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SOME THINGS THE NATIONAL OFFICE SHOULD BE DOING.

The Co-Operative Movement.

In England the co-operatives have no politics. Although they do a business of more than three hundred millions a year, the Socialist party of England is comparatively weak. On the other hand, the co-operatives of Belgium and Germany, though not so powerful as the English, have a rather close connection with the Socialist party, and in both of these countries the Socialist party is strong.

There is a lesson in the above facts. And the lesson seems to be that the Socialists should begin now to develop that movement, while it is in its infancy, in order that the policy of the American co-operatives shall be socialistic.

The matter of co-operation has been considered by several conventions of the party, committees have been appointed to investigate and report; but no definite action has been taken.

Resolutions will not help in the matter. Co-operators are not concerned in the fatherly feelings or otherwise of political parties. They yield to the same influences that affect others. If the party had a central bureau, whose duty it was to promote co-operation, and to see that all co-operative effort took the socialistic trend, the movement could very easily be swung into line. It is true that the Information Department is doing a great deal of work in this line in the way of furnishing advice and plans of work, but it is one of many lines of activity of that department, and it cannot be given the attention and promotion that the situation warrant.

Every co-operative should devote a small part of its profits to the Socialist party. The very nature of the enterprise demands that a portion of its funds be spent in propaganda of the idea of co-operation. It will be an easy matter to bring this about if the right means are used. Socialists are usually the first promoters of co-operatives, but they do not now receive enough encouragement from the party to cause them to desire to continue that encouragement.

It is not intended that the party should go into the business of co-operative trading. But there is no reason why young co-operatives should not look to the National Office for advice, nor is there any reason why the co-ordination of the co-operative movement should not receive the intelligent support of the party. We are doing that very thing now with regard to the Young People's Leagues. We have a director who devotes his time to the promotion and co-ordination of these leagues. And we did not go into this work any too soon. The Young People's Leagues are springing up everywhere and would soon feel themselves independent of the party altogether if they became sufficiently powerful.

One of the German Socialists has said that the labor movement walks upon four feet—the Socialist parties, the labor unions, the woman movement, and the co-operatives. Whether this is a scientific statement or not, it is true that the Socialist party should see that Socialism pervades each of the other movements.

In Germany the Socialist party came first into existence, the unions second; today the unions are all socialistic. In America the unions came into existence first, the Socialist party second, and the unions of America are anti, or at least non-socialistic. The same thing is true about the co-operatives of Germany and England, as we stated in the opening paragraph.

To those who would make the objection that the idea put forth herein is not the function of the Socialist party, it would seem sufficient to answer that any activity that promotes Socialism is the function of the party. The narrower the limits of activity of any organization the narrower will be the results.

There are Socialists who believe that the revolution is coming day after tomorrow at 9:15 in the morning and to them any attempt that implies a long-continued activity would seem ill-advised. But most Socialists by this time see that it will take a considerable period to work out the problems that face us and that though there may be cataclysms in our social history the goal itself is in the distance, and must be earned by solid work and effort.

PUSH THE FIGHTING.

Over a wide section of the nation spring elections will take place in March and April.

Perhaps the greatest contest, the one which will invite most outside attention, is that of Milwaukee, but in hundreds of other places Socialists will contest for election with hope of success, if not in whole municipalities, at least in wards.

Preparation is one-half the battle, and this preparation if not already made should be taken up at once.

Milwaukee, where they do things with that thoroughness characteristic of the Germans, nominated candidates long ago. Budgets of expense have been made, the date set for the actual opening of the campaign, speakers scheduled and literature selected.

A few days ago, Berger said: "Our literature brigades are now at work. The actual speaking campaign will be confined to about twenty days. We have shortened the speaking period, but it will be fast and furious when it does commence."

Whatever may be the outcome at Milwaukee (and we are not making predictions) there will be a battle royal—conducted intelligently and aggressively. And Socialists should make such a campaign wherever an election is to be held. Nominate your candidates, draft a platform, select your literature for free distribution, and wind up with such public meetings as your purse and conditions warrant.

Nominations, platform making, distribution of literature, cost but little. These you may do, and with the literature do much, and do it both thoroughly and effectively.

In our list of leaflets there are at least five which should have house to house distribution. These are: "What Is Socialism?" "Are the Socialists Practical?" "Have the Socialists Made Good?" "Regulation, a Failure and a Fraud," and "Municipal Ownership."

To these may be added, where there are Negro voters, "Why the Negro Should Vote the Socialist Ticket"; where there are women voters, "Madam, How Will You Feed Your Family?" and for general propaganda, "The Most Frequent Objections to Socialism Answered."

Make your selection now and order by freight, so as to get them at small cost. Remember, in lots of 5,000 or more, single or assorted, the leaflets are \$1.00 per thousand, you paying freight or express.

KEEPING OUR MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.

A branch having a membership of about eighty members kept approximately all of them paid up to date by the following method:

They had a Delinquent Dues Committee of six. At each business meeting, when the order "Delinquent Dues" is called, the financial secretary hands to the chairman of this committee a list of all members in arrears and a statement of the amount of the arrearage. Each member of the committee undertakes his share of the visiting of these delinquents. If the work is kept up, not more than two or three visits each month need be allotted to any member of the committee.

Previous to the visiting the financial secretary writes a brief letter to the delinquent, to the following effect: "You are owing fifty cents in dues. During the coming week a comrade will call upon you with stamps. You will greatly assist the work of the branch if you will bring your card up to date."

In order that the financial secretary may be protected, the committee deposits with him money to cover stamps taken out. Unsold stamps may be redeemed again with the financial secretary, who keeps a separate account with the committee.

Elect a standing committee for collection of dues. Let the financial secretary report to the chairman of this committee whenever there are delinquents on the list. At the following meeting the committee reports to the local the result of its work.

SOCIALIST EDITORS FINED.

The editors of the Morris County Educator, a Socialist paper in New Jersey, were recently fined \$1,500 for alleged slander against J. W. Roberts of the local traction company. Although no names were mentioned in the article complained of, Morris said it referred to him and the judge agreed. The Socialists intend to take the case to the supreme court.

HELP UNEMPLOYED.

