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## LYCEUM DEPARTMENT

L. E. Katterfeld, Manager.

The Advance Guard.

Although no definite offer has been sent yet to the locals generally, outside of the letter printed in the Party Builder, the following applications have already been received for next season's Lyceum Course:

- California—East Auburn.
- Idaho—Nampa.
- Illinois—Quincy.
- Indiana—Evansville, Gary (3).
- Maine—Portland.
- Massachusetts—Fall River, Lowell.
- Michigan—Grand Rapids (2), Holland, Muskegon.
- Montana—Kalispell, Livingston.
- Nebraska—Paxton, Omaha (2), North Platte.
- Nevada—Yerington (2).
- New Hampshire—Concord.
- New Jersey—Paterson, Phillipsburg.
- New York—Niagara Falls, Albany, Buffalo, Poughkeepsie, Jamestown.
- North Dakota—Velva, Mandan, Grand Forks.
- Ohio—Warren, Sandusky.
- Oklahoma—Guthrie, Chickasha, Lawton, Snyder.
- South Carolina—Charleston.
- South Dakota—Oldham.
- Texas—Texarkana.
- Utah—Salt Lake City.
- Vermont—Graniteville.
- Washington—Aberdeen (2).
- Wisconsin—Sheboygan (2), Fond du Lac, Menominee.

Many others have already written us that they intend to take the course, but it is not official yet. A number of those that have only applied for one course so far, intend to take several. The applications are now coming in on every mail, and unless something unforeseen happens the 600 required to continue the course will be secured within a short time. Let's make it by July 1.

### THE SONG OF THE ROUTE.

By G. W. Boswell.

As the sound and glamour of the many meetings fade away, and the cinders and smudge are rinsed out of the hair, and off of one's person, and the system normally readjusts itself, after being tormented and massacred with hundreds of different kinds of food and water, there is still something which remains for the Lyceum lecturer, and that something is the fine fellowship of the thousands of noble comrades we met on the way.

It would take a Swinburn to sing their song, their deathless song. Only a Morris or Ruskin could reflect the joy of their association; priceless jewels these in the hearts of the Lyceum lecturer.

Across the mountains to Albuquerque, N. M., over the desert country, to the Mexican border, where one felt the martial air of the revolution, up into the hills of copper and gold in Arizona, there to meet the free spirits of the Western mining camps. Up into the granite mountain at Prescott, down into the beautiful valley at Tempe, over by way of the big Roosevelt

dam to Globe, and the land of the savage Apache, thence over the hundreds of miles of sun baked desert to Yuma—the hottest place in the country—where the Hopi Indians advertise the Socialist meeting. The train whistles and we start for a long journey through the torrid Imperial Valley, up into the celebrated orange groves at San Bernardino and Ontario, down into San Diego, where more dealers in climate abound than anywhere else in the universe, and thence to Los Angeles, where enthusiasm reaches the boiling point.

A bath, shave, and a breath, some clean clothes, the train whistles and we're off over the mountains, by way of the Mojave Desert and Tehachapi Pass to the most celebrated oil fields in the world; 90,000,000 barrels of oil produced in one year in the Bakersfield oil district. Up through the valley of San Joaquin, the Eden of America, where the tremendous crops of raisins, grapes, figs, oranges and melons, cause the railroad and pack-house lords to fairly lick their chops with glee. Down into old San Francisco with its picturesque China Town, and more or less celebrated Barbary coast; by Mount Tamalpais with its magnificent forest monsters, into the stronghold of Jack London at Santa Rosa, and Petaluma, the city of chickens and their fruit. Through the valley to Sacramento, there to spend a little time watching the California wisecracks grind out an anti-Alien law, over the mountains to Indian Falls, celebrated for its soda springs, and up into the gold camps of Grass Valley and East Auburn.

The train whistles again and we are off for Reno, where the J. P.'s are past masters in the art of severing the guerdon-knot for those who find it difficult to keep up the bean chest. Down by way of Carson City, with its zero governor, to Yerington, the land, every inch of which was made and put there by George Wingfield, over the howling wastes of sage and alkali to Elko, Nevada; here we stop, the trip is over.

Eight thousand five hundred miles of travel, seventeen days and nights of continuous riding in this western country; what a whirr and buzz can fill one's head after all that clanking, bumping and tooting. Oil wells, mines, desert, cactus, sage, oranges, raisins Indians, boats, trains and hotels; all these are but mere daubs upon the canvas of human intelligence; the bright figures in the pictures are the loyal self-sacrificing comrades, who met us at each place and told us about their hopes of the Socialist movement. These are living testimonials that the spirit of the movement is all right, and that our star still hangs high in the political and social firmament.

I wish it were possible for every Socialist to cover a Lyceum Lecture Course; what a value that would be to the movement.

Was it worth while? I think it was!

### Lyceum Contest.

The final standing of locals in the Lyceum contest will be figured up to June 1. We shall try to announce the standing

of the best ten locals in each division, as well as the winners for the entire United States, in the next issue of the Party Builder.

### SEND NAMES OF SECRETARIES.

If your local has changed secretaries during the last month or so, please send the full name and correct address of your new secretary to the National Office immediately. We want to have the mailing list up to date by the time the letter regarding the Lyceum offer is sent out to the locals.

### A FEW WEEKS OF SYSTEM.

By Geor. F. Hibner.

The experiences of a Socialist agitator are varied. The bitter and the sweet are mixed with him. As the years pass the proportions of this mixture are changed, and he on the road may well be glad—and all comrades with him.

In the old days (not all gone yet), there was the town, almost entirely asleep as to his question, waiting. He must enter it and awake it somewhat—melt it a bit by the fire of thought. He came unknown and almost unnoticed; very, very often no advertising to be met in any window upon any street or in any newspaper. Sometimes—often indeed—there were to be found a very few bills in an out-of-the-way place or posted in the outskirts of the town. The agitator often used a good part of an afternoon scattering dodgers, then spoke on the street at night—and would need to be ready for the same thing next day. And some days are heavy that are scattered by the hand of Time!

Some such days and work I met for a few years in the Socialist movement.

In 1913, under the Lyceum Department, mostly upon the prairies of the Dakotas and Minnesota, I met different days and a wider work: Arriving in a town; met by comrades; greeted on all streets by colored posters announcing lecture; meeting announcements and cut in each newspaper telling of the meetings; in good halls, well lighted, greeted by audiences representative of all doings of the people of the community—workers from all fields—doctors, lawyers, clerks, teachers, ministers, editors, priests; knowing that every hearer had the opportunity and prospect of reading of our questions—readers for our papers increasing in number from fifty to four and five times that number from the efforts of the Lyceum workers in some of the little towns—from nearly eight weeks under the bureau and the meet—of these things, I can find nothing but good words for the bureau and its better results than the old days ever held.

That the Lyceum work does not unite all the comrades in the work is a fact, but it comes much nearer doing that than has any other work I have ever seen them doing.

In several ways, experimental yet, the Lyceum Department is well-touched with the 20th century system and bright results. It is uniting the members. It is giving us a hearing—is scattering our literature far and well.



## NOTES TO LYCEUM SECRETARIES.

### On Settling Accounts.

Please settle all Lyceum accounts as quickly as possible by either returning all unsold subscription certificates or paying for them.

Do not return the entire red books or cards. Merely the subscription card portion is all that we want.

Send by mail wherever possible. If not, then by PREPAID express.

Please heed this notice. About half of all the Lyceum locals have already balanced their accounts. We want very much to settle all of them before the new work starts. It is very expensive and increases our deficit if we have to write you repeatedly about this. And yet we must balance all accounts. So please heed this notice.

### Keep Addresses and Names.

Every local should keep the names and addresses of all the people who bought Lyceum subscription certificates. These same people will help you in any work that you may undertake in the future. Especially if you take up the Lyceum work again for next season, it will be a great help to have the names and addresses of last season's patrons to start with. They should be thoroughly canvassed.

### Send Lyceum Reports.

Only about half the locals that had the Lyceum course have so far sent in their complete reports for the entire work on the yellow blanks that were mailed to the Lyceum secretaries for this purpose. We would like to make a complete statement to put into the circular that is being prepared for next season's offer. If you have not already done so, please mail the report on the yellow blank at once.

### Want Suggestions for Improvement.

Every comrade who has had any experience with the Lyceum work this last year is asked to send any and all suggestions that he may consider valuable for improving the work in the future. We want to hear especially from Lyceum secretaries, state secretaries and organizers. The definite proposition is now being prepared and will be submitted to all locals and branches by the middle of June, so if you have any ideas please let us have them at once.

