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## National Secretary's Financial Report for the Month of October, 1909

Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 30, 1909.

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Members at large	13.90
Total dues	2,170.03
Supplies	91.15
Literature	85.50
Buttons	58.08
Campaign fund	1.00
Russian and Mexican refugee fund	20.80
Minnesota primary law	8.86
Swedish strikers' fund	3,337.06
Spanish prisoners' fund	199.60
Miscellaneous	.50
Total receipts	5,972.58
EXPENDITURES.	
	1.10
Exchange	5.30
Geheral expenses	14.11
Express and freight	52.29
Postage	237,02
Telegrams and 'phone	14.27
Wages-	
J. Mahlon Barnes\$125.00	
J. C. Chase 80.00	
D. Fleming 72.00	
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James Connolly	50.00
L. G. De Lara	30.00
Geo. Goebel	77.00
W. B. Killingbeck	50.00
A. Litman	200.00
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Fred H. Merrick	50.00
Dan A. White	30.00
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Printing literature and supplies	124.8
Literature	138.0
Printing Bulletin	153.4
Rent (October)	100.0
Light	1.5
Buttons	60.0
Stationery and mimeo, supplies	70.7
Moving picture entertainment	33.1
Swedish strikers, fund	3,337.
Spanish prisoners' fund	
Russian and Mexican refugee fund	20.
Reserve mileage fund	217.0
Total expenditures	\$6,127.

SUMMARY.	
Balance on hand October 1st Receipts for month	5,972.
Expenditures for month	\$6,204 6,127
Balance November 1st	\$ 77

Balance November 1st	\$ 77.1
ASSETS.	
Cash on hand	\$1,727.1
Accounts outstanding, locals, states	565.6
Literatrue in stock	2,674.8
Party buttons	589.6
Supplies, stationery, account books	
etc	717.0
Office furniture and fixtures	1,480.6
Sub cards Daily Socialist and New	1

Total assets ......\$8,993.50

LIABILITIES.	
we Organizers—	
John W. Brown	43.22
H. H. Caldwell	
John Collins	
James Connolly	62.77
W. B. Killingbeck	79.68
Lena M. Lewis	61.70
A. Litman	72.26
Anna A. Maley	130.11
Dan A. White	40.65 -
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C. J. Wright 43.77
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H. G. Adair Printing Co
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G. T. Fraenckel
M. Fry & Co
Heine Company
John F. Jordan
Kerwin Printing Co
Chas. H. Kerr & Co
The Levytype Co
P. F. Pettibone & Co
Rebuilt Typewriter Co
Regan Printing Co

The Progressive Woman Saul Brothers U. S. Press Clipping Co Wilshire Book Company	33.00 32.00
Total liabilities	\$1,666.31 7,327.19
	\$8,993.50

		40,000.
Fraternally	submitted.	
	J. MAHLON B	ARNES.
		Secretary.

### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Victor I. Berger	
A H Floaten	
Morris Hillanit	
Robert Hunter	
A M Simons	
John Spargo	
John M. Work	

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Antoinette Konikow		Care of E	aylan, 1,101, New	HOFE, N. Y.
Theresa Malkiel	***************************************	410 1	54th Street, New.	York, N. Y.

### FORE-WORD ON SOCIAL IST STUDY COURSE

To the Locals, Socialist Party. Dear Comrades:

In order to lay the foundation for a systematic education of members of the Socialist Party in the essentials of the Socialist movement and the results of its experience and activity, the National Executive Committee has decided to issue a series of twentysix weekly lessons to be published in the party press from November to April, inclusive, recommending that each local or branch hold regular weekly sessions for the purpose of study upon the basis of these lessons.

Wherever practicable, the study class should have a leader to conduct the study ses sions. Each session should open with a reading aloud of the week's lesson—which members should also have read separately before, if possible. The topic should then be taken up by a method of questioning or discussion, under the direction of the class leader. Attention should be paid to the review questions which will accompany each

The class work is to be supplemented by reading as indicated by references accompanying each lesson. The National Executive Committee recommends a list of books of which each study class should possess at least one complete set for the use of its members. The class leader may also act as librarian, or a special librarian may be chosen. Individual members who feel that they can afford it may well purchase copies of some of these books for themselves. The more copies in the possession of the class and its members, the earier will it be for each member to do the required reading with-

It is not to be supposed that this course of lessons; supplemented by the reading of a few Socialist books, will make any man a master of the subject. It is hoped only that those who follow the course carefully will get an introduction which will enable them to go on studying and thinking clearly and increasing their usefulness to the movement in after years.

