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National Headquarters, Socialist Party.

To the National Executive Committee. Dear Comrades-I have to report that pursuant to the sentiment of the comimttee expressed in report made under date of January 14, 1910, and relating to the request by Comrade Richey Alexander of Grand Saline, for list of local secretaries in Texas, I transmitted copies of the entire correspondence to the

present State Secretary, E. R. Meitzen of Hallettsville. The following is his reply: Regarding the list of local secretaries: By a vote of three to two the Executive Board grants your office permission to issue a list of local secretaries of Texas to Richey Alexander of Grand Saline. I think this is as it should be. I do not think a state organization has the right to evade what is plainly, the spirit, if not the letter, of the National

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16; 1910. To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—For your consideration I submit herewith a copy of a letter from Comrade Freeman Knowles:

Deadwood, S. D., 2|16, '10. Dear Barnes-I suppose you have kept in touch with our great labor fight here and of the condition of the Lantern. I have three criminal libel suits on my hands resulting from the lockout of the Homestake miners.

I am "up against it," as my friends, the miners, are all out of employment, and the Western Federation can not help me, as it has 4,000 families to feed. I have no attorneys and no money to employ them.

When I was in trouble two years ago the Executive Committee offered to help me, but at that time the miners came to my relief and I was not compelled to call upon the

I wish you would communicate with the members c* the committee and place the condition of the Lantern before them. Personally I care nothing for myself, but I would not like to have The Lantern "blown out" just at this time when it is so badly needed.

The cases against me are set for March 7 so you see, I have very little time. I need \$200.00 to employ attorneys to defend me. You can also help me by mentioning my case in your next bulletin, asking the comrades to come to my assistance by subscribing for The Lantern."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) FREEMAN KNOWLES." Regarding the above and the reference made to two years ago, I would state that immediately Comrade Knowles returned to his home from the National Convention, May, and railroaded the trial upon a charge of publishing an unmailable article in The Lantern, issue of May 30, 1907.

The National Executive Committee, in June adopted the following motion:

That the National Secretary write him and inquire in what manner we can assist him."
At that time he was imprisoned for twenty-five days pending an appeal, and because

he refused to pay a fine. Comrade Knowles, until the first of this year, has been a member of the National Committee continuously since 1906.

In consideration of all the above, I submit

Shall two hundred dollars be appropriated for attorney's fees for Comrade Knowles?

I also enclose a copy of a leaflet entitled. The movement is being silently and almost "What Shall We Do for Food?" written by unconsciously strengthened as a result of the John C. Chase, which I consider pertinent to progressive spirit which characterizes the the present situation, and one of the best State University at Madison. Altogether conpropaganda leastets that could be used by ditions are admirably suited to the making the party in the immediate future.

nless advised to the contrary I shall print 500,000 for sale at a moderate price from this

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 18, 1910. To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades--I transmit herewith a mo tion and comment by Comrade Spargo. Kindly vote yes or no on the proposition and let me have your vote at your earliest conve-

MOTION.

"I move that we at once issue a special appeal to the party membership, calling for funds to assist the Milwaukee comrades in the approaching municipal election. COMMENT.

"Recently I spent a week in Milwaukee and was surprised at the prevalling unanimity of opinion that our comrades have a good chance to carry the city in April. Owing to the nature of my business engagements in Milwaukee, most of my time was spent mit the motion that a meeting of the Na-among non-Socialists, and I saw very little tional Executive Committee shall be held at indeed of our comrades. I confess I was National Headquarters, beginning at 10 a. m., astounded to find such a strong belief among April 23d.

these non-Socialists that Comrade Seidel would be the next mayor of Milwaukee, provided only that the party could raise funds enough to make a good campaign. On every hand I heard it expressed that if the party had ten thousand dollars to spend on an effective campaign its victory would be cer-

"Now, this is not at all an ordinary local campaign. It is a matter of great national importance. I can conceive of no slugle achievement within the range of present possibilities which would do so much to inspire and strengthen the whole national movement. It is my belief that we ought to do something more than issue the proposed appeal. should like to see five hundred or a thousand dollars voted from our party treasury. I believe it could and should be done. For the present, however, I propose simply the issuance of a strong appeal, to be sent to all the locals of the party and published in our press. Such an appeal should, in my judg-ment, be based upon the following considerations, which are, I believe, of national im-

(1) It is important that we should marshal our forces in Milwaukee at this time. The very imminence of our victory will naturally bring forth the strongest fire of the enemy The movement in Milwaukee has good speakers and organizers and a splendid body of volunteer workers. It has four newspapers. Funds are, however, lacking. The heavy ex-penses of former campaigns, especially that of the last election, and of establishins the local Socialist press, have left the comrades with a burden of debt which cannot be other than a handicap to them. With a boost from the national membership they could win a triumph which would inspire the whole Socialist movement.