The new Socialist commissioner of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, showed the old party politicians how to temporarily solve the unemployment problem of that town by introducing a resolution for the pavement of a street, for the purpose of giving work to the unemployed. Two hundred dollars was appropriated by the council for the work, but so many applied for jobs that the amount was soon increased to \$600. When this is gone some more will undoubtedly be appropriated. This is the first time in the history of the city that anything has been done along this line.

ITALIAN REDS WIN AGAIN.

Amilcare Cipriani, Socialist, has been elected to the Italian house of deputies from Milan by a vote of 10,747 to 5,882. One of the conspicuous aspects of the contest was the great part taken in it by women. The upper class women wore sashes of red, white and green and appealed to the voters to vote for the government, while the workingwomen wore sashes of red and worked for Cipriani. Cipriani is one of the Socialists most feared by the government.

GAIN IN NEW YORK.

Hundreds of party members are being added to the German locals of New York through the work of Emil Seidel, who is now working there for the German Socialist Federation. Seidel is working among the unions, in one of which he secured 132 members in two weeks. Oscar Ameringer and Ernest Untermann are to follow him.

OPEN LABOR TEMPLE.

A new labor temple has just been opened by the Socialists of Cracow, Austria, with the annual congress of the Polish Socialist Party. The new building will be the home of three Socialist papers, the Socialist Party and the labor unions. There were 162 delegates present at the conference representing 16,000 party members and 30,000 trade unionists. It was decided to enlarge the daily organ of the party, "Naprzod," and emphasize the work of agitation and organization among women.

WIN IN NEW ZEALAND.

The second victory for the new Socialist Party of New Zealand has just been won in the election of J. McCombs to the national house from the Littleton district. He won by a majority of 226, the final vote being McCombs, Socialist, 2,628; Miller, Reformist, 2,402. Over 1,000 Socialists were disfranchised, it is claimed, by the election officials closing the registration books before time. The Socialist Party was only organized last July and it has won the two by-elections which have occurred since that date. Walter Thomas Mills is directing the organization work.

JUSTICE THIRTY YEARS OLD.

"London Justice," the first Socialist paper to be launched in England, has just celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. The first edition was issued on Jan. 19, 1884. Messages of congratulation were received by the paper from Camille Huysmans, secretary of the International Socialist Bureau; the editorial staff of Berlin Vorwarts; Karl Kautsky and Edward Bernstein, leaders of the German Socialist Party; J. Keir Hardie, chairman of the English Independent Labor Party, and Alex M. Thompson of the London Clarion. "Justice" is the official organ of the British Socialist Party.

GAIN 3,285 MEMBERS IN CITY.

The Socialists of Hamburg, Germany, recently made a house-to-house canvass for party members and new subscribers for their daily paper, the Hamburg Echo. About 1,000 new subscribers and 3,285 party members were secured.

Oklahoma surprised us all by buying \$500 worth of dues stamps in January. A new state secretary and a reunited party has worked wonders in this state of Socialist farmers. There is no telling what Oklahoma may do. Conditions are ripe for a revolution there any time.

DONATIONS TO STRIKE CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND.

Table listing donors and amounts for the Strike Children's Relief Fund, including entries like L. U. 50, N. B. of O. P., Camden, N. J. 5.00 and B. & C. W. I. U. of A. Local No. 108, Racine, Wis. 5.00.

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Total for January \$3,869.33

COLORADO STRIKE FUND.

Table listing donors and amounts for the Colorado Strike Fund, including entries like So. Slavic Branch, DePur, Ill. \$ 3.10 and H. M. Sinclair, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 25.00.

Total for January \$81.80

Seven PARTY BUILDER Sub. Cards for \$1.50.

Since June the growth in membership has been steady and solid. If it keeps up in the same ratio for a few months more we will pass the high mark of the presidential campaign of 1912, before the National Committee meeting in May. Why not? The Socialists are in existence, nearly, if not quite, a million of them. It is simply a question of energy directed in the right direction.

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Executive Department

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 VICTOR L. BERGER, 980 First St., Milwaukee, Wis.
 ADOLPH GERMER, 303 G. A. T. Building, Denver, Colo.
 GEORGE H. GOEBEL, 14 Bridge St., Newark, N. J.
 JAMES H. MAURER, 1355 N. Eleventh St., Reading, Pa.
 J. STITT WILSON, Ridge Road, Berkeley, Cal.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
 WALTER LANFERSIEK

Address all mail to departments and not to individuals. Make remittances payable to the Socialist Party.

Address all communications to
SOCIALIST PARTY, 111 North Market Street, Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1914.

Official Business

NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

To the National Committee:

Herewith is submitted for a vote of your body Motion No. 1, proposed by Raphaelson of Kentucky and seconded by Schwartz of Georgia, Wiltse of Iowa, Dietz of Louisiana, Nagle of Oklahoma, Clifford of Ohio, and Raymond of Mississippi.

Motion No. 1.

"That upon the request of any state organization the columns of The Party Builder shall be opened at least once each month for any state party official matter.

"That the above party official matter, together with any state news items, may be inserted, either in a state, sectional or national edition of The Party Builder, at the discretion of the executive secretary.

"That the executive secretary be given sixty days' time after the adoption of this motion to work out a plan for the state and sectional editions of The Party Builder containing the state's official business."

Comment.

By RAYMOND of Mississippi: "Knowing from experience the great difficulty there is in keeping the movement informed of all the current happenings of the state, and feeling that now, as the Appeal to Reason has suspended the special edition for the Southeast, there is a pressing need of some means of cheap communication from the state offices of the South to their membership, I hope the National Office, the N. E. C., as well as the entire membership, will give this matter careful consideration:

"One of the best means to make The Party Builder popular in the South with the membership will be when they will be able to find therein something that is actually transpiring in his own state."

By DIETZ of Louisiana: "It seems to me that this is a step looking to both economy and efficiency in the handling of state party official matter."
 (The vote will close March 4.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE.

Motion by Wilson: To reconsider both motions referring to headquarters: (1) The motion to remain at 111 North Market street, if it can be secured; (2) the motion not to pay more than \$2,500 per annum.