It is not necessary that attendance at the study sessions be limited to party members. In many cases it may be found advisable to admit also persons who are interested in the movement and desirous of understanding it, but are not yet affiliated. In such cases it may be thought well to charge for such persons (inasmuch as they do not pay dues to the local) a small fee, say, \$1 or \$2, for the course, or 5 or 10 cents a session, to help in providing the necessary number of books. This is offered only as a suggestion. Each local or class will best decide on its own methods.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

#### STUDY COURSE IN SOCIALISM

By Weekly Lessons, November, 1909-April, 1910.

Fraternally yours,

NAMES, LOCATION AND SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF PAPERS THAT WILL PUB-LISH WEEKLY LESSONS. FIRST LESSON WILL APPEAR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 1909.

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(Jewish) Daily Forward	175 East Broadway, New York City 3.50
(Polish) Robotnick	416 Sixth St., New York City 3.00
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	874 Blue Island Ave., Chicago 1.00
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BOOKS FOR S	TUDY COURSE.
Theory-	The City for the People-Parsons 1.50
Socialism in Theory and Practice-Hill-	Collectivism and Industrial Evolution-
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Social Revolution-Kautsky	Tactics and Methods—
Economic Foundations of Society-Loria. 1.25	Socialists at Work-Hunter 1.50
The Development of Socialism—	Constructive Socialism-Thompson15
Socialism, Utopian and Scientific-Engels .50	History—
Economics-	History of Socialism-Kirkup 2.25
The People's Marx-Deville 1.00	History of Socialism in the United States
Socialism—Spargo	
The American Farmer-Simons50	\$14.15
COMPLETE SET, \$10, DELIVERED FREE.	

#### THE DE LARA CASE

Chicago, Ill., October 22, 1909.

Hon. Daniel J. Keefe. Commissioner of Immigration. Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir-Information has come to this office of the arrest by the federal authorities in Los a member of the Socialist Party and served as a state organizer for a considerable period, and recently as a national organizer under my directions. I am, therefore, fully informed as to the nature of his purposes and work and that he has been occupying his time with organizing Spanish speaking persons, in particular, and others in the southwest territory into locals of the Socialist Party.

Certainly I am not informed as to the charges on which he is held by the federal officers, but the newspapers contain all manner of reports, including the charge that he is an anarchist and in consequence subject to deportation as an allen. It is also stated by a morning paper that De Lara's hearing before Inspector A. C. Ridgeway will be behind closed doors.

In connection with this case I respectfully

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Department of Commerce and Labor,
Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization,
Washington, Oct. 23, 1909.

J. Mahlon Barnes, Esq., National Secretary,
The Socialist Party, 180 Washington St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir-I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22d inst., having reference to the case of L. Gutierrez de Lara, against whom a warrant issued by this department is how outstanding, with a view of determining whether or not he is lawfully entitled to be and remain in the United States under the terms of the immigration laws.

The alien in question will be accorded a full opportunity to show cause why he should not be deported, and meanwhile his release pending final adjudication of the case has been authorized, provided a bond is furnished in the sum of \$1,500 to guarantee production when called for.

You may be assured that the regulations of

of \$1,000 to guarantee product the regulations of the department afford ample means for the alien to disprove the charges against him, and the evidence pro and con will be fully and impartially considered.

Respectfully, (Signed) F. H. LARNED.

Acting Commissioner-General.

## Correspondence of the National Executive Socialist Papers on the Exchange List of the National Office Committee During Month of October

National Headquarters, Socialist Party. Chicago, Ill., Oct. 6, 1909.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—I herewith transmit a motion and comment by Comrade Work: MOTION.

"I move that, in case of Referendum "C" is adopted by the membership, the election of National Executive Committee begun November 1 be completed under the provisions of the amendment contained in Referendum

COMMENT

If the vote on Referendum "C" were to close on October 30, and it were adopted, there would be no doubt that it would become necessary for the national office to hold an election under that amendment to fill va-cancies until the recovery cancies until the regular election of 1910. The fact that the vote closes on November 10 does not change the situation. The nominations made under the call of November 1 can casiy be adapted to the new amendment. Of course we do not know whether the amendment will be adopted or not, but its pendency is a fact which we are bound to take into consideration. In this connection I cannot do better than to quote from a letter received from Comrade W. C. Hills:

"If, on November 10, the membership shall have decided that the election shall take place in a way different from what was provided for on November 1, I think to do otherwise would be to thwart the will of the membership, and if I were on the National Executive Committee I would so hold. It is clearly the duty of the executive officers to do the will of the membership at any time. The membership ought to be allowed to change their methods of procedure even in the midst of an act, and the officers should ask no questions but do their constitutional duty at any time. These are my openions untrammeled by any technicalities or subter-

If on November 10 an amendment were adopted abolishing the Executive Committee altogether it would unquestionably be the duty of the National Office to stop the election proceedings right there. So, also, if on that date a new method of electing is adopted, it will be the duty of the National Office to merge the proceedings into the new meth Fraternally yours,

(Signed) JOHN M. WORK.