(2) Such an evidence of our solidarity as a nation wide response to this appeal would be a notable demonstration to the enemy of our

sincerity and strength.
(3) The Milwaukee comrades have reached the point where the capture of the city is almost within their grasp. They have reached that position, not as a result of mushroom enthusiasm, but solid, persistent work and growth. Their victory would not only stimulate and inspire comrades in other cities all over the land, but, through the work of meeting the responsibilities of power which would follow, it would necessarily contribute to the solution of various great municipal problems along Socialist lines. It is morally certain also that victory in Milwaukee would open up the way for similar victories else-

(4) Our Milwaukee comrades are notably his home from the National Convention, May, well prepared to assume the responsibilities 1908, the federal authorities had him arrested which victory would bring. The movement is well organized; for ten years past the party membership and vote have steadily increased; there have been no reactions. The union of the party and the trades unions is closer session, 1908, took cognizance of the case and than in any other city in America. More imadopted the following motion:

portant still is the fact that the Milwaukee comrades are fortunate enough to have among them men and women of capacity and experience in the administration of municipal affairs. Some twenty-five comrades have had actual, practical experience in the city council, the county board, the school board and similar bodies. Further, the presence of rep-resentatives in the state legislatures would be an enormous support to a Socialist municipal administration.

(5) Milwaukee is overwhelmingly an industrial city. Its people are progressive, its working class intelligent and class conscious. of the first attempt to administer the affairs of a great America ncity on Socialist lines."

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 21, 1910.

To the National Executive Committee. Dear Comrades-Upon my suggestion of the 14th for dates for holding the next meeting of your committee, namely, March 18 and 49, 1 have received replies from all members, which disclose the fact that the dates sug-gested are inconvenient to the majority.

Comrade Berger does not desire to be absent from Milwaukee prior to election day, April 5th. Comrade Hillquit at least could not be present on the first day of the session and suggests Saturdays and Sundays as the days for meetings rather than other day of the week. Comrade Hunter wishes a later date in April and fears that he could not otherwise be present. 'Comrade Spargo suggests at least a week later than the dates

In consideration of all of the above I sub-

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26, 1910. To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades-I herewith make report as to the consideration given by your committee to the subject submitted under date of the 16th, relating to an appropriation of \$200.00 for attorney fees for Comrade Freeman Knowles of Deadwood, South Dakota. The proposition was adopted by the unanimous vote of the committee.

LETTER OF COMRADE GOEGEL, DATED FEBRUARY 18th.

"As to the \$200.00 for attorney fees for Knowles, I vote yes, but wish there was some other way of doing it, whether by using him as a resident National Organizer for a certain time, or otherwise, as I do not like establish precedents of a certain kind. But seeing no other way than you suggest I yote for the appropriation, as I consider know that Knowles has made a wonderful fight and should have his arms upheld, not simply for his sake, but for the sake of the party in that locality.".

Relating to a date for a meeting of the committee I suggested March 18th and 19th. Having heard from the majority that the dates suggested were inconvenient, I submitted a motion for a further date, namely,

Only three members have thus far express ed themselves on this motion and the vote upon it remains open until March 5th. However, I deem it advisable to acquaint you with the opinions of two of the members. Comrade Goebel requested that his letter be so treated. I, therefore, transmit copies of letters from Comrades Carey and Goebel: LETTER OF COMRADE CAREY, DATED

FEBRUARY 23d. "As to Executive Committee meeting being held April 23, allow me to say that the Congress is slated for May 15th, and I am of the opinion that the referendum to prevent it will fall, for most of the members are so sick of referendums that they will vote against any proposition to make further changes in the National Constitution until they get a chance to read what they have got now. so, the National Executive Committee will meet about three weeks before the Congress. and as likely most of the members of that body will attend the Congres, it will mean so much more expense, beside the failure to make practical preparation for the Congress. There are several matters that I would like to talk over with the Executive Committee. and I would like to do so as soon as possible. If there is any value in their meeting at all it ought to be done as soon as convenient. Of course I can make motions, but there are some plans that I would first like to have discussed before formal motion. I am, however, ready to be present at any time they may settle upon."

LETTER OF COMRADE GOEBEL, DATED FEBRUARY 24th.

"Replying to yours of the 21st about meeting of the National Executive Committee, I wish to say I most earnestly dissent from the calling of the first meeting of the National Executive Committee at such a long time after their election, virtually one-sixth of their

Nor do I think Comrades Hillquit, Berger Spargo and Hunter should place obstacles in the way of an earlier meeting. Today the being followed are virtually those of the old committee, of which the comrades been given to the State Secretaries, named are the surviving representatives. So, For your information would state by voting for later meeting, they are depriving the new members of a chance to do the work they were elected to help do.

concerning prolonged discussion What's the matter with the party?" showed dissatisfaction on the part of a portion of the membership with the work being done. fact of three new members of the committee being elected showed further a desire for something different. The new committee should meet at once. They may do nothing startling or new, but they should at least meet and find out whether it is desirable to.

I have no chip on my shoulder, but I have never been willing to be a "dummy" on any committee on which I served, and I object strenuously to the members surviving from the old committee by indirect action making their past actions binding on the new members without a meeting to so decide.

Not the least important phase of the mat ter is the delay in any plans it may be found needful to carry out. No matter what new plans were adopted, it would take six weeks or two months to get them in action fully, so that if the committee did not meet until April 23d, as suggested, it would mean the hot weather had been reached before plans

could be carried out.
I think Comrade Hillquit correct in saying the meetings should be Saturday and Sun-

I ask that a copy of this letter be sent to the members of the National Executive Com-

mittee. I shall consider the matter important enough to be of interest to the general mem-bership. This meeting could have been held th first week in March at the latest, and should.

