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NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCES

PAINE & BOCK AUDIT CO.,

Accountants and Auditors,

546 Commercial National Bank Building.

CHICAGO, December 13, 1910.

Messrs. Berlyn and Sissman, Auditors of the Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill.:

Gentlemen—Having accepted your assignment to audit the books of the National Office of the Socialist Party, we beg leave to report that we have audited the books of accounts for the period April 1, 1910, to December 1, 1910, and submit herewith:

For the period April 1, 1910, to December 1, 1910—

Statement of Receipts,

Statement of Expenditures,

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures,
all of which we hereby certify to be correct, subject to the attached Schedule of Errors and Differences.

Our work for the above period comprehended the following:

Verified entries of cash received and distribution of same, with stubs of Secretary's receipts.

Secretary's receipts.

Verified entries of cash paid and distribution of same, with canceled checks, and receipts for expenditures, pasted in receipt book.

Verified footings of cash received.

Verified footings of cash expenditures.

Verified copies of shipping tickets, with entries of cash received.

Made tests of orders, for which no shipping tickets were made, with cash

received.
Verified "Mileage Reserve Fund," in separate bank account.

We counted the cash in the hands of the cashier on December 9, 1910, and found the same in agreement with the balance shown by the cash book on that date.

We made bank reconciliation under date of December 9, 1910, and found that the total of the checks outstanding, added to the balance shown by the check book (less exchange of \$1.80 on December deposits), exceeded the balance shown by the bank statement on that date by \$2.00. This amount of \$2.00 is accounted for by the following checks being returned by the bank and held by the Secretary: John H. DeLury \$1.00, not sufficient funds; J. Geinitz, Treasurer, \$1.00, signature not complete.

We wish to commend your system of accounting, which is neat, simple and comprehensive, although we submit, under separate cover, a few recommendations for improvement.

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Respectfully submitted,
PAINE & BOCK AUDIT CO.,
Per H. S. PAINE.

APRIL 1, 1910, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1910.

RECEIPTS.	
Dues	\$22,878.65
Supplies	795.40
Literature	4,603.89
Buttons	1,109.85
Campaign Fund	3,698.85
Milwaukee Campaign Fund	25.10
Minnesota Primary Law	214.10
New Castle (Pa.) F. P. Fund	250.31
Mileage assessment	3,797.80
Political Refugee Fund	16.40
Subscription to Daily Socialist	5.50
Refunds	165.51
Miscellaneous	7.81
Karl M. Liebknecht	850.00
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	\$38,419.17
EXPENDITURES.	
Exchange	\$ 45.77
General expenses	205.89
Express and freight	1,772.55
Postage	
Telegrams and 'phone	324.20
Wages	5,497.75
Speakers	
Printing and supplies	5,449.55
Literature	
Office equipment	STREET CHANGE AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER, THE PARTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PA
Rent	
Light	
Buttons	00001
Stationery and mimeograph supplies	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH
Minnesota Primary Law	
Milwaukee Campaign Fund	
N. E. C. meetings	
Miscellaneous	THE ROTAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS.
Reserve Mileage Fund	
Bulletin	
Congress expenses	
Committee and delegates	CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF T
New Castle (Pa.) F. P. Fund	
National Security Bonds	
Appropriations	
Mileage	
International Congress delegates	
International Socialist Bureau	

	,969.59
SUMMARY. Balance on hand April 1, 1910	\$ 4,247.60 38,419.17
Expenditures	\$42,666.77 39,969.59
Balance on hand December 1, 1910	.\$ 2,697.18
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. In bank Check's and money orders. Undeposited cash Petty cash	4.10

Reserve Mileage Fund, \$1,746.90.

SCHEDULE OF ERRORS AND DIFFERENCES. April 1, 1910, to December 1, 1910.

Receipt 33191, June 20, 1910—Buttons, \$2.00; entered as literature, \$2.00.

Receipt 34064, Aug. 18, 1910—Literature, \$1.00; entered as buttons, \$1.00.

Receipt 35601. Oct. 21, 1910—Nat.1 dues, 20c; entered as miscellaneous, 20c.

Voucher 55, Sept. 10, 1910—Wages, \$1.00; entered, \$3.00.

Examined and verified, and we hereby certify the same to be correct. We also verified the bank account to December 9, 1910, and found the same PAINE & BOCK AUDIT CO., By H. S. PAINE.

CHICAGO, December 14, 1910.

TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES:

Comrades-The undersigned respectfully beg to submit herewith a report

of Paine & Bock Audit Co., dated December 13, 1910, of their finding of the condition of the books of account kept at the National Office of our Party,

condition of the books of account kept at the National Office of our Party, and accept such report as our own.

We may say in explanation of our action that one of the subscribers, Bernard Berlyn, was with the auditors constantly during the time they were making the audit, and personally participated in the same, and all work was done under his personal supervision and direction. The subscriber, Peter Sissman, verified some of the items and verified all the totals, and we believe that the report is as detailed and as complete in form as one could be made, and, having no doubt of its correctness, it would be useless repetition and mere pretense for the undersigned to make a new report, pretending the same to be their own work, instead of using the prepared tables made by the auditors above named.

As to the recommendations accompanying the report of said auditors.

As to the recommendations accompanying the report of said auditors, the undersigned do not feel that the same could be adopted profitably to an institution like our Party Office, and we can only concur in recommending

two of the recommendations therein contained, to-wit:

1. That hereafter on receipts issued which are to be accounted for as "void"—that is, where no money was actually received on such receipt—the canceled receipt should be preserved and attached to the stub from which it was detached.

2. In view of the constantly increasing number of transactions and amounts involved, which in the nature of things we may expect to keep up, as it has been growing in the past, and we hope with greater acceleration, it is practically impossible to have a system of proper checks and balance between receipts and disbursements by the system of vouchers and receipts alone, and we therefore recommend the adoption of a system of book accounts in ledger form suitable for an office organization like ours.

> Fraternally yours, PETER SISSMAN, B. BERLYN.

National Secretary's Financial Report for Month of December, 1910

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National Headquarters,	A. B. Dick & Co	
Socialist Party.	P. F. Pettibone & Co 34.61	
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31, 1910.	The Heinn Co	
RECEIPTS.	Wilshire Book Co 37.50	
NATIONAL DUES FROM STATE	Fox Typewriter Co 3.70 Horder's Stationery 2.80	
COMMITTEES.	The Levytype Co 24.00	
Alabama\$ 14.00 Arizona	Refund, Local Cleveland, O. 25.00 Refund, Otto Pauls 4.50	
Arkansas 30.00	Refund, Geo. O. Ferguson 1.05 Refund, F. G. Charley 1.50	
California	Refund, J. Nicholson 1.50	
Connecticut 60.00	Miscellaneous 4.67	
Florida	Reserve mileage	
Illinois 276,00	Caroline A. Lowe, woman's correspondent 84.00	
Indiana	V. Licci, Italian translator 50.00	
Kansas 75.00	Herman Louko, Finnish translator	
Kentucky 10.00 Louisiana 13.00	WAGES.	
Maine 16.90	J. Mahlon Barnes\$125.00	
Maryland	J. C. Chase, 5 weeks 110.00	
Michigan 70.45	J. M. Work, 5 weeks. 90.00	
Minnesota	E. N. Taylor, 5 weeks 84.00	
Montana 14.15	E. M. Koop, 5 weeks. 55.00 A. B. Campbell, 5 wks. 45.00	
Nebraska	M. Schupp 25.00	
New Jersey 102 00	C. Drees 30.00 M. Altschuler 7.00	
New Mexico	Extra help 33.00 694.50	
North Dakota 33.30	SPEAKERS.	
Ohio	John W. Brown\$23.26	
Oregon 55.00	H. H. Caldwell 80.00	
Pennsylvania	Anna A. Maley 150.00 J. E. Snyder 85.90	
Tennessee 15.00	Karl Liebknecht 100.00	
Texas	Geo. H. Goebel 136.04	
Vermont 2.00	N. E. C. MEETING.	
Virginia 6.00 Washington 120.50	Geo. H. Goebel\$ 88.00	
West Virginia 40.95	Victor L. Berger 20.20	
Wisconsin	Jas. F. Carey 82.40	
\$4,036.40	John Spargo 20.50 Morris Hillquit 80.00	
	Anna A. Maley 30.00	
UNORGANIZED STATES.	M. H. Hudson 10.00	
Delaware\$ 10.00 Georgia 7.10	APPROPRIATIONS.	
Hawaii 4.00	Striking garment workers 50.00	
North Carolina 1.00	Oklahoma	
South Carolina 9.70 Members at large 2.90	Svenska Socialisten 150.00	
	Total expenditures\$6,766.10	
Total dues\$4,076.80 Supplies 452.56	SUMMARY.	
Literature 464.74	Balance on hand Dec. 1\$2,697.18	
Buttons	Receipts for month 5,249.08	
Mileage assessment 26.55	\$7,946.26	
John Spargo, lecture surplus 68.10 Connecticut organizers' acct. 19.82	Expenditures for month 6,766.10	
Miscellaneous 7.74	Balance Jan. 1, 1911\$1,180.16	
Total receipts\$5,249.08	Reserve Mileage Fund, \$2,154.60.	
	Fraternally submitted,	
EXPENDITURES.	J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.	
General expenses\$ 1.50 Exchange, November and		
December 13.57	National Congressional Campaign Fund	
	Receipts During December	
Telegrams and phone /3./8.		
Office equipment 1.60	Central Branch, Camden, N.	
Light	J	

Printing Bulletin, October. Printing Bulletin, November

B. Berlyn, auditor
Paine & Bock Audit Co
Bradner Smith & Co
Tarentum Paper Mills
Report of election

J. E. May, Buckhorn, Wyo...

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J. E. May, Buckhorn, Wyo...
J. J. Feciser, Charleston,
Wash
11 nd 17 A. D. Socialist
12 Kings Co., Brook12 N. Y.
Reno Local, Reno, Nev....
G. N. Taylor, Streator, Ill...