Member N. E. C. In connection with the motion and for your information I enclose herewith a copy of the constitution and a sample ballot on National Referendum "C," 1909.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades-I herewith report the ac Dear Comrades—I herewith report the action taken on the question submitted under date of September 30th. The rival claimants for State Secretary of Montana were M. M. Lourens of Butte and John A. Roades, Jr., Lewiston, the question being "which claimant to the position of State Secretary shall be recognized by the National Office?"

Comrades Floaten, Hiliquit, Simons, Spargo and Work veted favorable to Comrade Lourens. Other members of the committee.

Lourens. Other members of the committee were not heard from. Comrade Lourens is, therefore, recognized as State Secretary of Montana. The letters of the members are

herewith submitted:

LETTER OF COMRADE FLOATEN,

DATED OCTOBER 4th.

"As long as the constitution does not provide for a majority vote to decide an election, a plurality vote is sufficient, regardless of what the practice may have been. I see nothing in the Montana constitution forbid-ding taking the legal course in such a case. In regards to some of the voters being un-

qualified, there seems to be five organiza-tions on one side denying Graham's contention as to their standing and one of these seems to show a receipt that he is wrong in

While I do not agree with the literal declaration of the Executive Committee, that all locals that desire to vote should be allowed last all winter. Much help is needed. Do to do so. I presume they mean those who have the right to vote. On the other hand, I cannot see how the State Committee has any right to deny the members in good standing a vote, nor can I see that the Committee or any other authority has a right to say that a majority shall be necessary, if the con-

stitution does not provide for it."

LETTER OF COMRADE HILLQUIT. DATED OCTOBER 7th.

"From the statement of facts in the case, it appears that both claimants-Comrade Lourens and Comrade Roades-base their claims upon the identical referendum election. On the face of the returns that referendum resulted in 107 votes cast in favor of Comrade Lourens and 82 votes in favor of Comrade Roades. Comrade Roades, however, contends that the vote was improperly conducted and counted, for the reason that several locals participating in it were not in good standing. It seems to me that our committee has no power to go behind the re turns and to pass upon the validity of the ballots cast in the election."

LETTER OF COMRADE SIMONS, DATED

OCTOBER 2d.

"In response to yours of September 30th, It seems to me that if the State Executive Council had the right to send out the mo tion, which does not seem to be disputed by ofther side, they they had a right to count and pass upon the qualifications of the voters, and if I understand your statement cor-

rectly they declare Lourens elected, and that therefore, he is now State Secretary. My vote, therefore, would be for his recogni-tion."

LETTER OF COMRADE SPARGO, DATED OCTOBER 12th.

"From all the evidence at hand it seems quite clear that if we recegnize any other claimant than Lourens to the office we shall be giving the control of the party in Montana to a small minority."

LETTER OF COMRADE WORK, DATED OCTOBER 3d.

"It is difficult at this distance to decide the Montana question. From the information at hand, however, I vote in favor of recog-nizing Lourens as State Secretary."

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 22, 1969. To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—I herewith report the action taken upon the motion submitted under date of October.6th.

MOTION.

"I move that in case Referendum 'C' is adopted by the membership, the election of National Executive Committee, begun No-vember 1st, be completed under the provisions of the amendment contained in Referendum

Comrades Floaten, Hillquit, Hunter and Work voted in the affirmative. Other members of the Committee not heard from. The motion is therefore adopted. Fraternally submitted.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REF-ERENDUM.

Local Philadelphia, in regular meeting assembled, on Sunday, Sept. 5, 1909, passed a motion protesting against the action of the National Committee in increasing the wages of national organizers and speakers from three dollars a day and expenses to four dol-

lars a day and expenses.

Local Philadelphia deems that the burden is at present as large as can be carried; the wages of the workers who make up the wages of the workers who make up the bulk of the membership have been cut, either directly or indirectly, by increased cost of living or by working on short time. Local Philadelphia hereby institutes a call for a National Referendum for the purpose of instructing the National Committee to restore the old rate of three dollars a day and expenses. Local Philadelphia calls on other locals to second this call.

In taking the action described the National Committee has arbitrarily overridden the will of the membership expressed by their delegates at the last National Convention and later confirmed by national referendum. Locals are requested to take action on the

above at their first meeting and to inform Local Philadelphia and the National Secretary of their action.