Fraternally submitted.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

National Committee

National Headquarters, Socialist Party,

Chleago, Ill., Feb. 18, 1910. To the National Committee.

Comrades-I herewith report the result of vote on second ballot, in which the preferential system was employed, for the selection of a city and date for holding the party

Forty-seven members voted on both propositions. Comrades Clifford and Prevey of Ohio failed to vote on the date, and the vote of Comrade Thompson of Wisconsin for the city was thrown out on account of in-correct marking. The following members did not vote: Isaac of Alabama, Morrison of Arizona, Stirton of Michigan, Murray of New Hampshire, Wright of New Mexico, Lampman of North Dakota and Johnson of Wyoming. The vote for the respective cities and dates are as follows:

Chicago, 125; Indianapolis, 189; St. Louis, 200; Kansas City, 202; Milwaukee, 233; Detroit, 235; Louisville, 265; New York, 315.

May 15th, 210; May 22d, 211; May 10th, 217; May 23d, 228; May 2d, 263; June 13th, 265; May 1st, 268; July 4th, 269; July 12th, 327; September 5th, 382.

In accordance with the above recorded vote Chicago has been chosen as the city and May 15th as the date for holding the party congress for the year 1910.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19, 1910.

To the National Committee.

Comrades-By vote closing February 9, 1910, National Referendum "F." 1909, was adopted by a vote of 5,740 to 3,071. By the referendum your committee was instructed "to restore the old rate of three dollars a day and expenses to national organizers and speakers." If agreeable to you, and without formal action on your part, the instructions will be carried into effect as a matter of administration of this office.

Fraternally submitted,

Chicago, Ill.; Feb. 26, 1910.

To the National Committee.

Comrades-Your attention is directed to an accompanying letter of even date addressed to the State Secretaries and relating to the constitutional provisions controlling the election of delegates by the several states to the Party Congress.

Although the general subject of the Congress was brought to your attention in November last, no action has been taken to decide the period of time on which the basis of representation should be founded, consequently no instructions on this point have For your information would state that for

the National Convention of 1908 your committee decided that the representation should be based upon the dues paid during the three months of December, 1907, and January and February, 1908. The National Executive Committee, regarding representation to the International Congress, recently decided that the membership for the year 1909 shall be taken as the basis.

National Constitution, Article X, Section 6.

"Railroad fare of the delegates going to and coming from the conventions and the congresses of the party shall be paid from the National Treasury, and such expenses shall be raised by setting aside ten per cent of the National dues."

The last convention retained in the constitution the old provision for a mileage asessment. The above section was adopted by a National Party referendum, upon which the result was declared in February, 1909.

The reserve fund, according to the above provision, was started in the month of March, 1909, and to the end of January amounted to \$2,387.70. At the present rate of increase of this fund at the time of the Congress it will amount to about \$3,000. There will, therefore, evidently be a considerable deficit and you are advised to consider ways and means to meet the same.

