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## ANNUAL ELECTION

### National Committee Elects National Executive Committee and National Secretary for Ensuing Year.

NATIONAL HDQRS. SOCIALIST PARTY, CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 1, 1906.

To the National Committee:

Comrades—In accordance with the instructions of the National Executive Committee and the provisions of the Constitution, I hereby call for the election of a National Executive Committee and a National Secretary.

Each member of the National Committee is entitled to vote for not more than seven names for the Executive Committee, and not more than one name for National Secretary. Vote should be registered upon the enclosed form for balloting and reach the National office not later than Jan. 22, 1906. In filling out ballot, use ink.

Only those candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected; a rebalot will be taken on all candidates failing of election on the first ballot and receiving at least 10 per cent of the votes cast; providing the full quota of officials is not elected.

#### List of Candidates for National Executive Committee.

The following comrades have accepted the nomination for National Executive Committee (the names are alphabetically arranged):

- Robert Bandlow, Cleveland Ohio.
- A. H. Floaten, Denver, Colo.
- H. A. Gibbs, Worcester, Mass.
- Geo. H. Goebel, Newark, N. J.
- Frederick Heath, Milwaukee, Wis.
- G. A. Hoehn, St. Louis, Mo.
- Chas. H. Kerr, Chicago, Ill.
- F. A. Kulp, Battle Creek, Mich.
- C. J. Lamb, Dryden, Mich.
- Courtenay Lemon, New York, N. Y.
- William Maily, Toledo, Ohio.
- John A. C. Menton, Flint, Mich.
- Thos. J. Morgan, Chicago, Ill.
- S. M. Reynolds, Terre Haute, Ind.
- A. M. Simons, Chicago, Ill.
- James S. Smith, Chicago, Ill.
- Seymour Stedman, Chicago, Ill.
- Chas. G. Towner, Newport, Ky.
- Chas. Ufert, Hoboken, N. J.
- Ernest Untermann, Chicago, Ill.
- John M. Work, Des Moines, Iowa.

#### For National Secretary.

The following comrades have accepted the nomination for National Secretary: J. Mahlon Barnes, Chicago, Ill. James Oneal, Terre Haute, Ind. John W. Slayton, New Castle, Pa.

No announcement of the vote will be made until after the close of the balloting on January 22, 1906.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MAHLON BARNES,

National Secretary.

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 23, 1906.

To the National Committee Socialist Party:

Comrades—I hereby report the election of a National Executive Committee and National Secretary by the National Committee to have resulted as follows:

#### For Executive Committee.

VOTE BY STATES.

- La Rue (Ala.)**—A. H. Floaten, Geo. H. Goebel, Frederic Heath, S. M. Reynolds, A. M. Simons, Chas. G. Towner, John M. Work.
- Barnette (Ariz.)**—A. H. Floaten, Geo. H. Goebel, A. M. Simons, John M. Work, S. M. Reynolds, Robert Bandlow, William Maily.
- Lowry (Ark.)**—Robert Bandlow, A. H. Floaten, Geo. H. Goebel, Chas. H. Kerr, William Maily, Chas. G. Towner, John M. Work.
- Lena Morrow Lewis (Cal.)**—Wm. Maily, Chas. G. Towner, Robert Bandlow, John M. Work, Chas. H. Kerr, Ernest Untermann, Courtenay Lemon.
- Edmiston (Cal.)**—Robert Bandlow, Courtenay Lemon, Wm. Maily, A. M. Simons, Chas. G. Towner, Ernest Untermann; John M. Work.
- White (Conn.)**—Robert Bandlow, Wm. Maily, S. M. Reynolds, Jas. S. Smith, Chas. G. Towner, Chas. Ufert, John M. Work.
- Healey (Fla.)**—A. H. Floaten, Frederic Heath, G. A. Hoehn, Wm. Maily, A. M. Simons, Chas. G. Towner, John M. Work.
- Rigg (Idaho)**—Geo. H. Goebel, Frederic Heath, G. A. Hoehn, C. J. Lamb, Thos. J. Morgan, A. M. Simons, John M. Work.
- Stedman (Ill.)**—A. M. Simons, Frederic Heath, G. A. Hoehn, C. J. Lamb, H. Gibbs, Thos. J. Morgan, A. H. Floaten.
- A. M. Simons (Ill.)**—Jas. S. Smith, G. A. Hoehn, Ernest Untermann, John M. Work, A. H. Floaten, C. H. Kerr, Seymour Stedman.
- Berlyn (Ill.)**—John M. Work, Robert Bandlow, Wm. Maily, Chas. G. Towner, Courtenay Lemon, Jas. S. Smith, Chas. H. Kerr.

**Reynolds (Ind.)**—Robert Bandlow, Frederic Heath, Courtenay Lemon, Wm. Maily, Jas. S. Smith, Chas. G. Towner, John M. Work.

**Jacobs (Iowa)**—John M. Work, A. M. Simons, S. M. Reynolds, Jas. S. Smith, Seymour Stedman, Ernest Untermann, Frederic Heath.

**Work (Iowa)**—A. H. Floaten, Frederic Heath, Chas. H. Kerr, Courtenay Lemon, Wm. Maily, John A. C. Menton, S. M. Reynolds.

**McAllister (Kas.)**—C. J. Lamb, Frederic Heath, Chas. H. Kerr, John M. Work, Ernest Untermann, A. H. Floaten, Seymour Stedman.

**Towner (Ky.)**—Robert Bandlow, Courtenay Lemon, Wm. Maily, John A. C. Menton, S. M. Reynolds, Jas. S. Smith, John M. Work.

**Fox (Maine)**—Wm. Maily, Frederic Heath, Ernest Untermann, Chas. G. Towner, A. M. Simons, Courtenay Lemon, John M. Work.

**Gibbs (Mass.)**—John M. Work, Seymour Stedman, S. M. Reynolds, C. J. Lamb, Frederic Heath, Geo. H. Goebel, Thos. J. Morgan.

**Wentworth (Mass.)**—Robert Bandlow, A. H. Floaten, F. A. Kulp, Wm. Maily, S. M. Reynolds, A. M. Simons, Seymour Stedman.

**Menton (Mich.)**—Wm. Maily; John M. Work, Chas. G. Towner, S. M. Reynolds, Jas. S. Smith, A. H. Floaten, G. A. Hoehn.

**Holman (Minn.)**—H. A. Gibbs, Frederic Heath, G. A. Hoehn, C. J. Lamb, Thos. J. Morgan, Seymour Stedman, Geo. H. Goebel.

**Peach (Minn.)**—Geo. H. Goebel, Frederic Heath, Chas. H. Kerr, C. J. Lamb, A. M. Simons, Ernest Untermann, John M. Work.

**Hoehn (Mo.)**—Thos. J. Morgan, Seymour Stedman, Wm. Maily, Frederic Heath, Ernest Untermann, A. M. Simons, John M. Work.

**Behrens (Mo.)**—A. H. Floaten, Frederic Heath, G. A. Hoehn, Courtenay Lemon, Thos. J. Morgan, Chas. G. Towner, Chas. H. Kerr.

**McHugh (Mont.)**—Robert Bandlow, A. H. Floaten, Wm. Maily, S. M. Reynolds, A. M. Simons, Chas. G. Towner, Ernest Untermann.

**Little (N. H.)**—H. A. Gibbs, Chas. H. Kerr, Courtenay Lemon, Wm. Maily, A. M. Simons, Ernest Untermann, John M. Work.

**Kearns (N. J.)**—Robert Bandlow, A. H. Floaten, Chas. H. Kerr, A. M. Simons, Chas. G. Towner, Chas. Ufert, Ernest Untermann.

**Headley (N. J.)**—Ernest Untermann, A. H. Floaten, Geo. H. Goebel, Frederic Heath, Wm. Maily, S. M. Reynolds, Chas. Ufert.

**Spargo (N. Y.)**—H. A. Gibbs, A. H. Floaten, Frederic Heath, Wm. Maily, C. H. Kerr, Chas. G. Towner, Courtenay Lemon.

**Hillquit (N. Y.)**—Wm. Maily, Robert Bandlow, S. M. Reynolds, John M. Work, A. M. Simons, Courtenay Lemon, H. A. Gibbs.

**Hanford (N. Y.)**—Robert Bandlow, Wm. Maily, Courtenay Lemon, G. A. Hoehn, Thos. J. Morgan, Chas. Ufert, Chas. G. Towner.

**Lampman (N. Dak.)**—H. A. Gibbs, Frederic Heath, Chas. H. Kerr, C. J. Lamb, A. M. Simons, John M. Work, Seymour Stedman.

**Bandlow (Ohio)**—Wm. Maily, Chas. G. Towner, John M. Work, Jas. S. Smith, Courtenay Lemon, Chas. H. Kerr.

**Prevey (Ohio)**—Robert Bandlow, Chas. H. Kerr, Courtenay Lemon, Wm. Maily, S. M. Reynolds, Chas. G. Towner, John M. Work.

