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## Courage, Comrades---Courage

This is not the time to whine. This is not the time to cease your activity as a Socialist. This is not the time to forsake the Socialist Party organization, to crawl into a hole, to go into hiding.

In these times of war madness and mental panic every Socialist should serve as a leader in the community, giving intelligent interpretation to the cause of wars, giving direction to working class activities so that the day may come when wars will be no more.

These are days which will prove your metal. These are days which will tell whether you ring true to the ideals to attain which Socialists have striven for years and years. These are days which will finally decide your real value to the revolutionary party of the working class.

And why falter? Why hesitate? We are as right today as we ever were. We are stronger in this right today than we ever were. Thousands upon thousands of working men and women look to us to continue to conserce and give expression to the interests of the working class while the war is on. And hundreds of thousands have turned sympathizers, realizing suddenly that our party is the only dependable force working for the abolition of wars by demanding the abolition of capitalism.

You are NEEDED ON THE SOCIALIST FIRING LINE TODAY. You are needed to fire the determination, the inspiration, the enthusiasm of the workers so that they may close ranks and defeat capitalism. Your value in this work today is double that at any other time.

Then attend your local meeting regularly. Pay your dues regularly. Distribute literature regularly. Get as many new members as you can. Have your local hold a peace demonstration. Have your local hold an anti-conscription meeting.

CIRCULATE THE LISTS SENT YOU FOR THE \$1,000 ORGANIZATION FUND. Approach every worker you meet and ask him to give a dollar to be used to strengthen the working class in its opposition to capitalism and its wars.

AND HOW ABOUT YOUR OWN CONTRIBUTION? Money is needed right now to begin an effective organization campaign. Have you ten dollars to spare? Have you five dollars to spare? Have you one dollar to spare? Can we not count upon your generosity in times such as these, so that we may make an onslaught upon capitalism, weaken the master class and increase our power?

ANSWER! AND ANSWER RIGHT AWAY.

Let every comrade take his place in the work. Let every comrade give money. Activity and money to finance activities are the need of the hour.

GIVE US THIS AND WE WILL FORWARD MARCH!

As Debs has said, let every one of us rather be a dead traitor to Wall Street than a live traitor to the working class.

### COURAGE, COMRADES—COURAGE

LOCAL TOLEDO remitted \$24 to the state office to pay one year's subscription each for all its good standing and all its bad standing members.

LOOKING FOR a new member? We'll tell you where to get one. Wend your way into the kitchen and ask your wife to join. Ask her to work for Socialism WITH you.

THE WIRES were kept pretty warm by the state office this last month. Speakers in all parts of

the state, yes and out of the state were telegraphed to in an effort to fill the unusual demand on the part of locals for speakers at peace meetings.

62 NEW MEMBERS were admitted by Local Cleveland at its last C. C. C. meeting. Several delegates got hoarse reading applications.

LOCAL LORAIN held the first meeting protesting the conviction of Thos. J. Mooney. Ellis B. Harris of Wisconsin was the speaker.

## THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

### WHAT IT DID

The Emergency National Convention of the Socialist Party, held in St. Louis, April 7 to 14, was in many ways the most important convention of our party ever held. It was a hard working convention, every session of which gave the standing of our party as a factor in the world war and in the emancipation of the workers, most serious thought.

Ohio delegates were represented upon nearly every committee elected by the convention. Frank Midney and C. E. Ruthenberg served on the committee known to the delegates as the "War Committee." This committee drafted the party's declaration upon the questions of war and militarism.

Marguerite Prevey and Tom Clifford were elected upon the Resolutions Committee. Chas. Baker served as a member of the Ways and Means Committee. Wm. Patterson was a member of the Platform Committee. A. Wagenknecht was elected upon the Committee on Organization.

The first important act of the convention was the passage of a resolution against fusion or compromise with the Non-Partisan League, a political organization of farmers which had its beginning in North Dakota and which, under the guise of non-partisanship, has elected many republicans and democrats to office. The roll call vote upon this anti-fusion resolution was 114 in favor and 55 against, the Ohio delegation voting solidly with the majority and for no compromise.