Fraternally yours,

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS, SOCIALIST PARTY

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28	ARIZONA	843	352	444	424	534	455	693	621	403	589	521	270	523	393	575	407	605	633	628	621	519	409	627	463	596	527	689	14,364	38
12	ARKANSAS	180	253	134	107	. 54	154	227	23	226	164	223	87	259	248	214	75	142	157	189	166	283	108	140	272	201	.139	-161	4,536	10
709	CALIFORNIA	10,853	11,604	9,343	7,380	7,723	. 8,821	11,587	11,317	10,678	6,855	10,536	8,845	11,718	10,630	8,907	7,528	9,178	6,626	11,905	10,662	12,708	7,885	10,567	10,949				268,002	535
117	COLORADO	2,212	1,401	1,486	1,609	1,405	1,322	1,505	1,891	1,275	1,510	1,622	1,573	1,365	1,270	1,879	1423	1,756	1,845	1,936	1,981	1,581	1,531	1,882	1,587	1,915	1,711	1,758	44,226	90
223	CONNECTICUT	4,143	2,024	3,114	3,390	3,232	2,419	3,482	2,543	3,026	3,387	3,791	2,705	2,387	1,282	3,458	3,867	2,286	3,736	3,891	4,110	3,076	3,835	3,599		4,039	3,377	2,709	84,294	201
10	DELAWARE	270	10	90	240	80	60	140	160	110	210	230	200	30	70	220	150	120	190	130	260	20	180	170	40 .	100	250	60	3,780	10 '
62	FLORIDA	1,103	613	960	882	871	554	821	925	1,083	887	992	712	784	648	1,076	605	1,006	992	1,120	732	805	869	885	812	1,117	831	756	23,436	67
12	GEORGIA	163	216	110	179	81	135	233	105.	150	187	164	89	260	226	218	95	206	220	106	109	219	96	206	170	174	, 252	222	4,536	6
. 8	HAWAII	102	149	117	75	123	197	141	153	123	12	140	91	12	143	40	55	106	103	161	143	158	73	135	107	181	. 166	68	3,024	•
106	IDAHO	2,243	1,221	1,288	1,442	1,145	1,168	1,838	1,964	1,528	1,359-	1,750	1,215	1,524	1,119	1,586/	830	1,374	1,551	2,034	1,621	1,795	1,274	1,624	1,281	1,732	1,153	1,409	40,068	133
859	ILLINOIS	16,650	8,581	8,678	12,236	8,983	11,335	13,958	14,787	9,415	12,145	10,184	12,829	10,579	8,867	13,134	12,216	13,288	15,007	12,355	15,292	10,762	12,546	14,458		12,393	Charles Addition (Co.)	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	824,702	690
295	INDIANA	4,979	4,264	3,727	3,951	2,885	3,273	4,579	5,061	2,963	3,454	3,610	3,524	4,299	3,691	4,936	4,009	4,570	5,088	4,696	5,018	4,493	3,609	4,654	3,722	2,183	4,557	4,765	111,510	330
234	IOWA	4,147	3,447	3,011	3,167	3,168	3,320	3,584	3,786	3,367	3,209	3,322	2,958	3,142	2,865	3,412	2,747	3,239	3,722	3,456	3,807	3,539	2,964	3,084	3,015	3,361	3,060	2,553	88,452	217
306	KANSAS	5,973	3,764	4,494	3,198	3,817	4,624	4,694	4,864	4,403	4,596	4,388	4,249	4,297	3,435	4,883	2,513	4,883	5,021	5,259	5,068	4,234	5,066	2,030	3,604	4,983	3,444	3,884	115,668	356
71	KENTUCKY	1,097	741	832	953	1,015	890	1,139	1,020	1,012	870	1,002	963	906	719	1,069	775	1,076	1,260	1.456.	1,137	1,146	968	. 1,121	834	869	945	1,023	26,888	- 64
92	LOUISIANA		1,763	1,557	1,287	1,432	1,438	1,218	1,021	1,213	1,130	1,333	1,068	1,728	1,519	1,623	669	1,415	1,418	1,177	576	1,720	1,029	1,187	1,481	1,277	1,495	836	84,776	89
127	MAINE		1,838	2.037	2,004	1,575	592	1,993	1,090	1,967	1,668	2,005	1,173	1,899	1,649	2,017	1,614	2,054	1,769	1,893	1,616	2,271	1,836	1,972	1,767	2,224	1,805	1,865	48,006	110
299	MASSA.CHUSETTS	5,268	3,906	4,619	5,028	4,529	995	4,696	4,288	3,803	4,764	4,787	3,666	2,553	2,795	4,457	8,844	4,939	4,852	4,837	5,086	3,369	4,265	5,016	3,284	5,051	4,377	3,999	113,022	541
93	MICHIGAN	1,576	1,330.	1,220	1,284	1,193	1,289	1,898	1,420	1,248	1,070	1,451	1,234	1,065	1,128	1,288	1,051	1,528	1,597	1,780	1,418	1,089	1,356	1,370	1,090	1,418	1,250	1,068	25,154	,118
481	MINNESOTA		4,087	6,655	7,695	6,982	7,446	6,153	7,652	5,825	7,991	6,496	5,085	4,626	4,744	7,689	5,901	7,706	18,457	8,206	9,168	4,578	8,062	7,534	5,841	7,225	4,495	6,771	181,818	412
24	MISSISSIPPI		324	312	192	192	192	276	169	468	276	384	248	552	361	408	836	444	372	386	132	239	540	430	336	636	252	193	9,072	24
405	MISSOURI		4,075	5,713	5,765	5,719	4,787	6,498	5,363	5,897	6,043	4,779	4,880	4,812	3,426	7,296	4,624	6,505	7,077	6,802	7,039	4,886	6,120	5,849	5,049	5,649	4,911	6,308	153,090	364
34	NEVADA		258	395	391	544	411	486	594	682	620	577	204	257	259	443	288	616	680	571	588	686	687	449	877	510	410	389	12,852	34
100	NEW HAMPSHIRE		1,174		1,128	1,245	237	1,557	. 1,305	1,081	1,219	1,459	1,048	1,197	1,422	1,662	1,696	1,607	1,756	1,644	1,970.	2,026	869	1,792	1,442	1,581	1,672	1,321	37,800	99
241	NEW JERSEY		2,262	3,590	4,004	-3,864	2,214	3,296	3,315	-3,603	3,529	3,838	3,261	1,847	2,328	4,040	2,588	3,543	3,942	4,275	4,451	2,906	3,279	4,079	2,569	4,146	2,728	2,162	91,098	236
25	NEW MEXICO		280	367	248	303	251	297	387	274	331	310	220	879	208	428	396	407	446	404	400	448	322	341	252	448	336	395	9,450	16
1,160	NEW YORK		10,957	15,914	18,654	17,896	13,906	18,218	17,209	16,447	17,880	17,599	14,000	8,386	10,118	18,331	14,429	17,590	19,242	18,193	19,523	15,078	16,787	19,472	10,636	19,849	15,844	16,363	438,480	1,047
10	NORTH CAROLINA		158	154	150	139	187	116	. 165	129	129	139	. 41	87	81	143	106	168	150	156	143	144	133	185	* 130	198	150	205	3,780	10
57	NORTH DAKOTA		469	708	816	424	845	838	947	910	894	899	791	655	848	851	466	995	858	912	808	793	845	963	707	1,000	641	776	21,546	56
653	OHIO		8,923	8.118	8,561	8,506	7,212	10,226	10,868	7.498	7,590	9,208	8,696	9,384	8,559	11,080	8,046	9,057	10,255	10,579	10,702	10,107	6,803	10,013	8,177	8,470	9,173	9,533	246,834	651
411	OKLAHOMA		5,793	6,356	3,173	4,750	5,670	6,102	3,382	6,192	5,832	6,015	5,726	6,388	4,762	6,613	4,052	6,572	6,630	7,468	6,648	6,484	6,098	4,066	5,421	6,158	6,120	5,455	155,858	857
281	OREGON						3,357	6,624	6,106	4.174	2,059	4,361	5.057	7,610	7,115	6,425	3,281	2,556	2,420	6,491	5,759	8,756	2,948	5,241	7,844	6,959	6,948	8,600	144.018	365
285	PENNSYLVANIA		The Arthurs		5.37 Au 75	12,196	11,388	18,410	13,291		11,278	12,984	12,459	11,187	10,943	14,044	10,782	5,919	18,798	14,155	14,564	18,814	8,109	13,961	10,837	14,061	14,203	12,832	334,530	758
68	RHODE ISLAND		601			1,107	482	1,139	612	1,038	1,154	1,038	667	310	481	1,087	1,186	990	1,251	1,239	1,486	407	1,202	1,313	420	1,331	798	612	25,704	63
4 8	SOUTH CAROLINA		52 110025			124	103	127	160	116	Bergarin trace of	119	72	52	52	115	87	124	98	80	144	85	141	144	75	178	, 111	186	3,024	8
- 68	TENNESSEE		10 A 1 10 A 10 A 10 A 10 A 10 A 10 A 10			923	475		1,050	682	890	1,157	1.047	1,281	519	1.020	952	813	729	813	1,107	1,170	972	997	736	1,114	1,125	996	25,704	68
368	TEXAS			AL PLOYMENT	THE PART THE		4,165		4,564	5,115		4,274	4,214	E-200-200	6,083	6,592	3,096	4,659	6,251	5,544	5,522	6,719	4,612	4,997	6,173	5,779	6,130	6,062	139,104	343
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255	WASHINGTON				TOTAL LEVEL	2,758	2,803	3,846	4,004	2,867	2.762	2,975	2,909	3,589	3,889	4,025	3,173	8,286	3,359		4,123	3,965	3,074	3,854	8,641	4,228	3,786	4,111	96,390	270
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A complete tabulation of the incorrect and excluded votes appears below.