Lyceum secretaries are asked especially to look over the system of account books, record blanks, sub cards, certificate books, advertising matter, etc., so as to let ALL locals have the benefit of their experience.

### A LIVE ONE.

Here's the record of Rockford, Illinois. Local Winnebago, as this local is called, tried the Daily Socialist Lyceum Course in 1910 and owing to a combination of misfortunes, failed utterly to succeed in the endeavor.

But the comrades there have energy and stamina. They kept on working, building their organization. This past season they made a second venture in the Lyceum field, and here's the summary of the Lyceum secretary's report:

Total audiences, 2,375.

Subscriptions sold, \$441.75.

Other receipts, \$175.30.

Net profit above all expenses, \$102.84.

Gain in membership, 90.

Conditions in Rockford are not exceptional. There is no "outside" reason why Socialist work should be easier there than elsewhere, and it is not. Rockford is just an average city of the middle Central States. There are a thousand others as auspicious. Why then did this local increase its membership by 90 at a time when the membership of the party in general shows a large decrease?

It is because the local is a Live One. The comrades in it are fighting the real

battles of the revolution. They spend their time neither in heresy hunting nor in splitting hairs but in active propaganda and organization work. And they use METHOD in their work.

### HOW WE DID IT.

We shall appreciate short articles from Lyceum secretaries and other comrades in locals that made good with the Lyceum proposition on "How We Did It," for publication in the Party Builder. No fine theories are wanted, but your actual working methods that made good for you last season. Hundreds of locals will probably undertake the Lyceum work next season that have had no previous experience with it. Point out to them the way to success.

### Day Letter.

"Rockdale, Texas, May 30, 1913.

"John M. Work,

"111 North Market St., Chicago, Ill.

"National Committeeman Hickey informs me that Section 6, Article V, of the National Constitution has been violated in the election of Lanfersiek. If so, to whom shall I send national dues. Answer my expense.

"Ed. A. Green."

### Day Letter.

"Chicago, May 31, 1913.

"Ed. A. Green, Rockdale, Texas.

"Send dues to Lanfersiek. He resigned from National Committee. There is no violation whatever.

"John M. Work."

The Socialist party of South Dakota will hold a special state convention at Lake Henry, June 20.

The series of Chautauqua debates, hitherto announced, between Emil Seidel and Adam Bede, began at Albany, Georgia, May 19. A debate has been held nearly every day at various points in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. The dates remaining to be filled are as follows:

June 9, Paris, Tenn.; 10, Jackson; 11, Union City; 12, Dyersburg; 13, Mayfield, Ky.; 14, Princeton; 15, Marion; 16, Madisonville; 17, Hopkinsville; 18, Bowling Green; 19, Owensboro; 20, Henderson; 21, Washington, Indiana; 22, Vincennes; 23, Princeton; 24, Georgetown, Ky.; 25, Danville; 26, Richmond; 27, Mt. Sterling; 28, Ashland; 29, Huntington, W. Va.; 30, Portsmouth, Ohio.

July 1, Maysville, Ky.; 2, Cynthiana; 3, Frankfort; 4, Shelbyville; 5, Eaton, Ohio; 6, Connorsville, Ind.; 7, New Castle; 8, Muncie; 9, Marion; 10, Bluffton; 11, Decatur; 12, Huntington; 13, Peru; 14, Indianapolis; 15, Danville; 16, Brazil; 17, Crawfordsville; 18, Thorntown; 19, Frankfort; 20, Logansport; 21, Rochester; 22, Plymouth; 23, Gary; 24, Niles, Mich.; 25, Kalamazoo; 26, Battle Creek; 27, Charlotte; 28, Hastings; 29, Lansing; 30, Ypsilanti; 31, Monroe.

August 1, Mount Clemens, Mich.; 2, Port Huron; 3, Lapeer; 4, Flint; 5, Saginaw; 6, Alpena; 7, Alma; 8, St. Johns; 9, Muskegon; 10, South Haven; 11, Benton Harbor; 12, Dowagiac; 13, South Bend, Ind.; 14, Goshen; 15, Kendallville; 16, Angola; 17, Bryan, Ohio; 18, Findlay; 19, Galion; 20, Ashland; 21, Mt. Vernon; 22, Massillon; 23, Painesville; 24, Ashtabula.

State Secretary U. Solomon, of New York, reports as follows:

"I desire to inform you that the following have been expelled by Local Rochester, Socialist party; John Thomas Lamb, for misappropriation of party funds; and Henry Raab, for scabbing."

### Proposed National Committee Motion.

By Hickey of Texas: "I move that the present National Secretary, John M. Work, hold office until such time as the National

Committee shall constitutionally elect his successor."

By a recent referendum in Ohio the following have been elected members of the National Committee for that state:

Tom Clifford, 3517 Fulton Road, Cleveland.

M. J. Beery, Crestline.

Max Hayes, 310 Champlain, Ave., N. W., Cleveland.

### INFORMATION DEPARTMENT.

Carl D. Thompson, Director.

### Report of the Work of the Department.

The report of the first five months' work of the Information Department as submitted to the National Committee of the party has been printed in considerable numbers and anyone who desires copies may secure them by applying to our address.

The report gives full and complete information as to the establishment of the department, the considerations that led up to it and the actions taken; the present equipment and force, the methods of work, scope of the department, special lines of investigation, complete list of the legislative measures advanced by the Socialists elected to the state Legislatures, a complete list, alphabetically arranged by subjects, of every inquiry sent to the department and answered during the period covered, several typical questions with their answers complete, and an alphabetical list of subjects upon which the department needs information and assistance.

To all of this two tables have been added. One shows the membership vote and parliamentary representation of the Socialist party of the world during the period of 1910-1913. This, we believe, is the most complete and authentic statement extant. The other table is a partial list (as complete as five months' work has enabled us to make it) of the Socialists elected officials of the United States. This includes the twenty-one members of the state Legislatures elected in the nine different states in the fall elections (1912)—also the Socialist mayors now holding office in thirty-four cities, 230 aldermen, 106 other municipal officials, 150 county officers, and 126 school officers, making a total of 667 elected Socialist officials now holding office of whose election and official position this department has been able to secure definite and reliable information.

The list we know is not complete. But we have made it a rule not to include any of whom we do not have or cannot get definite and positive knowledge. We shall continue work upon the list until it is as complete as it is possible to make it. To this end our final lists will be again submitted to the state secretaries of the party in the various states for further corrections and additions.

Altogether the report is quite comprehensive, giving a complete and detailed description of the work of the department, together with its plans and purposes. **We urge the comrades everywhere to read and study it.** From those who do so we would esteem it a favor, both to the department and to the party whose work it is doing, to receive criticisms and suggestions.

Extra copies gladly supplied without charge. We suggest, however, that as the edition is limited only those should apply who really intend to use and preserve their copies. Additional copies cannot be supplied.

### Legal Aid for the Socialist Party.

Technical and legal questions are constantly arising in connection with the duties of our elected officials. Many times these questions are difficult and puzzling. Nothing but a thorough knowledge of the ordinances, state laws and court decisions under which our officials are operating will



enable the comrades to act wisely and safely in such cases. Very clearly we are confronted here with the absolute necessity of legal advice. Very fortunately an organization has been formed of the members of the party who are in the legal profession to help in this very situation. This organization, known as the Socialist Lawyers of the United States and Alaska, has offered its services without charge to assist the party in such cases.

It is understood, of course, that this legal advice and service is rendered only to the Socialist party or its organizations in their official work.

We are having inquiries like the one presented below referred to the department constantly and by us they are referred to the attorneys. So far the response has been very prompt and very effective. It is a splendid illustration of the possibilities of collective effort in behalf of a great cause.

#### A Legal Difficulty.

The director of public service, who is a Socialist in charge of a department of the city government in Salem, Ohio, has encountered a technical difficulty in his work. His appeal for legal advice reads as follows:

"The departments of mayor, service and safety are in the hands of the Socialists in this city. We find it pretty tough sledding at times when dealing with Council. Last spring, in making out my appropriation, I asked Council for a fund with which to put up street signs. This was refused. Since then I find that we have an ordinance in our municipal code which reads as follows:

"The names of all streets, avenues, lanes, and alleys in the city shall be legibly marked at the corners thereof and the same shall be done by and at the expense of the city."

"Now what I want to know is whether I could not go ahead, without saying anything to Council, and purchase such signs as I think the city needs and afterward present the bill to Council? Is there any way I might possibly get in wrong by so doing? Council may revoke the ordinance, or rather resolution. If it should do this after I had placed the order, would that necessarily imply that the order would have to be cancelled? Please give me such information as you deem necessary."