Fraternally submitted.
LOCAL PHILADELPHIA, Socialist Party.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

(Revision of proposition first published Oc-tober 9th.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 16, 1909. "Local Philadelphia in regular meeting as-sembled on Sunday, Sept. 5, 1909, moves that a National Referendum be instituted for the purpose of instructing the National Commit-tee to restore the old rate of three dollars a day and expenses to national organizations and speakers.'

(Signed) MARY RANTZ, Corresponding Secretary.

SWEDISH GENERAL STRIKE.

(Cablegram.)
"Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 9, 1909.

E. Tholin, 2517 Elms street, Chicago, Ill.

(Signed) LINDQUIST. The National Office of the Socialist Party to date (Oct. 16) has sent to the strikers' headquarters in Sweden the sum of \$2,286.18.

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, by unanimous vote, repeats to the party members the above call. ALL YOU CAN" and DO IT NOW. Remit to J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary, 180 Washington street, Chicago, Ill.

The editors and officers of the Socialist Democratic Publishing company of Milwaykee are threatened with jail. A libel suit has been brought against them by T. J. Neacy, a large employer of labor, under particularly hard conditions. He is a foe to union lab and for years was the Milwaukee representative of the Citizens' Alliance of Parry-Post Van Cleave fame. Recently Mr. Neacy threatened to get out an injunction to restrain the county from appropriating \$5,000.00 for the purpose of feeding the hungry children in the public schools. This measure was proposed by the Socialist members of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Neacy declared this was squandering the people's money. For this heartless threat Comrade Berger drew a vigorous pen picture of Mr. Neacy in the So cial Democratic Herald. Thereupon Neacy has sued for \$10,000 for damages to his reputation and "great distress of mind"

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A FAKE BULLETIN

(Reported by Comrade McDevitt, Organizer of The so-total San Francisco. Cal.)

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PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFER-ENDUM.

Tyler. Texas, Oct. 3, 1908.

Comrades—When the Old Dutch landed on Manhatan Island they rechristened the new island New Amsterdam, after old Amsterdam.
They built their houses with the rain spouts running into the center of the street, just as they did in Old Amsterdam, so that the water would drop into the canals. They dug a canal where Canal street now is, for no reason but that canals were a good thing in Old Amsterdam, therefore they were bound to b (?) a good thing in New Amsterdam.

This fatal error of reasoning that because a thing is good in one country it is good in any other country has cause the American Socialist movement incalculable damage.

We must give credit to the Germans for starting the modern Socialist movement in America, but alas! they could not dissociate their minds from their German form of organization. Centralization of power is the ordinance of organization communicates itself to dear of organization communicates itself to states.

While claiming to be the only purely democratic party we are maintaining the most autocratic form of organization of any political party in America. Our National Committees are a useless vermiform appendix on the organization.

With few exceptions each state pours into material to sea an antional office, with possibly better results. A retinue of national clerks are maintained for the accomplishment of unimportant duties, in a manner that resembles the wastes of the capitalist system. The enormous speakers if retained in the states would relieve the condition of chronic beggary and rapidly build a strong organization.

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the states, and that is why we have internal uproar in Arkansas, California, Washington, Montana, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Florida and practically everywhere. In Minnesota four gentlemen fire four hundred men in Minneapolis. In Washington five men gravely fire some three hundred in Beattle, and so on in other states, two cliques fighting for control, expel and suspend one another to the shame and detriment of the party, because there is an autocratic goal they seek at the head of the party.

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In Dallas, Texas, last spring, a furious row broke out in the Democratic ranks. Partisans beat one another up on the streets. The row was brought into the courts. Thousands of dollars were expended and at the height of the row there wasn't a Democrat in Fort Worth, in the management of the row there wasn't a Democrat in Fort Worth, in the management of the row can break out in an assembly district in another district all is quiet. Contrary in our party, if one prominent state official strikes another upon the nose, the whole state membership takes out its handkerchief. Two sets of organizers are sent out; thousands of private letters are written; each side sets the printing press going; the state is circularized, talling of the troubles to men that don't know and can't settle it if they do know. A Kentucky feud is on and the movement is demoralised accordingly. Look at the disgraceful proceedings in Omaha, where a row between two wings in Local Omaha resulted in the disgraph of the state. Ignorance—gross, stupid ignorance of the same brand that our German comrades unwittingly displayed 25 years ago, and this is the main cause of our troubles.