National Notes

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST BUREAU.

Brussels, Belgium, Nov. 22, 1910.

J. Mahlon Barnes, Chicago:
Dear Comrade — Our Executive Committee, assembled today, directed

me to forward to your party our best congratulations for the splendid re-sults of your last election. We would be grateful if you had the kindness to transmit our felici-

tations to our stalwart comrades, and we hope your success will continue.
Fraternally yours,
(Signed) CAMILLE HUYSMANS.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF FRANCE

NATIONAL COUNCIL

Paris, Nov. 15, 1910.
Secretary of the Socialist Party of the United States:

Dear Citizen Barnes—The Permanent Administrative Committee of the Socialist Party (S. F. O.) has been informed of the electoral victory gained by our Comrade Berger in Milwaukee, and has instructed me to write to you on this occasion to tell you how glad we are to see a member of the Socialist Party penetrate for the first time into the House of Representatives of the United States. This is a great event

in which we rejoice with you.

We ask you to be so kind as to transmit our congratulations to Citizen Berger, who is personally known to many of us.

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) LOUIS DUBREUILH,

Comrades Hillquit and Spargo, hav-ing been chosen delegates by the Naing been chosen delegates by the National Executive Committee, attended the convention of the Polish Socialist Alliance, held at Bridgeport, Conn., November 24. As to the results of the convention Comrade Hillquit says: "I am glad to report that the convention has decided to affiliate with the Socialist Party under the provisons of our Constitution and by an almost unanimous vote. I believe great credit for the accomplishment great credit for the accomplishment is due to Comrade Daszynski, who had prepared the ground for this action in his recent successful lecture tour."

Comrade Bostrom, State Secretary of Washington, reports the follow-

ing:
"Henry Larsen, who has been found guilty of scabbing, was expelled on November 20 by Local Bellingham, Wash. Larsen has been notoriously unfair and has taxed the patience of the local for a long time back. Spite, revenge and maliciousness, and not need, furnished his motive for scabbing. Being exceedingly active, he has been of great damage to the local, as well as to every other organization that has harbored him.

"The same local also publicly re-pudiated a former member, J. A. Sells, who has twice been elected councilman on our ticket. Sells, having used the position to ingratiate himself with the 'citizens,' felt himself strong enough to abandon hypocrisy and come out on his merits as an official. The primary law gave him a chance to file as a Socialist and an injunction would have been necessary to get him off the ticket. The local is to be congratulated for the housecleaning." the housecleaning."

Word has been received that Com-rade C. C. Ross died in Little Rock, Ark., October 17. Comrade Ross was known by many as "Captain" Ross, he having served in the confederate army. This fact secured for him a patient hearing in the advocacy of Sopatient hearing in the advocacy of Socialism in many southern communities. For a number of years Comrade Ross was active in the movement in the South and Southwest, frequently as a free lance in unorganized territory, speaking and distributing literature, and again as state organizer. He was a delegate from Oklahoma to the national convention of lahoma to the national convention of

Comrade James A. Smith has resigned the position of State Secretary of Utah owing to the fact that he is moving from the state. The State Executive Committee has unanimously elected Comrade Peter J. Holt, Box 477, Salt Lake City, to that posiiton for the unexpired term.

The Rand School of Social Science offers the following correspondence courses for students living outside of

New York City:
Course I. American History. Text-book, McMaster's "School History of the United States."
Course II. American Government.

Textbook, Ashley's "American Gov-

Course III. Socialism. Textbook, Spargo's "Socialism."

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MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sessions Held at National Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois, December 10, 11 and 12, 1910

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, DEC. 10TH.

The meeting of the National Executive Committee was called to order by National Secretary J. Mahlon Barnes at 10:30 o'clock. Comrades Berger, Carey, Goebel, Hillquit and Lewis present. Comrade Hillquit elected chairman, Comrade Hudson

LETTER OF COMRADE HUN-TER, DATED NOV. 29TH.

"Dear Barnes:-I shall be unable to attend the committee meeting on the 10th. I shall still be too weak for so long a journey. I know there will be much business to come before the committee, but I would like to urge two additional matters:

"First, I think our trade union agitation should be taken up again with renewed vigor. I think nothing our committee can do will be of greater value in the upbuilding of the move-ment. I think if we could get Tom Van Lear, Duncan McDonald, Fred C. Wheeler and men of that type, to make brief propaganda tours it would be incredibly valuable. "Second, I would like to urge again

the preparation by our committee of three or four bills to be pushed by our state organizations throughout the country and especially by Socialist members of our legislatures, and I would suggest as the two most im-portant a Trades Dispute Act and a Workman's Compensation Act. It seems to me the national organization should render this help and guidance to the local organizations.

Third, I would like to have my vote cast against any action that may be proposed dealing with those men in the movement whose organized policy it is to slander every man in whom the comrades have placed any confi-

It was decided to disregard the usual order of business and take up mis-cellaneous subjects. Comrade Barnes gave the headings of subjects to be considered in addition to those submitted in advance to the committee by correspondence, as follows: Letter from National Committee-

man Gay, of Texas, with proposed mo-tion in reference to the Warren case. Also from Comrades Geo. D. Brewer and C. E. Barker, Parsons, Kansas, in reference to the same subject and with suggestions for action by the commit-

Estimate of cost of republication of Comrade Spargo's book entitled "The Substance of Socialism."

Letter from the Socialistic Co-operative Association asking the commit-tee to co-operate with them in the

routing of their organizer.

From A. E. Welch, Wichita, Kans., applying for position as organizer; also from Ella Reeve Bloor, Waterbury, Conn., for temporary position

The question of agitation in eastern Florida and of sending Comrade de Lara there for organizing work.

The Minnesota primary law case.
Comrade Barnes stated the amount of

money collected for this purpose and the amount spent in trying out the case to be about \$1,000.00, of which the state paid two-thirds.

A motion was adopted requesting Comrade Carl Strover, who had handled the case for the comrades, to appear before the committee at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon and give review of the case.

Suggestions for party press agent y Comrade Otto McFeeley of Oak Park, Ill.

Resolutions from the Young Peo-ple's Socialist League of Chicago. Letter from Seboro Cirino Osorio of San Jaun, P. R., in reference to lo-

cal party conditions.

Letter from Chas W. Greene, state secretary of New Hampshire, in reference to the movement in that state. Letter from Alexander Schlesinger, of New York City, in reference to "The Labor Amendment" and a book

upon that subject.

Letters from Fred Freeman, of Kankakee, Ill., and Comrades Atwood and Leroy Hixson of South Dakota, upon Farmers Program. Letter from Local Allegheny Coun-

ty, Pa., requesting to be placed on the mailing list for the weekly Bul-

Applications for position of organizer by Comrades George Finger, of Richville, Park, N. J., Isador Phillips of New York City, and Wayne Pratt of Lead, S. Dak.

From Comrade J. E. Snyder, in reference to organizing work

From Rolla Myers, Emmett, Idaho, egarding organization matters in

Letter from G. L. Cox, State Secretary of Alabama, upon the condi-

tions in that state.

Report of National Organizer Anna Maley relating to work in South Dakota.

Letter from E. S. Matteson of Erie, Pa., in reference to Polish organization.

Letter from Clarence E. French in reference to article for leaflet.

LETTER FROM COMRADE HUN-TER, WITH ENCLOSURES, JUST RECEIVED.

"Dear Comrade Barnes:—I am still extremely weak and not in any condition to attempt a long journey to Chicago. I am very sorry, as I wanted above all things to attend the forth-

coming session.
"I would like also to have you place before the committee a letter which I have received from Comrade E. E. Carr and my answer, both of which I herewith enclose.

"After the committee has seen the letter and my answer and a record has been made, kindly return them to

ENCLOSURES. "Pottsville, Ky., "Nov. 18, 1910.

"Dear Hunter:—Here where I am giving a series of Socialist lectures I learn of Goebel's motion concerning the Christian Socialist. He evidently means well, but common decency and fairness require that if his letter goes to the branches both my editorialswhich he outrageously misrepresents— should go along. They will speak for themselves to refute his letter. If they are correctly reprinted and sent with his letter, we will be satisfied. If not, we will be compelled to 'carry the war into Africa' without fear or the war into Africa' without fear or

favor.
"All we ask is a fair, full, and open trial for Barnes-and that no honest man who wants to protect the movement from free love can deny. Christian Socialist protest cannot be silenced and the paper cannot be

"Please insist on a square deal in this matter. Do not be caught off your guard.