While we believed that the comrade would be quite justified, under the circumstances described, in going ahead and placing the names of the streets at the corners in the manner suggested, we nevertheless placed the matter before several Socialist attorneys in Ohio. We are indebted to Comrades William G. Williams of Cincinnati, Fred F. Truhlar of Cleveland and B. F. Primmer of Hamilton for the very clear and concise advice they have given. The consensus of opinion is as follows:

Section 3806 of the General Code of Ohio, and as amended in 101 Ohio Laws, page 262, provides that no contract, agreement or other obligation involving the expenditure of money shall be entered into by any official or department unless the city auditor shall first certify to the proper authority that the amount required is in the treasury "to the credit of the fund from which it is to be drawn and not appropriated for any other purpose."

Section 4328 General Code provides that the directory of public service may make any contract or purchase any material or provide labor for any work under the supervision of that department not involving more than \$500.

If there is money in the street funds not already appropriated for some other purpose—and if not in the street fund, if there is money in the general fund that has not been appropriated for some other purpose, and the contract for the material and work incident to the placing of the signs does not exceed \$500, the director of service could place the signs in question. The allowance of bills when made is

left to the city auditor and he, if adverse, might cause delay in paying the bills. If, however, the auditor and treasurer are friendly to the comrades and the expenditure would not exceed \$500 for the work, and they could have the auditor certify that he has funds for that purpose, they could go ahead.

First of all, however, another appeal should be made to the intelligence of the Council "in the interests of the public," which will be best subserved by the Council omitting its opposition to the claim of the Board of Public Service to let the contract, and still further to show its good intent to direct the board now to so act.

#### Wanted—A Location for a Socialist Lawyer.

"I have an attorney who desires a location. He has no preference particularly, but if he could be placed in California or Arizona, or in the Southwest in general, or in Florida, he would be glad to have any information on this subject. He is a red card lawyer. Can we locate him anywhere?"—M. L. Clawson, secretary Association of Socialist Lawyers of the United States and Alaska, 714 Odd Fellows Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana.

In making the foregoing request for a location for a Socialist lawyer, Comrade Clawson is endeavoring to place a trained expert in a field where his services are most likely to be needed. Comrades who are interested should communicate at once with him.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Minutes, May 11, 1913

#### MORNING SESSION

The meeting of the National Committee of the Socialist party, held in the Briggs Hotel, Chicago, Ill., was called to order at 10:15 a. m., by National Secretary, John M. Work.

Morris Hillquit of New York, was elected temporary chairman.

James M. Reilly of New Jersey, elected temporary secretary.

Roll-call of committee members showed the following were present:

- Alabama—C. G. Hutchinson.
- Arizona—W. S. Bradford.
- Arkansas—Ida Callery.
- California—J. Stitt Wilson, N. A. Richardson.
- Colorado—S. B. Hutchinson.
- Connecticut—Samuel E. Beardsley.
- Delaware—Frank A. Houck.
- District of Columbia—Louis Kopelin.
- Florida—C. C. Allen.
- Idaho—S. W. Motley.
- Illinois—Adolph Germer, John C. Kennedy, Duncan McDonald.
- Indiana—S. M. Reynolds, Chas. Reece Fenimore.
- Iowa—M. F. Wiltse.
- Kansas—S. M. Stallard.
- Kentucky—Walter Lanfersiek.
- Louisiana—W. F. Dietz.
- Maine—Fred E. Irish.
- Massachusetts—Dan A. White, Geo. E. Roewer Jr.
- Michigan—Frank Aaltonen, Jas. Hoogerhyde.
- Minnesota—Morris Kaplan, T. E. Latimer.
- Missouri—William L. Garver.
- Montana—Lewis J. Duncan.
- Nebraska—John C. Chase.
- Nevada—Justus E. Taylor.
- New Hampshire—J. Foster Nichols.
- New Jersey—Geo. H. Goebel, James M. Reilly.
- New Mexico—Chas. F. Goddard.
- New York—Chas. J. Ball Jr., Morris Hillquit, U. Solomon, Gustave A. Strebil.
- North Dakota—Arthur LeSueur.
- Ohio—William Bessemer, Tom Clifford, William Patterson.
- Oklahoma—P. S. Nagle.
- Oregon—Floyd C. Ramp.
- Pennsylvania—Jos. E. Cohen, Gertrude

Breslau Fuller, Charles A. Maurer, Robert B. Ringler.

Rhode Island—Fred Hurst.

Texas—T. A. Hickey, W. S. Noble.

Utah—Jacob E. Gease.

Vermont—John Spargo.

Washington—Frans Bostrom, Kate Sadler, Hortense Wagenknecht.

Wisconsin—Victor L. Berger, W. R. Gaylord.

Wyoming—A. Carlson.

The committee proceeded to consideration of rules for the meeting. Comrade Spargo reported the recommendations of the National Executive Committee.

Rule 1. The first order of business of the meeting shall be the election of a temporary chairman. Adopted.

Rule 2. The second order of business shall be the election of a temporary secretary. Adopted.

Rule 3. The next order of business shall be a roll call. Adopted.

The next rule, "A committee of three shall be appointed to decide upon contested seats." Provoked discussion.

Clifford of Ohio, moved to strike out the word "appoint" and insert "elect."

Goebel of New Jersey, moved to strike out the rule. This motion was carried, thus disposing of the matter.

Rule 4. A presiding officer and vice-chairman shall be elected at the beginning of each day's session. Adopted.

Rule 5. A permanent secretary and one assistant, who may be chosen from outside the body of members, shall be elected for the entire meeting of the committee. Adopted.

Rule 6. A reading clerk shall be appointed by the secretary and he may appoint one or more assistants. Adopted.

Rule 7. A permanent sergeant-at-arms, who may be chosen from outside the body of members and who may appoint assistants, shall be appointed by the presiding officer. Adopted.

Rule 8. Four permanent tellers to count all ballots shall be elected, who shall be authorized to appoint such assistants as they need. Adopted.

The next rule, "The National Executive Committee recommends the employment of a stenographer to take down the proceedings of the meeting." Provoked discussion.

Latimer of Minnesota moved to strike out the rule.

Bessemer of Ohio moved an amendment, that copies of the proceedings be furnished to the Socialist press upon request.

Vote being taken, the motion of Latimer was declared adopted by the chair.

Division called for:

Goebel of New Jersey, moved a roll call. Solomon of New York, moved the division be ascertained by show of hands. This motion was carried.

The division being thus called for, the Latimer motion was carried by a vote of 35 to 19.

Goebel of New Jersey asked to be recorded as voting "No."

The committee proceeded to discussion of the next rule, referring to the election of committees.

On this rule Wilson of California moved that no committee should contain more than one member from any state. Carried.

Solomon of New York moved to strike out the paragraph providing for the election of a Committee on Constitution.

Bradford of Arizona suggested striking out "Constitution" and inserting "Propaganda."

At this point Bradford of Arizona asked for a ruling from the chair as to whether this committee has the right to propose amendments to the constitution at this meeting.

The chair ruled that the committee has the right.

Goebel of New Jersey appealed from the decision of the chair.

On vote the decision of the chair was sustained.



The vote then being taken on the Solomon motion, it was carried.

Bessemer of Ohio moved to strike out "Committee on Party Headquarters." Lost.

Roewer of Massachusetts moved to add "A Committee of five members on Organization and Propaganda."

Berger of Wisconsin, moved an amendment to elect a committee of five members on ways and means. Lost, 25-29.

The motion of Roewer was then carried.

Berger of Wisconsin moved that the Committee on Propaganda and Organization shall act as a Committee on Ways and Means. Carried.

Clifford of Ohio moved that the Committee on Propaganda and Organization be instructed to thoroughly investigate the affairs of the National Office, including the last national campaign and report to this committee.

Roewer of Massachusetts moved an amendment that this matter be referred to the Committee on Reports of National Officers.

Bessemer of Ohio moved that a special committee be elected to conduct such investigation.

The vote being taken on the general proposition of an investigation, it was carried. The several motions then being put, those of Clifford and Roewer were lost and the motion of Bessemer was carried.

Rule 9 as amended carried.

Rule 10. On motion amended to read that discussions should be limited to five minutes for each speaker and chairmen of committees should have 10 minutes in which to report.

Rule 11. The sessions of the meeting shall be from 9:30 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m. Night sessions as ordered. Adopted.