The stand of the party in the present world conflict and its program of action while the war lasts brought forth discussions which every member of the party should have heard. Three reports were placed before the convention by the "War Committee," a majority report and two minority reports. There was no decided line of demarcation between the majority report and the first minority report which was known as the Boudin report. The only differences between these two were minor in effect. On the other hand, the difference between the

## WANTED:

REPORT FROM YOUR LOCAL BEFORE MAY 8th. Either send in your monthly report, Comrade Secretary, or run the risk of having your entire local membership disfranchised.

majority report and what was known as the Spargo report was very decided. Whereas the majority report voiced the party's unalterable opposition to all wars declared by the ruling class, offensive or defensive, and pledged the workers enlistment in the class war only, in the war to abolish capitalism, the Spargo minority report supported the stand of President Wilson in declaring the war to be one for "democracy," for which the workers of this country should be glad to give their lives.

Here is a paragraph out of the Spargo minority report: "Now that the war is an accomplished fact, for the reasons stated we hold that it is our Socialist duty to make whatever sacrifices may be necessary to enable our nation and its allies to win the war as speedily as possible."

The roll call vote upon the three reports resulted as follows: For the majority report, 136. For the Boudin minority report 32. For the Spargo minority report, 5. Allan Benson took part in the discussion and proposed a declaration upon the question of war of his own, which came very near agreeing in full with the Spargo minority report. It received no support from the floor of the convention.

The program of the party, now that a state of war exists in this country, was also a pivotal point upon which there were very decided differences of opinion. The majority of the "War Committee" brought in a report which demanded continuous, active, public opposition to all military or industrial conscription; vigorous resistance to all reactionary measures, such as press censorship, restriction of the rights of free speech, the right to strike and organize; propaganda against teaching of military training in the schools; for socialization and democratic management of industries, transportation systems, land, natural resources now monopolized for speculative profit.

The majority report also recommended that all elected Socialist officials, whether in congress, state legislature or municipal bodies, vote against all proposed appropriations or loans for military, naval or other war purposes.

A substitute report on Socialist Party program during the war was proposed, which declared for conscription of incomes and against a conscription of men until the American people have been given the right to vote upon it. Many of the delegates thought that the party would make a serious error in approving of "wealth conscription," for, in this they saw an attempt on the part of the capitalist class to "carry

the war to a successful conclusion" by trading or balancing wealth conscription with the conscription of workers to do the fighting and dying. Also, the party's stand upon a conscription of men was voiced as uncompromising in its opposition, referendum or no referendum.

The final roll call vote resulted in 117 for the majority report and 47 for the substitute report. None of the Ohio delegates voted either for the Spargo minority report or the substitute report upon the party's war program.

All the forces favoring fusion and compromise upon the political field on the part of the Socialist Party and its members, seemed to have gathered at this convention, purposing to so amend the constitution of the party as to allow political trading. The test of strength between the fusionists and anti-fusionists was finally decided when the Constitution Committee, composed mostly of comrades who thought our present national constitution too ironclad and doctrinaire, made its report.

The majority report of the Committee on Constitution, which report sought to "loosen up" our party laws and give us a more "elastic" constitution, was rejected by the convention by a vote of two to one. The comrades submitting the majority report were Walter Thomas Mills, Anna Maley, George Goebel, W. R. Gaylord, John C. Kennedy of Illinois, Thos. Williams of California. The latter two comrades are both state secretaries. The minority report was signed by U. Solomon of New York, L. E. Katterfeld of Washington, Wm. H. Henry of Indiana.

For purposes of record we here give the names of all the well known delegates who declared themselves in favor of giving party members the opportunity to vote for capitalist class candidates "under certain circumstances." Dan Hogan, Job Harri-man, Cameron King, Walter Thomas Mills, John C. Kennedy, Florence Wattles, Walter Millard, Anna A. Maley, Geo. H. Goebel, Jos. D. Cannon, S. J. Mahoney, Adolph Germer, John Spargo, Victor L. Berger, W. R. Gaylord, Emil Seidel.