Had the incorrect votes been added to the above tabulation it would not have changed the personnel of the committee, nor the relative positions, as to number of votes received, of the members elected. The following officers were elected:

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: ROBERT HUNTER, Norton Heights, Conn., 115,567

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180 Washingto a St., Chicago, Ill.

To State Secretaries

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26, 1910, To the State Secretaries:

Dear Comrades:-You are hereby advised that the National Committee, by vote, decided upon a city and date for the holding of the next party congress, Chicago being chosen as the city and May 15 as the date.

The situation is somewhat complicated by the fact that National Party Referendum "A," 1910, is now going the rounds for the membership vote. This referendum proposes to wipe out that part of

This referendum proposes to wipe out that part of the constitution relating to party congresses. The vote will close upon it April 6th.

However, relating to this subject, your attention is directed to the National Constitution, section 2 of article 16, reading in part as follows:

"The basis of representation shall be one delegate at large and one delegate for every five hundred members. Delegates shall be elected and accredited otherwise as for a nominating convention."

Section 5 of article 16, in part:

"That no delegate shall be considered eligible unless he is a resident of the state from which the credential is presented and shall have been a member of the party for at least two years."

Section 7 of article 16:

"The election of delegates to the national conventions shall take place not later than sixty days preceding the national convention and the respective State Secretaries shall furnish the National Secretary not later than thirty days preceding such a convention with a list of the accredited delegates to the convention with a list of the accredited delegates

Chicago, 111., Feb. 26, 1910.

To the State Secretaries: Dear Comrades:—As directed by the National Executive Committee, a call has been issued for the nomination of delegates to the International Congress to be held at Copenhagen, Denmark, be-ginning with the last week in August.

The National Constitution provides in article 14, section 1, as follows:

"Delegates to the International Congress shall be elected by referendum in the year when the Congress is held; one delegate for every five thousand members, and their expenses shall be paid out of the treasury of the National Party."

Based upon the membership for the year 1999, eight delegates are to be elected.

Under seperate cover I am sending you a quantity of nomination blanks. Said blanks contain the formal call. Kindly see to it that these blanks are distributed to your locals and members at large at as early a date as possible in order to give them the greatest limit of time for-action.

By reason of the limited time allowed it is deemed necessary that the nomination blanks be returned directly to the National Headquarters, and they must reach this office on or before March 31st.

If more blanks are needed advise me.

Fraternally yours.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary. "Delegates to the International Congress shall be

To the Members of the Woman's National Committee:

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4, 1916. Dear Comrades:-Recently I received word from Comrade Winnie Branstetter, secretary of your committee, stating that she was quite agreeable to

Conrade Winnie Branstetter, secretary of your committee, stating that she was quite agreeable to have the correspondence of your committee conducted by this office.

Comrade Branstetter points out that she at nettime has been able to give to the work the amount of time its proper attention deserved, but that during the last three months an number of circumstances, combined with frequent changes of address, have interfered with her work, and that she had contemplated resigning, but the knowledge that other members of the committee were also doubly burdened deterred her.