Rule 12. Roberts' Rules of Order shall be used with the exceptions that when the previous question has been called for one member on each side may speak for five minutes, also that the previous question may be called for on majority vote. Adopted.

Rule 13. During the sessions no smoking or chewing of tobacco shall be allowed. Adopted.

Rule 14. Such members of the National Executive Committee who are not members of the National Committee, and the National Secretary shall have a voice but no vote in the meeting. This provision also applies to members of the Woman's National Committee.

The next rule, regarding contested members, was on motion stricken out.

Rule 15. A roll call shall be had when demanded by at least 15 members.

Berger of Wisconsin moved to amend that 10 members might demand a roll call.

Amendment carried, and rule as amended adopted.

Rule 16. All resolutions offered from the floor of the meeting shall be referred by the presiding officer to the proper committee without discussion. Adopted.

Rule 17. At 5 o'clock on each day the presiding officer shall suspend the business then pending before the meeting and accept and dispose of resolutions offered by members. Adopted.

Rule 18. Acceptances and declinations shall be called for after the nominations for all committees of the meeting have been concluded, and no member shall accept the nomination for more than one committee of the meeting. Adopted.

Rule 19. The rules may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the members voting. Berger of Wisconsin moved that the rules may be amended at any time by a majority vote. Amendment carried, and rule as amended carried.

Rule 20. On Tuesday morning at 10:30 all other business shall be suspended and the meeting shall proceed to the nomination and election of:

1. Permanent Chairman of the Committee.

2. Executive Secretary.
3. Executive Committee.
4. General Correspondent of the Woman's National Committee.
5. Woman's National Committee.

Stallard of Kansas moved to strike out "Tuesday" and insert "Thursday."

Strebel of New York moved to nominate on Monday and elect on Tuesday.

Goebel of New Jersey moved to suspend all business at 4 p. m., Monday, make nominations, and elect at 10 a. m. Tuesday. This was accepted by Strebel.

Sadler of Washington moved to make nominations at 4 p. m. Tuesday and elect at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

The Sadler motion was carried. Rule as amended adopted.

Solomon of New York moved that the Executive Secretary should be elected by roll call. Carried.

Rule 21. An absolute majority of members present and voting shall be required for the election of the above named officers and committees.

Solomon of New York moved to strike out "present and voting" and insert "entitled to vote." Carried, 23-17.

Rule 22. No action of the committee shall be reconsidered on the last day of the meeting unless on a two-thirds vote of all the members present and voting.

Berger of Wisconsin moved to strike out "present and voting" and insert "entitled to vote." Carried. Rule as amended adopted.

#### Order of Business.

The order of business for each day of the meeting shall be as follows:

1. The meeting shall be called to order by the presiding officer of the preceding day.
2. Roll call of members, unless dispensed with upon motion.
3. Reading of minutes of preceding day, unless dispensed with upon motion.
4. Communications.
5. Unfinished business of the previous day.
6. Reports of committees in the order above enumerated.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

Adopted.

The Rules of Order of Business were then adopted as a whole.

Hillquit of New York was elected permanent presiding officer of the day.

Reilly of New Jersey was elected permanent secretary of the meeting.

Latimer of Minnesota was elected assistant secretary of the meeting.

The presiding officer appointed H. B. Fish of Illinois as sergeant-at-arms.

Spargo for the National Executive Committee reported on the West Virginia situation.

The rules were taken up seriatim and adopted as read with these exceptions:

Fuller of Pennsylvania moved that copies of the memorial to be sent to President Wilson should also be sent to the governor of West Virginia, the members of the Legislature and the judges of the Supreme Court of West Virginia. This was accepted by the National Executive Committee.

McDonald of Illinois moved to substitute "speakers" for "organizers" and further that any speakers sent to West Virginia should be instructed to co-operate with the officers of the U. M. W. of A. This was also accepted.

Nominations were made for a committee to investigate conditions in West Virginia and lay the facts before President Wilson. The vote resulted as follows:

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| Adolph Germer,        | 45. |
| Victor L. Berger,     | 43. |
| Eugene V. Debs,       | 30. |
| Kate Richards O'Hare, | 26. |
| William Bessemer,     | 13. |

Lewis J. Duncan, 13.

The first three were elected.

The session adjourned at 1:15.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened at 2:55.

The following committees were unanimously elected:

On Resolutions—Spargo of Vermont, Cohen of Pennsylvania, Richardson of California, Hoggerhyde of Michigan, and Ball of New York.

On Reports of National Officers—White of Massachusetts, Strebel of New York, Clifford of Ohio, Kaplan of Minnesota, Goddard of New Mexico.

On International Relations—Hillquit of New York, Aaltonen of Michigan, Kopelin of District of Columbia, Stallard of Kansas, McDonald of Illinois.

On Party Headquarters—Lanfersiek of Kentucky, Latimer of Minnesota, Maurer of Pennsylvania, Motley of Idaho, Fenimore of Indiana.

On Permanent Rules of the National Committee—Nichols of New Hampshire, Patterson of Ohio, Goebel of New Jersey, Gease of Utah, Wiltse of Iowa.

Organization and Propaganda—Roewer of Massachusetts, Duncan of Montana, Gaylord of Wisconsin, Beardsley of Connecticut, Hickey of Texas.

The vote on Committee on Young People's Organizations resulted as follows:

Bradford of Arizona.....	47
Allen of Florida.....	44
Reynolds of Indiana.....	42
Hutchinson of Colorado.....	39
Ramp of Oregon.....	35
Carlson of Wyoming.....	32
Hutchinson of Alabama.....	30
Hurst of Rhode Island.....	30

The first five were elected.

The vote on Committee on Investigation of National Office resulted as follows:

Germer of Illinois.....	38
Reilly of New Jersey.....	32
Wilson of California.....	29
Solomon of New York.....	28
LeSueur of North Dakota.....	26
Chase of Nebraska.....	25
Bostrom of Washington.....	25
Bessemer of Ohio.....	22
Hurst of Rhode Island.....	20
Irish of Maine.....	14
Taylor of Nevada.....	9

The first five were elected.

Communications as follows:

From J. Nolen Harvey, appealing from decision of Illinois State Executive Committee. Chair ruled that the National Committee has no jurisdiction.

From Sigurd Russell. Filed.

From H. W. Houston. Referred to Committee on West Virginia Situation.

From Charles E. Develin. Filed.

From Alex Susnar. Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

From J. W. Sarlund. Referred to the Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

From H. Gluski. Referred to Committee on Propaganda and Organization.

From Local Allegheny County, Pa. Filed.

From Local Snyder, Okla. Referred to Committee on West Virginia Situation.

From Local St. Louis, Mo. Referred to Committee on West Virginia Situation.

From Local Crystal Springs, Fla. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

From William A. Gurnett. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

From Harry T. Smith of New York. Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

From The Leader of Boston, Mass. Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

From The New Times of Minneapolis, Minn. Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

From The Eye Opener of Crookston, Minn. Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.



From The Vanguard. Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

From The Free Press, New Castle, Pa. Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

On motion adjourned at 4:50 p. m.

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes, May 12, 1913.

### MORNING SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Hillquit of New York, at 9:55 a. m.

The election of chairman resulted as follows:

Goebel of New Jersey.....16  
Duncan of Montana.....11

The roll call showed the following present:

Alabama—C. G. Hutchinson.  
Arizona—W. S. Bradford.  
California—N. A. Richardson.  
Connecticut—Samuel E. Beardsley.  
Delaware—Frank A. Houck.  
Idaho—S. W. Motely.  
Illinois—Adolph Germer, Duncan McDonald.  
Indiana—S. M. Reynolds, Chas. Reece Fenimore.

Iowa—M. F. Wiltse.  
Kansas—S. M. Stallard.  
Kentucky—Walter Lanfersiek.  
Louisiana—W. F. Dietz.  
Maine—Fred E. Irish.  
Massachusetts—Geo. E. Roewer Jr.  
Michigan—Jas. Hoogerhyde, Frank Aaltonen.

Minnesota—Morris Kaplan, T. E. Latimer.

Missouri—Wm. L. Garver.  
Montana—Lewis J. Duncan.  
Nevada—Justus E. Taylor.  
New Hampshire—J. Foster Nichols.  
New Jersey—Geo. H. Goebel, Jas. M. Reilly.

New Mexico—Chas. F. Goddard.  
New York—Chas. J. Ball Jr., Morris Hillquit, U. Solomon.