**Hagel (Okla.)**—Frederic Heath, G. A. Hoehn, Courtenay Lemon, S. M. Reynolds, A. M. Simons, Seymour Stedman, John M. Work.

**Wanhope (Pa.)**—Wm. Maily, Courtenay Lemon, John M. Work, Robert Bandlow, Seymour Stedman, F. A. Kulp, A. H. Floaten.

**Slayton (Pa.)**—Robert Bandlow, A. H. Floaten, H. A. Gibbs, Chas. H. Kerr, Wm. Maily, S. M. Reynolds, John M. Work.

**Floyd (R. I.)**—Wm. Maily, Courtenay Lemon, Chas. G. Towner, Robert Bandlow, John M. Work, Geo. H. Goebel, A. H. Floaten.

**Cochran (S. Dak.)**—Chas. H. Kerr, Geo. H. Goebel, A. M. Simons, John M. Work, Courtenay Lemon, A. H. Floaten, Frederic Heath.

**Farmer (Tex.)**—G. A. Hoehn, Chas. H. Kerr, Thos. J. Morgan, Chas. G. Towner, John M. Work, Robert Bandlow, Geo. H. Goebel.

**Sullivan (Vt.)**—Chas. H. Kerr, Wm. Maily, A. M. Simons, Ernest Untermann, S. M. Reynolds, C. J. Lamb, G. A. Hoehn.

**Lund (Wash.)**—A. H. Floaten, John M. Work, Ernest Untermann, Wm. Maily, Jas. S. Smith, C. J. Lamb, Geo. H. Goebel.

**Kennedy (Wash.)**—Courtenay Lemon, Wm. Maily, Chas. G. Towner, Ernest Untermann, John M. Work, Chas. H. Kerr, Chas. Ufert.

**Zimmerman (W. Va.)**—A. M. Simons, Chas. H. Kerr, Geo. H. Goebel, S. M. Reynolds, H. A. Gibbs, C. J. Lamb, Wm. Maily.

**Thompson (Wis.)**—Seymour Stedman, H. A. Gibbs, Thos. J. Morgan, C. J. Lamb, G. A. Hoehn, Frederic Heath, Geo. H. Goebel.

**Berger (Wis.)**—H. A. Gibbs, Geo. H. Goebel, Frederic Heath, G. A. Hoehn, C. J. Lamb, Thos. J. Morgan, Seymour Stedman.

Total number of votes cast, 46; necessary to a choice, 24; not voting: Woodside, Colo.; Kelley, Ind.; Putnam, La.; Ray, Neb.; Hastings, Wyo.—5.

The election of the additional members to the National Committee for Oklahoma and Indian Territorial organization was certified in the National office January 2, and the additional member for Wisconsin January 11. They were not accorded a vote in keeping with Rule 6 of the "Rules for National Committee Referendums." Unless action to the contrary is taken, the votes of the additional members will be counted on subsequent ballots.

The total number of votes received by each candidate: Bandlow, 18; Floaten, 20; Gibbs, 10; Goebel, 15; Hoehn, 13; Kerr, 20; Kulp, 2; Lamb, 12; Lemon, 19; Maily, 29; Menton, 2; Morgan, 10; Reynolds, 17; Simons, 20; Smith, 9; Stedman, 12; Towner, 20; Ufert, 5; Untermann, 15; Work, 32; Heath, 21.

Wm. Maily and John M. Work having received a majority of the votes cast, are, therefore, elected to serve as members of the National Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Another ballot is necessary in order to elect the five additional members of the committee. The following, having not received 10 per cent of the total number of votes cast, are not eligible for the second ballot, and their names are therefore dropped: Frank A. Kulp, John A. C. Menton.

#### For Second Ballot.

Robert Bandlow, A. H. Floaten, H. A. Gibbs, Geo. H. Goebel, Frederic Heath, G. A. Hoehn, Chas. H. Kerr, E. J. Lamb, Courtenay Lemon, Thos. J. Morgan, S. M. Reynolds, A. M. Simons, Jas. S. Smith, Seymour Stedman, Chas. G. Towner, Chas. Ufert, Ernest Untermann.

National Committee members will use enclosed ballot and vote for five. Vote will close February 6, which admits of fourteen days from date for voting.

Election of National Secretary.

For J. Mahlon Barnes—La Rue, Ala.; Lena Morrow Lewis, Cal.; W. R. Healey, Fla.; Rigg, Idaho; Stedman, Ill.; Simons, Ill.; S. M. Reynolds, Ind.; Jacobs, Ia.; John M. Work, Ia.; McAllister, Kas.; Fox, Me.; Gibbs, Mass.; Wentworth, Mass.; Menton, Mich.; Holman, Minn.; Peach, Minn.; Hoehn, Mo.; Behrens, Mo.; Little, N. H.; Headley, N. J.; Hillquit, N. Y.; Hanford, N. Y.; Lampman, N. D.; Hagel, Okla.; Wanhope, Pa.; Slayton, Pa.; Floyd, R. I.; Cochran, S. D.; Farmer, Tex.; Sullivan, Vt.; Lund, Wash.; Zimmerman, W. Va.; Thompson, Wis.; Berger, Wis. Total, 34.

For James Oneal—White, Conn.; Towner, Ky.; Kearns, N. J.; Spargo, N. Y.; Kennedy, Wash. Total, 5.

For John W. Slayton—Barnette, Ariz.; Lowry, Ark.; McHugh, Mont.; Bandlow, Ohio; Prevey, Ohio. Total, 5.

Total number of votes cast, 44; necessary to a choice, 23; not voting: Edmiston, Cal.; Woodside, Colo.; Berlyn, Ill.; Kelley, Ind.; Putnam, La.; Ray, Neb.; Hastings, Wyo. Total, 7.

J. Mahlon Barnes having received a majority of the votes cast is, therefore, elected National Secretary of the Socialist party for the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MAHLON BARNES,

National Secretary.

#### DATES FILED BY NATIONAL LECTURERS AND ORGANIZERS DURING JANUARY, 1906.

Guy E. Miller—Jan. 25-29, Linton, Ind.; 30-31, Henderson, Ky.

Teofilo Petriella (Italian)—Jan. 5, Ashtabula, Ohio; 6, Chicago, Ill.; 7-8, Milwaukee, Wis.; 10-14, Calumet, Mich.; 16-17, Racine, Wis.; 18, Kenosha; 19-20, Coal-City, Ill.; 21-22, South Wilmington; 23, Dalzell; 24, Ladd; 25, Spring Valley; 26, Dalzell; 27, St. David; 29-31, Clinton, Ind.

John W. Slayton—Jan. 2, Olympia, Wash.; 3, Tacoma; 4, Puyallup; 5, Poulsbo; 7-8, Seattle; 9, Langley; 11-12, Bellingham; 13, Lynden; 14, Arlington; 15, Granite Falls; 17, Rochester; 18, Vancouver; 19-31, Oregon, under the direction of the State Committee.

M. W. Wilkins—In Rhode Island, under the direction of the State Committee.

## Annual Report of the National Secretary of the Socialist Party

From January 1, 1905, to December 31, 1905

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 10, 1905.

To the National Committee Socialist Party:

Comrades—In presenting a review of the work of the National Headquarters for the year 1905, I call your attention to the fact that complete detailed and frequent reports of the office transactions have been rendered, and the purpose of this report is fulfilled in assembling the figures and associating the facts, convenient for reference and for permanent record.

There are at present 38 states and territorial organizations affiliated with the National Party and duly represented.

Utah organized and received a charter during the year, and the Indian Territory locals consolidated with the Oklahoma organization, September 23, making one organization of the Oklahoma and Indian territories.

As a result of National Party referendum "A" 1905, the state of Wisconsin was tendered and accepted a charter during September, and began to use the National Party dues stamps in December.

Locals were organized and charters granted in unorganized states and territories direct from the National office, as follows:

- Poteau, I. T., 15 members; Okmulgee, I. T., 25 members; Castle, I. T., 8 members; Ducan, I. T., 13 members; Vinita, I. T., 10 members; Hartshorne, I. T., 9 members; Dow, I. T., 10 members; Abner, I. T., 10 members; Ada, I. T., 10 members; Ravia, 7 members; Milburn, I. T., 12 members; Tulsa, I. T., 10 members; Enville, I. T., 9 members; Hagers-town, Md., 16 members; Alleghany, Md., 10 members; Rhyolite, Nev., 18 members; Sparks, Nev., 14 members; Asheville, N. C., 20 members; Greensboro, N. C., 23 members; Greenville, S. C., 6 members; Jackson, Tenn., 9 members; Newbern, Va., 7 members.

The National Executive Committee, required to meet quarterly, held sessions in April, July and October. The minutes of these meetings were printed and distributed in circular form and published in the Official Monthly Bulletin of the respective months. All subjects considered or acted upon by correspondence have appeared in the Monthly Bulletins.

