.; Gloversville, N. Y.

That proposed by Local Coffeyville, Kan., first published in the Weekly Bulletin May 27, by Locals Rowena, Tex.; St. Helena, Cal.; Rosedale, Wash.

That proposed by Local Boston, Mass., first published in the Weekly Bulletin May 27, by Local Rowena, Tex.

That proposed by Local Jacksonville, Fla., first published in the Weekly Bulletin May 27, by Local Rowena, Tex.

That proposed by Local Kings County, N. Y., first published in the Weekly Bulletin June 3, by Local Portland, Ore.

That proposed by Local Meridian, Wash., first published in the Weekly Bulletin June 3, by Local Spruce Pine, Ala.

That proposed by Local Philadelphia, Pa., first published in the Weekly Bulletin June 10, by Locals Stevens Point, Wis.; New Boston (Minneapolis), Minn.; Elwood, Ind.; Brandenburg, Tex.; St. Louis, Mo.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Minot, N. D.

That proposed by Local Wellington, Kan., first published in the Weekly Bulletin June 17, by Locals The Dalles, Ore.; Roseburg, Ore.

That proposed by Local Stockett, Mont., first published in the Weekly Bulletin June 17, by Locals Rock Island, Ill.; Outlook, Wash.; Roseburg, Ore.

That proposed by Local Malden, Mass., first published in the Weekly Bulletin July 15, by Locals Boston, Mass.; Quincy, Mass.

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Letter to Forty-five Thousand Comrades of "The Appeal Army"

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SOCIALIST PARTY, 205 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

July 8, 1911.

DEAR COMRADE:

Through the-kind co-operation of the "Appeal to Reason" I am enabled to address you. As a member of the Appeal Army you know what united effort can accomplish. You have built up a circulation of 500,000, which means ALL OF TWO MILLION READERS.

This great power wielded by you has in the past brushed aside the hangman's noose, unlocked prison doors, changed court decisions and forced a President into the breach to shield blundering capitalism.

The Socialist Party is a political institution. The main issue is the control of the courts now held by capitalism. Its power is based on words—words written on pieces of paper called statutes.

THE PRODUCERS MUST CONTROL THE COURTS. We must write other words on other pieces of paper and take away from the beast of capitalism the awe-inspiring black robes, the frowning jails, the brutal policeman's club, the death-dealing rifles and the gatling guns.

It is not sufficient for one to declare for Socialism without being a member of the party, for no matter how many unorganized Socialists there are in the land, capitalism is secure. WITHOUT ORGANIZATION THERE WOULD NOT EVEN BE A SOCIALIST. TICKET FOR YOU OR ANYBODY TO VOTE.

The year 1910 was the banner year for the Socialist Party, both in political achievements and advancement in organization. More than 16,000 members were added to the roll—about 50 each day.

But this is another year, and since its beginning more than 20,000 members have been enrolled—about 120 each day.

Now, comrade, in the next sixty days WE WANT TO MAKE THE DAILY AVERAGE 400 NEW MEMBERS, and that will be the fact if you personally capture just one.

Lest you forget: PICK OUT YOUR MAN TODAY. Trail him down. Do not lose sight of him until he signs the enclosed membership application card. If you are not a member, sign it yourself. Turn the application in to the nearest local, or send it, with twenty-five cents, to your State Secretary, whose address appears on the back of this letter.

This is a big job—25,000 members in sixty days! IT CAN BE DONE, AND YOU CAN DO IT. Think what it will mean to enter the presidential campaign of 1912 with a membership four times greater than we had in 1908. To us and ours it will bring the "White House" near.

Beginning July 15, careful record will be kept and report made of each day's returns. WILL YOU GET YOUR ONE MEMBER within the next sixty days and enroll him as a lasting enemy of capitalism?

Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES,

Chicago, Ill., July 10, 1911.