Voting yes: Wilson, Berger, Maurer, Germer.
 Voting no: Goebel.
 Motion carried.

Herewith is submitted for vote of your committee the following motion by Wilson:

"That the national executive secretary be authorized to enter into contract with Mr. Friend for national headquarters in the bank building at the corner of Halsted and Madison."

COMMENT: "The present quarters at 111 N. Market street are in a building not adapted to office use. The balance of the building is occupied mostly by printing firms. Being on the second floor, the light is not good. The new quarters will save on the light bill, and will enable the various departments to be segregated, which will reduce noise and confusion and result in greater efficiency."

In this age of almost numberless papers, hardly anyone ever wants to subscribe for a new paper. Subscriptions are secured by someone soliciting, which often means insisting on a sub. That's the way to get P. B. subs. Your victim may give up his quarter unwillingly at the time, but if he is a Socialist he will thank you later for insisting.

Do you believe that we will never get the Co-operative Commonwealth till we are organized sufficiently to manage the nation's industries? If you do, then push the subs to this paptr. It talks and works for organization every week.

Responses from local secretaries to our request to send lists of members are coming in splendidly. If your local secretary has not sent the names and addresses of your local membership, push him up. We want all the names on your book, whether in good standing or not. We want to reach them all, and if we have the delinquents we may be able to do your local a service.

If you by any chance get some of our special literature offers that you think good call the attention of your local to them.

NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1914.

	RECEIPTS.		1914	1913
	1913	1914		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.
Alabama	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
Arizona		21.00	41.00	22.50
Arkansas	49.90	62.45	15.90	11.55
California	236.80	232.15	251.85	215.90
Colorado	74.00	48.20	55.60	54.00
Connecticut	59.80	65.35	81.35	90.40
Delaware		10.00	1.50	11.00
Dist. of Columbia	11.50	15.00	10.00	10.00
Florida	31.00	25.00	35.00	50.00
Georgia	5.00			10.00
Idaho	60.85	25.55	61.05	53.35
Illinois	296.30	377.15	374.20	364.50
Indiana	125.50	81.05	112.95	127.75
Iowa	61.30	54.10	87.15	103.35
Kansas	103.65	80.90	157.80	157.85
Kentucky	20.00	10.00	20.00	15.00
Louisiana	20.00	25.00	30.00	20.00
Maine	26.00	15.10	17.00	36.75
Maryland	25.95	12.70	28.60	14.90
Massachusetts	214.20	305.00	236.90	244.45
Michigan	128.50	114.10	223.85	161.15
Minnesota	244.80	145.10	421.35	263.35
Mississippi	10.00		10.00	10.00
Missouri	104.85	91.65	108.25	132.50
Montana	84.60	59.75	103.50	102.40
Nebraska	83.00	21.00	20.50	52.40
New Hampshire	40.00	30.65	28.00	28.10
Nevada	56.65		67.75	53.35
New Jersey	153.45	212.35	152.75	173.00
New Mexico	10.00		10.00	7.00
New York	547.00	530.75	456.00	450.80
North Carolina		10.00		12.00
North Dakota	56.15	117.90	129.50	82.00
Ohio	207.35	321.20	292.90	342.40
Oklahoma	150.50	150.50	500.50	200.00
Oregon	50.00	53.00	76.40	98.00
Pennsylvania	380.85	602.55	374.50	395.85
Rhode Island	45.75	19.05	21.30	23.80
South Carolina	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
South Dakota	10.00	42.50	15.00	25.00
Tennessee	11.50	8.00	15.00	13.00
Texas	101.10	53.20	102.50	100.60
Utah	13.30	13.00	21.85	39.25
Vermont	24.50	6.05	23.50	1.00
Virginia	10.00	13.00	22.30	12.30
Washington	248.10	94.80	214.45	296.30
West Virginia	26.60	55.50	37.80	2.00
Wisconsin	186.15	165.10	261.70	233.85
Wyoming	46.85	35.35	24.15	45.05
Unorganized—				
Alaska	8.00	10.00	40.00	60.00
Honolulu	10.00			
Members at large	.40	2.30	.55	5.65
	\$4,442.15	\$4,459.05	\$5,414.90	\$5,060.35

Total for dues	\$ 5,414.90
Supplies and buttons	843.49
Literature	843.49
Party Builder subs.	485.49
Outstanding accounts paid	197.51
Colorado strike fund	81.80
Fund for strikers' children	3,869.33
Calumet strike fund	1,737.20
Special assessment	429.95
Party Builder advertising	22.82
Information department	5.00
Furniture and fixtures sold	15.00
Lyceum deficit	4.25
Refund, expenses of children's fund	199.45
Miscellaneous	63.99
Total receipts	\$13,593.55
Bank balance January 1	2,281.79
	\$15,875.34

EXPENDITURES.	
General postage	\$ 363.84
General expense	63.88
To creditors and organizers	3,611.49
Executive committee meeting	180.00
Washington state committee, balance on dues stamp account	100.00
Taxes (State of Illinois)	157.29
Fund for strikers' children (Dec.)	767.73
Fund for strikers' children (Jan.)	3,117.83
Calumet strike fund	1,737.20
Colorado strike fund	81.80
Michigan investigation committee	245.66
Exchange on outside checks	20.05
Miscellaneous	709.70
	\$11,156.47

WAGES (FIVE WEEKS).	
Executive Department—	
Walter Lanfersiek, executive secretary	144.20
Bertha Hale Brown, stenographer	95.60
Daisy Fleming Carr, bookkeeper	105.00
Annie Rodger, filing clerk	54.08
Anna Campbell, mailing list	19.00
Ida Levin, telephone	14.00
Julius Raetz, night watchman	50.00
Woman's Department—	
Winnie E. Branstetter, general corr.	\$ 105.00
M. H. Relly	63.28
Information Department—	
Carl D. Thompson, director	\$ 140.00
Florence M. Swan, stenographer	90.00
Ethelwyn Mills, stenographer	88.00
Eleanor Spaeth, typist and filing clerk	60.00
Party Builder Department—	
A. W. Ricker, circulation manager	\$ 40.00
Calla Madden, stenographer	38.00
Anna Campbell, mailing list	39.15
Ida Levin, clerk	14.00
Mary Klopstein, clerk	17.01
Anna Herth, clerk	17.01
Literature Department—	
A. W. Ricker, manager	\$ 100.00
Calla Madden, stenographer	38.36
Jennie Kewitz, order clerk	79.55
Ida Soler, shipping clerk	66.95
Anna Campbell, orders	19.00
Robert Sindelar, office boy	56.46
Ida Levin, clerk	14.00
	481.28
	168.28
	378.00
	165.17