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A prominent agitator, who has witnessed state and national troubles in the party for years, and in the S. L. P.; was in Girard recently and met 'Gene Debs. In discussing this matter of organization he said to him." 'Gene, there was a man in the first convention of the Social Democratic Party in Chicago who did more for the Socialist movement than any other man in twenty years." 'He was the man who for the first time in America proposed that the Socialist movement adopt state autonomy." Debs replied: 'The man that made the proposal was Seymour Stedman. He moved that the new party, in national and state of affairs, run seconding to the political lines of the nation." The agitator then said: "Now, why can't we continue to follow out the lines of the political structure of the country and develop county autonomy? I would just as soon have a National Committee ruling in & L. P. style as to have autocratic state committees. This will result in developing individual initiative of the rank and file, without which the Socialst movement will be nothing but a cheap sect, destined to follow the B. L. P. to the political graveyard. 'You are right,' said Debs. 'By county autonomy we segregate the rows in localities and confine each disturbance within its own cell."

The curse of the movement in the past has been centiralized power in the hands of the National Committee. The history of the S. L. P. is a history of blighted hope, smashed aspiration and pessimism for the suffering working class who looked to that organization for protection. Hundreds of thousands of workmen have gone to their graves in despair since the once magnificent K. of L. went on the rocks of centralized power. The B. T. & L. A. and the I. W. W. are other cases in point.

If there is one lesson more than another that our past experience teaches us, it is this: that centralization spells autocracy, and obviously, decentralization spells democracy. Everywhere t

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Let it abolish conventions and thus place absolute power, once and for all, in the hands of the men and women who comprise the rank of the men and women who comprise the rank and the provided provid

candidates, drafting of platforms, revision of constitutions can all be done by mail. In Texas we nominate all political candidates and elect all party officers by referendum, and only meet in conventions to ratify nominations because the Terrell election law compels us to do so. Let the other states follow the lead of the Lone Star and the Angels of Democracy will weep for joy.

Local Tyler, Texas, of the Socialist Party, therefore moves that the National Party Constitution in effect when this proposed referendum is brought to a close be abolished in its entirety and that the following proposed National Party Constitution be adopted:

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the Socialist Party, except in states where a different name is a legal requirement.

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Membership.

Sec. 1. Every person, resident of the United States, of the age of eighteen years or more, who has severed his connection with all other political parties, shall be eligible to membership.

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Any person occupying a position, honorary or remunerative, by the gift of any party other than the Socialist Party, shall not be eligible to membership.

All persons joining the party shall sign a pledge recognizing the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class and endorse the party platforms and constitutions.

No member of the party shall under any pretext interfere with the regular organized movement in another state than of his residence.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. The affairs of the party shall be administered by gerenal party referendum.

Motions and resolutions shall be submitted to referendum upon the request of twenty locals in five or more states or territories, or of any smaller number of locals in three states having two thousand members in the aggregate.

Sec. 2. When a request for a referendum is

any smaller number of locals in three states having two thousand members in the aggregate.

Sec. 2 When a request for a refereadum is presented as above provided, it shall be published in the party press and shall stand open for thirty days, in which time amendments thereto may be offered i nthe same manner in which original referendum is initiated, and at the close of the thirty days the original motion, together with all amendments initiated, and at the close of the thirty days the original motion, together with all amendments initiated, shall be submitted to referendum.

All referendums shall be submited without preamble or comment.

Bection 3. It shall not be the duty of National Headquarters to conduct organization except in unorganized states or territories, or to conduct agitation and distribution of literature except in presidential campaign year.

Locals in unorganized states or territories shall receive their charters from and make their reports to National Headquarters.

ARTICLE IV.

National Secretary shall be elected annually, by preferential referendum, as provided in Section 1 of Article 5 of this instrument. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner.

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Sec. 2. The National Becretary shall transact the national and, international business of the party, using his discretion wherein not instructed by constitution and referendum, and conduct national referendums.

He shall refer communications relating to state and local matters to the states interested and shall report monthly to all state secretaries, for their transmission to locals, to locals in unorganized states and territories and to the party press, the financial and business affairs of his office. Buch reports shall not contain editorial comment.

Sec. 2. No member of the party shall serve as National Secretary for more than two years.

National Campaign Committee.

Sec. 1. In the party election last preceding presidential campaign year a National Campaign Committee.

Sec. 1. In the party election last preceding presidential campaign year a National Campaign Committee of five members shall be elected by preferential referendum, as follows: The call for nominations shall issue November ist. Twenty days shall be allowed for nominations, twenty for acceptances and declinations and forty-five for the referendum. Each of the candidates shall be placed on the ballot.

The member voting shall designate his first choice by writing the figure "2" opposite the name of his first choice; his second choice by writing the figure "3" opposite the name of his first choice; his second choice by writing the figure "3" oposite the name of his third choice, and so on, indicating his tector of the member hip in the party shall be necessary to qualify for mittees and official positions. An editor or director of a newspaper shall not be eligible for national official positions.