The transaction of National Committee business by correspondence has been simplified and facilitated to a great extent by the adoption of the "Rules Governing Referendums." Twelve ballots were required for the election of the present National Executive Committee, the filling of one vacancy and the election of a secretary to the International Socialist Bureau. It might have taken twenty for the National Executive Committee alone had not the new rule been applied on the sixth ballot.

Under the present rule, except in the case of a tie vote, the third ballot will result in the election of any officer or committee.

The rule which provides for the publication of National Committee motions ten days before the submission and admits of amendments being offered thereto, has resulted in having the subject matters presented in a more direct and definite form, reduced the number, eliminated some motions having the same purpose with others submitted, and reduced both the labor and resultant confusion to the minimum.

The whole number of motions and statements transmitted would have been increased to a considerable extent had not the National Secretary, in a number of instances, referred them back to their authors with information which apparently was not at their hand or pointed out errors in reputed statements of fact. Personal feeling and animus and matters wholly aside from the issues involved, occupied a much smaller sphere than they would have as a result of this policy.

#### NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Action was taken upon two referendums, which resulted as follows:

##### Referendum "A."

1. "Resolved, That Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, Wis., be removed as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party for advocating the election of a Republican candidate for public office. The act having been admitted and well proven." Yes, 4,215; no, 4,718.

2. "Resolved, That the Social Democratic Party of the state of Wisconsin be debarred from all participation in National affairs of the Socialist Party

until such time as they apply for and accept a charter such as all the states have accepted, and that they comply with the same conditions as all other states." Yes, 4,518; no, 4,496.

##### Referendum "B."

1. Shall Section 3, Article IV, of the National Constitution be stricken out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "The National Committee shall meet whenever it shall deem it necessary to do so."

Yes, 5,193; no, 1,202.

2. Shall the words "of the National Committee," and the words, "to be elected by the National Committee from the membership of the party," in Section 1, Article VI, of the National Constitution, be stricken out, and the following added to said section:

"The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by referendum vote. The call for nominations shall be issued on the 15th day of November in each year. Each local shall be entitled to nominate seven candidates. Twenty days shall be allowed for nominations, ten for acceptances and declinations, and forty-five for the referendum. The seven candidates receiving the highest vote shall be elected. Vacancies shall be filled in a similar manner. Members of the Executive Committee may be recalled by referendum vote, in the manner provided for referendums in Article XI hereof, except that in such cases the initiative shall not be held open for thirty days, but shall be sent out immediately."

Yes, 5,200; no, 940.

3. Shall the first sentence of Section 3, Article VI, of the National Constitution, be stricken out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"The Executive Committee shall meet whenever it shall deem it necessary to do so."

Yes, 5,183; no, 1,306.

4. Shall the words "The National Secretary shall be elected by the National Committee," in Section 1, and all of Section 5, Article VII, of the National Constitution, be stricken out, and the following inserted at the beginning of Section 1, in lieu thereof:

"The National Secretary shall be elected by referendum vote. The call for nominations shall be issued on the 15th day of November in each year. Each local shall be entitled to nominate one candidate. Twenty days shall be allowed for nominations, ten for acceptances and declinations, and forty-five for the referendum. The candidate receiving the highest vote shall be elected. Vacancies shall be filled in a similar manner. The National Secretary may be recalled by referendum vote, in the manner provided for referendums in Article XI hereof, except that in such cases the initiative shall not be held open for thirty days, but shall be sent out immediately."

Yes, 5,189; no, 899.

5. Shall the following be added to Section 1, Article XIV, of the National Constitution: "But all amendments made by a National Convention shall be submitted seriatim to a referendum vote of the party membership."

Yes, 5,225; no, 348.

Referendum "C" was published for submission, within thirty days, Dec. 23, 1905, and appears in another column.

#### NATIONAL COMMITTEE REFERENDUMS.

Thirty-five referendums covering forty-three nations were submitted during the year. The following motions were acted upon:

National Committee motion No. 18-1904, by Andrus of Alabama. "The Utah State Committee having complied with the National constitution, I move that the charter be granted the state organization at once." Vote closed Jan. 26, 1905. Adopted. Voting yes, 14; voting no, 11; not voting, 11.

##### MOTION No. 1.

By National Secretary: "Shall the vote of the additional member (Ohio) be counted on the pending election for National Executive Committee and National Secretary since none of the other states have elected their additional members, defeated Jan. 22?"

Voting yes ..... 3  
Voting no ..... 19  
Not voting ..... 14

# THE SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICIAL BULLETIN

**MOTION No. 2.**  
By Comrade Hillquit, New York: "That the National Committee proceed to elect two party members to act as International Secretaries of our party on the International Socialist Bureau; the said secretaries to make reports to the National Committee at least once in three months, and to serve until including the next International Congress. The mode of election of said International Secretaries shall be the same as that adopted by the National Committee for the election of an Executive Committee. Motion adopted March 7."  
Voting yes .....26  
Voting no .....4  
Not voting .....6

**MOTION No. 3.**  
By the National Secretary: "Shall the vote of the additional members, Ohio and New Jersey, be counted on the pending election for a member of the National Executive Committee?"  
Motion adopted March 6.  
Voting yes .....18  
Voting no .....14  
Not voting .....6

**MOTION No. 4.**  
By Comrade Trautmann of Ohio: "That action on Referendum No. 2 be deferred until the National Secretary of the Socialist Party of the United States will ascertain from the International Socialist Bureau, as already constituted, whether this party has the 'undisputed' right to elect two party members to serve as International Secretaries of the International Socialist Bureau."  
Motion adopted March 17.  
Voting yes .....20  
Voting no .....6  
Not voting .....12

**MOTION No. 5.**  
By Comrade Hillquit of New York: "I move that should no election result on the fifth ballot (now pending) for the seventh member of the National Executive Committee, that the two candidates receiving the highest and next highest votes shall go on the sixth ballot and all others shall be dropped. The object of the motion is to put an end to see-sawing and to get down to business."  
Motion adopted March 25.  
Voting yes .....31  
Voting no .....2  
Not voting .....7

**MOTION No. 6.**  
By Trautman, of Ohio: "The National Committee calls upon the State Executive Board of Wisconsin to proceed at once with an investigation as to whether a collusion, or secret, or open understanding exists in the organization, or a member or members thereof, and representatives of capitalist parties and said State Executive Committee be demanded to ascertain whether the endorsement of state candidates running on capitalist party tickets in a Socialist paper has had the sanction and approval of the party members. In either case, if parties be found guilty of such a gross violation of Socialist party ethics, they to be disciplined through the State Executive Committee to the extent required by adopted rules of the Socialist Party."  
Motion carried April 18.  
Voting yes .....18  
Voting no .....17  
Not voting .....6

**MOTION No. 7.**  
By Lamb of Michigan: "I move to lay Motion 6 on the table."  
Motion defeated April 10.  
Voting yes .....14  
Voting no .....17  
Not voting .....17

**MOTION No. 8.**  
By Hillquit, Hanford and Spargo (New York):  
Independent political action on strictly Socialist lines without compromise or fusion is the most vital principle of our movement. It offers the most effective means for the dissemination of the theories of Socialism, it is a logical postulate of our immediate aim—the conquest of all the powers of government by the working class, and, above all, it serves to develop in our members and sympathizers the realization of the insurmountable barriers that separate our party from all political parties of the propertied classes.  
It is, therefore, the sense of the National Committee:  
1. That all organizations of the Socialist Party should participate in all national, state and local elections wherever and whenever possible and nominate candidates for all offices to be filled at such elections.  
2. Should a state or local organization for any reason be deprived of the right or find itself unable to make nominations of candidates in any election, it is the duty of all true Socialists to abstain from participation in such election.  
3. Under no circumstances should any member of the Socialist Party vote for, endorse or support a candidate of any other political party.  
Motion adopted May 15.  
Voting yes .....39  
Voting no .....2  
Not voting .....9

**MOTION No. 9.**  
By Towner, of Kentucky: "I move that the seat of Victor L. Berger on the National Executive Committee be declared vacant, as he has admitted having advocated through his paper, 'Die Wahrheit,' the support of a capitalist candidate for Judge in the municipal election, held in April, an act which unfits him to represent the Socialist Party on the National Executive Committee."  
"My reasons for making this motion are not personal, but solely to the inter-

est of the party, whose principles of no compromise must be upheld. I have had no personal differences of any kind with Comrade Berger, and I agree with him on the trade-union question, but this does not affect my attitude toward him when party interests are at stake. I believe I am representing the Socialists of Kentucky when I make this motion."  
Motion adopted May 15.  
Voting yes .....24  
Voting no .....17  
Not voting .....9

**MOTION No. 10.**  
By Gibbs (Mass.)—"I move that the Towner motion (No. 9) be laid on the table."  
Motion defeated May 19.  
Voting yes .....17  
Voting no .....25  
Not voting .....8