The members of the committee are, therefore, united in favor of the proposition of the National Office handling the correspondence. Upon this subject and for your guidance I quote from the minutes of the National Executive Committee the following:

"Letter from Franklin H. Wentworth reference the National Office handling the correspondence of the Woman's Committee.

"Motion—That Comrade Wentworth and the members of the Woman's National Committee be informed that this committee is not in a position to depose the duly elected secretary of that committee, however, is entirely willing, if it is the unanimous decision of the Woman's Committee and matters pertaining thereto shall be sent out through the National Office, as is the case with the National Committee."

I herewith direct your attention to the fact that on the 13th uit. I sent out a circular letter to all the local secretaries, signed by a majority of your committee, relating to the special meetings for Feb. 27th. The said circular has been reproduced in the January-Bulletin, which was mailed from the National Office during this week. I shall mention this special day and its purposes in the Weekly Bulletin issued tomorrow.

I was pleased to be able to include in the annual report a few words with reference to your committee and its work, and I feel confident that the party will benefit greatly by a continuance of the propagands work designed to enlist women into active party service. Fatern

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National Notes

State Secretary Beardsley of Connecticut Deadwood, Alaska, for the Swedish strike reports: "Everything in this state points to the party having the best year it has ever had both from the point of organization and propaganda. This year, for the first time, the Australian ballot will be used in Connec-ticut, making it possible for us to place the Socialist ballot in the hands of every voter, something we have never been able to do be-

The National Office since last report has granted charters to locals in unorganized states as follows: Wilmington, N. C., five members; Fort Valley, Ga., five members; Wise, Va., seven members; Pocahontas, Va., five members; Alexandria, Va., eight mem-bers; St. Charles, Va., nine members.

By a recent referendum in New Jersey Comrade W. B. Killingbeck, 62 William street, Orange, was re-elected State Secretary; Wm. Walker, 653 South Park street, Elizabeth, was elected a member of the National Committee, and Frederick Krafft, Ridgefield, was reelected to the same position.

By a recent referendum in Oklahoma, Oscar Ameringer, Oklahoma City, was elected a member of the National Committee, and Carrie C. Block, Lookeba, was re-elected to the same position.

Anna A. Maley, Woman's National Committee Organizer, is now at work in South Da-kota. In every place visited rousing meetings are held and much interest aroused in the cause of Socialism. A constitutional amendment, which, if carried, will give equal suffrage to men and women, is to be voted on this year, and many of the active workers in favor of the amendment are helping to make the meetings of Comrade Maley suc-

By recent referendum Lewis J. Duncan, P. O, Box 548, Butte, Mont., was elected a member of the National Committee, and has also assumed temporarily the office of State Secretary, vice M. M. Lourens, resigned.

By a recent referendum Thad Berry, Springdale, was elected State Secretary of Arkansas, and Dan Hogan, Huntington, was elected a member of the National Committee

The State Committee of Colorado has appropriated \$2.00 for the support of the Minnesota primary law contest.

State Secretary Opsahl of South Dakota reports the expulsion of Ed Thomas by Local for-scabbing on his fellow workers in the Homestake mining strike. At the same time Local Lead demanded his resignation as a Socialist alderman by the following reso-

"Resolved. That this local accept the resignation of said Edward Thomas as a member of Lead city council ; that said resignation be dated and handed to the mayor of the city of Lead, with the request that Mr. Thomas' seat in the city council be declared vacant by virtue of his having placed his resignation in the hands of this local of the Socialist party."

Sunday, February 20th, the first distribution of literature for the spring campaign in Milwaukee, Wis., was made. The leaflet was entitled "WHY THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS WILL CARRY THE CITY." As usual, every house, hovel or palace, regardless, was covered by the organized volunteer workers. It has already been announced that the Democrats and Republicans will unite in nine wards in that city to beat the Socialists. The Socialist aldermen recently forced the following resolution through the council, the old party members being afraid to oppose it, but giving every evidence of it being a bitter pill to swallow just before election:

"Resolved, That it is the sense and inten-tion of the common council of the city of Milwaukee that all work done directly by the city of Milwaukee, or let by contract through the Board of Public Works or any other department of the city of Milwaukee. organized labor shall be given the preference rever legally nossible

received at the National Office from Local work in their respective states.

fund. In transmitting the amount the com-rades of the far north say: "This may reach Sweden too late to aid in winning the strike, but no doubt, small amount as it is, it will do a little toward relieving the poverty fol-lowing such a long strike."

By a recent referendum in Tennessee, John M. Ray, 1823 Tenth avenue, North Nashville, was elected a member of the National Com-mittee, and J. E. Vose, 778 Eastern avenue, Jackson, was re-elected state secretary.

A call for nominations for delegates to the International Congress has been issued and nomination blanks for that purpose have been shipped from the National Office to the respective party divisions. According to the apportionment provided by the National Constitution, based upon the membership for the year 1909 eight delegates are to be the year 1909, eight delegates are to be elected.