Sec. 2. Three years' consecutive membership in the party membership on initiative of ten per cent of the membership.

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penses of the committee in attending meetings and conducting campaign shall be paid from the national treasury and by funds accruing from such special calls for contributions as may be made by the committee.

Sec. 5. The committee shall transmit copies of the minutes of its meetings to all state secretaries, to be reported to the locals. It shall neither publish nor designate any official organ.

ARTICLE VI.

Delegates to International Congress.

Sec. 1. Delegates to International Congress shall be elected by referendum in accordance with Sec. 1 of Art. V of this instrument in the year when the congress is held, one delegate for every five thousand members, and their expenses shall be paid from the National Treasury.

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ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. This constitution may be amended by national party referendum. It shall be in force as soon as adopted by national referendum.

Fraternally submitted.

(Signed) H. L. MARKWELL,
Recording Secretary.

(Signed S. P. BROUGHTON,
Chairman of Meeting.
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### CORRESPONDENCE--NATIONAL COMMITTEE

National Headquarters, Socialist Party.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 18, 1909.

To the National Committee.

Comrades-As is now generally know Professor Francisco Ferrer, liberal educator of Spain, was murdered by the Spanish government Wednesday morning, October 13 About the time this news was received a letter came to hand from Pablo Iglesias for the Spanish Socialist Party and addressed to the National Committee of the Socialist Party of America. He states that thousands of workers, including women and children, fill the prisons and are expecting the severest penalties. He says their means are exhausted and asks assistance to aid these prisoners and their families.

A number of locals have held protest meetings and others are now making arrange ments for meetings relating to the death of Professor Ferrer.

Several contributions' have already been re ceived at this office for the relief of the Spanish prisoners, one being a collection at the Garrick meeting, conducted by the Twenty-first ward branch of Chicago, which amounted to \$155.25. In the absence of action by your body, for the present, I suggest that collections be taken at the various protest meetings in response to the appeal of Comrade Iglesias and for the purpose set for by him. The full text of the letter here follows:

"To the National Committee of the Socialist Party of America:

Dear Comrades-As we find ourselves at resent in very hard circumstances, we turn to you and other American comrades in the hope that you will show your solidarity with

the Spanish workers. Because we did our duty and, in accordance with the anti-war resolutions of the International Congress of Stuttgart, agitated against the war with Morocco, the Spanish government has unchained all against us. 'At first our open air meetings were prohibited, then our indoor assemblies, finally when we declared the general strike as a protest against all this tyranny. our constitutional rights were denied us, our

of our most prominent members imprisoned and our Socialist newspaper confiscated.

In Catalonia this repression caused a working class insurrection, which lasted several days, and in Alcoy and other cities the workers energetically opposed the departure of the troops for Africa.

Now that this movement of revolt has been suffocated in blood, the government is persecuting with terrible ferocity not only those who are alleged to have taken part in the uprising, but also all people professing advanced ideas. The beaters employed by the government in this man hunt are the most reactionary persons in the country.

As a consequence of all this, thousands of workers have fied across the French border and thousansd of others, including women and children fill the prisons and are expecting to be condemned to the severest penalties, as many already have been. Three of them have been shot.

The means at our disposal to be used in trying to aid these prisoners and their families are extremely limited, and therefore we must have recourse to the solidarity of the international Socialist and labor movement. Consequently we appeal to you, confident that, recognizing the unity of the cause of labor, you will be sure to aid us with whatever means you may be able to dispose of.

Yours fraternally, in the name of the Socialist party of Spain,

PABLO IGLESIAS, President Espiritu Santo, 18, Madrid, September 30,

Fraternally yours,

J. MAHLON BARNES,

National Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SPANISH PRIST ONERS DURING OCTOBER. F. Grondahl, Chicago, Ill...... 1.00 Thos. U. Moore, Jacksonville, Fla..... 1.00 W. A. Weatherall, Memphis, Tenn..... 10.00 R. E. Cooper, Ann Arbor, Mich...... 235 2.35 central labor headquarters closed, hundreds

### PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Resolution for the Promotion of Greater National Unity in the Socialist Party.

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We, the members of Local Jackson of the Socialist Party of the State of Tennessee in regular business meeting assembled, having noted with regret that factional fights have threatened several times to carry disorder and disruption into our national organization by the expulsion of members from one state and their admission into the organization of another state; and having noted, furthermore, a glaring defect in our National Committee from defending the best interests of the whole national organization against the factional dissensions of individual states, out of excessive veneration for the principle of state autonomy, demand a national referendum on the following questions:

(1) Shall Article II of the National Constitu-tion be supplemented by the following amend-

rement?