"Fraternally,
"(Signed) E. E. CARR."
(Over)

"We are devoting the whole of our next issue to J. Wesley Hill, replying at length to three of his lectures which were delivered at the Winona Bible School—and the only difficulty we have in refuting his charge of free love, atnessm, etc., is the fact that certain prominent comrades at home and abroad are justifying his charges by word and deed. We cannot defend the Socialist movement hypocritically. We must remove or at least denounce their reproach upon the cause."

(Copy.)
"Highland Farm, "Noroton Heights, Conn.,

"Dec. 8, 1910. "Dear Comrade Carr;—I have sent your letter on to be read to the Na-tional Executive Committee at its next

"I presume you know that the N. E. C. carefully considered all the evidence that has yet been presented to it in support of charges against the National Secretary.
"It has also used efforts to obtain

from those making the charges any further information they have. But apparently those making the charges desired to use them for purposes of slander, not with any desire to serve the party. They have therefore spread

the charges broadcast while refusing persistently to aid the N. E. C. in arriving at the truth.

"You also deal in your letter with what you like to call "free love in the movement." I do not know to what you refer or to whom. I have no doubt that in a party so large as ours any one may find instances of immorality, just as one may find in our party, as well as in the church, drunkards, gamblers, thieves, atheists, Christians and men of all views and of all views and of all views. tians and men of all views and of all

"Perhaps you might be bold enough in a political party to try to drive out any one who is not a Christian, or any one who does not measure up to a certain moral standard, just as there have been men in the past who have sought to drive men out of the movement who failed to measure up to their standard of orthodoxy. That is their standard of orthodoxy. That is a matter for you to decide. But when you put forward definite charges against any individual, and especially any official of the movement, it seems to me that you ought to be absolutely sure of your facts. For that reason you ought to attend the next meeting of the N. E. C. and place before it whatever facts you may have. In fact, I think it would have been more honorable of you and certainly more loyal to the good name of the movement, had you pursued that policy instead of publishing broadcast such rumors as have come to your ear under the pretense of demanding a trial.

"Yours fraternally,

"(Signed) ROBERT HUNTER."

MOTION.—That Comrades Carey and Hillquit be elected a committee for the purpose of drafting an address to the National Committee, request-ing the said committee to elect a committee of five members to investigate, first, the charges preferred by Com-rades Morgan, Brower and others against the National Secretary; sec-ond, the conduct of the National Executive Committee in connection with said charges; third, the charges made said charges; third, the charges made by Comrades Morgan, Brower and others in the "Provoker," "The Chris-tian Socialist," and elsewhere against the National Executive Committee, the members of that committee and other party officials. Such committee to meet in Chicago at the date of the next meeting of the National Execu-tive Committee and all parties to the controversy to be given notice of such meeting and be requested to attend, all expenses of such investigation to be paid by the party. Adopted. be paid by the party. Adopted.

Letters read from National Com-

mitteemen Burton of Nevada, and Putney of Massachusetts, supporting the National Committee motion pro-posed by Comrades Krafft and Walker

of New Jersey.

The motion was read and discussed. Comrade Goebel reported that he understood that the motion did not contain the exact wording or purpose of the action taken by the State Commit-

tee of New Jersey.
Comrade Berger submitted the following letter:

"Chicago, Dec. 9, 1910. "Victor L. Berger, care Nat'l Office.

"Dear Comrade:-You intimate in your letter to the National Executive Committee that I should appear before the committee with reference to the Barnes case. I should be glad to the Barnes case. I should be glad to be present. I must lecture at Kalamazoo Sunday, but thinking you might wish me to appear before the committee, I have postponed my leaving until Sunday morning and could see the committee Saturday afternoon or evening, or Monday afternoon, if notified to be present.

"Office phone, Central 4431.

"Home phone, Midway 2349.

"Fraternally,

"(Signed) F. F. CARP."

"(Signed) E. E. CARR."

MOTION.-That Comrade Carr be informed of the action taken by the committee covering the subject mat-

ter. Adopted.
Comrade Spargo arrived at twelve o'clock noon.

Comrade Spargo requested the sec-retary to read the action taken in ref-erence to the charges and upon hear-ing same asked to be recorded as voting in the negative.

ing in the negative.

Communications from Local Lockland, Ohio, and Alma, Nebraska, requesting an investigation of the charges against the National Secretary, and from Local Coffeyville, Kansas, requesting a copy of the charges. Also communication from J. Holler, Gilroy, Cal., laid over from August session, requesting that the statement submitted by him in reference to matter published by Thomas J. Morgan be published in the Monthly Bulletin. ly Bulletin.

It was decided that the above are covered by the motion already adopted providing for a full investigation.

MOTION.—That the next meeting of the National Executive Committee be held in Chicago on Saturday, February 4, 1911. Adopted.

Miscellaneous subjects as submitted

in advance taken up.

Letter from Local Marshalltown, Iowa, requesting the publication in leastet form of an article in the No-vember issue of the Machinists'

Suggestions from Local York, Pa., on a leastet with entire Socialist vote, also from Comrade Wm. Shrouds of Camden, N. J., upon the same subject. Letter from Everett St. John of Warren, Ohio, in reference to leaflets

for weekly distribution.

Letter from Thos. J. Cooper of Kokomo, Ind., on literature for farm-

Letter from Frank A. Houck of Letter from Frank A. Houck of Wilmington, Del., suggesting that a complete list of officers elected by the Socialists throughout the country and the gains made by states and cities be published in pamphlet form.

Letter from National Committeeman Mallet of Utah, stating that Utah would be a good field for an organizer to work among the farmers during the winter months.

the winter months.

Letter from State Secretary Ringler of Pennsylvania, giving vote of the state in the recent election and urging more thorough work of organiza-

Letter from Wm. T. Bradford, Provisional State Secretary and organizer of North Carolina, giving report of work done in that state and requesting the committee to appoint him as secretary and organizer for a period of five months.

Request for the publication of the constitution in the Russian language. From the Polish Section requesting assistance for a three months' organ-

Letters from the Jewish Agitation Bureau in reference to organizing tour of Comrade Vladek, asking for assistance and that Comrade Vladek be given credentials from the National Office in order that the American Jocals will give him due recognition.

The subject of foreign speaking or-

ganizations. Request from State Secretary Ristine of Missouri for advance of \$100.00

worth of dues stamps. Comrade Spargo's report on manuscript of Comrade Connolly.

From State Secretary Cora Martin of Arizona and National Committee-

man Morrison in reference to condi-tions in Arizona.

Letter from J. E. Chenoweth of Shelbyville, Ind., upon agitation by the party, labor unions and the party

From Local Allegheny County, Pa. in reference to an arbitrary ruling by Judge Evans eliminating name of per-sons from jury list who had expressed the opinion that capital punishment was not just.

Letter from J. J. Jacobsen, chairman of the Committee on Commission Form of Government, also from a number of others on the same subject.

MOTION.—That a committee composed of Comrades Berger and Work be appointed to go over the correspondence and report back to this committee during session. Adopted.

From A. J. Phillips of St. Louis, Mo, with plan of propaganda work.
From the Findlay Call in reference
to publishing in the Monthly Bulletin the list of all co-operative publications.

MOTION.-That Comrade Goebel be appointed a committee of one to draft a rule covering the subject. Adopted.

Letters from W. F. S. Cook of Baltimore, upon organizing work among the negroes. Referred to Comrades Lewis and Goebel for consideration with their report on work in the South.

From the State Committee of Louisiana supporting the resolutions by the State Committee of Indiana for better use of the party press in circulating party news and a wider distrib-ution of the party press.

Letter from John D. Williams, of

Malden, Mass., with suggestions for organization and for sub cards to be Letter from O. A. Curtis, Buffalo, N. Y., with suggestions in reference to establishing a circuit for the best speakers in the movement.

Resolution by Comrade Stephen M. Reynolds, as submitted to the National Convention of 1904, for agitation in the army and navy.

The following subjects had been laid over from the August meeting.

The legality of the Oklahoma election in reference to the Grandfathers' clause. Comrade Hillquit, who had been appointed a committee of one to be a specific state of the since advise on the matter, states that since Comrade Branstetter of Oklahoma was present he would prefer to go over the subject with him before making report.

Report of methods for conducting

encampments by Comrade Goebel. Report of sub-committee, composed of Comrades Lewis and Goebel, on definite plans for work in the South. The question of an organizer for

Comrade Hillquit's report on Resolution No. 9, "Workman's Compensa-

Report of sub-committee, composed of Comrades Berger, Hillquit, Hunter and Spargo, on systematic work for the National Executive Committee.

The following subjects had been laid over from the October meeting. Question of permanent assistance to the Jewish Agitation Bureau.