North Dakota—Arthur LeSueur.  
Ohio—William Patterson.  
Oklahoma—P. S. Nagle.  
Oregon—Floyd C. Ramp.  
Pennsylvania—Gertrude Breslau Fuller, Chas. A. Maurer, Jos. E. Cohen, Robt. B. Ringler.

Rhode Island—Fred Hurst.  
Texas—W. S. Noble.  
Utah—Jacob E. Gease.  
Washington—Frans Bostrom, Kate Sadler, Hortense Wagenknecht.

Wyoming—A. Carlson.  
Richardson of California moved that the reading of minutes of the previous day be dispensed with. Carried.

LeSueur of North Dakota was elected vice-chairman.

Communications received as follows:

From Branch 14th Ward (East). Indianapolis, Ind. Filed.

From Locals of Duluth, per. C. A. Torm (three letters). Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

#### Committee on Investigation of National Office.

Germer of Illinois reported that this committee will meet at the close of this session in room 406.

#### Committee on Resolutions.

Spargo of Vermont recommended that the close of tomorrow morning's session be set as the time after which no resolutions may be offered. On motion, this was agreed to.

#### Committee on International Relations.

Report was read by Hillquit of New York.

Richardson of California moved to take up the recommendations seriatim. Carried.

#### Recommendation Number 1.

Latimer of Minnesota moved an amendment to strike out, "Special Representa-

tive," and insert "International Secretary."

Stallard of Kansas moved to amend by inserting after "representative," the words "in addition to the International Secretary." Carried, by a vote of 28 to 25.

Patterson, Ohio, and Clifford, Ohio, asked to be recorded as voting "No."

The second and third recommendations were adopted as read.

On the fourth recommendation, Wiltse of Iowa, moved an amendment to strike out, "15,000" and insert "10,000." Carried 30 to 16.

Patterson, Clifford and Bessemer of Ohio asked to be recorded in the negative.

Kennedy of Illinois moved that of the delegates to the International Congress two-thirds shall be comrades who have never been in Europe. Ruled out of order. Decision of chair appealed from. On vote chair sustained. Clifford and Bessemer voting in the negative. The report as amended was then adopted as a whole.

Nominations for Special Representative at the next meeting of the International Bureau.

Berger of Wisconsin accepted the nomination.

Duncan of Montana moved to suspend the rules and now adjourn. Lost.

Duncan of Montana moved to make the election of Special Representative a special order of business at three o'clock.

#### Committee on Party Headquarters.

Lanfersiek of Kentucky, for the committee, reported progress.

#### Committee on Young People's Organizations.

Bradford of Arizona reported committee will meet at 1:45 p. m.

#### Committee on National Committee Rules.

Nichols of New Hampshire reports progress.

#### Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

Duncan of Montana reports progress; Hickey to look into matter of printing plant; Gaylord, matter of ways and means; Roewer, matter of propaganda.

#### Committee on Reports on National Officers' Reports.

Reported progress.

### NEW BUSINESS.

Hillquit of New York moved to suggest an amendment to Art. VI, Sec. 2, of the National Constitution by striking out the sentence provided in a stenographic report of meetings of the National Executive Committee. Carried. Clifford and Patterson of Ohio asked to be recorded as voting "No."

Ramp of Oregon moved to suggest an amendment to the National Constitution providing that due notice shall be given of meetings of the National Executive Committee, which meetings shall be open to all members of the party in good standing. Lost.

Adjourned to 1 p. m.

JAMES M. REILLY,  
Secretary.

T. E. LATIMER,  
Assistant Secretary.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order, 2:40 p. m.

Comrade Clawson of Indianapolis, Ind., secretary of the Socialist Lawyers' Organization, given the floor and read a report explaining the objects of that organization.

For special representative at the International Bureau, Frank Bohn accepted the nomination.

The election resulted as follows:

Berger, 38.

Bohn, 11.

Communication from J. E. Snyder on conditions and needs of the South. To

Organization and Propaganda Committee.

Communication from Local Houston, Texas, on co-operative stores. To Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

Communication from J. E. Sinclair on Teachers' Bureau. To Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

Communication from St. Louis General Committee, on meeting in said city. To Committee on Organization and Propaganda with instructions to prepare amendment to enforce Article II, Section 4.

Hillquit's point of order that definite amendment should be made ruled out of order.

Comrade Bessemer made reply to said communication.

Comrade Duncan moved that communication be placed on file. Carried. Motion that Committee on Organization and Propaganda be instructed to prepare an amendment to enforce Article II, Section 4.

Comrade Bertha Maily addressed the convention on behalf of the Rand School of Social Science.

Resolution offered by Comrade Roewer of Massachusetts: The National Committee places upon record its appreciation of the high value of the work done by the Rand School of Social Science, New York.

The ever growing need of a sound Socialist education for our younger members is evident and the Rand School offers a hopeful contribution to the fulfillment of that need.

Therefore, this committee favorably commends the work of the Rand School and directs the attention of our state and local organizations to it and urges them to give it their hearty support.

And that the Bureau of Information be instructed to send out a bulletin regarding the Rand School to the party press. Carried.

Comrade Wilson of California moved that the National Secretary, manager of the Lyceum Bureau be required to give verbal reports not exceeding twenty minutes, supplementing their written reports. Withdrawn.

Comrade Hillquit moved that Committee on National Officers' Reports shall report tomorrow morning. The National Secretary, the manager of the Lyceum Bureau and the manager of the Information Department be given twenty minutes each for verbal report and discussion.

Comrade Berger of Wisconsin moved that time limit for the introduction of resolutions and amendments to the constitution be set at 1 p. m. Tuesday.

Hillquit of New York offered an amendment that no amendment to the constitution shall be accepted after 5 o'clock tomorrow evening, except by a two-thirds vote of those present. Berger accepted this.

Solomon of New York moved to except from the operation of this rule recommendations of committees and action on same. Hillquit accepted this.

Goebel of New Jersey moved as a substitute that after 5 o'clock tomorrow no amendments to the constitution be received, whether presented from the floor or committee, involving any change in the principles or declared policy of the party.

Bostrom of Washington moved to table the entire matter. Lost.

Goebel's motion lost.

Motion of Hillquit and Solomon was carried.

#### Committee on Permanent Rules of National Committee.

Nichols of New Hampshire read the report.

The Committee recommended an addition to the constitution, providing that the office of a National Committeeman who fails to vote on two successive motions or to send in a report in explanation, shall be declared vacant and the State Office in



which the vacancy occurred shall be notified to fill the vacancy.

Spargo of Vermont moved to adopt the rules as a whole.

Bostrom of Washington moved to take up the rules seriatim. Lost.

Bostrom of Washington moved to strike out from Rule 10 all involving election of committees by preferential ballot.

Patterson of Ohio moved that the section be referred back to the committee for consideration. Bostrom accepted this.

Bradford of Arizona moved as substitute to strike out the section entirely and adopt a rule that committees shall be elected by a majority vote. This was later withdrawn. The Patterson motion was adopted.

The rules as a whole were then adopted. The proposed amendment suggested by the committee was then taken up. Bostrom of Washington moved to concur.

Solomon moved to amend the motion to declare a committeeman's seat vacant when he had failed to vote on two successive motions without excuse.

Bostrom of Washington offered a substitute to refer the matter back to the committee with instructions to draw up a section that the National Secretary shall notify the state secretaries of the respective states whenever any National Committeeman fails to vote on two consecutive motions.

The substitute was lost, 16 to 20.

The amendment was lost, 15 to 21.

The original motion was lost, 15 to 30.

Communication from Translator-Secretaries' Conference. Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

Communication from Second Ward Branch, Cook County, Illinois. Referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

Communication on Young People's Socialist League of Philadelphia. Referred to Committee on Young People's Organizations.

Communication from Local Connley, Oregon. Placed on file.

Communication from Local Altoona, Ohio. Placed on file.

Communications from Mrs. Nora Gillespie, Ed. H. Kintzer, and Sarah Swan. Referred to Committee on West Virginia Situation.

Moved by Wilson of California that these communications referring to the West Virginia matter be answered by the committee, giving a statement of our actions. Carried.

Communication from J. Nolen Harvey, stating he would appeal to a referendum on the decision rendered in his case at yesterday's session, was placed on file.

Hillquit of New York moved that the National Office be instructed to secure, if possible, a hall nearer than the Young People's League for tomorrow afternoon's session.

Bessemer of Ohio moved to amend to have a session tomorrow evening and omit the afternoon session. Amendment lost and original motion lost.

Richardson of California moved that arrangements be made with the photographer to take a picture tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. in front of Young People's Hall.