S. Diamond, clerk	55.44
Mary Klopstein, clerk	18.00
Anna Herth, clerk	18.00
Young People's Department—	466.58
J. A. Rogers, Jr., director	90.00
Foreign Department—	
J. W. Sarlund, Finnish	\$ 125.00
Joseph Corti, Italian	95.00
Joseph Novak, Bohemian	95.00
H. Gluski, Polish	105.00
A. Dreifuss, German	95.00
A. Loewy, Hungarian	95.00
N. J. Christensen, Scandinavian	95.00
Alex Susnar, South Slavic	95.00
J. B. Salutsky, Jewish	95.00
Paul Bruchtel, Slovak	75.00
	970.00

Total wages	\$ 2,719.31
ORGANIZERS' WORK.	
Geo. H. Goebel	75.50
Janet F. Korngold	78.00
Total expenditures	\$14,029.28
Bank balance February 1, 1914	1,846.06
	\$15,875.34

OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH OF JANUARY.	
Rent	\$ 191.67
Wages	2,719.31
Telephone	24.55
General expense	61.58
Light	29.87
Headquarters committee	.75
Exchange on checks	20.05
Interest on note	7.50
Referendum and balloting expenses	102.64
Michigan investigation committee	245.66
Executive committee meeting	360.90
Free literature	51.95
Taxes	157.29
Lyceum deficit	12.62
Information department	25.60
Woman's department	36.75
Literature department	526.39
Party Builder department	922.81
Young people's department	7.18
Executive department	181.53
Supplies and buttons purchased	54.25
Literature purchased	551.54
Office stationery and supplies purchased	125.85
	\$ 6,418.24

REVENUE ACCOUNTS.	
Special voluntary assessment	\$ 429.95
Party Builder advertising	149.27
Party Builder subscriptions	480.49
National dues	5,414.90
Supplies and buttons (sales)	347.00
Literature (sales)	1,119.32
Contributions	3.20
	\$ 7,944.13

ASSETS.	
Bank balance February 1, 1914	\$ 1,846.06
Petty cash on hand	25.00
Outstanding accounts	992.55
Library—information department	807.86
Furniture and fixtures	5,117.14
Loan to South Slavic federation	50.00
Arizona state organization for speaker's serv.	21.00
Stereopticons	61.00
Supplies and buttons (inventory)	3,038.87
Literature (inventory)	8,314.87
Office stationery and supplies (inventory)	750.00
Unexpired insurance	44.08
Note Socialist and Labor Star	100.00
Chicago Daily World	47.78
Local Cook County, Illinois	9.43
District committee, D. C.	20.00
The Rand School	47.00
Cuts and electros	748.00
Social Democratic Publishing Co.	16.00
Jewish Labor World	7.08
P. Mitchell	6.30
	\$22,070.02

LIABILITIES.	
Speakers, Organizers and Lyceum Lectures—	
Prudence Stokes Brown	\$ 15.00
H. F. Kendall	15.00
Mary L. Gents	15.00
Emil Seidel	175.00
J. L. Engdahl	100.00
T. J. Lewis	15.00
W. J. Millard	40.00
Geo. F. Parsons	20.00
Jas. Hoogerhyde	10.00
Anna A. Maley	100.00
Carrie W. Allen	45.00
Wm. F. Barnard	50.00
Ernest T. Behrens	75.00
Wm. Bessemer	70.00
Jas. F. Carey	87.20
Geo. Willis Cooke	45.00
Amy S. Edmunds	20.00
Geo. F. Hibner	90.00
C. B. Hoffman	100.00
Walter Huggins	20.00
Robert Knight	65.00
Guy H. Lockwood	38.12
Luella Twining	269.70
W. B. Killingsbeck	43.75
	\$ 1,523.77

Appropriations—	
Alaska territorial secretary	\$ 75.00
Lettish organization	100.00
Slovak section	25.00
Wisconsin Fourth and Fifth Con. Dis.	396.30
Pennsylvania Twenty-second Con. D.	100.00
North Dakota Third Con. Dis.	150.00
State committee of New Jersey	125.00
State of Mississippi	40.00
State of Louisiana	30.00
State of Alabama	15.00
West Virginia free speech fund	200.00
State committee of North Carolina	75.00
	1,331.30
Due National and Executive Committee—	
Victor L. Berger	\$ 11.40
S. E. Beardsley	15.00
Frank Altoonen	10.00
C. J. Ball	20.00
A. Carlson	20.00
Lewis J. Duncan	45.00
Frank A. Houck	15.00
Fred Hurst	126.99
Kate Richards O'Hare	15.60
N. A. Richardson	376.95
C. G. Hutchisson	20.00
T. E. Latimer	15.00
Arthur Le Sueur	44.70
Gustave A. Strelbel	10.00
M. F. Wiltse	10.00
State committee of Pennsylvania	220.02
Morris Hillquit	75.00
	1,050.66

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Information Department

CARL D. THOMPSON, Director

PURPOSE—To collect, classify and make available all data and information on economic, political and social problems. To assist elected officials with such information as they may need in the discharge of their duties. Address all communications to

SOCIALIST PARTY, Information Department
111 North Market Street
Chicago, Illinois

THE CITY'S DUTY TO THE UNEMPLOYED.

Every city can give work to many unemployed by providing for:

- Shorter workdays for all municipal employes.
- Thorough cleaning the streets and alleys and public buildings, particularly schools.
- Repairing and paving of streets.
- Upkeep, repair and installation of street lights and signs.
- Erection of needed school buildings and municipal lodging houses.
- Construction of public works.

Better transportation service—in this way more cars would have to be run and more conductors and motormen employed.