**MOTION No. 11.**  
By Kelley (Ind.)—"That all sums collected in national dues from the organized states in excess of the average sum paid by such states, for the calendar year 1904, as shown by the figures published by the National Secretary, in estimating the membership of the several states, in his last annual report, be hereafter, and is hereby appropriated to each state, the same to be remitted to the State Secretaries in cash, for the state work, under the auspices of the state organization.  
(2) That no state shall be granted the appropriation herein specified, unless the said state shall have first paid its dues up to and including the current month for which any such appropriation shall be made.  
(3) All sums so appropriated to the work of the several states shall be entered on the state accounts, and reported as 'National Appropriations,' and must be used by the several states in the effort to extend the organization within the states."  
Motion defeated May 26.  
Voting yes .....17  
Voting no .....27  
Not voting .....6

**MOTION No. 12.**  
By White (Conn.)—"But no article shall be awarded a prize or published which does not receive the favorable vote of a majority of the National Committee."  
Motion adopted May 26.  
Voting yes .....41  
Voting no .....4  
Not voting .....5

**MOTION No. 13.**  
By Spargo (New York)—"The decision shall be made in the following manner: All manuscripts received shall be, in the first place, sent to the two members of the Editorial Selective Committee elected by the National Committee. This committee's duty shall be to exclude all such MSS. as are found to be (1) out of compliance with the instructions governing the competition. (2) Such as are obviously unfitted for use by the party. Such MSS. shall be returned to the National Secretary and by him held subject to the disposal of the National Executive Committee. All other manuscripts shall be deemed eligible for the competition and shall be printed in a sufficient number of copies and forwarded to the members of the National Committee, they to determine their choice under the preferential plan, designating their choice, one, two, three, etc. The contributions receiving the largest number of votes, provided, however, that no article shall be published or awarded a prize which does not receive a favorable vote of a majority of the members voting. The other prizes shall be awarded in the same manner. In case no contribution shall receive a majority of the votes cast the eight receiving the highest number of votes shall be again submitted to the vote of the Committee. Seven prizes to be offered for each contest."  
Motion adopted June 7.  
Voting yes .....34  
Voting no .....2  
Not voting .....14

**MOTION No. 14.**  
By the National Secretary: Shall Joseph Gilbert, National Committeeman of Utah, as recommended by Utah, be placed upon the reserve list of National speakers and organizers?  
Question decided in the negative June 12.  
Voting yes .....6  
Voting no .....19  
Not voting .....26

**MOTION No. 15.**  
By Lamb (Mich.)—"I move to lay No. 14 on the table until Comrade Gilbert's side of the case may have opportunity to be heard and until Comrade Burgess shall supply to the National Committee through the National Secretary, the evidences upon which his protest is based. In the absence of this information an intelligent vote is impossible."  
Motion adopted June 15.  
Voting yes .....24  
Voting no .....12  
Not voting .....15

**MOTION No. 16.**  
By White (Conn.)—"I move the following as an addition to the By-Laws or Rules of the National Committee Socialist Party of the United States: 'Whenever a motion shall have been submitted to the National Committee for consideration, and to be voted upon by a referendum by mail, a motion to lay upon the table' shall not be in order."  
Motion adopted June 24.  
Voting yes .....31  
Voting no .....9  
Not voting .....13

**MOTION No. 17.**  
By Bandlow (Ohio)—"Whenever a referendum vote on election of commit-

tees, etc., submitted to the National Committee does not result in a choice on the second ballot all names but the two highest shall be dropped. When more than two candidates remain and only one is to be elected; all but three dropped where two are to be chosen and so on allowing of one candidate in excess of actual number to be elected before a third and final ballot is ordered."  
Motion adopted June 19.  
Voting yes .....37  
Voting no .....4  
Not voting .....12

**MOTION No. 18.**  
By Berlyn (Ill.)—"That the Party Bulletin hereafter contain the business of the National Office, the actions taken by the National Committee on motions without the comments, the reports of the National organizers and lecturers, election returns and notice of any important phenomena in the industrial field."  
Motion adopted July 5.  
Voting yes .....32  
Voting no .....10  
Not voting .....11

**MOTION No. 19.**  
By Gibbs (Mass.)—"I move that the Committee proceed to nominate and elect from their own number two members, who, acting in conjunction with the National Secretary, shall consider the matter of our present method of balloting and prepare rules to govern the action of the committee in voting. Such rules shall be submitted to the Committee for approval, and when approved shall be printed and furnished to each member."  
Motion defeated July 6.  
Voting yes .....11  
Voting no .....29  
Not voting .....13

**MOTION No. 20.**  
By Spargo (N. Y.)—"Whenever a protest is lodged with the National Secretary against any comrade holding any position under the jurisdiction of the National Committee, or against any comrade nominated for any such position, the National Secretary shall, before submitting the protest to the members of the Committee for their consideration, give the comrade against whom the protest is directed opportunity to submit a statement in his or her behalf should he or she desire to do so. "In the case of protests against nominees for any position this right shall belong to the nominator, whether such nominator be a party member, National Committeeman or a division of the party duly recognized as having the right to nominate candidates."  
Motion adopted July 10.  
Voting yes .....49  
Voting no .....00  
Not voting .....4  
Motion No. 21 was withdrawn.

**MOTION No. 22.**  
By Headley (N. J.)—"I move that the finding of the State Executive Board of Wisconsin upon the investigation ordered by the committee be accepted and placed on file."  
Motion adopted July 11.  
Voting yes .....38  
Voting no .....4  
Not voting .....11

**MOTION No. 23.**  
By Floaten (Colo.)—"Whenever any motion is submitted to the National Committee which affects the standing of an organization or member in the Socialist Party, 30 days' notice shall be given such organization or member, and, if requested, an extra 30 days shall be granted to either side before the ballots are sent out to the members of the Committee. All evidence must be sent through the National Office."  
Motion adopted July 13.  
Voting yes .....37  
Voting no .....5  
Not voting .....11

**MOTION No. 24.**  
By Sullivan (Vt.)—"I move that the National Executive Committee be empowered, at its next meeting, to draw up rules to govern the action of the National Committee in voting. Such rules to be submitted to the National Committee for approval, and if approved shall be printed and a copy furnished to each member."  
Motion adopted July 15.  
Voting yes .....29  
Voting no .....8  
Not voting .....16

**MOTION No. 25.**  
By National Committeeman Lamb of Michigan: "I move that Secretary Barnes, on behalf of this committee, and the membership which it represents, be instructed to request of the lawyers of the party in good standing, their opinions as to whether the qualifications for membership in any political party are fixed by state or national law, statute or common, and as to what, if anything, lawfully constitutes actual membership in the Socialist Party of the several states."  
Motion adopted August 4.  
Voting yes .....19  
Voting no .....13  
Not voting .....21

**MOTION No. 26.**  
By Farmer (Texas)—"I move a reconsideration of National Committee motion No. 18."  
Motion adopted August 23.  
Voting yes .....20  
Voting no .....9  
Not voting .....22

**MOTION No. 27.**  
By Maschke of Oklahoma: I move to strike out the latter portion of Section No. 3, which reads: "Provided, however, that if it is seconded by one-sixth of the members of the Committee, it shall be submitted."  
Motion adopted September 4.  
Voting yes .....13  
Voting no .....11  
Not voting .....27

**MOTION No. 28.**  
By Maschke of Oklahoma: I move that Section No. 5 shall read as follows: "Motions to amend, defer, postpone or declare a motion out of order, shall be, with the exception of the comments by the originators of such motions, not commentable, must reach the National office before ballots of original motion are sent out, and ballots for such motion with comments shall be sent out with the ballots of original motion. Should more than one amendment be submitted, which if adopted would be conflicting, the one receiving the most votes shall be declared adopted."  
Motion adopted September 4.  
Voting yes .....15  
Voting no .....8  
Not voting .....28

**MOTION No. 29.**  
By Work of Iowa: "I move that the state and municipal program, which was referred by the National Convention of May, 1904, to the National Committee for revision and adoption, be open for motions to amend, insert, strike out, add to, etc., until January 1st, 1906; that each of such motions be published in the weekly bulletin and then held for ten days for comments; that all comments received during that time and not exceeding one hundred words in length be sent out with the ballots; that when all such motions have been disposed of the program be considered adopted as altered, without voting upon it as a whole; and that, when all of such motions as may be pending on the first day of January, 1906, are disposed of, the program as altered be submitted seriatim to a referendum vote of the party membership."  
Motion adopted September 11.  
Voting yes .....28  
Voting no .....3  
Not voting .....20

**MOTION No. 30.**  
By Maschke of Oklahoma: "Resolved, That the National Committee condemns the action of the National Executive Committee in publishing the 'Special circular on Wisconsin Charter and Dues Account.'  
Motion defeated September 12.  
Voting yes .....11  
Voting no .....24  
Not voting .....16