Wilson of California moved a substitute that no picture be taken. The substitute was carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

JAMES M. REILLY,  
Secretary.

T. E. LATIMER,  
Assistant Secretary.

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes, May 13, 1913.

### MORNING SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 9:55 a. m. by Comrade Goebel of New Jersey.

McDonald of Illinois was elected chairman, and Goddard of New Mexico elected vice-chairman.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of yesterday's sessions were dispensed with.

Following corrections were made: On page 3, the matter of Kennedy motion, minutes should read that Bessemer, Clifford and Paterson had asked to be recorded as voting in the negative.

The following should have been shown as present on yesterday's roll call:

Arkansas—Callery.  
Vermont—Spargo.  
District of Columbia—Kopelin.  
California—Wilson.  
Colorado—Hutchinson.  
Florida—Allen.  
Nebraska—Chase.

Minutes should read that report of Committee on International Relations was read by Hillquit of New York.

In minutes of May 11, matter of recommendations of the National Executive Committee on West Virginia situation, it should have been stated that the recommendation regarding sending of speakers and organizers was referred to the incoming National Executive Committee.

The roll call showed the following present:

Alabama—Hutchisson.  
Arizona—W. S. Bradford.  
Arkansas—Callery.  
California—Richardson.  
Colorado—Hutchinson.  
Connecticut—Beardsley.  
Delaware—Houck.  
District of Columbia—Kopelin.  
Florida—Allen.  
Idaho—Motley.  
Illinois—Germer, McDonald, Kennedy.  
Indiana—Fennimore, Reynolds.  
Iowa—Wiltse.  
Kansas—Stallard.  
Kentucky—Lanfersiek.  
Louisiana—Dietz.  
Maine—Irish.  
Massachusetts—White, Roewer Jr.  
Michigan—Hoogerhyde, Aaltonen.  
Missouri—Garver.  
Montana—Duncan.  
Nebraska—Chase.  
Nevada—Taylor.  
New Hampshire—Nichols.  
New Jersey—Goebel, Reilly.  
New Mexico—Goddard.  
New York—Strebel, Ball Jr., Solomon.  
North Carolina—Wm. T. Bradford.  
North Dakota—LeSueur.  
Ohio—Bessemer, Clifford, Patterson.  
Oklahoma—Ameringer, Nagle.  
Oregon—Ramp.  
Pennsylvania—Fuller, Maurer, Cohen, Ringler.  
Rhode Island—Hurst.  
Texas—Hickey, Noble.  
Utah—Gease.  
Vermont—Spargo.  
Washington—Bostrom, Sadler, Wagenknecht.  
Wisconsin—Berger, Gaylord.  
Wyoming—Carlson.

### COMMUNICATIONS AS FOLLOWS.

From Milwaukee Social Democratic Publishing Company, regarding appointment of Berger on West Virginia Committee. Filed.

From J. Nolen Harvey asking for floor for five minutes. Filed.

Motion made by Bessemer of Ohio that Comrade Harvey be given five minutes to state his case. Nagle of Oklahoma moved to table the motion. The motion to table carried 25 to 19.

From W. R. Gaylord regarding work of Committee on Co-operative Movement. Moved by Spargo of Vermont that committee be given power to fill vacancies. Carried.

From the County Central Committee of Jackson County, Missouri, regarding West Virginia situation. Referred to West Virginia Committee.

From A. W. Kirkendahl on the same matter. Same course.

Sadler of Washington moved that we rescind action taken May 11 on delaying the matter of sending speakers to West Virginia to the incoming National Executive Committee. Ruled out of order.

Moved by LeSueur of North Dakota that State Committee of West Virginia be notified of the action of the National Committee in the West Virginia case. Carried.

Resolution to investigate banking problems, etc., referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution providing for a National Strike Committee referred to Committee on Organization and Propaganda.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

**Reports of National Officers.**—Report read by Kaplan of Minnesota. Motion to receive, report and concur in the recommendations and continue committee. Carried.

**Party Headquarters.**—Report read by Lanfersiek of Kentucky. Bessemer of Ohio moved that the recommendation of the committee regarding election of a substitute on location of the National Headquarters be concurred in, and the present committee continued as such committee.

Hillquit of New York offered an amendment to leave the matter of location of the headquarters to the incoming National Executive Committee for report.

Amendment lost.

Bessemer motion carried.

Kennedy of Illinois moved that the committee be instructed to prepare a report within six months to the National Committee. Berger suggested making the time limit three months. Kennedy accepted this. Motion carried.

Goebel of New Jersey moved that traveling expenses and per diem be allowed the members of the committee, on the same basis as the allowance for National Organizers.

Bessemer of Ohio offered an amendment to limit the total expense to \$200. Goebel accepted this. Motion carried.

**Young People's Organizations.**—Report read by Bradford of Arizona.

Solomon of New York moved to receive the report and consider it seriatim. Carried.

Ramp of Oregon, would adopt proposed amendment to Article V., Section 3.

Hillquit of New York offered as a substitute: Beginning with the first day of October, 1913, a new department shall be created in the office of the Executive Secretary to be known as the Department for the Propaganda of Socialism Among Young People. A manager for said department to be selected by the National Executive Committee.

Patterson of Ohio offered an amendment to the substitute that the young people's organizations should be formed on the lines of the Finnish young people's organizations and should be sub-locals under the supervision and control of the various locals.

Amendment to substitute offered by Patterson lost.

Substitute offered by Hillquit carried, thus disposing of the matter.

Resolutions from Hayes Branch, Local Pittsburgh, regarding the West Virginia situation, referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution from Local Salt Lake City, Utah, regarding same matter, same course.

Communications from Bernard McMahon regarding plans for National Headquarters, referred to Committee on National Headquarters.

Adjourned 1 p. m.

JAMES M. REILLY,  
Secretary.

T. E. LATIMER,  
Assistant Secretary.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 2:40 p. m.

Report of Committee on Permanent Rules of National Committee.

Proposed Section 9, of the Rules:

## Section 9.

"All elections of officers, delegates, committees, etc., shall be conducted by ballot, a majority being necessary for a choice. In the event that a second ballot is required, the two highest for each position shall be submitted for final election."

Amendment offered by Comrade Sadler of Washington to strike out Article II, Section 6.

YES—Arkansas, Callery; Colorado, S. B. Hutchinson; Kansas, Stallard; Louisiana, W. F. Dietz; Minnesota, Kaplan; Montana, Duncan; North Carolina, Wm. T. Bradford; Ohio, Bessemer, Clifford, Patterson; Oregon, Ramp; Texas, Hickey, Noble; Washington, Bostrom, Sadler, Wagenknecht. Total, 16.

NO—Alabama, C. G. Hutchisson; Arizona, W. S. Bradford; California, Richardson, Wilson; Connecticut, Beardsley; Delaware, Houck; District of Columbia, Kopelin; Florida, Allen; Idaho, Motley; Illinois, Germer, Kennedy, McDonald; Indiana, Reynolds, Fennimore; Iowa, Wiltse; Kentucky, Lanfersiek; Maine, Irish; Massachusetts, White, Roewer, Jr.; Michigan, Aaltonon, Hoogerhyde; Minnesota, Latimer; Missouri, Garver; Nebraska, Chase; Nevada, Taylor; New Hampshire, Nichols; New Jersey, Goebel, Reilly; New Mexico, Goddard; New York, Strebel, Ball, Jr., Hillquit, Solomon; North Dakota, LeSueur; Oklahoma, Ameringer, Nagle; Pennsylvania, Fuller, Maurer, Cohen, Ringler; Rhode Island, Hurst; Utah, Gease; Vermont, Spargo; Wisconsin, Berger, Gaylord; Wyoming, Carlson. Total, 46.

Motion is therefore lost, 16 to 46.

Bostrom of Washington moved to strike out from Article II, Section 6, the clause defining political action.

Berger of Wisconsin raised a point of order on this motion. Motion ruled in order.

Decision of chair appealed from.

On vote, chair sustained; motion lost.

Sadler of Washington moved to amend Article V, Section 4, to provide that the members of the Executive Committee and Woman's National Committee shall not be members of the National Committee. Motion lost. The following asked to be recorded, as voting yes: Sadler of Washington, Clifford, Bessemer and Patterson of Ohio, Hutchinson of Colorado, Callery of Arkansas.

The chair declared nominations for national officers in order, under the rules as adopted.

Bostrom of Washington moved that no nominating speeches be allowed. Carried.

Following were nominated for permanent chairman of the National Committee (declinations not included): Lewis J. Duncan of Montana; Thomas Clifford of Ohio; Oscar Ameringer of Oklahoma.