Question of assistance financially or through organizers for Utah, Alaska, The United Lettish Social-Democrats, the Scandinavian organization, the Polish organization, and request from Comrade Holler for publication of statement.

Communication from the secretary of former Local St. Louis, Mo., containing an appeal.

MOTION.—That a sub-committee composed of Comrades Spargo and Hillquit be elected for the purpose of drafting a communication to the state organization of Missouri, setting forth the view taken of the con-troversy in Missouri and offering the good offices of the committee in set-tling the controversy. Adopted.

It was decided that all communica-

tions should be separated according to subjects treated, such as organiza-tion, agitation, literature, etc., and that they be considered under the proper heads of business. Adjourned at one o'clock to meet at 2:30 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SES-SION.

Comrade Hillquit in the chair. MOTION.—That Comrades Spargo and Berger be elected as sub-committee for the purpose of drafting a suitable resolution on the Warren case and on supreme court decisions in general.

General discussion of the history of the Warren case followed. Com-rade Ricker, of the Appeal staff, was granted the floor, after which the motion was adopted.

The question of a general plan for printing and distributing literature was taken up. It was the opinion of the committee that a plentiful supply good literature, suitable for distribution at all times and in all parts of the country, should be kept constantly on hand in the National Of-

The matter of leaflets was considered in the following manner: 1st, Subjects; 2nd, authors; 3rd, style; 4th, methods of distribution.

The following is the list of subjects, with names of comrades asked to write each:

(The subjects do not necessarily mean the titles of the leaflets. The subjects treated may appear under entirely different titles.)

1. What is Socialism? John Spargo.

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2. The Labor Movement Here and Abroad. Morris Hillquit.
3. The Rising Tide of Socialism. Carl D. Thompson.
4. Socialism and the Individual. Franklin H. Wentworth.
5. Socialism and Private Property. John M. Work.

The Mease of our Courts. Seymour Stedman.
 The Social Effect of a Shorter Work Day. Robert Hunter.
 Socialism and the Home. Anna A. Maley.
 Workmen's Compensation. W. I. Ghent

9. Workmen's Compensation. W. J. Ghent.
10. Old Age Pensions. W. J. Ghent.
11. The Supreme Court (The History of). Victor L. Berger.
12. The Children of the Poor. Eugene V. Debs.
13. Socialism and Religion. Geo. H. Goebel.

Goebel.

14. Free Administration of Justice.
Winfield R. Gaylord.

15. Votes for Women. Lena Mor-

row Lewis.

16. The High Cost of Living. Chas. Edward Russell.

17. Socialism and the Negro. Rev. Geo. Fraser Miller.

Socialism and the Farmer. A. M.

19. Our Political Parties. Algernon 20. What I Propose to do in Con-

gress. Victor L. Berger. What We have done in Milwau-kee. Emil Seidel.

Socialism and Trade Unionism.
J. Mahlon Barnes. Commission Form of Govern-ment. J. J. Jacobsen. Socialism and Peace. Geo. R.

Kirkpatrick. Comrade Spargo called attention of the committee to suggestions made by A. B. Shinn in reference to litera-

MOTION.—That the list be closed

MOTION.—That the list be closed with the twenty-four subjects already given. Adopted.

MOTION.—That reasonable compensation for writing the leaflets be paid where required. Adopted.

MOTION.—That the leaflets should be of uniform size, on book paper, with no type less than ten-point, and to be sold to the locals at cost.

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The question of printing the names of the authors on the leaflets was dis-cussed and it was decided to do so. Comrade Goebel recorded as voting

in the negative.

Comrade Goebel submitted report on rules for publications, as follows:
"Publications to be listed in the Socialist Party Official Monthly Bulletin must support the constitution and platform of the Socialist Party, have a paid subscription list with a general state or national circulation, and shall not contain advertisements of any business enterprise (other than Socialist literature) in which the editor, management or others connected with said publications are interested."

It was decided that the Sunday session should be from 9 to 12, 2 to 6, and 8 to 10.

Adjourned at 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION. DECEMBER 11TH.

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 o'clock, Comrade Spargo elected chairman. The question of literature was again

MOTION.—That an editing committee of three be appointed to edit and prepare all manuscripts for leaf-lets. Adopted.

Comrades Carey, Hunter and Spargo appointed as the committee. Hunter and The subject of pamphlets consid-

MOTION.-That it shall be the settled policy of the National Executive Committee for the coming twelve months, if at all possible, to publish quarterly a pamphlet to sell at ten cents. Adopted.

The following subjects were decided upon for pamphlets:
1. Should Socialism Be Crushed? Robert Hunter. (Now in stock.)
2. What Is Socialism? Morris Hill-

3. What the Socialists Have Achieved. Algernon Lee.
4. Program for the Workers. A. M. Simons.

5. Socialists and the Trusts. Charles Edward Russell.

The National Secretary was in-structed to communicate with the different comrades named as authors, and in case of any one declining, he is to submit to the committee the question of nominating a substitute.

MOTION.—That the pamphlets

are all to be in book size, on book paper and in ten-point type, containing about six thousand words, or thirty-two to forty pages, and shall sell at ten cents a copy. Adopted.

Comrade Berger brought to the attention of the committee the book recently published by Comrade John Collins, entitled "The Power and Weakness of Trade Unions."

MOTION.—That the book be submitted to each member of the committee for review. Adopted

mittee for review. Adopted.

MOTION.—That whenever a book, pamphlet or leaflet is offered to the National Office for publication or endorsement the same shall be sub-mitted to the members of the National Executive Committee for approval, and if approved by a majority of the committee, the National Sec-retary shall be authorized to publish or handle such book, pamphlet or leaflet upon such reasonable terms as can be made with the publisher or

author. Adopted.
Comrade Collins was granted the He stated that he had had a first edition of two thousand, a sec-ond edition of five thousand and that another five thousand were to be got ten out, also that the German com-rades had seen fit to get out five thousand in their language; that little or no advertising had been done; that the book was wholly a trade union book and had taken well. He asked the committee to review the book and see what they could do

The subject of books was taken taken up. Comrade Barnes reported on the success met with in the handling of the cheap edition of "So-cialists at Work."

MOTION.—That two thousand

copies of Comrade Spargo's book entitled, "Substance of Socialism" be ordered. Adopted.

It was suggested that Comrade Barnes enter into communication with the MacMillan Company, pub-lishers, with a view to getting advan-tageous terms on other well known

The question of distribution was taken up.

It was suggested that all pamphlets published by the National Office be sent to the socialist and labor press, and such other publications as are likely to review them and give adequate editorial advice.

Suggested that the membership be advised that there is and always will be in the National Office a complete stock of Socialist literature for all purposes:

It was decided that the small number of Russian comrades in the party did not warrant the expense of printing constitutions in that language.

Comrade Spargo submitted a negative report on the manuscript o Comrade Connolly, considering it not adapted to America, the subject dealing with a debate held in Dublin, Ireland. Adopted.

The question of a party press agent was laid over to a future meeting.

Relating to the request from Local Allegheny County, Pa., for the mim-eographed Weekly Bulletin, Comrade Barnes stated that the circulation had heretofore been confined to members' of the National Executive Committee, members of the National Committee, the State Secretaries, the party press, the locals in unorganized states and national organizers. The edition numbers about four hundred and fifty copies and is produced principally to give to the party press, the principal officers of the various states and the national officers the latest party information. To supply each local it would require an edition of more than three thousand; besides, all official matters and everything with the rare exception of news items of momentary interest, are reproduced in the Official Monthly Bulletin, which goes to all locals.

MOTION.—That any local or in-dividual willing to pay the sum of one dollar per year shall have the Weekly Bulletin mailed to them. Adopted.

Comrades Carey and Hillquit, sub-committee, reported as follows: "To the National Committee of the

Socialist Party. "Greetings, Comrades:—Early in the month of May of this year cer-tain charges were presented against the National Secretary by Comrades
Thomas J. Morgan and James H.
Brower, of Illinois: The charges of
Comrade Morgan were so frivolous
on their face that the National Executive Committee refused to consider them. Those of Comrade Brower were of a more serious nature, but entirely lacking in specifications proof. Our committee offered to the complainant every opportunity to substantiate his charges, but the lat-ter persistently refused to take advantage of it.

"Upon the basis of these facts a campaign of slander and villification has since been directed against the National Executive Committee, which is unequalled in the annals of our party history. The committee as a whole has been charged with willful suppression of charges of abuses in the National Office, and the majority of its nambers and many other ority of its members and many other active party members supposed to work in harmony with the committee have been charged with unfaithful-ness to the movement, dishonesty and other delinquencies.

"Thomas J. Morgan is publishing

a weekly paper almost entirely de-voted to that purpose and furnishing effective ammunition to the enemies of our movement. The "Christian Socialist" by its editorial treatment of the affair has largely aggravated the controversy and helped to sow the seed of distrust within our movement.

We have ignored these attacks for a long time owing to our reluctance to involve the party in a fruitless and humiliating personal dispute, especially on the eve of an important national election.

But the matter has now assumed such proportion that in justice to the movement it cannot be ignored any

movement it cannot be ignored any longer. Either the accused or the accusers are guilty of serious misconduct against the party, and the blame must be definitely placed.