The large delegations from the industrial states, with the exception of Wisconsin and Missouri, voted almost solidly against fusion. And the small delegations from the farming states, with the exception of the large delegation from Oklahoma, voted almost solidly for fusion. The Ohio delegates voted as one man against fusion.

The convention approved of some very radical changes in the national constitution. The na-

tional committee was abolished. A national executive committee of 15 will, if sanctioned by the referendum, hereafter be in charge of party activities, this committee to be elected by five districts, three members to serve from each district. This will mean that New York and Wisconsin will have to relinquish control of the National organization to the organization from all parts of the nation.

The national secretary will be elected by the national executive committee of 15 members. There will be a yearly meeting of state secretaries who will gather to decide plans for more thoro organization and propaganda work and exchange ideas as to party efficiency in administration details.

It is proposed that dues to the national office be increased five cents, doubling the amount the states now pay. This will mean that locals will be obliged to pay five cents more for stamps bought from the state office.

The famous "sabotage" section of the national constitution was eliminated. This section known as Section 6 of Article 2 caused wide spread dissatisfaction when it was adopted some years ago.

A departure from prescribed rules was also had in the adoption of a new platform for the party. The report of the majority of the Platform Committee followed precedent and placed before the convention a lengthy, well written document, which many delegates termed a classic in Socialist literature. However, the minority report on platform won the convention, the argument in favor being that it was about time to get away from lengthy treatises couched in language not understood by the average worker, and adopt a platform which would be read because of its simple language, its brevity and its harmony with working class psychology. The new platform will be probably the shortest ever adopted by the party, giving the Socialist position in terse and concise sentences, every one of which is built of words in common use by working men and women.

The convention decided to pay the party debt and the convention expense by a 25c assessment and by proportioning the indebtedness among the states in accordance to the state's membership.

The final report of the Resolutions Committee was made at the last session of the convention. As the convention had voted to adjourn at 11:30, Saturday, April 14th, business was carried on with a rush at this last session. The report of the Organization Committee was not heard at all and it was decided to send both the majority and minority reports of the Organization Committee to

the state secretaries and delegates in printed form for their study.

The convention adjourned with three cheers for the Social revolution and the convention's declaration upon the question of war, which is considered the most revolutionary war-time document ever adopted by the workers in any country at any time.

With the red flag in the lead, the delegates paraded around the convention hall, singing Socialist songs, after which they hurriedly bid each other goodbye and rushed for their trains.

Party members can not but help take courage as a result of the convention's deliberations and actions. They should renew and intensify their activities through their local and branch organizations so that we may reach the great majority of workers with the Socialist Party's position upon war and with the message of Socialism in general. There is no time like the present to voice the party's principles, for the majority of workers in every community are against war and therefore will willingly listen to the reason for its cause and arguments proving that only with the end of capitalism will wars cease to be.

## One National Committeeman Elected

The following vote was received by nominees for the office of national committeeman: Mark Brilliant 76; Alex Connell 20; Robert Edwards 86; Dan Farrell 35; John Feeterer 71; Thos. Hamerschmitt 106; Thos. Lippert 33; E. O. McPherson 59; Thos. Marshall 79; Marguerite Prevey 436; John Rehm 23; C. E. Ruthenberg 748; Jos. W. Sharts 121; F. G. Strickland 234; O. G. Van Schoyck 117; Dan Wallace 63.

The only nominee elected upon the first ballot is C. E. Ruthenberg. The names of Marguerite Prevey and F. G. Strickland will appear upon the second ballot which will be sent locals soon.

## Revised List of Speakers Desired

A revised list of Socialist speakers residing in this state is wanted. All comrades who have had sufficient platform experience to enable them to speak for locals with credit to our party are asked to send their names, addresses and occupations to the state office at once. Comrades desiring to be placed upon the list of speakers are also requested to inform the state office upon which days of the week they are available.