Objections to this program will be raised because of "hard times," "lack of funds," etc. In 1907 a Socialist in the council of Two Harbors, Minnesota, proposed a similar plan, which was met by these objections, but the Socialist argued that the city had to feed and clothe the unemployed anyway, and that because of "hard times" the city could purchase material and equipment cheaper and on better terms than under ordinary circumstances; therefore, it was a matter of business sense and judgment to put the men to work and free them from charity. His plan was adopted.

A similar plan was proposed by John C. Kennedy in an editorial in the "Workers' World," January 3, 1913, in which he pointed out the need of Chicago for better transportation service, garbage disposal, etc. The municipal authorities have not acted upon his suggestions, however. How far afield from it they have worked may be judged by the following: The unemployed were offered work cleaning the streets and alleys. It was proposed, not to increase the force, which could easily be done, but to lay off the regular "white wings" and put the jobless to work for coffee and rolls and lodging. Naturally the jobless refused to consider this ridiculous proposition. For their action they were severely criticised and word went through the country that the unemployed in Chicago were unemployed because they refused work that was offered them.

It may be that in some one city there is a great public work, unique to that particular city, that ought to be done. Through the negligence and carelessness of public officials this work is often delayed or entirely pushed aside. Socialists should point out the fact that if this particular work is taken up at his time many of the idle will have jobs. For example, in Hamilton the Socialist administration faces the problem of protection from flood waters. It is believed that in the solution of this problem, which must be a combined effort on the part of all the cities of the state in the flood district, the pressure of the unemployed will be somewhat relieved. (See The Party Builder, December 27, 1913.)

All of these suggestions, of course, are means only for the temporary solution of the problem of unemployment. Every Socialist fully realizes this. As Mr. Kennedy says in his recent editorial, above referred to:

"As long as the capitalists control the industries, and thereby control the jobs, there will always be unemployed. They will lay men and women off when work is slack. They will not run their enterprises unless they can make a profit.

"Under the present industrial system, or rather lack of system, there is no scientific adjustment of supply to demand; there are periods of feverish activity and overwork and then periods of no work at all.

"There is only one real solution of the problem of unemployment. The workers must own and operate the industries of the nation through the government. Then they will control their own jobs, and get the full equivalent of the wealth they create."

PEARSON'S FOR MARCH.

Pearson's Magazine continues to feature articles by Socialists. Probably the most interesting in the March number is "The Gun Men of Industry," by Robert Hunter, a story of the professional fighters hired by capitalists to create violence in strikes and cow the strikers.

A timely article is Charles Edward Russell's "The Fruit of the Telegraph Melon Patch." In this you will find an answer to the many recent articles in the capitalist press, contending that the service from the government owned and operated telegraph in European countries is inferior to and dearer than the service from the privately owned and operated telegraph in the United States. Russell proves that it is just the other way.

Allan L. Benson contributes another of his valuable articles on the national debt. He significantly calls it "The Hands in Your Pockets."

NOTE—"The Handbook of Municipal Accounting," which was reviewed in the Party Builder of January 31, is published by A. Appleton & Company, 29 West 32d street, New York City.

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PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

The following books are recommended to those who are studying the question of proportional representation:

1. "The Representative Council Plan of City Charter" and "Effective Voting." Pamphlets by C. G. Hoag, published by American Proportional Representation League. May be secured without charge from Information Department of Socialist party, or from C. G. Hoag, Haverford, Pa.

2. "Proportional Representation," by John H. Humphrys. Complete and exhaustive treatment. Best book on the subject, \$1.50. May be ordered from National Office, Socialist party.

3. Rules for conducting an election under proportional representation, according to the Hare Single Transferable Vote Plan—prepared by C. G. Hoag—quite explicit and simple, gives a sample ballot, etc. May be secured by addressing C. G. Hoag, Haverford, Pa.

A similar set of working rules may be secured from Robert Tyson, 10 Harbord street, Toronto, Canada.

4. A Draft of City Charter, with proportional representation worked out and other details in accord with Socialist principles, to be used as a basis for charter making, may be secured from Information Department, Socialist party, 111 N. Market street, Chicago.

5. Proportional Representation Review. Quarterly issue of Equity Series. Dr. C. F. Taylor, 1520 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., 15c an issue; 50c a year.

6. American Proportional Representation League, 10 Harbord street, Toronto, Canada; Robert Tyson, secretary. Primer of Direct Legislation and Proportional Representation, and other pamphlets.

7. Library of Congress; list of books with references to periodicals, on Proportional Representation 1904. Washington, D. C.

8. Encyclopedia of Social Reform. Bliss. Article on P. R. pp. 975-978.

9. "Proportional Representation." John R. Commons (1907). MacMillan Company, New York.

10. "The City for the People." Frank Parsons. Ch. V. pp. 475-478; also pp. 632-636. May be ordered from National Office. Paper 50c.

LIBRARIES.

Suggestions on the Conduct of Libraries and the Possible Work of a Socialist on a Library Board.

By Josephine Kulzick, Assistant in Milwaukee Public Library.

It seems to me that one of the first things for which a library in a large city should strive is to establish branches among the people as rapidly as possible and stock them with the kind of books that will prove most useful in the locality, keeping in mind the nationality and work of those for whom the books are designed. People of scant education are bewildered by the necessary formalities of a large institution and to not use a central library as much as they might often for no other reason than this. They feel more at home in a smaller place and get much more real good from it.

At the central library there should be an information desk with an attendant whose sole business it should be to explain the system of the library and direct patrons to whatever they happen to be seeking in the way of knowledge or information. Some people don't know what they want, others know but don't know how to get it or what to call for. The catalogs don't help them and they wander from pillar to post confused and discouraged. To many the card index is such a puzzle that they prefer to go without a book rather than learn how to find a number. The regular attendants do not have the time even when they have the inclination to pay as much attention to newcomers as they ought to get.

Also, every large library ought to have a library visitor on its staff, that is, an employe whose chief duty it would be to go before groups of people everywhere in stores, factories, schools, clubs, churches and even homes, explaining that the library offers to them in the way of free education and entertainment and stimulating an interest in its use. This is not done anywhere so far as I know, and until it is done the library will not attain its fullest use. Libraries now draw only those who have a natural impetus towards books and whom the schools and chance drive in. That larger class who most need the ministrations of the library know little about it and care less. They have not been aroused to what it might do for them.