TO THE LOCALS AND MEMBERS, SOCIALIST PARTY:

Dear Comrades—I enclose herewith copy of a circular letter which was sent to 50,000 members of the Appeal Army. Kindly note that the Army is in action in an intensive campaign covering a period of sixty days for the capture of new members for the Socialist Party.

On the application cards accompanying that circular I have the words "Appeal Army" stamped in red. I want to give the Army full credit for every recruit secured. In this I need your co-operation as follows:

Kindly take extra care to keep count of all Appeal Army application cards turned in to your local, and on the 15th day of September—REMEMBER, THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER—please send me a report of the number who have joined your local as a result of this campaign. The publication of the report you send will start a new and more vigorous campaign for the greater progress of the party. REPORT SEPTEMBER 15.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I am

Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

P. S.—I enclose several regular application cards. What can YOU do in sixty days?

Chicago, Ill., July 24, 1911.

TO THE STATE SECRETARY:

Dear Comrade—I enclose herewith copy of letter which was sent to the Appeal Army, also a copy of a letter addressed to the locals and members of the Socialist Party.

With the first named letter I enclosed membership application cards on which were the words "Appeal Army" stamped in red. You will note that on the back of the Appeal circular is the list of State Secretaries. The circular contains the instructions to send the application cards to the state office in case there is no local in their vicinity.

Will you kindly join me in keeping record of the number of members secured by way of these Appeal Army application cards and report the number received at your office? I have requested the locals to make like report, and between now and the 15th of September, in connection with a circular upon another subject, I shall repeat the request.

I am pleased to report that the last issue of the Appeal to Reason contains the letter in full and a splendid write-up upon the proposition, all to the purpose of increasing the strength of the organization and furthering this campaign for the securing of new party members.

Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

National Notes

Comrade John Keller, organizer of Local San Francisco, reports that the local has entered a formal protest, addressed to the President and to the Secretary of War, against the United States permitting the passage of Mexican troops over United States territory in the effort to suppress militant insurgents.

The Free Press Publishing Company of New Castle, Pa., has produced the speech of Comrade Berger as delivered in Congress in a 32-page pamphlet, size 4 1/2 by 6 inches, good print on good paper, and containing an excellent picture of Comrade Berger. The price is \$16.00 per thousand. Address orders and inquiries for further particulars to the publishers.

The Jewish comrades of Chicago at great sacrifice have built up and maintained the Jewish Labor World during the last three years. It is an eight-

page weekly, devoted to Socialism and trade unionism. The subscription price is \$1.00 a year; 50 cents for six months. The publication also maintains a well-equipped jobbing plant, and the comrades everywhere are requested to secure subscriptions and place printing orders with the Jewish Labor World, 1114 Blue Island avenue, Chicago, Ill. The Jewish Labor World for Friday, July 28, is an anniversary number, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Socialist Party. It contains special articles by A. M. Simons, Morris Hillquit, B. Fiengenbaum, John M. Work and others. Bundle orders should be sent to the office of publication, 739 W. 12th street, Chicago.

Leon Olsommer of Verdigr, Neb., has produced a play entitled "Justice at Last." Locals employing amateur theatricals for propaganda purposes are requested to address the author.

By a recent referendum in the State of Nevada, Comrade W. H. Burton of Buckskin was re-elected a member of the National Committee.

The Progressive Herald is a monthly paper recently started at Lawrence, Kan. The subscription price per year is 35 cents per copy, or, in clubs of four, 25 cents each. Publication address, 13 East Henry street, Lawrence, Kan.

National Organizer George H. Goebel is now working in Alaska. The first communication received from him since he arrived in the territory contains applications for charters for two new locals—at Wrangell and Ketchikan. Local Wrangell starts with eight members; Local Ketchikan with thirty-three. This indicates the ripeness of the field for Socialism in the frozen North. The comrades there hope to elect the territorial delegate to Congress in 1912.