"We, therefore, respectfully request that your committee at once proceed to the election of a committee of five to investigate; 1st, The charges preferred by Comrades Morgan and Brower against the National Secretary. 2nd The conduct of the Natary; 2nd, The conduct of the National Executive Committee in connection with the said charges; 3rd, The conduct of Comrades Morgan, Brower and E. E. Carr, editor of the

"Christian Socialist," in connection with the said charges and the truth of the charges in the "Provoker" against the members of the National Executive Committee and other party

"The committee to meet in Chicago on February 4, 1911, at 2 p. m., and all persons involved to be summoned to appear before the committee with their proof and defenses. The ex-pense of the investigation shall be borne by the National Office." Adopted.

Comrades Spargo and Hillquit, sub-committee, reported as follows:
"To the State Committee of the Socialist Party of Missouri.
"Comrades:—An appeal has been submitted to us signed by Otto Pauls in the name of Local St. Louis, resident the action of some submittee. against the action of your committee in reorganizing the local and suspend-ing several of its members.

The undisputed facts in the case appear to be as follows: Local St. Louis was accused of resorting to fusion tactics in the election of 1909; in the early part of this year the lo-cal quorum of your committee submitted to the vote of the membership of your state a motion to investigate the charges against Local St. Louis This motion was defeated, but the quorum arbitrarily excluded the vote of the members of Local St. Louis, although they had not then been tried or found guilty of any of-fense, and declared the motion car-ried. Your committee as a whole thereupon took the matter in hand, overruled the acts of its quorum and elected an investigation committee of its own, consisting of Comrades Behrens, Garver and O'Dam. This act of the State Committee was in turn overruled by its own quorum, and another investigating committee was appointed by the latter to supersede the one elected by the Committee. This action was taken at a meeting of three members, one of whom voted against it, and it was on the recommendation of this commit-tee that the charter of Local St. Louis was revoked.

"Two other referendums were had: one to concur in the recommendation investigating committee, and the other requesting the National Executive Committee to investigate the entire situation. On both refer-endums the vote of the members of Local St. Louis was excluded.

"Local St. Louis now bases its appeal upon the existence of two state investigationg committees with conflicting claims to office. They request us to proceed to reorganize the state organization in Missouri under the provisions of Art. XII, Sec. 9, of the National Constitution, and the request is supported by the signa-tures of 530 members, more than the requisite one third of the total membership of the state.
"The National Executive Commit-

tee, however, does not deem it advisable to resort to the extreme measure of reorganization before exhaustall efforts to bring about an amicable and peaceful adjustment of the situation.

The St. Louis comrades, despite the fact that they were excluded from the party, displayed during the recent campaign, as at all times past, splendid enthusiasm and loyalty to the party. It is quite evident that in the interests of our movement as a whole the St. Louis comrades ought to be in the party. And it is equally evident that the Socialist movement of the state of Missouri will gain infinitely by harmonious work and co-operation of all good Socialists with-

"We, therefore, tender our good of-fices to your committee, and will be glad to delegate a special committee

to your state for that purpose.
"We respectfully request" that your committee act upon this offer within thirty days. The National Executive Committee prefers to bring about these results in an amicable manner rather than to resort to its constitutional right or reorganization." Adopted.

Comrades Spargo and Berger, sub-committee, submitted the following draft of resolution: "In the year 1906 three workingmen,

leaders of a great labor union, were kidnaped and illegally and violently taken from the state of Colorado to the state of Idaho and placed on trial, charged with the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg. (After trial all three were found not guilty of the crime and acquitted.) The application for a writ of habeas corpus which would restore their elemental rights was denied by the United States Supreme Court, Justice McKenna only dissenting. The Supreme Court decided that the law provided no relief for kidnaped workingmen.
"Thereupon, Fred D. Warren, editor

of the Appeal to Reason, sent through the mails an offer of \$1,000 for the 'kidnaping' of ex-Governor Taylor of

Kentucky, who was at the time admittedly a fugitive from justice.

"The obvious intention of this offer, frankly stated by Warren at the time, was to provide the workers with a concrete proof of the class bias of the Supreme Court, his belief being that in the case of a rich and powerful man the Supreme Court would decide differently than it had done in the case

of the three workingmen.
"For this Warren was convicted by
the United States District Court and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor and a fine of \$1,500, notwithstanding that it was proved that before sending the matter complained of through the mails he had consulted the local postmaster, who informed him that the matter was admissable to the mails, and that similar offers are com-

monly circulated through the mails "This sentence has now been affirmed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and Fred D. Warren must go to jail.
"Now, this case does not stand alone.

It is but one of a multitude of decisions rendered by our courts in recent years, characterized by a spirit of bitter hostility toward the working class, of which the numerous injunctions in strike and boycott cases are glaring ex-

"In view of these facts, be it re-solved: That the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of America hereby expresses its emphatic protest against the growing abuse of the judicial power in the interest of the capitalist class, and against this latest severe, unjust and vindictive sentence, which is in marked contradiction to the democratic institutions of the country.

"That we call upon the comrades everywhere to arrange for mass meetings, all over the country to protest against the growing menace to the working class through the subservience of the courts to the capitalist class, and against this latest despotic outbreak of capitalist venom and revenge." Adopted. Adjourned at 12:30 to meet at 2:00

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Comrade Spargo in the chair. Comrade Carl Stover was granted the floor on the question of the Minnesota primary law and gave a review of the case. He also stated that he was willing to institute new proceedings and go through the courts with them, charging only for expenses. He estimated that the expense would be about \$500, and he believed the National Executive Committee should help the Minnesota comrades bear the expense.

Comrade Goebel submitted a report for sub-committee as follows:

"The states covered in this report and suggestions are Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana We recommend as follows:

"The National Office shall route lecturers and organizers through these states at intervals of not exceeding three months, as far as possible covering the same routes, gradually adding new towns, the aim being to develop strong, vigorous locals that will in turn serve and act as centers of ever-widening circles of propaganda and organization, as well as gradually lessening the

average daily traveling expenses.

"These speakers shall be expected and instructed to explain and emphasize the need and methods of party organization, and seek to encourage and develop systematic plans of agitation at points visited and make such reports to the National Office as will aid the speaker following them. No speaker or organ-izer shall be employed for this work who is not willing to work in harmony with this plan of emphasizing organ-ization and effective and definite meth-

ods of work.
"The National Office shall circularize the list of Socialist paper readers in the unorganized towns and postoffices these states at least quarterly, in such correspondence urging organization, soliciting members at large, asking for information concerning the possibilities of arranging meetings, etc. Each letter, as far as possible, should concern and present one definite proposition. The Na Office at various periods shall also circularize with leaflets and correspondence officers of farmers' unions and similar organizations under other names, calling attention to our move-ment and soliciting correspondence on

"At convenient periods, where possible to find comrades willing to give a month or six weeks' work in their respective states without too great expense, arrangements for the same shall

be made.
"We further suggest as an experiment the grouping together of the states of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, to which shall be assigned a national organizer for a definite period, whose duties, in addition to speaking when circumstances permit, shall be to develop new territory by visit or correspondence, encourage and aid to more effective agitation the state and local organizations already existing, co-operate with the National Office in routing other speakers and do generally those things conducive to building up strong, things conducive to building up strong, healthy, self-supporting state organizations in the territory assigned to him. If, after a reasonable time, this experiment seems successful, then similar groups might be arranged as follows:

"In one group, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and in another group, North Carolina, Virginia, Delaware and Maryland.

Maryland.

"We estimate the cost of this special plan of campaign for one year as fol-

Four speakers, averaging 100 days each, at an average daily deficit of \$3.00\$1,200.00 Circularizing readers of Social-

Deficit on district organizer.... Deficit on state speakers.....

Total\$4,500.00 General discussion followed and Com-

rade Barnes reported on all unorgan-ized states and to conditions in southern states that are organized.

MOTION.—That we district the South and appoint three special organ-

izers, one to each district. Adopted. The matter of selecting men for the districts was referred to National Secretary Barnes.

MOTION.-That the report of the

sub-committee on the South, as amend-ed, be given to the district organizers for them to follow the plans outlined. Adopted.

Representatives of the foreign-speaking organizations that were present were requested to make statements.

Comrades Victoria Licci and Catullo Bellegrini of the Italian Section, Com-rades N. Juel Christensen and Theo Jensen of the Scandinavian organiza-

tions and Comrade Michael Altshuler of the Russian organizations were each granted the floor and gave reports as to the workings of their organizations, the number of locals and where mostly located, and requested such assistance from the national organization as could be granted to assist them in their work. The Scandinavian comrades made a particular request for financial assistance for their publication, "Svenska Socialfor their publication,

Comrade Barnes presented a number of communications from foreign-speaking organizations.

MOTION.-That a committee of two be appointed to go over the communi-cations and the entire matter relating to foreign-speaking organizations and report prior to adjournment. Adopted. Comrades Carey and Goebel appointed on this committee.