Nominated for Executive Secretary (declinations excepted): Walter Lanfersiek of Kentucky; John M. Work of Illinois; Frank Bohn of New York; J. E. Snyder of California; John Hagel of Oklahoma; Anna A. Maley of Washington; Winfield R. Gaylord of Wisconsin; George H. Goebel of New Jersey.

Nominated for National Executive Committee (declinations not included): Kate Sadler of Washington; Gustave A. Strebel of New York; Lewis J. Duncan of Montana; Adolph Germer of Illinois; James H. Maurer of Pennsylvania; Victor L. Berger of Wisconsin; John C. Chase of Nebraska; T. E. Latimer of Minnesota; Thomas Clifford of Ohio; S. B. Hutchinson of Colorado; George H. Goebel of New Jersey; Kate Richards O'Hare of Missouri; John

Spargo of Vermont; Dan Hogan of Arkansas; I. S. McCrillis of Iowa; J. Stitt Wilson of California; E. R. Meitzen of Texas.

Nominated for General Correspondent of the Woman's National Committee (declinations not included): Winnie E. Branstetter of Illinois; May Walden of Illinois, and Anna A. Maley of Washington.

Nominated for Woman's National Committee (declinations not included): May Wood-Simons of Illinois; Gertrude Breslau Fuller of Pennsylvania; Alma Kriger of Montana; Marguerite Prevey of Ohio; Meta L. Stern of New York; Lena Morrow Lewis of California; Carrie W. Allen of New York; Grace Silver of Illinois; Gertrude Reilly of New Jersey; Hortense Wagenknecht of Washington; Elsie Latimer of Minnesota; Bertha Howell Mailley of New York; Irene Stedman of Illinois; Luella Twining of Colorado; Ella Reeve Bloor of Connecticut; Ida Callery of Arkansas; Anna A. Maley of Washington; Elizabeth H. Thomas of Wisconsin; Mila Tupper Maynard of California.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Spargo of Vermont.

Resolutions reported as follows:

"Whereas, It is a notorious fact that many immigrants are still being brought to this country by means of misrepresentations on the part of the employers of labor and transportation companies, and

"Whereas, The mass importation of laborers from European countries is being used to reduce the wages and degrade the conditions of labor in the United States; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the International Secretary of the Socialist party be instructed to urge upon the International Bureau the obligations resting upon that body by the resolution of the Stuttgart congress, making clear to the working class of Europe the actual conditions of the working class in the United States, with reference to wages and hours of labor, and relative cost of living; and be it further

"Resolved, That the International Socialist Bureau be urged to do all in its power to develop the Socialist propaganda and the economic organization of the workers in those countries from which the bulk of our immigration is drawn."

The committee recommended the adoption of the resolution. On motion, recommendation of committee concurred in.

The following resolution was reported favorably:

"Moved that a committee of three members be elected to investigate the banking, bank credit, currency and monetary systems of the United States. The committee may from time to time transmit the information gathered by it to the Information Department to be disseminated through the usual channels. It shall also be instructed to make a complete report with recommendations to the next meeting of the National Committee."

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was concurred in.

The following resolution was reported unfavorably:

"Whereas, The government of the United States during its management under the Republican administration secured numerous decrees dissolving unlawful combinations and trusts, and

"Whereas, It is a notorious fact that the officers and companies who formed these illegal combinations are continuing to do the thing they formerly did in violation of law and have not dissolved the unlawful combinations as they were commanded to do by the decree of the court, and

"Whereas, The only effective method remaining to break up unlawful conspiracies is to hold those responsible for the commission of the unlawful acts responsible to the law, and

"Whereas, To fine a billionaire is a joke; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the National Committee of the Socialist party, call on the Democratic administration at Washington to proceed without delay to jail these trust heads."

Moved to nonconcur. On motion, the recommendation of the committee was concurred in.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of a committee, as provided for in the second resolution. Adopted.

The following were nominated: Karl F. M. Sandberg of Illinois; Arthur LeSueur of North Dakota; Lucian Sanial of New York; Fred Hurst of Rhode Island; H. B. Fish of Illinois; C. B. Hoffman of Kansas.

The vote resulted as follows: Sandberg, 32; Sanial, 30; LeSueur, 27; Hurst, 11; Hoffman, 5; Fish, 0.

Sandberg, Sanial and LeSueur are therefore elected.

Carlson of Wyoming moved that no expense incurred by this committee shall be chargeable to the National Office. On motion, lost.

The following asked to be recorded as voting "Yes": Ramp of Oregon; Bostrom, Sadler, of Washington; Clifford, Patterson and Bessemer of Ohio.

Hillquit of New York moved that the committee should meet in night session tonight, at 8 p. m. Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m.

The report of the Committee on Industrial Education elected at the 1912 convention was read by Comrade May Wood-Simons.

The committee made the following recommendations: The committee recommends that it be provided by the National Committee that the National Educational Committee shall meet once each year, its traveling and hotel expenses to be met from the national treasury, and that the stationery and postage necessary to carry on the work of the committee be provided by the National Office.

Berger of Wisconsin moved that the provisional report be accepted and recommendation of the committee concurred in. Carried.

Comrade Simons announced that Comrade George R. Kirkpatrick had resigned from the committee.

Spargo of Vermont moved that the committee be empowered to fill the vacancy. Carried.

McDonald of Illinois took the floor and suggested that a press correspondent be sent to West Virginia, to accompany the Committee on West Virginia, elected on Sunday last.

Nagel of Oklahoma moved that a correspondent be sent to West Virginia with the Committee on the West Virginia situation, the choice to be left to the West Virginia Committee. Carried.

Bessemer of Ohio moved that a stenographic report be made of the proceedings of the National Committee during the discussion on the report of the Investigation Committee. Lost. Ramp of Oregon recorded in affirmative.

Duncan of Montana moved that if anyone desires a stenographer to report the proceedings of the meeting tomorrow, they be given the opportunity to do so, also that proper facilities be furnished at their expense.

Roll call was demanded, and the following vote recorded:

Yes—Callery, S. B. Hutchinson, Stallard, Dietz, Aaltonen, Kaplan, Duncan, Goddard, Bradford, LeSueur, Bessemer, Clifford, Patterson, Ramp, Hickey, Noble, Bostrom, Sadler, Wagenknecht, Berger. Total, 20.

No—C. G. Hutchisson, Alabama; Bradford, Arizona; Richardson, Wilson, Beardsley, Houck, Kopelin, Allen, Motley, McDonald, Reynolds, Fennimore, Wiltse, Lan-



fersiek, Irish, White, Roewer, Jr., Hoogerhyde, Latimer, Garver, Taylor, Nichols, Goebel, Reilly, Strebel, Hillquit, Solomon, Ameringer, Nagle, Fuller, Maurer, Cohen, Ringler, Hurst, Spargo, Gaylord, Carlson. Total, 37.

The motion is therefore lost, 20 to 37.

Hillquit raised the point of order that the public is permitted to attend the meetings of the National Committee, and reporters and stenographers can take reports of any proceedings they desire.

Chair ruled point of order not well taken. Appeal from decision of chair. Chair sustained.

Chair ruled that no stenographic report would be permitted. Appeal from decision by Comrade Duncan of Montana. Chairman overruled by vote of 18 to 27.

Partial report of Committee on Organization and Propaganda given by Comrade Roewer of Massachusetts.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p. m.

JAMES M. REILLY,  
Secretary.

T. E. LATIMER,  
Assistant Secretary.

May 14, 1913.

### MORNING SESSION.

Meeting was called to order by McDonald of Illinois at 9:45 a. m.

Gaylord of Wisconsin was elected chairman, and Richardson of California was elected vice-chairman.