"Section 7. No member shall be expelled by any local or state organization except with the consent of the National Committee, and if so expelled, shall be considered expelled from the whole national organization. No member so expelled shall be permitted to apply for reinstatement in any local of any organized state, except two years after his or her expulsion. Such application must be made to the secretary of the local in which admission is desired. The local secretary shall forward such application with the endorsement of the local to the state secretary, who shall secure the

endorsement of the state committee, and, if so endorsed, transmit it to the National Secretary for the endorsement of the National Committe. If endorsed by the local, state and national organization, the applicant shall be considered admitted to the whole organization."

(2). Shall Article V of the National Constitution be supplemented by the following amendment?:

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"Section 3. The National Committee shall perform the duties of a Grievance Committee in all disputes between different factions of the same state, or between organizations of different states, or between state organizations and the national organization, in such a way that the principle of state autonomy cannot be carried to excess, so that no faction and no individual organization of any state can place its own interests above those of the national organization as a, whole An appeal from the decision of the National Convention. An appeal taken by any individual, group or organization from the decision of the National Convention or of the National Committee to any capitalist court shall not be considered as a stay of proceedings by the national organization or any part thereof.

The function of the Grievance Committee shall be exercised by the National Committee by majority votes. It shall not be transferred to the National Executive Committee."

(Signed)

F. W. EARNSHAW, Org. L. RANOLD, Fin. Secy.

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#### Notes National

The October number of "The Progressive Woman" is a special organization number containing contributions on this important subject from many of the field workers and State Secretaries. Special rates are made State Secretaries. Special rates are made on this number—\$12.00 per thousand, or 2 cents a copy in bundles of four or more. Publication office, Girard, Kansas. Yearly subscription price, 50 cents.

With the September issue of the Socialist Party Official Monthly Bulletin it enters up-on the sixth year of its publication with No. 1, Vol. 6.

For the support of the party's daily papers Locals Montrose, Colo., and South Bend, Ind., have passed resolutions, the first favoring action which will result in a 10 cent assessment upon all party members; the second that a special day be set aside by the Na-tional Executive Committee for all locals and branches to hold entertainments to raise funds for this purpose.

. . . The State Committee of Ohio has appropriated \$10.00 for the Minnesota primary law contest.

The lively municipal campaign is in progress in Nashville, Tenn. On Saturday, Sept. 25th, John M. Ray, candidate for mayor, and S. G. Gregory, candidate for city council, were arrested for street speaking. On Oct. 2d, Comrade Ray was again arrested with three others. The town is now placarded with announcements of speaking dates for all the Socialist candidates until the close of the campaign. The posters bear the follow-

ing proviso;
"NOMINEES WILL SPEAK AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES ON DATES GIVEN BELOW, THAT IS IF WE DON'T GET AR-RESTED, AS WE HAVE EACH BEEN AR-RESTED TWO OR THREE TIMES DUR-ING THIS CAMPAIGN."

The State Committee of South Dakota has appropriated \$6 for the Minnesota primary

Comrade Bell, State Secretary of Texas, reports "twenty-eight charters were issued by the State Committee in the month of September, which is in excess of the number issued in any previous month, but one in the history of the Texas party.'

Comrade Bostrom, State Secretary, Washington, requests papers and others to note correct address, which is Frans Bostrom, P.

O. Box No. 491, Everett, Wash. Edward Silvin, Box 93, Santa Barbara, Cal. recently published a 45-page booklet entiled "Index to Periodical Literature on Social-It is bound in heavy cardboard and is a neat volume. This book is a new departure as a reference work and is about indispensable to the student. For the Socialist the value of the Public Library is enhanced many fold if possessed of copy of this Index. It will be sent to you by the author free, on receipt of 5 cents to cover cost of wrapping and postage.

The State Committee of Nevada has approprinted \$1.75 for the Minnesota primary faw

The weekly lessons for the winter study course on Socialism will be published regular ly in 13 English and 13 foreign papers. A low estimate of the circulation of these papers is 380,000 copies, so that the weekly lessons will be within the reach of every party member. Circulars with the names o the papers, list of necessary books and full information for the study course, have been mailed to all locals. The locals and members are urged to form classes at once. The first lesson of the course will appear in the party press during the week ending November 6th

The Taft junket through the southwest incidental to his meeting the Mexican tyrant, Diaz, left a trail of anarchy and maladministration on the part of government officials heretofore unknown in this country. In efwas a cessation of civil ment as in the presence of a king. persons were warned from their homes and city and others were arrested without charge. detained several days and released without explanation in the Mexican border towns. Among the latter-was Comrade John Murray, recently of Chicago, where he acted as secre tary of the Political Refugee Defense league. He was arrested in San Antonio and denied communication with his friends during his incarceration. Spanish National Organizer L. Gutierrez de Lara was arrested in Los An-geles, charged with being an alien and an anarchist, and is being held under exorbitant, bail pending trial by the federal immigration authorities. Representations have been made by the National Office on this case to the Immigration Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Comrade Eugene V. Debs will speak in Philadelphia, Pa., November 2d, at a benefit meeting for Comrade Fred W. Long, one of the pioneers of the movement. Long has been ill and confined to the house for about two years.