A progressive library, too, will be equipped with an auditorium where free lectures may be given

to adults and children. Children's rooms are now so generally accepted as an important feature of the library system that it is not necessary for me to mention that. A good children's department serves as a training school in the use of the library.

The Cleveland public library offers the best example of what may be accomplished with branches as agencies for intellectual and social improvement. Providence is doing exceptional work with foreigners.

The extension feature in library service is only beginning to be utilized as it should be. The Socialists could do much towards quickening its growth if they realized how practical the work can be made in its ultimate results. The Library School of the Western Reserve University is now offering a course on "The public library and community welfare." That shows which way the wind is blowing.

Most libraries are in need of improvements along the line of poor wages paid to the girls in the bindery and repair departments and poor working conditions for such departments, such as dark basements, etc.

A library can also often be improved by specializing along the lines of collecting the best technical books, that will be of use in educating ambitious young people who are not able to take school courses; and by having assistants particularly trained along these lines, who will take an interest in superintending these reading courses. In this way a library can be made a sort of college for the common people.

Every state has a different way of selecting library boards. Suffice it to say that a little culture would not be amiss and might help to a better understanding of the community's need. And—this is important as women predominate in library work—their interests would be better served and understood if there were some women on the board.

LEGAL ADVICE.

Qualifications for District Attorney and Superior Judge—California.

Question: What are the qualifications for district attorney and superior judge in the state of California?

Answer: **District Attorney.** Section 4023 of the Political Code of the state of California provides: "No person is eligible to a county, district or township office who at the time of his election, is not of the age of twenty-one years or over, a citizen of the state, and an elector of the county, district or township, or other division in which the duties of the office are to be exercised; provided that no person shall hereafter be eligible to the office of district attorney who has not been admitted to practice in the supreme court of the state of California."—Cameron H. King.

Superior Judge. Code of Civil Procedure, page 86, paragraph 157, provides: "No person shall be eligible to the office of judge of a superior court unless he shall have been a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state (California) for two years next preceding his election or appointment, nor unless he shall have been admitted to practice before the supreme court of this state."

No property qualification is required. The candidate must reside at the county seat of the county in which such court is held, or within three miles thereof; provided when there is more than one judge of the superior court in one county it shall not be necessary for more than one to reside in the county seat.—Kaspar Bauer.

BOOK REVIEW.

War and Waste, by David Starr Jordan, published by Doubleday, Page & Company, Garden City, New York, 1913. \$1.50. Cloth, 290 pp., and appendix.

"War and Waste" is a compilation of nine disconnected essays, all dealing more or less directly with the subject of the wastefulness of war, and 38 editorials, classed together under the heading, "What Shall We Say," showing the same attitude toward various definite political situations of today. The second part is an application of the principles of the first part to the world's immediate problems, convincing us that the theories are virile enough to grapple with facts.

Dr. Jordan's attitude is that war on a large scale is already obsolete, and his plea is rather against the burden of armed peace than the horrors of war itself. He bases his belief, first, on the fact that the world can no longer afford war, and second, that business interests will no longer stand for the interruption of big wars. The "sinews of war are not soldiers, but money," and already Europe's war debt is almost one-fourth the world's entire stock of gold! And now, in time of peace, we in the United States put about two-thirds of our annual income, or about \$800,000 per day, into military affairs. He believes, allowing for all other causes, it is these immense war debts and expenditures that are more responsible than any other thing for the steady rise in the cost of living. "The common man has too many mouths to feed, besides his own and his family," for out of his pockets comes the support for all the soldiers, sailors, manufacturers of war implements, other parasites of war, and the incompetents left by war.

But the small wars we are still having are financed, and usually incited, by combinations of capital, "interlocking directorates," and "higher politics" is merely the exploitation of business interests in foreign lands so that public expenditure is turned to private gain, which is "the essence of privilege." The wars are all made easier to manipulate by the fact that the nations are armed, ready to fight at the least provocation, armaments thus proving an incentive to war, rather than a guard to peace.

The absurdity of modern war scares is also shown up, brought about every spring by the "war lobbies," and promulgated through the "Armor-Plate Press," to increase the annual military and naval appropriations. The talk of war with Japan in particular has no foundations, because she can't afford it, and because she is really friendly to us.

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PLAN OF WORK FOR WOMEN.

Anna A. Maley, National Woman's Committee.

Not only are working women not organized into the Socialist party, but for the most part they have not sufficient knowledge of Socialism to make them good organization material.

What is the most effective method for educating women? Possibly we shall have arrived at a correct answer when we have found the best method for educating men. I believe that distribution of literature is the cheapest and most effective way of spreading the Socialist thought.

The answer may come, "We have tried that plan and it would not work." Now, it may be that your plan would not work or that the comrades would not work. Assuredly the literature will work if it is distributed.

I can do no better than to submit for the consideration of all locals and women's committees the plan which we have adopted in our class on organization methods at the Rand School. This plan I have offered to many locals. Now for the first time I have an opportunity to personally supervise its carrying out.

Our class numbers twenty workers. Each squad of five has its organizer. We are in the heart of a working class district. The organizers went out together and selected territory in which each group was to work, being careful to avoid conflict. Then each organizer assigned to each of his workers a number of tenement houses, from which were to be selected twenty-five families to be visited weekly. We ordered 10,000 leaflets from the National Office, 5,000 general leaflets and 5,000 special for the woman's propoganda. As we are covering 500 homes we ordered 500 of a kind. In making his twenty-five calls the worker hands out fifty leaflets, a general leaflet and a woman's leaflet to each family. Our workers have carried canvassers' cards and have interviewed their prospects. We have a large field here in New York and we thus have the opportunity to work along the lines of least resistance, handing the literature to only those who consent to read it. We have made our seventh visit here and have a record of those visited—name, address, nationality, employment, union, and in some instances politics and religion.