The National Finnish Organization recently elected by referendum a National Executive Committee and a National Translator-Secretary. The present secretary, Comrade Wa-tia, did not accept a nomination, although it

tia, did not accept a nomination, although it was unanimous. An extension of time was then granted to secure other nominations. The result of the eseltcion was as follows: Executive Committee—Victor Watia, Chicago, Ill., with 2,083 votes; A. K. Pitkanen, Chicago, Ill., 1,215; Semmi Hautaniemi, De Kalb, Ill., 1,091; J. W. Sarlund, Chicago, Ill., 1,007; Kaarlund, Chicago, Ill., 1,007; Kaarlund, Chicago, Ill., 1,007; Kaarlund, Chicago, Ill., 1,007; Kaarlund, Chicago, Ill., 1,007; Kaarlunder, Waukegan, Ill. 879 Helander, Waukegan, Ill., 879.

Translator-Secretary—Herman Louko, Rock-lin, Cal., 1,738; K. E. Grandahl, Indian Springs, Fla., 753. Comrade Louko will as-sume the office on February 28th.

Comrade E. E. Adel, 287 E. Town street Columbus, Ohio, is acting State Secretary pending the election, vice, Comrade Willert,

Jackson, Miss., comrades are pushing the work of reorganization with a vim these days. Comrade Lester writes that since the local was revived the first of last month they have been holding rousing meetings and are gathering in many new members.

By a recent referendum in Connecticut Comrade S. E. Beardsley, P. O. Box 854, Shelton, was re-elected State Secretary, and Jasper McLevy, 1313 North avenue, Bridgeport, was re-elected a membee of the National Committee.

That the Georgia comrades are wide awake is not only evinced in encouraging reports from unorganized points, but in the fact that every Georgia local asked to take a date for National Organizer Lewis responded promptly and sent in news of increasing interest in organization all along the line.

A state convention of the Socialist Party of Oregon was held February 27th at 309 Davis street, Portland, Ore. Reports from that state indicate that the movement is harmonious and making progress.

Local Allegheny County, Pa., reports that the number of monthly reports from branches is the largest and most gratifying in the history of the party.

Comrade E. C. Kidd, 3604 Huntington street, Newport News, Va., is co-operating with the National Office in its campaign for organization. Comrade Kidd is secretary of the Provisional State Committee and asks that all sympathizers and unattached Socialists in Virginia write him relative to the work now under way.

The Socialists of Milwaukee, Wis., have decided to issue a weekly printed bulletin, con-taining only propaganda matter, during the campaign. These will be handled as usual by a volunteer distributing committee, and every voter will be reached each Sunday.

In the Carolinas and Mississippi, as far as the National Office has been able to reach the comrades, returns indicate the possibliof state organizations within the year. comrades and sympathizers in unorganized states are requested to write the Na-On February 17th a donation of \$95.00 was tional Office for information relative to the

Report of National Referendums "E" and "F," 1909

VOTE CLOSED FEBRUARY 9, 1916. REFERENDUM "E."—Amend Article VI, lection 1, of the National Constitution, by substituting the following:

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of seven members from the membership of the party, and they shall hold of-fice for two years. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by referendum vote. The call for nominations shall be issued on the first day of October in years with uneven numbers. Each local shall be entitled to nominate seven candidates. Thirty days shall be allowed for nominations, ten for acceptances and declinations and fifty for the referendum. Nominations from five locals shall entitle a candidate to be placed on the ballot. The seven candidates receiving the highest vote shall be elected. Vacancles shall be filled in similar manner. Members of the Executive Committee may be recalled by a 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.

Amend Section 1, Article VII, to read "bi-ennially" instead of "annually." REFERENDUM "F."—Instructing the Na-

tional Committee to restore the old rate of three dollars a day and expenses to National organizers and speakers.

	Ref	erend	ium "	E.,	Refe	
	Sec		Sec	. 1,	dum	"F"
	Art.	VI	Art.	VII		
States-	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alabama	19	6	21	3	18	5
Arizona	41	17	36	22	37.	21
California	288	181	. 226	231	278	189
Colorado	69	54	67	50	86	36
Connecticut	113	15	90	30	83	42
Delaware		10		10		10
Florida	47	4	45	6	48	4
Georgia	2	6	2	6	2	6
Hawaii		10		10	Lift of the	_ 10
Idaho	38	39	31	46	40	37
Illinois	455	354	406	268	495	323
Indiana		85	196	97	181	112
Iowa	97	56	82	58	101	53
Kansas	203	74	181	91	200	74
Kentucky		18	33	18	40	18
Louisiana	50	2	47	6	43	7
Maine'	86	28	75	41	89	25
	252	102	227	106	240	118
Michigan	102	53	69	88	128	30
Minnesota		71	225	108	175	168
Mississippi			12		12	
Missouri	329	126	262	181	314	152
New Hampshire.	52	. 16	50	19	56	13
New Mexico	. 14	15	8	21	11	18
New York	624	381	523	474	542	464
North Carolina .	8	1	- 7	2	7	. 3
North Dakota	39	17	35	23	44	14
Ohio	383	99	269	201	344	138
Oklahoma	351	158	327	180	354	155
Oregon	143	119	113	150	187	155
Pennsylvania		253	476	312	620	176
Rhode Island	61	7	12	55	62	6
South Carolina .	7		7		-4	3
Tennessee		57	38	19	57	
Texas	106	69	134	72	131	71
Vermont		10	18	12	27	3
Washington	94	92	98	88	111	78
West Virginia		6	74	.36	89	20
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Wisconsin			000	103	210	914

Totals ...6,014 2,685 5,183 3,352 5,740 3,071 The reports from Nebraska and South Dakota and Local Augusta, Ga., were received too late to be counted. The totals from these states would not have effected the results.