# THAT \$1,000 FUND

**WE KNOW THIS, COMRADES.** We know that uncountable numbers of men and women are **READY** to contribute money to the Socialist Party. These men and women have learned to **KNOW** the Socialist Party in the last few weeks. They have learned to recognize it as an organization **THAT WAS NOT AFRAID** to speak its mind. They have learned to recognize it as an organization **THAT WAS NOT AFRAID** of the capitalist class and its army of hired jingoes.

Uncountable numbers of men and women are ready to contribute money to help make the Socialist Party more powerful. All that is needed is enough party members to collect the money awaiting our call.

**ARE YOU CIRCULATING YOUR ORGANIZATION FUND CONTRIBUTION LIST? HAVE YOU ONE OF THESE LISTS TO CIRCULATE?**

If you have a contribution list in your possession, put it to work at once. If you have no list, write to the state office, 1291 Cook avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, and a list will be sent you by return mail.

These lists were sent to locals only a short time ago. That many comrades are giving attention to their circularization is proven by the following donations already received.

- Slovak Branch, Canton ..... \$1.30
- J. S. Case, Delaware ..... .50
- E. E. Pasco, Dayton ..... .25
- H. L. Cunningham, Dayton ..... .50
- Thos. Hohler, Dayton ..... .50
- J. Kochendoerfer, Dayton ..... .50
- J. A. Herzog, Dayton ..... .25
- H. L. Broadstone, Dayton ..... .25
- P. Schroeder, Dayton ..... .25
- P. E. Athey, Dayton, 25c; L. Jameson, Dayton, 25c; Wm. Shickling, Dayton, 35c; B. F. James, Dayton, 25c; E. Aufuldish, Dayton, 25c; Max Braedke, Dayton, 50c; Martin Ryan, Dayton, 25c; E. J. Huber, Van Buren Tp., 40c; Bohemian Socialist Branch, Maynard, \$2.00; Laura Crowley, Fostoria, \$5.00; W. M. Ralston, Fostoria, 50c; Geo. H. Bailey, Fostoria, \$1.00; Theo. Allebach, Fostoria, 50c; J. J. Warner, Fostoria, 0c; Local Cambridge, \$2.00; Geo. D. Eynon, Cambridge, 25c; O. D. Hart, Cambridge, 50c; J. L. Steinbrecher, Cambridge, 25c; W. W. Hennen, Cambridge, 25c; Lloyd Darland, Cambridge, 10c; Mat Uttar, Adena, \$1.00; Chauncey Dover, Cadiz, 25c; Fred Bartles, Adena, 25c; John Vehre, Adena, 50c; Wm. Thompson, Adena, 50c; Orwaldo Taleaup, 50c; I. S. Williamson, Cable, 50c; G. A. McBride, Sterling, 25c; D. C. Steiner, Sterling, \$1.00; I. W. Maibach, Sterling, \$1.00; Scott Wilkins, Wapakoneta, \$5.00; J. M. Remy, Greenfield, 50c; I. D. Clark, Greenfield, 25c; W. E. Baker, Greenfield, 50c; Fred Beatty, Greenfield, 25c; Fred C. Kelso, Greenfield, 50c; Harley Wright, Greenfield, 50c; Henry Roush, Greenfield, 25c; Walter Wilson, Greenfield, 25c.

**SEND FOR A \$1,000 ORGANIZATION FUND CONTRIBUTION LIST TODAY**

Then circulate it among all Socialists, sympathizers and friends in your vicinity. Help the party to the sinews of war so that it may more effectively fight your battles.

## SAY--WHO IS YOUR WIFE?

Have you a wife? And if you have, who is she? Is she anybody? Isn't it funny, comrades, how a lot of us men folks go forth into the wilderness in an attempt to induce a Socialist voter to join our dues paying organization, while right at home, under our very noses, there's a party prospect of true value?

We know of a Socialist Party branch in the largest city in the state, the members of which are a smart lot. First one or two comrades of this branch began to bring their wives to meetings, and eventually they joined the party. Then two or three more men comrades took the hint and did the same thing. And now this

branch has an attendance that is almost 50-50.