Comrades M. Siskind, Dr. Knopfnagle and B. Berlyn, committee from the Cook County Delegate Committee, now in session, were granted the floor. The committee requested the National Executive Committee to issue an appeal to the party membership all over the country for funds for the striking garment workers of Chicago.

MOTION .- That the National Executive Committee appropriate \$50 to aid the striking garment workers of Chi-cago, and that a brief appeal be drawn up by the committee of Cook County for publication in the Bulletin. Adopted.

Comrade Otto Branstetter, State Secretary of Oklahoma, was granted the floor. He gave a report as to the conditions in that state and requested assistance to the extent of \$200, two organizers for three months and a clearing of the debt of \$400 due the National Office for dues stamps.

MOTION.-That we send two organizers to this state for two months. Adopted.

MOTION.—That we remit the debt of \$400 Amended, That we do not remit the debt, but instead ask the comrades to

liquidate it at their convenience, and that we appropriate the sum of \$200. Four voted in favor of the amendment, two in favor of the motion. Amendment carried.

MOTION.-That the comrades of Oklahoma choose their own organizers. Adopted.

Comrade Lewis submitted report for sub-committee as follows:

"Inasmuch as the friendship and interest of the Republican party in behalf of the negro race has proven to be a farce and a sham, and the real animus and spirit of this and other parties is being more and more recognized by the colored people, we find as a result a political unrest among the negroes.

"Already a movement is being inau-

gurated to encourage this dissatisfaction. In addition to this, the colored race constitutes a large body of ten million workers, and there can be no solution of the problems of the working class without reckoning with the negro.

"Since there is this growing disposi-tion on the part of the colored race to seek a new political home, and as these people are among the most cruelly ex-ploited of all the working class, we recommend the following specific work

among colored people:
"PROGRAM.—The routing by the National Office of at least one negro national organizer, particularly in those states where the negro still is accorded the right of franchise.

The issuance of special leaflets and other literature directed to the negro race, showing the relation of the Socialist philosophy to the so-called race

"By means of advertisements in negro publications calling attention to this lit-Adopted.

At six o'clock the committee decided to take a recess of fifteen minutes, then reconvene for two more hours.

Reconvened at 6:16. Comrade Spargo in the chair.

Comrade Barnes reported on organized states, giving an outline as to the conditions existing in each, results of late election, so far as possible, and with report of each state submitted the letters previously noted.

Under the report for Arizona it was

decided that the only persons the National Executive Committee can recognize are those who stood loyally by the party and the constitution; that all per-sons who supported the formation of the labor party in the recent election

cut themselves loose from the party.
MOTION.—That we vote \$50 a
month for two months to California to sustain the work of Comrade J. E. Sny-

der. Adopted.

It was decided to take no action at present on Spanish agitation in Florida.

The subject of granting a loan of \$100 for dues stamps to Missouri was laid over until the next meeting.

The need for organizers in the different states was considered and divided into three general districts—the New England states, the West and the Mid-

MOTION.-That an organizer be assigned to each district, the selection to be made by the National Secretary. Adopted.

Comrade Barnes read the list of available organizers and applications at hand. The following comrades were added to the list: Isador Phillips of New York City, Ella Reeve Bloor of Connecticut and Wayne Pratt of South

Adjourned at 9:10 to meet at 9:30 a. m. Monday.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION, DECEMBER 12.

Meeting called to order by Comrade arnes at 9:30 o'clock. Comrade Barnes at 9:30 o'clock. Berger elected chairman.

MOTION.—That we publish that part of the report of the delegates to the International Congress which deals directly with the acts of our delegates

in Copenhagen in the Bulletin, and that Comrade Mrs. Simons be requested to make a pamphlet of the report of the Congress in general, including all resolutions, the pamphlet not to exceed 32 Adopted.

The National Secretary was instructed to print the resolutions in the Bulletin from time to time as space per-

MOTION.—That Comrade W. J. Ghent be requested to compile and tabulate the vote cast in the last election. Adopted.

Comrade Goebel raised the question as to what extent the report of the National Congress was edited, and stated that such question was raised because of statements printed in certain publica-

Comrade Barnes replied that the official stenographer had been instructed to make a verbatim report of the pro-ceedings and to supply the National Office with two typewritten copies of the same; that upon this question the motion adopted by the Congress was as follows: "The debates, papers and essential proceedings to be in full, and unnecessary points of order or unessential matter to be omitted." That there was very little cut from the text by way of editing, and that in strict conformity to the spirit and intent of the motion. Both typewritten copies of the official stenographer's report are now on file in this office.

MOTION.-That a committee of two be appointed to report to the next meeting of the National Executive Commit-tee upon definite means for the promotion and strengthening of the young people's organization in the Socialist. Party. Adopted. Comrades Lewis and Goebel appoint-

Comrade Carey, for sub-committee, reported on the foreign-speaking organizations, giving a full review of the correspondence at hand and making

recommendations regarding each. It was decided to place Comrade Mosler of the Socialist Co-Operative Association on the list of national organizers.

MOTION.-That all applicants be informed that only such foreign-speaking organizations are entitled to the appointment of a translator that, as national organizations, pay dues direct to the National Executive Committee of the

Socialist Party. Adopted.

MOTION.—That the Jewish Agitation Bureau be granted an organizer for three months, allowing a deficit not to exceed \$180.00. Adopted.

MOTION. — That we appropriate \$150.00 for the publication of the Scandinavian comrades. Adopted. MOTION.—That we give the Polish

comrades an organizer for three months, the maximum cost to be \$180.00. Adopted.

MOTION.—That Comrade Barnes be instructed to write to Comrade Legien

with reference to making an organizing tour of this country. Adopted. MOTION.—That Comrade Barnes be instructed to correspond with as many known lecturers within the party as pos-sible to ascertain whether any of them are available for lecture tours and, if for what time and upon what terms.

MOTION.—That the National Sec-retary be instructed to secure a suitable place for the holding of the next meet-

ing. Adopted.

MOTION.—That an announcement be made in the Bulletin that after the disposal of the matter for which the next meeting is being held it is the intention of the National Executive Committee to hereafter hold its meetings in different industrial centers from time to time as the committee may be invited by the comrades. Adopted.

MOTION.—That Comrade Hillquit

MOTION.—That Comrade Hillquit be requested to prepare a brief of the case regarding the charges. Adopted.

The following resolution regarding the Japanese was presented:
"Whereas, as the climax of a campaign of brutal repression, the Japanese government has condemned to death twenty-six persons upon the charge of a conspiracy to kill the Mikado; and "Whereas, Homai and Uzawa, two noted Japanese attorneys, have offered to defend the accused; and

"Whereas, the lawyers have been pre-vented by threats by the government from defending the accused; and Whereas, the course which the Japanese government has determined to take is similar to that which brought disgrace to Spain in the execution of

"Resolved, That the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of the United States hereby registers the emphatic protest of the American Socialists against this violation of civil-

ized custom; be it further
"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the International Socialist Bureau, with the request that similar action be taken by the Socialists and organized workers of the entire

world." Adopted.
Comrades Berger and Work, subcommittee, submitted the following re-

The Executive Committee having already anticipated one of our proposals by providing for an additional leaflet on commission government, we confine ourselves to the following recommen-

"1. In routing regular lecturers and organizers, if any of them are specially fitted to lecture on commission govern-ment, the National Secretary shall state that fact in the advance circulars, so that the locals may take advantage of it if they so desire.

"2. In operating the lecture bureau, as provided for in Article VIII, Section 2, of the National Constitution, the National Secretary shall endeavor to furnish special lecturers on commission government to locals and others desiring them." Adopted.

Comrade Caroline A. Lowe, general correspondent for the Women's Na-

tional Committee, presented report as

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S NA-TIONAL COMMITTEE.

Chicago, Dec. 12, 1910.
To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades:—This report covers the period from the first of September, the date upon which I took up the work in the National Office, to the tenth of December. From the time that the office of General Correspondent of the Woman's National Committee was created in May, 1910, until September 1, Comrade Mabel Hudson served as the General Correspondent.

The past three months have been spent in getting in touch with the lo-cal woman's committees already organized, in communicating with each party local instructing it as to the plan for organizing the women into a woman's committee of the local, and in preparing plans for more efficient work among the women during the

coming year. Various organizers have reported the organization of one hundred fiftysix local woman's committees. A list giving the names and addresses of the correspondents of these committees has been published in the Progressive Woman and in the Daily Socialist. As a result of two communications sent to each party local, out of three thou-sand two hundred locals, two hundred and twenty-five have responded. The combined report of these show 1,550 women members of the party, and sixty local woman's committees. This is the number of women represented in six per cent of the party locals. We have no information upon which we can base an estimate of the total membership of women in the party.

It is an encouraging and significant fact that despite the lack of any well directed effort to bring the women in-to the party, so many have entered it because of their earnest desire to be of service to the cause of Socialism. This deficiency in the organization of the Socialist Party no longer exists. The party organization has been provided with a central directing force, whose duty it is to enlist women into the movement. The coming year will-test the value of this special provision.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION. From a circular letter sent to the locals, explaining the necessity for educating the women, I quote the fol-lowing: "To accomplish this end, we must have a well organized body of women. We now have a Woman's National Committee composed of seven women, which has elected one of its members as its General Correspondent. We should have each state organized in similar manner with a Woman's State Committee which

elects one of its members as its State Correspondent.