We were viewed with some suspicion at first, but now we have established friendly relations with most of those upon whom we call. We plan to issue invitations for a meeting at the School, where some social features will be offered and a simple talk upon Socialism given.

I can cover my territory in thirty-five minutes. It lies within three tenement buildings and I climb to the fourth floor in each of these.

Our workers have stayed with the work. The secret of their perseverance is, first, that the canvass requires but very little time; second, there are encouraging results from the work; and, third, once each week when the class assembles, each member is required to respond to roll call with a one-minute report on his work.

All city locals and the locals in smaller towns can organize for distribution upon this plan.

The best results will be obtained if an organizer who is adapted to the work of interviewing and interesting people will make the initial call, card up the houses to be canvassed and then turn the territory over to some worker who will cover it each week. The canvasser should keep one set of cards, the local organizer another. Thus if a worker drops out his territory can easily be assigned to another.

Cards should give information as to the citizenship of the prospects. Material is thus secured for naturalization committees.

PROPAGANDA IN TRADES UNIONS.

While visiting locals in the interests of organization, our organizers should endeavor to have the locals elect all trades union members committees for distribution in their respective unions. All union members may constitute a committee of the local to confer upon the matter of leaflets to be distributed and the local should furnish these leaflets. It would be an excellent thing if all trade union members in our larger cities would form a conference which should not organize formally but which should meet when occasion required. There frequently arise general labor situations concerning which there should be unanimous action and attitude by Socialist members of trades unions.

Propaganda among woman trades unionists could be carried on by Socialist members of the various organizations without the appointment of special committees and without the expenditure of unnecessary or extra time in visiting.

FREEZING CHILDREN RELIEVED THROUGH EFFORTS OF SOCIALIST PARTY.

The following letters were received by the National Office of the Socialist party under date of February 4:

Woman's Department, Socialist Party,
111 N. Market St., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade: I beg to acknowledge receipt of nine cases of boys' shoes, two cases of clothing, consisting of 131 boys' suits, 73 pairs knee pants and five cases of fiirls' shoes, forwarded by you to be distributed for the benefit of the striking miners' freezing children. Kindly extend my sincere thanks in behalf of the striking miners' children to the National Socialist Party and assure them that we highly appreciate your good work of lightening the burden of the suffering little children. With best wishes to you, I am

Fraternally yours,

C. E. HIETALA,

Sec'y-Treas. Copper District Union No. 16,

Western Federation of Miners.

Dear Comrade: Yours of late date enclosing bill of lading for nine cases shoes, two cases clothing and five cases shoes at hand. The goods have arrived and are being sent to the strike zone. Am awaiting the arrival of the balance of the purchase mentioned by you.

With a comrade's greeting and tendering thanks for the Socialists' splendid work for our children, I am,

Yours fraternally,

C. W. SELLERS,

Sec'y Miners' Union.

The items mentioned in these letters were forwarded to the strike districts, as a result of the very liberal contributions of Socialist locals, union organizations and individuals to the strike children's relief fund. In addition to these items we have this week forwarded 96 dozen pairs hose, 90 dozen suits underwear, 360 girls' cloaks and 550 girls' hoods.

The contributions have already reached \$4,730.08. We will continue to send clothing into these districts as long as the fund lasts and the strike continues.

The women of Reading, Pennsylvania, hold monthly suppers in their headquarters. They have a full kitchen equipment. Their supper hour is such that the families of the working class can attend and need prepare no supper at home. The staple of the supper is baked beans, sauerkraut, or some simple and hearty article of diet. Coffee, pickles, doughnuts and sauce round out the meal and most of the food is contributed. These suppers have become a welcome feature in the monthly program of the working class of Reading and very naturally the men and women who come to eat with the Socialists come also to hear the lecturers who visit the city under the auspices of the local.

ALASKA CITIZENS ON EQUAL PLANE.

New Territory Not Only Gives Women Vote but Extends to Them Civil Rights.

This year the women of Alaska were given full suffrage in the first bill passed by the territorial legislature. Now they have been placed on an equality with men in respect to civil rights. Section 495 of the compiled laws of Alaska, 1913, reads:

"All laws which impose or recognize civil disability on a wife which is not imposed or recognized as existing as to the husband, are hereby repealed; and for any unjust usurpation of her property or natural rights she shall have the same right to appeal in her own name alone to all courts for redress that the husband has."

This section is typical of the laws of Alaska. A woman there, whether married or single, has the same civil rights that a man has. This status is not the result of mere chivalry, but is based upon the fundamental proposition that the wives and sisters of Alaskans are as good as the men, and have equal burdens with them in extending civilization into that undeveloped region.

GREAT BRITAIN.

National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.

This great National Union of law abiding suffragists now contains 455 societies, with a membership of over 45,000. Besides all the usual work of meetings, canvassings and distributing literature, the National Union has inaugurated a great educational campaign which has taken the form of child study. Lists of books and courses of lectures are recommended upon (1) Infant Mortality, (2) Children in the Schools, (3) Defective Children, (4) Delinquent Children, (5) State Children, (6) Employment of Children, (7) Legal Position of the Child.

TEST CASE ON MINIMUM WAGE LAW FOR WOMEN.

The first decision has been rendered on the constitutionality of the minimum wage law for women and children in the state of Oregon. In a test case brought by a paper box manufacturer, Judge Cleeton of the circuit court at Portland, held last week that the minimum wage law is constitutional. The plaintiff will now carry the case to the state supreme court, where a decision will be rendered early the coming year. It is understood that the capitalistic interests in Oregon and neighboring states supported the complainant in the case and the outcome of the contest has been watched with unusual interest by the working people of the Pacific coast, as similar laws are in existence in Washington and California, while steps are being taken in Montana and other states to secure the enactment of similar measures. Public opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of minimum wage laws on the coast and it is unlikely that the courts will attempt to defy the general sentiment.