Suppose you say to your wife next meeting night: "Come to the Socialist meeting with me tonight, will you, dear? I'll help you a little with the work. You'll enjoy hearing the comrades talk." Suppose you do this next meeting night.

We want every comrade's wife to be somebody. And she'll be somebody if she joins her husband in Socialist activities. And if every comrade in the state would induce his wife to become a dues paying member of our party, then there would be many more willing hands at work digging capitalism's grave.

# A Very Busy State Executive Committee

The sessions of the State Executive Committee held at state headquarters March 31 and April 1 were indeed busy sessions. Many communications were placed before the committee from Locals; communications which attested to the renewed interest Locals were taking in the party work.

The new business transacted shows that this committee is looking forward to building a powerful, virile, enthusiastic and efficient state movement and that an attempt will be made to enlist as many Comrades in this work of BUILDING UP as have their heart and mind upon doing their duty by the party.

The following minutes form interesting reading for all Socialists who desire to keep abreast of party development, and should be given study by every party member:

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

Afternoon and evening sessions of the State Executive Committee held March 31, 1917.

The meeting was called to order by State Secretary Wagenknecht, and Scott Wilkins was elected chairman.

The roll call showed all present, namely, E. L. Hitchens, Tom Clifford, Chas. Baker, Wm. Patterson, Geo. Bundy, Jas. J. White, Scott Wilkins.

The sub-committee's verification of the tabulation of the referendum upon the election of delegates to the National Convention, to be held in St. Louis, April 7th, was received.

Motion carried that figures of total votes cast for delegates to National Convention as presented by the State Secretary be accepted as correct.

Motion carried that total votes of all nominees be read.

Protest read from the City Executive Committee of Local Cleveland, objecting to the name of Max Hayes appearing upon the ballot for the reason that said Comrade was 13 months in arrears with his dues when nominated.

Motion carried unanimously that the name of Max Hayes be dropped from ballot as an eligible nominee.

State Secretary read his report to the committee.

## REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY.

The three months which have passed since the last meeting of the State Executive Committee have been memorable in many ways. Locals and members of our party have shown a spirit of co-operation such as the state office hardly dared hope for.

The prompt response which was given the various state office calls to action testifies to the fact that there is inherent in our state party a good understanding of the need for more perfect organization, and it is to be hoped that the state office will be enabled to be of such use as to develop this understanding for better organization into results which are concrete and effective.

## ORGANIZATION FUND.

To simply state that the call for a \$1,000 Organization Fund met with a most generous response does not at all tell the story. Day after day the state office met with surprise after surprise in the shape of contributions to this fund. That the locals and members mean business, that they demand the employment of state organizers, that they expect a summer of field work which has never been surpassed in thoroughness, has been amply proven by their liberality. About \$350.00 is the total of contribution to this fund to date.

Locals and members at large now have in their possession the contribution lists of which I sent each committeeman a copy. Whereas the first call for contributions to the \$1,000 Organization Fund was responded to mostly by locals in that they voted sums out of their treasuries to do-

nate to this fund, these lists will do service among the members of our party, as well as the sympathizers, who have a dollar to spare. Good results are expected from these lists, which have been given more preliminary consideration and study than we usually give such matters in our Socialist Party work.

## THE OHIO SOCIALIST.

There are still a number of locals which have made no effort to have their members subscribe for the state office monthly, THE OHIO SOCIALIST. There are now upon the mailing list about 1,600 names. This number should be doubled. In this regard I would like to ask your committee if, considering the small subscription price, it would pay to have subscription cards printed, which could be mailed to local secretaries to sell. Merited praise is due those locals which subscribed for their entire good and bad standing membership. These locals undoubtedly see in our monthly an agency which will assist them to keep their members interested in the party work.