This plan as slowly making its way into our state organizations. Iowa, Illinois, Colorado, Washington, and Arkansas now have a Woman's State Correspondent. Oklahoma has elect-ed a Woman's State Committee, and has called upon this committee to elect its State Correspondent. The state secretaries for the most part, realize the necessity of securing women in the party locals, and are thoroughly in sympathy with our plan to accomplish this end. It is not always an easy matter to find a woman who is prepared to serve in the capacity of a Woman's State Correspondent. However, we look to the remaining states to secure a Correspondent at the earliest possible moment. Each party local is instructed to elect

a Local Woman's Committee, and this committee is to elect its local correspondent. A list of one hundred and fifty-six such committees is now on hand. Doubtless many of these committees are no longer existent, but those remaining give us a good nucleus with which to start our work for the coming year.

WOMAN'S WORK IN THE CAM-PAIGN.

No effort was made to secure information in regard to the work of the women in the recent campaign. However, word drifted in to us, and I shall cite three instances showing the different ways in which women were of assistance.

1-Women throughout the country were active in the distribution of campaign literature, and of leaflets appealing especially to women. No proper estimate can be made of the extent of this work, although we know of the distribution of 45,700 leaflets by the women of but two or

three committees. 2-Comrade E. W. Latchem of Coffeyville, Kansas, has written to in-form us that the Woman's Committee of Coffeyville rendered most valuable service at the recent election in defeating a proposition to build an armory. They prepared, and hung upon every door knob, a protest card condemning the proposition, and urging that it be voted down. A large share f the credit for its defeat is

3—The Socialist Woman's Committer of Chicago got out a special edition to the Daily Socialist on November 19, for the benefit of the striking garment workers. This edition is 62,000 was sold upon the striking of Chicago, and \$3,764.61 was rated. Although the Woman's Committee of Chicago, and \$3,764.61 was rated. / rat- .! ad sole charge of the work, the hearty co-operation of comrades, of the striking and men, of the Woman's on League, and of the So-

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the work done by the women in the movement. As the Italian women in one Branch raised \$100.00 for the Strikers' Fund, just so little bands of women all over the country are contribution their contributions the contribution of the country are contributions the contribution of the country are contributions the country are contributions the contributions the country are contributions the country are contributions the country are contributions the country are contributed to the country are contr tributing their quota to the work ac-complished by the entire Socialist movement. If so much has been done without concentrated effort, with such effort the coming year should see vastly increased results.

PLANS FOR FUTURE WORK. The Woman's National Committee has been seriously at work devising the most simple, direct plans for acthe most simple, direct plans for accomplishing the greatest possible results from its work in the year 1911. The plans are prepared along two lines, the distribution of literature, and the giving of monthly programs. Each line will be discussed briefly.

1—The Distribution of Literature. As our party literature to a large ex-

As our party literature to a large exwritten in a style that does not at first appeal to the average wo-man, the Woman's National Commitman, the Woman's National Commit-tee has prepared the following leaf-lets: Woman, Comrade and Equal, A Word to Working Women, Reply to Anti-Suffragists, Why You Should Be a Socialist, The Crimes of Cap-italism, Underfed School Children, Work Among Women, The Worker and the Machine, Boytown Railroad, Cheap Motherhood in America, and an Appeal to Working Women. It is now preparing the following: Woman as a Housewife, The Enfranchise-ment of Women, Woman Upon the Farm, Industrial Education Among Women, Women as Domestic Servants, Woman as a Teacher, Propaganda and Organization among For-

eign Women.
Through these leaflets we are reaching the women in every walk of life. Regular distributing days have been selected, though as far as possible it is desirable that these days coincide with the distributing days of the local. In January, we shall distribute a leaflet appealing especially to the working girls in the factory, store, etc. In February, a Suffrage leaflet shall be distributed. This is the month for the special Woman's Day demonstration, and we hope that the National Executive Committee will again issue the call for its ob-servance. In March we shall distribute a leaflet to teachers, and so on through the months of the year.

We wish to recommend that the locals supply themselves with these leaflets for free distribution at all meetings. Also that all National Organizers be requested to carry these leaflets for free distribution, the Woman's National Committee furnishing them free of charge. We further recommend that the National Organizers be requested to carry sub cards for our official organ, the Progressive Woman, and that every effort be made to increase its circula-

2-Monthly Programs. The second line of work is to be in the nature of monthly programs, prepared by the Woman's National Committee. These programs will consist primarily of lessons upon subjects already selected by the committee. That these lessons may be possessed of continuity of thought and insured of sym-pathetic, systematic treatment, their preparation has been placed in the hands of one person. Comrade Anna

A. Maley has consented to do this.

Songs and recitations will be grouped about the lessons as a center, so that a first class evening's enter-so that a first class evening's enter-tainment will be possible. This pro-gram shall be printed each month in the Progressive Woman.

To assist us in developing each subject from many standpoints, the Gen-eral Correspondent will ask some of our foremost Socialist writers to furnish us with short articles upon them and shall see that they are published in all of the leading Socialist papers.

Through these programs we hope to educate men, women, and children to an understanding of the funda-mental principles of Socialism. We hope to develop capable women workers into organizers and lecturers. The programs being published in the Progressive Woman, we hope thereby to increase the circulation, the sub cards being sold at each meeting.
A third line of work should be ac-

complished through the efforts of the National Organizers.

1-The General Correspondent will see that each National Organizer is supplied with a full explanation of the plan for organizing women into the party. In as much as this is a vital part of the party organization, he should familiarize himself with this plan and be prepared at any

time to put it into operation.
2—The General Corres The Correspondent should send circular letters in advance of each National Organizer, explaining these same plans to the local comrades, and urging their adoption.

The. General Correspondent should assist the local comrades in their effort to get the women out to the meeting by furnishing them with newspaper copy—a short write-up of the nature of the lecture and of its vital interest to women.

of its vital interest to women.

Personally, I wish to offer this suggestion for your kindly consideration.

As a result of Comrade Maley's experience as the Woman's National Organizer, and of my own more limited experience we are convinced that to reach the women most effectively, the manner of routing the Woman's Organizer should be changed. The work of the National Organizer, instead of being scattered over terri-tory so large as the entire United States should be confined to a cer-tain definite section of the United

States and for a certain period.

For instance, Comrade Maley could he assigned the western suffrage states, concentrating her work upon them for the year 1911. Comrade Lewis could concentrate her work

within certain Atlantic Coast states in which the congested industrial centers are located. Another organizer should be sent to the Southwest agricultural section, and so forth.

In this way our organizers become acquainted with local conditions and can deal with them more intelligent-ly. The local comrades become acly. The local comrades become acquainted with our organizers, and can look to them for careful, responsible

The above plans will apply to all sections of the United States. Through the regular, systematic distribution of literature, and the increased circulation of our papers, especially the Progressive Woman, through the public entertainments are through the public entertainments arranged about a study lesson as a monthly program, and through the intelligent co-operation of all of our

intelligent co-operation of all of our National Organizers, we believe that the results of our next year's work will be most gratifying.

Certain locals are calling for special work for children. To supply this demand, the committee requested Comrade Bertha Mailly of New York, and Comrade Livingston of Chicago to prepare something for this line of work. Comrade Mailly sent in her report a few days ago, though it has not yet been acted upon by the Woman's National Committee. It is sufman's National Committee. It is sufficient to state that this line of work is being developed.

We ask for definite instructions upon the following question. A motion was passed by our committee, authorizing the General Correspondent to communicate with certain noted Socialist women in regard to securing dates for lecture tours, terms, etc., the General Correspondent to have full charge of the routing of

such speakers.

After talking this matter over with Comrade Barnes, it was decided to bring the question before the Nabring the question before the Na-tional Executive Committee and ask your decision upon this question, "Since this plan would install in the National Office two bureaus for the routing of speakers, would it meet with your approval?"

MOTION.—That all the routing of

speakers from the National Office be under the direction of the National Secretary, and that the general corre-spondent for the Women's National spondent for the Women's National Committee shall co-operate in routing as many women in the field as are jus-

fied by the circumstances. Adopted. MOTION.—That the National Executive Committee request the editor of "The Progressive Woman" to prepare a special propaganda edition for Wom-en's Day, and that the locals of the party be requested to circulate it.

MOTION.—That the report of Com-rade Lowe be accepted. Adopted. MOTION.—That the wages of Com-rade Lowe be increased to \$18.00 a

week. Adopted.

MOTION.—That Comrade S. M.
Reynolds, author of the resolution on agitation in the army and navy, be requested to prepare a leaflet and submit it to the committee. Adopted.

MOTION.—That all other questions up for consideration be deferred until

the next meeting. Adopted.

Adjourned at 2 p. m. to meet at 10 a. m. Saturday, February 4, 1911.

MABEL H. HUDSON,

National Notes

(Continued from Page One.)