**MOTION No. 31.**  
By Bandlow of Ohio: "I move that Comrade S. M. Reynolds of the National Executive Committee, or in case of his inability, Comrade J. M. Work, be requested to proceed to Minneapolis, St. Paul and such other places in Minnesota as may be deemed necessary, to investigate the trouble between the State Executive Committee of Minnesota and local Minneapolis with a view to getting at the facts in this deplorable controversy, and report to the National Committee what action be advisable to bring order out of the chaotic state that seems to exist in the party organization of Minnesota."  
Motion defeated October 4.  
Voting yes .....3  
Voting no .....36  
Not voting .....12

**MOTION No. 32.**  
By Floyd of Rhode Island: "I move that a committee of three be elected from those of the National Committee who have voted against Comrade Victor L. Berger (who are not personally offensive)—they to be a committee to visit Wisconsin and confer with the executive committee, or committees selected by Wisconsin, with a view to adjusting the difference that exists between the state of Wisconsin and the National Committee."  
Motion defeated October 10.  
Voting yes .....0  
Voting no .....34  
Not voting .....18

**MOTION No. 33.**  
By Work of Iowa: "I move that all that portion of the state and municipal program preceding the words 'Suggestions for the activity of socialist members of the state legislatures while the Socialist party is a minority party,' and likewise the last sentence of the first paragraph of the preamble for state program, be stricken out."  
Motion adopted October 17.  
Voting yes .....22  
Voting no .....4  
Not voting .....27

**MOTION No. 34.**  
By the National Secretary: "Who shall be recognized as a member of the National Executive Committee, Comrade Berger or Towner?" October 20.  
Voting for Berger .....24  
Voting for Towner .....10  
Not voting .....20

**MOTION No. 35.**  
By National Committeeman McHugh of Montana: "Resolved, That the National Secretary be, and is hereby, instructed to recognize the state organization headed by Harriet Hanson, State Secretary; Thomas Van Lear, State Organizer, and the Executive Committee of which these comrades are members along with Thomas H. Lucas, Fred Miller and B. F. Morledge, and that due stamps be supplied said Harriet Hanson upon presentation of the necessary cash."  
Motion defeated November 14.  
Voting yes .....6  
Voting no .....28  
Not voting .....21

**MOTION No. 36.**  
By White of Conn.: "J. E. Nash shall no longer be recognized by the National Secretary as State Secretary of Minnesota."  
Motion defeated November 14.  
Voting yes .....9  
Voting no .....25  
Not voting .....21

**MOTION No. 37.**  
By White of Conn.: "S. M. Holman shall no longer be recognized by the National Secretary and National Committee as National Committeeman representing the state of Minnesota."  
Motion defeated November 14.  
Voting yes .....9  
Voting no .....25  
Not voting .....21

**MOTION No. 38.**  
By White of Conn.: "The National Secretary shall address a call to all of the locals of this party in the state of Minnesota to elect, in accordance with the constitution of the party in Minnesota, and in accordance with the constitution of the Socialist Party, a State Secretary and a National Committeeman."  
Motion defeated November 14.  
Voting yes .....8  
Voting no .....25  
Not voting .....22

**MOTION No. 39.**  
By Bandlow of Ohio: "That the National Secretary recognize neither faction in Minnesota until such time when an impartial investigation has demonstrated without a doubt that which of the two organizations is entitled to recognition."  
Motion defeated November 14.  
Voting yes .....7  
Voting no .....28  
Not voting .....20

**MOTION No. 40.**  
By Rigg of Idaho: "I move that the first paragraph under the heading 'Land,' in the State Program, be stricken out and the following paragraph be inserted under the heading 'Taxation':  
"All private property to be subject to purchase by the state at an advance of 10 per cent on the assessed valuation as fixed by the owner or owners."  
Motion adopted December 12.  
Voting yes .....11  
Voting no .....8  
Not voting .....35

**MOTION No. 41.**  
By Rigg of Idaho: "I move the following paragraph be inserted in the State Program, under the heading 'Taxation':  
"It to be the duty of every property owner to see that his (or her) property is assessed for taxation, and all property not assessed to be confiscated."  
Motion adopted December 12.  
Voting yes .....10  
Voting no .....9  
Not voting .....35

**MOTION No. 42.**  
By Rigg of Idaho: "I move that the following paragraph be inserted in the State Program, under the heading 'Taxation':  
"Exemption from taxation of property up to \$2,000.00 and taxes on the excess to be graduated."  
Motion adopted December 12.  
Voting yes .....11  
Voting no .....8  
Not voting .....35

**MOTION No. 43.**  
By Hillquit of N. Y.: Submit December 26, 1905; vote will close January 16, 1906. Appears in another column.

**ASSETS JAN. 1, 1906.**

Cash on hand.....	\$ 53.03
Accounts outstanding against states and locals for dues, stamps and supplies.....	952.49
For weeks' pamphlets.....	101.31
Office furniture and fixtures.....	\$470.80
Less 25 per cent, wear and tear.....	117.70
Literature in stock.....	353.10
Official party supplies, typewriters, mimeograph supplies, account books for locals and stationery.....	950.85
<b>Total assets.....</b>	<b>\$3,374.99</b>

**LIABILITIES JAN. 1, 1906.**

H. G. Adair Printing Co.....	\$ 179.25
A. B. Dick Co.....	8.70
International Press Clippings..	10.00
Kerwin Bros.....	507.18
H. B. Peabody, rent.....	90.00
Whitehead & Hoag Co.....	50.50
Organizers—	
Geo. E. Bigelow.....	\$ 25.02
James F. Carey.....	9.80
John Collins.....	61.63
W. R. Gaylord.....	44.80
Geo. H. Goebel.....	319.85
Guy E. Miller.....	59.84
John W. Slayton.....	28.62
M. W. Wilkins.....	142.29
John M. Work.....	22.88
<b>Total liabilities.....</b>	<b>1,560.36</b>
<b>Balance, net resources Jan. 1, 1906.....</b>	<b>\$1,814.63</b>

The following amounts are due by the respective state committees for the "Weeks' Pamphlet":

Michigan.....	\$ 6.50
Kansas.....	3.10
Massachusetts.....	39.91
Montana.....	11.80
California.....	5.00
New York.....	35.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 101.31</b>

# THE SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICIAL BULLETIN

The total receipts of the National office from all sources, including a cash balance of \$56.49, January 1, 1905, were \$17,527.37. The total expenditures were \$17,474.34, leaving a balance of \$53.03.

Itemized financial reports have been supplied each month to the National Executive Committee, National Committee, State Secretaries, locals in unorganized states, the Socialist press, and printed in the Official Monthly Bulletin. From these reports the yearly transactions have been compiled, and accompany this report under the caption of Table "A."

The principal expenses noted under the head of miscellaneous are as follows:

January, \$59.30 for quorum meeting in December, 1904. In April, \$43.65, balance due Algernon Lee, expenses to the International Socialist Congress. May, \$50, donated to the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party and \$96.90, dues to the International Socialist Bureau. August and November, \$50 each month to the Nebraska State Committee for Douglas County primary law contest; in the latter month \$16.25 to the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party amount received as contributions, to the same

### TABLE A—Receipts

	Dues	Supplies	Literature	Buttons	Propaganda and Camp Fund	Perpetual Campaign Coupons	Miscellaneous	Totals
To balance.....								\$ 56.49
January.....	\$ 1,262.60	\$ 149.10	\$ 5.90	\$ 49.75	\$ 58.94		\$ .25	\$ 1,526.54
February.....	1,252.05	115.76	14.46	20.80	23.57		3.24	1,429.88
March.....	1,250.83	140.19	31.82	61.88	29.10		2.50	1,516.32
April.....	1,194.10	136.29	11.60	39.30	63.10			1,444.39
May.....	1,279.35	57.90	25.02	24.95	7.00			1,394.22
June.....	944.20	93.44	10.05	27.35	19.50	211.40	11.00	1,316.94
July.....	942.90	96.12	14.90	28.12	11.50	33.50	22.00	1,149.04
August.....	1,204.45	92.85	33.20	41.00	14.60	53.90		1,440.00
September.....	1,527.50	90.33	32.49	29.50	11.45	36.00	.50	1,727.77
October.....	1,280.60	74.90	174.73	76.15	154.75	14.00	2.00	1,777.13
November.....	1,048.90	60.35	113.63	41.02	42.00		31.19	1,337.09
December.....	1,077.10	37.45	39.00	34.85	103.82	3.00	116.34	1,411.56
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$14,264.58</b>	<b>\$1,144.68</b>	<b>\$506.80</b>	<b>\$474.67</b>	<b>\$539.33</b>	<b>\$351.80</b>	<b>\$189.02</b>	<b>\$17,527.37</b>

purpose \$111.02 was expended in the month of December.