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Lettish Branch No. 1, Boston, Mass.	53.16
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W. S. S. Club, Englewood, Colo.	2.00
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Local Cordova, Alaska.	1.35
Collected by W. E. McIntosh, Davenport, Iowa.	10.25
Bay View Woman's Club, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wis.	5.00
German Branch New York, N. Y.	4.10
Lithuanian Branch and Comrades, Milwaukee, Wis.	1.75
Employes Moss Cigar Factory, Lancaster, Pa.	5.00
Scandinavian Branch New York, N. Y.	10.16
List by E. T. Melms, Milwaukee, Wis.	31.10
C. N. No. 1748, Milwaukee, Wis.	20.00
Branch 2 & Comrades, Ridgewood, N. Y.	10.35
Collected by Huntington, W. Va.	8.10
List by E. T. Melms, Milwaukee, Wis.	58.60
Frank Novak, Chicago, Ill.	1.00
Bohemian Branch E. St. Louis, Ill.	5.00
Mr. Mork, Chicago, Ill.	.50
Louis Wahling, Buck Cannon, W. Va.	3.50
Local Yuma, Ariz.	4.00
From Minneapolis, Minn.	31.24
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SOCIALISM'S PROMISE.

In all great movements making for human progress it has been those who were the best educated and trained who have proved the most valuable in spreading knowledge regarding their movement and in putting its policies into operation.

This is also true of the world-wide movement of Socialism.

The less knowledge you possess, the less able you will be to impress others and the less important a place will you occupy in the struggle for working class emancipation.

It is true that most young men and women have been denied the advantages of a proper schooling by being forced into the industrial world to work for a living at an early age.

It is true that after your day of toil is over you are too exhausted on many occasions to pursue any study. But, regardless of all obstacles, if you desire to be a more powerful factor in the struggle for Socialism, you will ever strive to extend the horizon of your learning.

The men and women who are the most prominent and the most valuable to the Socialist movement of the United States today are those who possessed a great thirst for knowledge in their youth. Practically all of them had to undergo the same struggle which the young folk of the working class are enduring today.

Morris Hillquit started life as a shirt maker; Eugene V. Debs began work as a locomotive fireman; John Spargo started to toil at an early age as a breaker boy in a coal mine, and Victor Berger worked as a laborer upon arriving in the United States. Most of the prominent men and women in the American Socialist movement began life in similar fashion.

The former shirt maker is now able to reach millions through the magazines and render valuable legal assistance to the workers during time of strife.

The former locomotive fireman has carried the message of Socialism to all parts of the nation and is known as one of the greatest orators of the age.

The former coal breaker lad has written more books on Socialism than any other person in the world.

The former German laborer has become one of the most powerful editorial writers in the nation and a political general greatly feared by the capitalist class.

It is not possible for every working class youth to become a Debs, a Hillquit, a Spargo or a Berger, but they can become a much more powerful factor in the Socialist movement than they now are.

Dances, entertainments and games are necessary for young folk to get the greatest happiness of life, but they are not enough. Young people's Socialist leagues should not devote all their time to these pursuits, nor should members of the leagues, as individuals, be satisfied with these things alone.

The organization of classes of various kinds should be vigorously pushed. Such classes should not be confined to the study of Socialism, but should branch out into the fields of the natural sciences, history, English, anthropology, argumentation and debate, psychology and similar subjects which will prove interesting as well as instructive. Each study will give a wider conception of the Socialist philosophy to the students. Students should supplement this study with home reading. Every young people's Socialist league can thus build up a worker's college.

A great daily Socialist press will be developed in this country, just as has been done in other nations. Men and women of education and talent will be needed to gather and edit the news for these papers. If you wish to enter this work you must have the education necessary to fit you for it.

Better Socialist speakers and lecturers are wanted—those who understand the constructive side of the Socialist philosophy. The young men and women who wish to enter this field must be prepared for it.

There is a growing demand for men and women who can administer the government of a city, county or state; who can handle the administrative detail in a manner that will win approbation for the working class. Those who hope to make this their life's work must fit themselves for it.

In many cities and towns throughout the nation the Socialist party is forced to leave the places for city attorney, judges, and others requiring legal knowledge, vacant on their ticket because they have not lawyers who can fill the places. Many Socialist administrations have been elected with a capitalist politician filling the positions which demand a man with a knowledge of law. They have handicapped the Socialist administrations in every possible way. Thousands of Socialist lawyers will be needed. If you wish to undertake this work you must study for it.

As the Socialists continue to secure control of more cities and towns, men and women will be

wanted who are not only good physicians, but also Socialists. Those who care to perform this service must learn the profession.

Thousands of technical experts of various kinds will be needed and should you want to fill such a position you must do much preparatory work and study.

The Socialist movement presents the greatest field of opportunity to the ambitious young man or woman. If you wish to become a more vital force in this movement you must begin the preparatory work now—you must start to study today.

All can not reach the highest pinnacle of success, but you can all make the Socialist party a stronger, better, more wonderful organization by developing yourselves—for you are to comprise the Socialist movement of the future.

Therefore, let no young person be satisfied to remain as he is. The future is full of promise to those young people who want to become bigger men and women. A wonderful field of opportunity is opening before them.

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SOCIALIST UNITY IN ENGLAND.

A union of the Socialist parties of Great Britain, through the Labor party, now seems assured.

The International Socialist Bureau met in London this year, principally for the purpose of securing a united Socialist movement for England.

There are three principal Socialist parties in Great Britain: the Independent Labor party, with 50,000 members; the British Socialist party, with 10,000 members, and the Fabian society, with 5,000 members. The Independent Labor party, the Fabian society, the co-operatives and the trade unions are organized into the Labor party. All candidates for office run as Labor candidates, and their campaigns are managed by the national administrative council of the Labor party. The Labor party has accepted Socialism as its fundamental principle, but it does not make it obligatory upon its members. Most of the candidates who run under the auspices of the Labor party are well-known Socialists and make Socialism the issue in their campaigns.

The British Socialist party, though aligning itself with the Labor party originally, soon withdrew. Their main objection against the Labor party was that they could not run as Labor and Socialist candidates. Vandervelde, who presided over the Bureau meetings, described the difficulties as merely technical.

The following resolution was finally adopted: "That in view of the desirability of securing Socialist unity on the basis of common action through the Labor party, this conference requests the representatives of the three bodies to lay before their members the question of putting forward a proposal to the Labor party conference in 1915, permitting any candidate who may wish it to describe himself as a Labor and Socialist candidate."

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