Comrade Otto Kaemmerer, president of Garment Workers District Council of St. Louis, Mo., and Secretary of Local St. Louis, Socialist Party, together with eighty other union men, were injunctioned by the Hon. Judge George C. Hitchcock of the Circuit

Court of that city. Comrade Kaemmeres writes an open letter to the honorable, a knowledging the receipt of the "restraining order." and in his reply speaks out in no uncertain terms of the sentiments of the working class regarding judge made laws depriving citizens of their constitutional rights and liberty. One paragraph reads: "I am now enjoined from doing a number of things which I have not even been accused of doing. You practically convicted me, not because I have done wrong, but on the supposition that I might do wrong in the future."

National Executive Committee has adopted the following motion: "That in case Referendum "C" is adopted by the membership the election of National Executive Committee begun November 1 be completed un-der the provisions of the amendment con-tained in Referendum "C."

The election for the members of the diet in Saxony and Baden, Germany, held on October 21st, shows immense gains for the Socialist Party. In Saxony the conservatives who formerly had 48 seats, elected but 13 representatives. The national liberals had 31 seats and elected but 4. The radicals had no official before and have not elected any. Out of a total of 49 districts subject to a re-ballot the Socialists are entitled to re-enter 45 districts.

The formal call for the nominations of na tional officers, as per the constitution, will issue November 1st. Nominations will remain open twenty days. All locals and members making nominations should note Section 2 of Article 3 of the constitution, as follows:
Section 2. THREE YEARS' CONSECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY
SHALL BE NECESSARY TO QUALIFY
FOR ALL NATIONAL OFFICIAL POSI-

The Intercollegiate Socialist Society, Georg R. Kirkpatrick, Organizer, 112 East 19th street, New York City, requests comrades to send in the names and addresses of Socialists and extra liberal students and teachers wherever they can be found, and urges the secretaries of the locals in towns where there is a college to write the society for literature for free distribution.

By recent referendum J. E. Voss, 778 East ern avenue, Jackson, has been elected State Secretary of Tennessee.

Comrade Geneva M. Fryer of Globe, Arizont, died suddenly on October 21st. rade Fryer was an earnest worker for the cause and held the position of Territorial Secretary of Arizona during the latter part of last year.

#### MEXICAN REFUGEES.

The case of L. Gutierrez de Lara, whose arrest in Los Angeles, Calif., was an incident of the Taft tour, and who has been held for deportation under the immigration laws, has attracted widespread attention in the Mexican border states, and numerous protest meetings are being held. A number of local papers have taken up the case, seeing in it a menace to the orderly process of civil law. in the United States. Comrade de Lara has been released on a bond of \$1,500.00. A letter from the Department of Commerce and Labor received at the National Office contains the assurance that de Lara will be given full opportunity to disprove the charges against him and that the evidence pro and con will be fully and impartially considered.

The cases of four other Mexican refugees have been set for trial in San Antonio in January. The persons involved are Tomas Sarabia, Jose Rangel, Giullermo Adam and Calixto Guerra. The cases of the last three named were postponed at hearings in Del

Rio during the week. The Political Refugee Defense league has issued a general call for funds through the columns of the Socialist and labor press and has sent circulars to radical organizations. All contributions should be sent to John C. Chase, president, 180 Washington street, Chicago, Ill.

### Letter to State Secretaries

National Headquarters, Socialist Party. Chicago, Ill., Oct. 22, 1909.

To the State Secretary.

Dear Comrade—Today I sent you a quantity of nomination blanks, on which nominations for members of the National Executive Committee and National Secretary should be re-The said blanks contain the call for nominations dated November 1st, as per con-

I am sending them to you in advance of that date to give you opportunity to reach the locals with them on the date officially set for the call. The constitution permits of but twenty days for nominations. Under this provision, if the blanks should be issued from this office on the 1st of November, many of the locals might not receive them in time for action.

By reason of the limited time allowed for nominations it is also deemed necessary that the nomination blanks be returned by the locals directly to the National Headquarters, and they must reach this office on or before November 20th. If more blanks are needed advise me.

Anticipating your co-operation,

Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

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