As previously announced, the Alaska locals were insistent upon the advantages to be gained by an organizing tour in that territory, and some of them in support of their faith promised financial assistance, even though they did not expect a visit from Comrade George H. Goebel, the organizer, to their locals. This was the case with Local Deadwood and the National Office has received from it two registered packages containing 6 1/2 ounces of gold dust—value \$106.88. This is an outright contribution to the expenses of the organizing tour in Alaska.

The State Legislature of Illinois has allowed the expenses incurred in a number of contest cases for seats in the Legislature. This included those incurred by Comrades Carl Strover and Adolph Germer, for which appropriations were made by the National Executive Committee. Each returned \$50 to the National Office.

By a recent referendum in Alabama, Comrade Emma F. Connolly, P. O. Box 55, Birmingham, was elected State Secretary.

By a recent referendum in Montana, Comrade William Thurston Brown, P. O. Box 548, Butte, was elected State Secretary.

In the election held June 20 in Milesville, S. D., the Socialists elected all the members of the School Board.

Local Portland, Ore., reports the disappearance of Comrade Percy Newman and, fearing that he has met with an accident or foul play, requests that information as to his whereabouts be sent to Geo. A. Hinsdale, 309 Davis street, Portland, Ore.

The Journal of the Women's Trade Union League reports in full the contributions made to the striking garment workers in the Chicago strike. The total contributions from all sources were \$70,177.90. Organized labor contributed \$41,182.16. The sum collected by the Socialists was: Socialist women, \$5,432.14; Chicago Daily Socialist, \$2,300.07; Socialist Party branches, \$1,119.30; Polish Socialists, \$1,750.03; making a total of Socialist contributions of \$10,601.54. Besides, numbers of Socialists made direct contributions as individuals. This is a commendable showing when it is considered that our members as trade unionists share also in the trade union contribution.

State Secretary Sill of Florida reports that the income of the state office for the past six months has increased nearly 100 per cent, and that the amount paid to the National Office for dues has increased exactly 100 per cent, or from \$97.50 to \$195.00.

Comrades Jose de la Campa, Brit Russell and J. F. Bartlum, cigar makers who were active in behalf of the members during the protracted lockout and strike in the city of Tampa, Fla., are now serving a year's sentence in the convict camp. An appeal had been taken to the district court, which affirmed the findings of the lower court. This latter decision precipitated a general strike for a few days as a protest and the strikers were persuaded that the case would be advanced rapidly to a decision in the higher court and given to understand that a stay of execution would be had in the meantime. But they were promises made only to be ignored after the municipal election.

By a recent referendum in Virginia, Comrade I. L. Burgess, 3613 Huntington avenue, Newport News, was elected State Secretary.

The Lithuanian Socialist Federation, in convention in Brooklyn July 1 to 4, by an almost unanimous vote decided to affiliate with the National Socialist organization, leaving it optional, however, for the various branches to affiliate with the respective state organizations. This question will be submitted to a referendum of the membership. Comrade U. Solomon, who visited the convention as the representative of the national organization, reports that there is no doubt that the action of the convention will be endorsed by the majority of the members of the federation. There were 48 delegates present, representing a membership of about 2,300.

By a recent referendum in Idaho, Comrade I. F. Stewart of Nampa was elected State Secretary.

The speech delivered by Comrade Berger in the United States Congress on June 14, entitled "Protection, Free Trade and the Working Class," may be had at a slight reduction from the cost of printing—that is, 25 cents a hundred, or at that rate for any quantity. It is contained in a 16-page pamphlet printed by the government, and each pamphlet will be enclosed in an envelope ready for mailing. All that is required

is to write on an address. Comrade Berger's office in Washington has been swamped with orders and all kinds of correspondence. All orders should be addressed only to the National Office of the Socialist Party, 205 West Washington street, Chicago, Ill., accompanied by a remittance of 25 cents per hundred.