Attention is called to the comparative small amount received for the agitation fund during the year, which, including contributions and sale of Perpetual Campaign Coupons, amounted to \$891.13, against \$11,865.15, the campaign fund of the previous year. This is due to two causes: First, the fact that nearly every division of the party had exhausted or overreached their resources in the Presidential campaign, and, second, that there were so few important elections and these affected a limited territory. I would strongly recommend the general use of the Perpetual Campaign Coupon books as a means to gather funds to assure an advance all along the line in the coming general elections in the year 1906. It is a convenient and attractive method, and secures funds for each division of the party; by its use thousands who are not party members, but are sympathizers or voters of the Socialist ticket, can be reached and may become regular contributors. It is a significant fact that about twenty Socialist votes have been cast for each dues-paying member of the party.

### Expenses

	Exchange	Expense	Freight and Express	Postage	Telegrams and Telephone	Office Rent	Executive Committee Meetings	Literature, Supplies and Buttons	Wages	Organizers	Printing of Bulletins	Printing of Literature and Supplies	Office Equipment	Miscellaneous	Totals
January.....	\$ 2.45	\$ 67.46	\$ 44.71	\$ 45.64	\$ 19.10	\$ 90.00		\$119.56	\$ 444.00	\$ 57.39	\$ 100.00	\$ 475.58	\$ 9.20	\$ 59.30	\$ 1,534.39
February.....	1.70	75.21	46.34	40.94	9.21	90.00		77.30	498.38	25.00	144.75	418.37	18.00	2.88	1,448.08
March.....	2.25	61.12	31.78	83.79	12.21	180.00		2.88	445.38	106.72	190.00	250.00	26.00	9.45	1,398.70
April.....	2.65	66.68	50.79	60.39	7.81	90.00	213.55	102.51	580.23	92.00	181.00	133.86	15.60	51.15	1,548.59
May.....	1.95	30.44	4.20	169.57	11.81	90.00			391.38	197.38	93.25	120.00	11.10	146.90	1,370.49
June.....	2.15	39.66	4.57	167.56	16.23	90.00		157.35	413.38	125.00	103.25	50.00	14.25	10.00	1,193.40
July.....	1.60	27.77	9.96	86.88	11.67	90.00	176.60		507.38	170.53	75.00	130.00		22.00	1,309.39
August.....	1.35	78.67	33.51	134.67	13.96	90.00		87.50	399.24	249.08	200.00	50.00	27.25	50.00	1,415.23
September.....	1.55	49.32	38.05	115.00	18.52	90.00		55.50	605.08	284.87	178.25	275.00	22.35	17.85	1,751.34
October.....	1.38	9.32	114.66	154.00	6.67	90.00	98.65	80.80	437.08	316.17	125.00	265.00	2.20	27.68	1,728.61
November.....	2.10	9.25	43.11	120.62	27.57	90.00			442.92	259.83	50.00	200.00	2.55	97.13	1,345.08
December.....	2.45	5.76	30.82	109.37	20.93			44.05	489.22	353.81	125.00	98.50		151.13	1,431.04
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$23.58</b>	<b>\$520.66</b>	<b>\$452.50</b>	<b>\$1,288.43</b>	<b>\$175.69</b>	<b>\$1,080.00</b>	<b>\$488.80</b>	<b>\$727.45</b>	<b>\$5,653.67</b>	<b>\$2,237.78</b>	<b>\$1,565.50</b>	<b>\$2,466.31</b>	<b>\$148.50</b>	<b>\$645.47</b>	<b>\$17,474.34</b>

Cash balance on hand January 1, 1906..... 53.03

**\$17,527.37**

### TABLE B—Lecturers and Organizers

	RECEIPTS				EXPENSES												
	Lectures	Donations and Collections	National Office	Total	Salary	Hotel	R. R. Fare	Miscellaneous	Total	Due Organizer	Paid Balance of 1904	States Visited	Days Out	Towns Visited	Meetings Held	Locals Organized	Miles Traveled
Benton, W. C.....	\$ 29.00	\$ 48.93	\$ 69.72	\$ 147.65	\$ 90.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 42.15	\$ 2.50	\$ 147.65	25.02		2	30	24	25		1,505
Bigelow, Geo E.....		160.06	136.74	296.80	195.00	39.95	85.07	1.80	321.82			11	65	41	47	2	3,039
Brower, James H.....		67.47	135.34	202.81	87.03	45.00	65.68	5.13	202.81			5	29	27	23		2,189
Carr, E. E.....	42.00	53.83	32.68	128.51	51.00	19.80	55.11	2.60	128.51		12.39	6	17	13	17		2,383
Carroll, J. W.....											45.00	2	15	12	8		1,050
Carey, James F.....		46.00	35.00	81.00	45.00	24.50	21.00	.30	90.80	9.80		10	97	61	70	6	5,831
Collins, John.....		351.18	231.43	582.61	291.00	129.00	214.94	9.30	644.24	61.63		10	31	15	20		3,861
Feigenbaum, B.....	200.00		57.83	257.83	93.00	62.00	101.08	1.75	257.83			6	40	31	26	1	2,939
Gaylord, W. R.....	30.00	84.08	112.13	226.21	120.00	53.90	89.71	7.40	271.01	44.80		29	195	148	172	19	11,912
Goebel, Geo. H.....		712.83	279.00	991.83	615.00	280.10	379.34	37.24	1,311.68	319.85		20	159	130	149		8,272
Miller, Guy E.....	409.72	207.05	134.20	750.97	467.30	89.80	243.21	10.50	810.81	59.84		9	31		34	2	585
Osborne, J. B.....		39.70	93.00	132.70	93.00	20.50	18.45	.75	132.70			1	52	29	40	10	2,681
Saltiel, Robert.....	163.00	42.30	128.82	334.12	156.00	89.60	81.37	7.15	334.12			15	120	81	105	5	8,757
Slayton, John W.....		617.71	155.00	772.71	360.00	172.50	244.54	24.29	801.33	28.62		1	9	8	9	5	489
Toole, Wm. A.....		8.16	21.93	30.09	6.00	10.25	13.34	.50	30.09		.66	1	22	12	16		1,703
Towner, Chas. G.....		60.24	69.08	129.32	66.00	12.50	49.27	1.55	129.32			8	260	126	210	30	7,099
Wilkins, M. W.....		723.50	240.96	964.46	780.00	188.15	121.43	17.17	1,106.75	142.29	73.93	7	80	58	69		5,262
Work, John M.....	238.90	97.35	182.04	518.29	397.50		143.67		541.17	22.88							
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$1,112.62</b>	<b>\$3,330.39</b>	<b>\$2,114.90</b>	<b>\$6,547.91</b>	<b>\$3,912.83</b>	<b>\$1,250.55</b>	<b>\$1,969.36</b>	<b>\$129.93</b>	<b>\$7,262.64</b>	<b>\$714.73</b>	<b>\$131.98</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>69,557</b>	

Table "B," "Lecturers and Organizers," shows the accounts of those working under the direction of the National Office, including amounts collected by each, amounts paid to them by the National Office, and all expenses, together with the number of states visited, days in the field, towns visited, meetings held, miles traveled and locals organized.

It is here set forth that organizers under the direction of the National Office were a-field for 1,252 days. While the dates were distributed among a number of speakers, it was equivalent to having four speakers permanently employed throughout the year. A total of \$6,547.91 was expended for this purpose, of which amount \$2,114.90 was borne by the National Office direct, and \$4,433.01 by the places visited. In the average the daily expense for the maintenance of each speaker is found to be \$5.81. This includes \$3 for wages, hotel and railroad fare. Of this amount an average of \$3.55 has been gathered a-field, that is, contributed by the places visited, and \$2.26 has been paid by the National Office.

The value to the general movement of a monthly report from each local cannot be overestimated. To know by record the sure and certain rise of the organization, the preparations being made to take over the affairs of government and the capability of doing so, is of supreme importance. This knowledge will strengthen, encourage and build up the movement, and, indeed, it is the justification to our class for the existence of the Socialist party.

The number of sets of account books that have been secured by locals argues well for the establishment of a uniform system of bookkeeping at no distant date. A uniform transfer card should also be provided by the National Office.

The activity of the Socialist party for the year 1905, in the absence of general political opportunities, was directed in part in reviewing the general character and criticizing the effects and defects inherent in the form of organization, but mainly and with signal success in perfecting the organization.

This is true in a greater degree than can be gathered by a cursory glance. It is in evidence that nearly every state organization has made great strides forward in their attention to details, facilities for covering their territory and the practicability of their methods, while the tendency toward the complete control of the organization by the membership is more than gratifying.

But recently the referendum acclaimed as a principle, by reason of physical difficulties or the smallness of the organiza-

tion, in practice, was honored more in the breach than by observance.

Representative state committees were exceptions, while now they are the rule. The operations of the referendum, national, state and local, has been extended to a degree out of all comparison with previous practices, until to-day there is scarcely a matter of any importance in any division of the party on which the entire membership does not have the opportunity of expressing their will and finally determine the course to be pursued.