Comrade Sumner W. Rose of Biloxi, Miss., was elected alderman of the First ward in the municipal election held the 13th inst., beating his Democratic competitor by a vote of

Comrade Geo. W. Andrews was ected alderman of the city of Rockville, Conn., in the municipal election

held December 5. Comrade Wm. H. Cook was elected mayor of the city of Edmonds, Wash., in the municipal election held December 5, and on the same date the So-cialists of North Yakima polled an enormously increased vote and came very close to electing the full ticket.

Local Terre Haute (Ind.) desires a Socialist printer with experience in a job office to manage a Socialist weekly paper. One thousand subscribers are guaranteed to begin with and plenty of job work. Expect to issue paper first week in January. Appli-cants should give references regarding party membership and their work in the printing business. Address James Oneal, 831 N. Third street, Terre Haute, Ind.

"Protelarec," the weekly organ of the Slovenian Socialists in America, will, on January 3, 1911, celebrate its fifth anniversary with a big special edition entirely devoted to the propa-ganda among Slovenian workers. It will contain the best stuff needed to make new Socialists. Bundle orders make new Socialists. Bundle orders from English locals or comrades at the places where they see no activity among Slovenian fellow workers will be heartily received. Special bundle rates are: Ten copies, 40 cents; 25 copies, 75 cents; 50 copies, \$1.50; 100 copies, \$2.50. Address "Proletarec," 2146 Blue Island avenue, Chicago, III.

The garment workers of Chicago, 40,000 in number, have been on strike since October 6. The strike started against the firm of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, but shortly spread until it embraced the whole clothing trade.

Organized labor in Chicago is do-

ing everything possible to alleviate the suffering, but the demands are greater than they can meet alone. Among the strikers are hundreds of women with children, and these are

in greatest need.
The National Executive Committee

of the Socialist Party voted \$50.00 to the strike committee as an earnest of its sympathy and an endorsement of such contributions for the immediate relief of widespread distress. Send all contributions to the Chicago Daily Socialist, 180 Washington street, Chi-cago, Ill.

"THE PROGRESSIVE WOMAN." By concurrent action and request of the National Executive Committee and the Women's National Committee, a special propaganda edition of "The Progressive Woman" will be prepared for Women's Day, February 26. The locals of the party quested to take advantage of this splendid opportunity to interest the women comrades and workers.

Special bundle prices for this edition are: Thirty-five copies for 50 cents, 75 copies for \$1.00; in lots of 100 or more, I cent each. Orders should be filed as early as possible. Address: The Progressive Woman, "Special Edition," Girard, Kan.

The following locals have endorsed the call for a national party referen-dum submitted by Local Hallettsville, Texas, first published December 3: New Britain, Conn. (Polish Branch No. 46), Fort Worth, Texas (No. 37), Temple School House, Texas.

By a recent referendum in Louisiana, Comrade Hazel Putnam, Wilburton, was re-elected State Secretary, and Comrade J. W. Bassett, Lafayette, was elected a member of the National Committee.

"Political Action," a weekly Socialist paper published at 344 Sixth street, Milwaukee, Wis., has produced a unique calendar for the year 1911. It contains a picturesque road leading from the City Hall to the Court House, to the state capitol and to the capitol at Washington. Also ex-cellent photographs of 65 comrades holding responsible public offices, either state or local. The price is 25 cents, or \$2.00 a dozen.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Hallettsville, Texas, Nov. 20, 1910. Dear Comrades—Local Hallettsville No. 93 hereby submits a motion for referendum, amending the National Constitution as follows: ARTICLE III.

Sec. 3. All national party officers shall be elected annually and shall not hold the same office longer than two terms.

COMMENT.

The proposed amendment is eminently democratic. Failure to limit the terms of important offices tends to autocracy. For one thing, it tempts men to build "machines" in order to perpetuate themselves in of-

The mere fact that a person has held office too long is a fruitful cause for criticism and dissensions, even though he be guilty of no offense. The worst party rows, local, state and national, can be traced to lack of official rotation. Even under our capitalistic government the wisdom of limiting the terms of governors and presidents is recognized. The best officers are liable to become fossilized, self-serving and time-serving where there is the promise of a lifetime job ahead.

The idea that certain men are in-dispensable and should therefore be kept in office indefinitely smacks of royalism and not of Socialism. In a live, growing democratic movement like ours there is no lack of comrades fully able to fill national positions. There may have been a time when men of ability and experience were scarce, but that time—if ever there was such a time—is past.

The plea is likely to be made that annual elections and a "new deal"

every two years will increase the dan-ger of landing incompetents in office. The answer is that it will entirely re-move the worse danger of KEEPING incompetents in office.

New men in charge of national party affairs every two years will re-sult in new ideas and renewed energy in the work of agitation and organization at both top and bottom. It means a constant honorable retire-ment to the ranks of comrades that have been committeemen or secretaries long enough to obtain a wider view of party problems, but not long enough to become possessed of the mischievous notion that they cannot be replaced.

In a large measure it would put a stop to attacks on national officers attacks that often hurt the movement more than the persons concerned, though this is not saying that such attacks are not sometimes justifiable. With this amendment in force a party officer would usually have stepped down and out before the opposition to him had crystallized, or else be-fore any possible mischief within himself had the time or chance to get in motion. In nearly every case where state or national officers have been under fire they had been in office longer than two years.

The point will be made that party

officials do the best work after serving several years. That may be true in some cases, but in many cases they do their WORST after the second term. Besides, few persons will be so much as nominated for national positions who have not considerable

ability and experience to begin wit.

A final point: With the growth of autonomous state organizations the time is near when national officers will not be so important as they have heen. However, as their actual im-portance diminishes, the tendency is for such officials to exceed their constitutional powers in order to preserve the importance that was once theirs. We do not charge that this is now

the case, but the danger is there nevertheless. That the proposed amendment will check this dangerous

Aendency is apparent.

The foregoing is offered solely with the good of the party in view. We are taking no sides in any controversy; our purpose is to strike at the cause of controversies, and at least reduce their power to harm the

Let us practice democracy as well as preach it. No amount of argu-ment, honest or sophistic, will do away with the fact that the proposed amendment is purely democratic. The party constitution of Texas has a similar provision, by the way, and it gives general satisfaction.
Fraternally,
(Signed) A. C. MEITZEN,

Secretary.

National Committee Action

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16, 1910. To the National Committee:

Comrades—At the recent session of the National Executive Committee certain action was taken resulting in an address directed to your commit-

The National Constitution, Section 4 of Article VI, provides: "Any act of the National Executive Committee, unless affected by motion by any member of the National Committee within fifteen days after notice of such act has been mailed by the National Office to the members of the National Committee, shall be in

I transmit herewith the text of the subject matter above referred to:

(See other column, National Executive Committee minutes, for motion and statement.) A printed copy of the minutes of

the recent session will be mailed to you tomorrow.

If the above proposal by the Na-

tional Executive Committee meets with your approval, you are hereby requested to place in nomination five members. The date for the closing of nominations and acceptances and declinations will be announced later.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Orange, N. J.
Call for the repeal of Article VI,
Section 1, of the National Constitution, and the adoption of the follow-

ing in place thereof:

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.

A. The National Executive Committee shall be elected by the National Committee, any member of the party being eligible for said committee, provided that he or she shall have been a member of the party for three consecutive years and shall not be receiving wages from the funds of the party, except in performance of duties in the purely executive work of the

party.

B. The members of the National Executive Committee shall hold office for the term of two years from the date of their election unless recalled by a two-thirds vote of the National

Committee.
C. The National Executive Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members to be elected during the month of January in years with undates receiving the highest vote shall

be elected.

D. Any member of the National Committee who shall be recalled by referendum of the state which he or she represents shall be ineligible to membership on the National Executive Committee for the term of one year, and the vacancy thus created, or any vacancy occurring in the tional Executive Committee, shall be filled by the National Committee for the term of two years. COMMENTS.

The reasons which impel us to of-fer the above amendments to the National Constitution are:

First. Our present method of electing a National Executive Committee is cumbersome and does not secure the most efficient executive ability, as it is impossible for the members to judge of the practical qualifications of the many candidates proposed for the proper conduct of the important business affairs of our rapidly growing party

*As the National Executive Committee has no power to outline policies, the principles of the referendum are not applicable to their selection, which could much better be left to the judgment of the members of the National Committee, composed as it is of those who are elected by constituencies fa-miliar with their business ability and

capacity.
Second. As at present constituted and chosen the National Executive Committee is open to the obvious criticism that it tends to become an autocratic body, not responsive to the will of the party, the means of checking any neglect of duty being too cumbersome to readily apply.

That this criticism is sure to be in-jurious to the cause of Socialism has been demonstrated in the past cam-paign, when vicious attacks, fostered probably by the capitalist party, have been made upon the committee, which could have been satisfactorily met with if they had been responsible-to the National Committee.

Third. There is nothing in the experience of the state organizations to show that the business interests of the party are better served by the present method of choosing the National Executive Committee than by

well in the different states. (Signed) HARRY EGERTON.

Secretary.