By a recent referendum, the Scandinavian Socialist Federation elected N. Juel Christensen, 2517 Ems street, Chicago, Ill., as translator-secretary. All communications regarding that organization should be addressed to Comrade Christensen.

By a recent referendum in Maine, Comrade Orville J. Guptill, North Yarmouth, was elected a member of the National Committee.

Comrade Wells LeFevre has resigned as State Secretary of Arkansas, and Comrade Ida Hayman-Callery of Huntington has been appointed as Secretary pro tem. pending an election.

Comrade H. Gluski, translator-secretary of the Polish section, reports that Polish branches were organized during the month of June as follows: Philadelphia, Pa., seven members; Perth Amboy, N. J., seven members; Wilmington, Del., twenty members; Nicetown, Philadelphia, Pa., eight members.

The National Office more or less frequently receives inquiries for the names and addresses of qualified school teachers. Comrades of that profession will confer a favor by sending their names and addresses to this office, so that the information desired may be supplied.

The vote on National Party Referendum "B," 1911, will close at the National Office August 10. Reports received after that date cannot be counted.

Comrade C. A. Rader, 124 Pine street, Clifton Forge, Va., has been elected a

member of the National Committee for that state.

Since last report charters have been granted to locals in unorganized states as follows: Mississippi—Airmount, six members; Laurel, eleven members; Lawrence, seven members; Poplar Creek, seven members; Potts School House, six members; Richton, eleven members; Spring Hill School District, six members; Vicksburg, eleven members. North Carolina—Hope Mills, eight members. Alaska—Ketchikan, thirty-three members; Wrangell, eight members.

The Finnish national organization continues to make progress at a rapid rate, and for the month of July has paid for dues the sum of \$417.70, which is the largest payment in any month in the history of that organization. The Finnish locals now number 204 and the membership is just about 9,000. The subscription list of each of the Finnish publications is rapidly increasing, and there is general activity in the three district organizations of which the national organization is composed. In the Upper Peninsula of Michigan the Finnish comrades are effectively co-operating with the National Office in a campaign of organization.

Since last reported contributions to the McNamara Defense Fund have been received at the National Office and forwarded to the office of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers as follows: Local Melrose, Ark., \$1.25; the National Finnish Socialist organization, \$20; Local Niles, O., \$2.07; Local Columbia Heights, Minn., \$2; Local District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., \$2; Local Concord, N. H., \$8.20; Local Chico, Cal., \$1.50; Local Columbus, O., \$5.60; Swedish Socialist Branch and Paving Cutters' Union No. 51, West Concord, N. H., \$9.60; New Jersey State Committee, \$25; Socialist Local and Miners' Union, Basin, Mont., \$39; Local Portsmouth, N. H., \$5; Local Coffeyville, Kan., \$5.

Letter to Socialist Mayors

Chicago, Ill., July 29, 1911.

Dear Comrade Mayor—I have on two previous occasions addressed you in regard to the conference of elected Socialist officials to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., beginning August 12, as provided for by the National Executive Committee.

Permit me as the time draws near to again bring to your notice the immense importance of such conference and the great value to those who attend, and to the Socialist Party as well. I sincerely hope you will be able to be present.

The program as arranged by Local Milwaukee is as follows: Saturday, August 12, to be devoted to national and state questions; the problem of the unemployed will be considered; Comrade I. Leiserson will read an essay on the subject. The second day will be given

to municipal questions. Comrade Carl D. Thompson, City Clerk, will address the conference on "City Problems." There will also be interesting essays and addresses on other phases of Socialist development.

Sunday evening, the 13th, there will be a mass meeting in the Auditorium, addressed by the members of the National Executive Committee and others.

It is my earnest wish that you may be present. If, however, you cannot attend, will you prepare and send a paper on any phase of the subject, such as your experience in office, difficulties encountered, etc., and forward the same to me to be read at the conference?

Kindly notify me at your earliest convenience if you will attend

Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

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