The constitution wisely provides against any editorial comment appearing in the Official Monthly Bulletin, and further Section 2, Article 5, "The National Committee shall neither publish nor designate any official organ." The primal danger of the party and the cause will appear when official thinkers are elected and installed. An official organ has ever proved to be a hand maiden to the reigning dynasty and tends to perpetuate their rule.

The combined circulation of the press which supports the party indicates that several papers come into the hands of nearly every member.

These papers almost without exception are losing ventures financially, and are supported either by voluntary contributions or direct donations by locals, thus being within the control of the membership, and their columns are open to the full and free discussion of all questions of principle, methods of organization, party tactics and criticism of the acts of officials.

To this influence, more than any other, I ascribe the present strength and permanency of the Socialist party.

At this stage of development the essentials to which each comrade should contribute his share of effort, are: Increase the circulation of the Socialist Press, constant and systematic distribution of Socialist literature and the building of an organization, limited in numbers only by the number of the working class, limited in power only by the power of the proletariat.

Fraternally submitted,

*J. M. [Signature]*  
National Secretary.

### TABLE C—Dues Paid by States

	Organized States	Unorganized States	Totals	Balance Due to National Office for Dues, Stamps, Received During 1903, 1904.
Alabama.....	\$ 52.00		\$ 52.00	\$ 23.20
Arizona.....	160.00		160.00	
Arkansas.....	87.50		87.50	
California.....	1,026.40		1,026.40	70.10
Colorado.....	202.00		202.00	50.15
Connecticut.....	242.00		242.00	25.00
Delaware.....		20.00	20.00	
District Columbia.....		59.50	59.50	
Florida.....	92.50		92.50	19.95
Georgia.....		24.50	24.50	
Idaho.....	156.60		156.60	
Illinois.....	1,447.10		1,447.10	150.00
Indiana.....	320.00		320.00	
Indian Territory.....		72.80	72.80	
Iowa.....	305.00		305.00	
Kansas.....	153.00		153.00	
Kentucky.....	97.00		97.00	2.55
Louisiana.....	92.50		92.50	5.40
Maine.....	145.00		145.00	
Maryland.....		85.10	85.10	
Massachusetts.....	721.00		721.00	31.25
Michigan.....	313.00		313.00	
Minnesota.....	475.00		475.00	1.75
Mississippi.....		20.20	20.20	
Missouri.....	530.00		530.00	
Montana.....	230.00		230.00	11.60
Nebraska.....	100.00		100.00	26.25
Nevada.....		39.40	39.40	
New Hampshire.....	40.95		40.95	
New Jersey.....	650.00		650.00	
New Mexico.....		55.00	55.00	
New York.....	1,250.00		1,250.00	
North Carolina.....		22.90	22.90	
North Dakota.....	88.60		88.60	1.25
Ohio.....	1,010.00		1,010.00	

# THE SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICIAL BULLETIN

## ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Apportionment of Membership on the National Committee.

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 1, 1906.  
To the National Committee and State Secretaries Socialist Party of America:

Comrades—The following report of the representation to which each organized state and territory is entitled on the National Committee is submitted in accordance with Section 1, Article 4, of the National Constitution, to-wit:

"Each organized state or territory shall be represented on the National Committee by one member and by an additional member for every one thousand members or major fraction thereof in good standing in the party. For the purpose of determining the representation to which each state or territory may be entitled, the National Secretary shall compute at the beginning of each year the average dues-paying membership of such state or territory for the preceding year."

Section 2, Article 4, of the National Constitution provides:

"The members of this committee shall be elected by referendum vote of and from the membership of the states or territories which they respectively represent. Their term of office shall not be more than two years. The members of the National Committee shall be subject to removal by referendum vote of their respective states."

Rule 6 of Rules for National Committee:

"In order that all states securing additional National Committeemen may have an equal opportunity to acquire their additional representatives at the same time, the call for nominations for the election of National Committeemen in each state shall be issued after the apportionment of National Committeemen has been made by the National Secretary."

Committee upon the initiative of Comrades Hahn and Behrens of Missouri. The amount has been sent to Comrade Maxim Romm, treasurer, 306 E. 15th street, New York City, successor to Comrade Dr. Ingermann.

National Headquarters Socialist Party, CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 17, 1905.

To the National Committee Socialist Party:

Comrades—Herewith is submitted report of Referendum No. 35, Motion 43, containing a recommendation of the International Socialist Bureau, submitted by National Committeeman Hillquit of New York.

**Motion No. 43.**

"As soon as a situation shall be presented which, openly or secretly, may give rise to an apprehension of a conflict between two or more governments, and render a war between them possible or probable, the Socialist parties of the countries concerned should at once and upon the invitation of the International Socialist Bureau, enter into direct communications with a view to determine upon a concerted mode of action, on the part of the socialists and workmen of the interested countries in order to prevent the war.

At the same time, the parties of the other countries should be advised by the secretary of the bureau, and a meeting of the International Socialist Bureau shall be held as soon thereafter as possible for the purpose of devising the most appropriate measures to be taken by the entire international socialist movement, and the organized working class to prevent the war."

Voting yes, 43.

**NOT VOTING.**

Connecticut—White,  
Illinois—Simons,  
Indiana—Kelley,  
Missouri—Behrens,  
Nebraska—Ray,  
New York—Hanford,  
Rhode Island—Floyd,  
Wisconsin—Berger,  
Total—8.

The motion is therefore adopted without a dissenting vote.

Fraternally submitted,  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.

## CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO "BLOODY SUNDAY" PROCLAMATION, FROM JAN 22 TO JAN. 31, INCLUSIVE.

German Socialists, Chicago, Ill.	83.54
Local Kingfisher, Okla.	5.00
Local Salem, Ohio	1.00
Local Cleburne, Texas.	2.25
Thirty-first Ward Br., Chicago, Ill.	5.65
Br. 1, Washington, Ind.	4.00
Nestor Donoghis, Louisville, Ky.	1.00
Local Union City, Ind.	.50
Local Parkersburg, W. Va.	3.50
Local Portsmouth, O.	10.00
Local Joliet, Ill.	8.20
Br. 1, Alexandria, Ind.	2.75
Local Clinton, Ia.	5.40
Local Akron, O.	8.29
M. Ritchie, New Castle, Pa.	.80
Local Wilkesbarre, Pa.	6.30
Local Creston, Tenn.	.50
Local Elgin, Ill.	2.10
Br. Belleville, Ill.	5.00
Local Elmhurst, Ill.	10.00
A. L. Nourse, per Appeal to Reason	2.00
Local New Orleans, La.	21.00
Local Pana, Ill.	40.00
Local Malden, Mass.	2.50
Local Dayton, O.	17.60
Local Fort Worth, Tex.	4.21
Local Evansville, Ind.	1.80
Br. Chicago Heights, Ill.	3.40
Proceeds of lectures given by Thos. H. Lucas, Minneapolis, Minn.	7.87
Local Oklahoma City, Okla.	45.55
Local Montgomery, Ala.	3.50
Local Portland, Me.	11.16
Local Cheyenne, Wyo.	4.00
Local Kings County, N. Y.	34.12
Local Butte, Mont.	58.00
J. B. Sigler, Sealy, Tex.	1.50
Local Webb City, Mo.	4.00
Local Bisbee, Ariz.	3.50
Wm. Clark, Augusta, Me.	.50
C. W. Richards, Augusta, Me.	.50
Local Neffs, Ohio.	13.50
W. O. H. Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Local Spirit Mound, S. D.	2.50
Local Patchogue, N. Y.	2.00
Local Gainesville, Tex.	1.50
Bohemian Central Committee, Chicago, Ill.	13.00
Bohemian Br., 4th Ward, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Local Bay City, Mich.	2.00
Local Jordan Valley, Okla.	2.00
Local Fairhope, Ala.	3.00
Tullahoma, Tenn., comrades.	1.00
Henry Rodenlunz, Angleton, Tex.	2.00
Local Renton, Wash.	4.00
Local Jamestown, N. D.	2.40
Local Memphis, Tenn.	9.05
Local Lima, Ohio.	3.00
Local Wapakoneta, Ohio.	1.60
Local Leominster, Mass.	10.42
Wm. Park, Caddo, Ind. Ter.	10.00
Local Clouet, Minn.	30.60
Local Portersville, Cal.	4.50
Local Sioux City, Iowa.	13.19
Local Cook County, Ill.	108.73
Los Angeles joint meeting Socialist Party, Socialist Labor Party, Industrial Workers of the World and Jewish Bund.	70.99
Mrs. E. Thompson, Council Bluffs, Iowa	2.00
Local Fall River, Mass.	2.25
Local Des Moines, Iowa.	5.35
Local San Diego, Cal.	35.00
Local Portland No. 1, Oregon.	28.00
Local Burke, Idaho.	3.75
Local Spokane, Wash.	39.26
S. Kramer, Houston, Tex.	5.00
Eleventh Assembly District, New York	2.00
Local Fitchburg, Mass.	41.00
H. Petrasoh, Lowell, Ariz.	1.00
Local Modesto, Cal.	1.00
Local Somerton, Ariz.	1.00
Local Stamford, Tex.	1.00
Ward & Trinniman, Lehi, Utah.	1.50
The New Era, Hallettsville, Tex.	1.00
Local Ashtabula, Ohio.	7.50
Local Goshen, Ind.	5.00