In accordance with the above recorded vote all three propositions were adopted.

Attest: J. MAHLON BARNES,

National Secretary.

Report of National Referendum "D," 1909

VOTE CLOSED FEBRUARY 10, 1910. " That the National Party Constitution in efwhen this proposed referendum brought to a close be abolished in its entirety and that it be supplanted by the substitute

States-	Yes	No
Alabama	1	23
Arizona	3	46
California	131	529
Colorado	39	120
Connecticut	32 :	1 193
Delaware		10
Florida	36	46
Georgia		. 6
Hawaii		9
Idaho	6	128
Illinois	71	816
Indiana	70	284
Iowa	81	147
Kansas	120	300
Kentucky	14	47
Louisiana	54	38
Maine	44	-73
Massachusetts	117	407
Michigan	30	148
Minnesota	82	375
Mississippi	2	24
Missouri	135	347
Nebraska	38 -	44
New Hampshire	12	87
New Jersey	19	203

New Mexico	8	27
New York	201	997
North Carolina	4	6
North Dakota'	13	50
Ohio	101	635
Oklahoma	99	350
Oregon	42	334
Pennsylvania	254	739
Rhode Island	4	61
South Carolina		8
South Dakota	- 5	33
Texas	297	157
Vermont	14	25
Virginia		- 22
Washington	77	231
West Virginia	56	69
Wisconsin	15	1,043
Wyoming	2	-70
Members-at-large	7	11
	994	0 218

In accordance with the above recorded vote the proposition is defeated.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

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Amend the National Constitution of the Socialist
party so as to read:
Five months in advance of the beginning of the
term of the National Secretary and the National
Executive Committee the National Secretary shall
notify all the state secretaries of the approaching
election. The state secretaries shall then notify
the local secretaries in their respective states,
giving thirty days in which to make nominations
for the state's choice for candidates for National
Secretary and one member of the National Executive Committee.

After that time the state secretaries shall, within

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After that time the state secretaries shall, within ten days, submit to the organizations in their states the ballots containing the nominees, and give thirty days for the vote and five days for re-

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These ballots shall be prepared with vertical columns, headed, "First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, if there are four or more candidates for each position. If there are only three candidates for each position. If there are less than three candidates the columns for choice shall be omitted. The voter shall place an "X" for the names of the candidates in first, second and third column, according to his choice. He smust designate a choice in each column on the ballot, for a separate candidate, or the vote shall not be counted. But no more candidates shall be voted for than there are designated choices by the columns on the ballot. But this shall not prevent a voter from writing a name on the ballot, instead of anyone that is printed.

The canvassing board or committee of the local organization shall count the votes cast and tabulate the first, second and third choices in separate columns, and make the returns to the state office accordingly.

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The state office shall then tabulate the vote as follows: The candidate that receives a majority of all the first choice votes for one position shall be the state's nominee for candidate. If no one has received a majority of first choice, then all who have received less than their percentage of first choice votes, according to the number of candidates and the votes cast for the first choice, shall be dropped from any further count. The remaining candidates shall then have their second choice votes added to their former vote; and any one candidate having a majority of the votes cast as first and second choices shall be the nominee. If no one has such a majority, then the ones that receive less than their percentage of the votes cast shall be dropped from any further count. Then the third choice votes shall be added, and the candidate that receives the largest vote in all the choices shall be the state's nominee for candidate, without considering the percentage. If only one name remains after any exclusion as here provided he shall be the nominee without considering the next choice votes.

A majority shall mean more than one-half the votes cast and counted for all remaining candidates in all counts, as far as progressed.

Every choice, whether first, second or third, shall count as one vote for the candidate, but no voter shall vote more than one choice for the same candidate.

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shall vote more than one choice for the same can-didate.

Ties in the vote shall be decided, first, by the votes of first choice; second, by the votes of second choice, and third, by the votes in third choice, and then by lot.

Within ten days after the state election for nominees the state secretaries shall report to the National Office the names of the nominees of the state.

taries should report the National Office shall issue the ballots containing the names of the candidates and with three vertical columns for first, second and third choices, giving thirty days for election and ten days for the returns to reach the National Office.

Both organized and unorganized states shall have a vote on the ballots issued by the National Office, but only the organized states shall have a vote on the ballots issued the National Office, but only the organized states shall have the right to nominate the candidates.

In voting for members of the National Executive Committee each voter shall mark first choice for seven candidates, second choice for seven, and third choice for seven candidates, second choice for seven, and third choice for seven are columns on the ballot.

No second nor choice votes shall be counted unless the full number for the preceding choices have been designated.

The National Office shall tabulate the election reports in the same manner as is provided for the states. Majorities shall be more than one-half of the actual number of votes in each choice, added together for the candidates remaining in that count, regardless of the number of votes cast for the excluded ones. The total vote for seven candidates for the National Executive Committee shall be divided by seven to determine the percentage for each candidate.

Everything in the National Constitution conflicting with this amendment is hereby repealed.

Adopted at a regular meeting of Local (Branch American) Denver.

Signed: Octavia Floaten, Chairman, L. W. Coleman, secretary. Elaf Anderson, County Chairman.

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