The roll call showed the following present:

Alabama, C. G. Hutchinson; Arizona, W. S. Bradford; Arkansas, Ida Callery; California, N. A. Richardson, J. Stitt Wilson; Colorado, S. B. Hutchisson; Connecticut, S. E. Beardsley; Delaware, Frank A. Houck; District of Columbia, Louis Kopelin; Florida, C. C. Allen; Idaho, S. W. Motley; Illinois, Adolph Germer, John C. Kennedy, Duncan McDonald; Indiana, S. M. Reynolds, Chas. R. Fenimore; Iowa, M. F. Wiltse; Kansas, S. M. Stallard; Kentucky, Walter Lanfersiek; Louisiana, W. F. Dietz; Maine, Fred E. Irish; Massachusetts, Dan A. White, George E. Roewer, Jr.; Michigan, James Hoogerhyde, Frank Aaltonen; Minnesota, Morris Kaplan, T. E. Latimer; Missouri, Wm. L. Garver; Montana, Lewis J. Duncan; Nebraska, John C. Chase; Nevada, Justus E. Taylor; New Hampshire, J. Foster Nichols; New Jersey, George H. Goebel, James M. Reilly; New Mexico, Charles F. Goddard; New York, Gustave A. Strebel, Charles J. Ball, Jr., Morris Hillquit, U. Solomon; North Carolina, Wm. T. Bradford; North Dakota, Arthur LeSueur; Ohio, William E. Bessemer, Tom Clifford, Wm. Patterson; Oklahoma, Oscar Ameringer, P. S. Nagle; Oregon, Floyd C. Ramp; Pennsylvania, Gertrude Breslau Fuller, Chas. A. Maurer, Jos. E. Cohen, Robert B. Ringler; Rhode Island, Fred Hurst; Texas, W. S. Noble; Utah, Jacob E. Gease; Vermont, Spargo; Washington, Frans Bostrom, Kate Sadler, Hortense Wagenknecht; Wisconsin, Victor L. Berger, Winfield R. Gaylord; Wyoming, A. Carlson.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous day was dispensed with.

Communication from Branch Second Ward, Chicago, Local Cook County. Filed.

Hillquit of New York moved that we suspend the present business and rules, in order to receive the report of the Committee on Investigation of the National Office; the vote on the report and all questions arising therefrom to be taken not later than the close of this morning's session; the election of officers to be had at the beginning of the afternoon session. Carried unanimously.

### Report of Committee on Investigation of National Office.

The report, which was unanimous, was read by LeSueur of North Dakota. Prior

to the reading of the report, Wiltse of Iowa moved the following:

"That Comrade Bessemer, or any other comrade, having any evidence or alleged charges to make against the National Office, shall be required to hand to the Committee on Investigation a signed copy, to be made a part of their report. Charges and any additional evidence to be accepted in no other way."

On motion, this was laid upon the table.

After reading the report, Comrade LeSueur, on behalf of the committee, moved its adoption. Seconded.

Berger of Wisconsin moved that in the discussion on the report, Comrade Bessemer be given twenty minutes' time to begin with, and afterward time as required.

Bessemer of Ohio then took the floor, and was still on the floor when the time limit expired.

Wilson of California moved that Comrade Bessemer's time be extended ten minutes, and this was agreed to.

Resuming the floor, Comrade Bessemer asked that the secretary read a letter which he introduced, bearing on the matter of efficiency or inefficiency in the National Office. The letter was from Minnie Levinger of Chicago, Ill., addressed to E. R. Kimbach of Elyria, Ohio. The secretary started to read the letter; had read about five pages (the letter was about six and one-half pages in length), when further reading of the letter was stopped by a vote of the committee, upon a motion to that effect.

Wilson of California asked that it be recorded in the minutes that this letter had not been presented to the Committee on Investigation; also, that at 5:30 Tuesday evening the committee asked the Ohio delegation if they had further evidence to offer other than that which had already been submitted, and they (the Ohio delegation) had replied not.

Hillquit of New York asked Comrade Bessemer if he would state from whom and in what manner he had obtained the telegrams and letters referred to in the report as having been taken from the files of the National Office. Comrade Bessemer refused to answer the question.

Hillquit of New York moved that Comrade Bessemer be directed to answer the question. Carried.

Comrade Bessemer declined to answer.

After discussion on the report, the motion to adopt the report of the committee and accept its findings was carried on roll call by the following vote:

YES—Alabama, C. F. Hutchinson; Arizona, W. S. Bradford; Arkansas, Callery; California, Wilson, Richardson; Connecticut, Beardsley; Delaware, Houck; District of Columbia, Kopelin; Florida, Allen; Idaho, Motley; Illinois, Germer, McDonald, Kennedy; Indiana, Reynolds, Fenimore; Iowa, Wiltse; Kansas, Stallard; Kentucky, Lanfersiek; Louisiana, Dietz; Maine, Irish; Massachusetts, White, Roewer, Jr.; Michigan, Aaltonen, Hoogerhyde; Minnesota, Latimer; Missouri, Garver; Montana, Duncan; Nebraska, Chase; Nevada, Taylor; New Hampshire, Nichols; New Jersey, Goebel, Reilly; New Mexico, Goddard; New York, Strebel, Ball, Jr., Hillquit, Solomon; North Dakota, LeSueur; Oklahoma, Nagle, Ameringer; Pennsylvania, Fuller, Ringler, Cohen, Maurer; Rhode Island, Hurst; Texas, Noble; Utah, Gease; Vermont, Spargo; Wisconsin, Berger, Gaylord; Wyoming, Carlson; North Carolina, Wm. T. Bradford. Total, 52.

NO—Colorado, S. B. Hutchinson; Ohio, Bessemer, Clifford, Patterson; Oregon, Ramp; Washington, Bostrom, Sadler, Wagenknecht. Total, 8.

Present and not voting—Kaplan, Minnesota.

The motion is therefore adopted. Voting yes, 52; voting no, 8, and not voting, 1.

Wilson of California moved that Comrade Bessemer be directed to at once return

to the National Office, through the National Secretary, the telegrams and letters referred to as having been taken from the files of the National Office, also to state to the committee the source from which he obtained them. Carried.

Comrade Bessemer stated that he would not return the letters and telegrams, or state where he obtained them, at this time.

Hillquit of New York moved that Comrade Bessemer stand suspended from membership in this committee until he shall comply with the committee's demands. This was carried on roll call by the following vote:

YES—C. G. Hutchisson, W. S. Bradford, Richardson, Wilson, Houck, Kopelin, Allen, Motley, Germer, McDonald, Kennedy, Reynolds, Fenimore, Wiltse, Stallard, Lanfersiek, Irish, White, Roewer, Jr., Hoogerhyde, Aaltonen, Latimer, Beardsley, Garver, Chase, Taylor, Nichols, Goebel, Reilly, Goddard, Strebel, Ball, Jr., Hillquit, Solomon, LeSueur, Ameringer, Nagle, Fuller, Maurer, Cohen, Ringler, Hurst, Gease, Spargo, Berger, Gaylord, Carlson. Total, 47.

NO—Callery, S. B. Hutchinson, Dietz, Kaplan, Duncan, Wm. T. Bradford, Clifford, Patterson, Ramp, Noble, Bostrom, Sadler, Wagenknecht. Total, 13.

Present and not voting—Bessemer.

The motion is therefore carried. Voting yes, 47; voting no, 13; present and not voting, 1.

Adjourned at 1 p. m.

JAMES M. REILLY,  
Secretary.

T. E. LATIMER,  
Assistant Secretary.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 2:50 p. m.

The meeting proceeded to the election of national officers.

Solomon of New York moved that the permanent chairman of the National Committee shall not be a member of the National Executive Committee. Wilson of California raised a point of order, on the ground that this matter would not properly come under the province of this committee. The chair ruled the motion in order. Wilson appealed. On vote, the chair was sustained.

For permanent chairman of the National Committee, the vote resulted:

Oscar Ameringer of Oklahoma.....	43
Tom Clifford of Ohio.....	13
Void ballot .....	1

Ameringer was declared elected.

For Executive Secretary the vote resulted as follows:

Walter Lanfersiek of Kentucky.....	37
John M. Work of Illinois.....	9
Frank Bohn of New York.....	8
J. E. Snyder of California.....	5

Lanfersiek declared elected.

This vote was on roll call, as follows:

LANFERSIEK—W. S. Bradford, Richardson, Beardsley, Houck, Kopelin, Allen, Motley, Germer, Kennedy, McDonald, Fenimore, Irish, Roewer Jr., Hoogerhyde, Latimer, Garver, Chase, Taylor, Nichols, Goebel, Reilly, Goddard, Strebel, Ball Jr., Hillquit, Solomon, LeSueur, Ameringer, Fuller, Maurer, Cohen, Ringler, Hurst, Spargo, Berger, Gaylord, Carlson.—Total, 37.

WORK—C. G. Hutchinson, Wilson, Reynolds, Wiltse, White, Aaltonen, Kaplan, Noble, Gease.—Total, 9.

BOHN—S. B. Hutchinson, Duncan, Clifford, Patterson, Ramp, Bostrom, Sadler, Wagenknecht.—Total, 8.

SNYDER—Callery, Stallard, Dietz, Wm. T. Bradford, Nagle.—Total, 5.

(To be continued next week)