State	Bus. paid during 1905	Average Membership	No. of National Committee Members
Alabama	\$ 52.00	86	1
Arizona	160.00	266	1
Arkansas	87.50	145	1
California	1,026.40	1,710	3
Colorado	202.00	336	1
Connecticut	242.00	403	1
Florida	92.50	154	1
Idaho	156.60	251	1
Illinois	1,447.10	2,412	3
Indiana	320.00	533	2
Iowa	305.00	508	2
Kansas	153.00	255	1
Kentucky	97.00	161	1
Louisiana	92.50	154	1
Maine	145.00	241	1
Massachusetts	721.00	1,201	2
Michigan	313.00	521	2
Minnesota	475.00	791	2
Missouri	530.00	883	2
Montana	230.00	383	1
Nebraska	100.00	166	1
New Hampshire	40.95	68	1
New Jersey	650.00	1,083	2
New York	1,250.00	2,083	3
North Dakota	88.60	147	1
Ohio	925.00	1,541	3
Oklahoma	303.50	505	2
Oregon	260.95	435	1
Pennsylvania	879.00	1,465	2
Rhode Island	83.00	138	1
South Dakota	77.10	128	1
Texas	214.85	358	1
Utah	95.40	173	1
Vermont	22.00	36	1
Washington	650.30	1,083	2
West Virginia	48.00	80	1
Wisconsin	999.58	1,666	3
Wyoming	107.85	179	1

Utah began to pay dues as an organized state in the month of February. The amounts credited to each state are for contributions received for actual dues, and does not include payments on indebtedness from previous years.

Colorado and Kansas each have at the present time two accredited members of the National Committee. Under the present apportionment they are entitled to but one each. This matter has been referred to the state committees of these states to determine which member shall cast the vote on pending questions. The State Committees of states entitled to additional members on the National Committee, namely, Michigan had one and is entitled to two; Ohio had two and is entitled to three; Oklahoma had one and is entitled to two; Wisconsin had two and is entitled to three; should proceed to the election of these members by referendum vote.

Fraternally submitted,  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO RUSSIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LABOR PARTY FROM JANUARY 1ST TO JANUARY 21ST INCLUSIVE.

Local Nickel Hill, Texas	\$ 1.00
Harry Williams, Waterford Works, New Jersey	1.00
Local Erie, Pa.	17.70
A. Anderson, Divide, Mont.	1.00
Chicago Heights, Br. Ill.	1.75
F. C. Duggan, Dubuque, Ia.	1.00
John Kazmarek, Richmond, Va.	.50
M. Rubinstein, Richmond, Va.	.50
Otto Blerch, Richmond, Va.	.50
L. Duski, Richmond, Va.	.50
Harry Kahn, Richmond, Va.	.50
Jos. Tatarsky, Richmond, Va.	.50
S. Shatz, Richmond, Va.	1.00
Barney E. Myers, Richmond, Va.	1.00
Local Camden, N. J.	11.02
Karl M. Schade, Clifton, Ariz.	8.00
N. H. Nye, Pender, Neb.	1.00
Local Finleyville, Pa.	8.85
Bohemian Br. Elizabeth, N. J.	5.00
Br. 1, Local Holyoke, Mass.	71.94
Local Newport, Ky.	7.00
Geo. Badley, Selkirk, Ont.	5.00
Total	\$146.26

The above contributions were received in response to the call issued Dec. 8, 1905, by the National Executive

## TABULATION OF REPORTS SENT IN FOR LOCALS AND BRANCHES BY STATE SECRETARIES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1905.

STATE	MEMBERSHIP			STAMPS		LITERATURE		MEETINGS			FINANCES		No. Locals		
	New	to date	Total	B'ght	Sold	Sold	Free	Bus-ness	Others	Rec'd	Paid out	On hand			
Alabama															
Arizona															
Arkansas	92	223	184	407	300	223					\$ 41.25	\$ 30.90	\$ 47.30	20	
California	44	698	372	1070	1022	641	\$ 49.75	26.70	22.25	45	21	844.35	670.13	174.22	29
Colorado	6	117	195	305	218	156	\$ 7.95	\$35.30		11	11	197.99	125.92	71.97	5
Connecticut															
Florida		38	44	95	13	11				4	3	9.85	4.20	5.65	7
Idaho	2	62	47	110	78	59	6.55	1.90	5.95	13	7	18.40	23.50	4.03	7
Illinois															
Indiana		42		67	37	47	1.00	1.00		2	0	11.75	13.89	14.73	1
Iowa	15	144	155	299	352	257	9.00	.15	4.75	27	9	93.33	115.87	61.65	13
Kansas	2	164	47	211	177	171	15.25	.50	3.00			11.15	8.45	3.08	
Kentucky															
Louisiana															
Maine	13	188	116	269	141	226	3.85	.93	7.00	31	10	82.05	57.43	154.10	20
Massachusetts	25	412	183	975	868	712	150.00			50	4	183.27	215.13	187.20	43
Michigan															
Minnesota	33	356	200	536	692	602	30.22	30.87	5.10	38	28	212.11	149.03	203.70	15
Missouri															
Montana															
Nebraska															
New Hampshire															
New Jersey	26	730	394			523				56	7	40.75	52.20	292.05	7
New York	11	151	418	573	118	190	3.50		3.50	28	11	218.05	166.53	218.35	16
North Dakota															
Ohio	24	522	255	789	681	354	15.00	8.00	15.25	53	16	213.04	178.38	110.79	22
Oklahoma															
Oregon	64	496	260	756	400	486				16	29	67.40	70.79	45.13	12
Pennsylvania	18	454		1243	903	834	81.40	66.00	19.00	50	5	175.05	407.23	275.95	25
Rhode Island															
South Dakota	7	78	33	111	138	74				8	2	16.70	6.75	19.50	7
Texas	44	167	51	217	167	144	26.85	4.85	9.70	26	11	55.20	70.30	12.75	16
Utah															
Vermont															
Washington	98	707	673	1391	683	641	129.61	93.08	4.20	62	31	400.05	394.13	167.59	38
West Virginia	8	21	6	27	60	162									3
Wisconsin															
Wyoming	7	142	66	208	243	218	5.25		4.85	14	2	52.95	48.14	79.96	10

## TABULATION OF REPORTS SENT IN BY LOCALS AND BRANCHES IN UNORGANIZED STATES AND TERRITORIES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1905.

STATE	MEMBERSHIP			STAMPS		LITERATURE		MEETINGS			FINANCES		No. Locals		
	New	to date	Total	B'ght	Sold	Sold	Free	Bus-ness	Others	Rec'd	Paid out	On hand			
Dist. of Columbia	1	40	17	57	50	40	1.00	3.00	1.50	2	4	37.19	28.27	23.02	1
Georgia	21	13	8	21	40	40						4.00	4.00		1
Maryland	2	80	120	120	100	80	11.05	7.00	2.50	4	5	57.25	51.26	2.42	1
Nevada		10		10	10	10			2.00			1.00	1.00	5.05	1
Tennessee	4	30	31	64	20	42	3.50	4.00		4	5	34.40	22.15	9.05	2

Local Winnebago, Ill. 4.00  
Joash Critchley, Glen Carbon, Ill. 1.00  
Lee W. Lang, Muscatine, Iowa. .25  
Local Pine River, Mich. 2.00  
Local Manistee, Mich. .50  
Socialist Educational Society, Denver, Colo. 9.00  
Bobrinsk Self-Defense Association, New York. 5.70  
Local Wheeling, W. Va. 6.10  
Local Streator, Ill. 13.45  
G. A. Brandon, Draughton, Ark. 1.00  
Local York, Ala. 2.00  
Joint meeting S. P. and S. L. P., Kalamazoo, Mich. 37.25  
Local Pleasant City, Ohio. 3.00  
Scandinavian Br., Denver, Colo. 5.50  
Local Columbus, Ohio. 12.00  
Local Bethel, Ohio. 1.00  
Local Joplin, Mo. 7.00

Total \$1,043.82

The above amount has been sent direct to Camille Huysman, International Secretary, Brussels, Belgium, under date of Jan. 31, 1906.

## PROTEST OF LOCAL VIGO COUNTY, TERRE HAUTE.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., Dec. 26, 1905.  
J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary:  
DEAR COMRADE:—At the meeting of Local Vigo County, T. H., last Sunday, I was instructed to inform you of our local protest against sending E. E. Carr out to lecture and collect funds for the Russian revolutionists. It is the sense of our local that Comrade Carr is not qualified to speak on the subject. We had some experience with him during the late presidential campaign. Our local engaged him for a street meeting and he gave us