THE OHIO SOCIALIST is, however, much too small for even ordinary necessary matter. If we are to include the State Executive Committee minutes in the next issue we will again have to print an eight-page edition. Want to state in this connection that some thought should be given by the committee to planning for an enlargement of our paper, its issuance twice a month and an increase of subscription price to cover the added expense.

I suggest this because we must seek to give publicity to the many enthusiastic, newsy, instructive letters which this office receives every month from locals and members. I can think of no better way to socialize our state membership, to spread the spirit of comradeship and revolution than by establishing a means of intercommunication such as a semi-monthly state paper in which letters of worth could be given the membership to digest.

## THE BAD STANDING MEMBERS.

There are now on file in the state office the names of about 700 bad standing members. These members will be addressed by the state office this month. Not only will the state office send a series of communications to the names on file, but it will send copies of the "make the bad ones good" communications to all locals in the state, so that those who did not submit names of bad standing members to the state office, will be enabled to mail the series of letters to their arrearage list themselves.

These letters have not been printed as yet, but I desire to place before you several of the illustrations which will accompany them and the draft of the first letter to be sent as well as outlines of the other three communications.

## FINANCES.

State office finances are in an admirable condition. As will be remembered, the present administration began its term of office with a balance on hand of \$154.62. Of this amount \$45.45 was owing the candidate for governor as deficit upon his tour of the state. This left us a balance of a little better than \$100.00. When the books are balanced for the month of March our accounts will show more than \$700.00 in the state treasury with all bills paid.

Since your last meeting I have purchased a filing cabinet. I have put to use a duplicator which I used at my employment before being elected to office. No other office equipment has been purchased, and we shall try to get along with present facilities for a few months longer and as long as our efforts at economizing do not interfere

with the prompt and efficient dispatch of state office work.

## ADVICES.

After inquiries which your committee suggested I make, locals have declared themselves in favor of an advisory committee to assist Socialists elected to political office. Locals also declared themselves in favor of supplying state organizers with automobiles to facilitate their work.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the State Executive Committee elect a sub-committee as an advisory committee to confer with Socialists elected to political office.

2. That your committee elect a committee of teachers who are Socialists, this committee to give the election of Socialist school directors taru-out the state their attention and to compile a list of teachers who are Socialists so that these teachers may be given employment where school directors who are Socialists are in control.

3. That a committee of accountants who are Socialists be elected, and that these comrades devise a uniform system of bookkeeping for locals and branches.

4. That a committee on propaganda leaflets be elected whose duty it shall be to write leaflets for free distribution, these leaflets to pertain to criticisms of our capitalist government at Columbus in the main.

5. That a committee of lawyers who are Socialists be elected whose duty it shall be to assist locals in difficulties with their city administrations and to in other ways give their services to the state organization.

There are two other matters to which I desire to call your attention.

The first is the question of representation at the coming state convention for the members at large. Does not the committee think that members at large should be considered the same as a local and should be allowed equal representation?

The second is the question of remitting quotas of foreign branch dues to locals which have no city central committee. To my best knowledge only Locals Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo, Akron and Belmont County have central committees to which foreign branch dues can be remitted, and as the quota of dues from foreign speaking branches are specifically meant for the treasuries of city and county central committees, and not for the treasuries of English speaking branches or locals, I would suggest that every local in the state which has two or more branches immediately elect a city committee or that quotas of foreign branch dues no longer be sent them.

Local Cleveland desires to advise you that it voted to hold and supervise a state picnic at the time of the state convention, all net proceeds to go into the state treasury. This local also, at a sacrifice to its own treasury of about \$200.00, turned over to the state for the state picnic its Debs' date.

This ends my report except to add that thoro consideration ought be given the selection of one or more state organizers and state lecturers at one of your sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WAGENKNECHT,

State Secretary.

Motion carried that report be received and considered seriatim.

Motion carried that report of State Secretary be concurred in up to section referring to recommendations.

Motion carried that recommendation No. 1 be concurred in.

Motion carried that recommendation No. 2 be concurred in.

Motion carried that recommendation No. 3 be concurred in.

Motion carried that recommendation No. 4 be concurred in.

Motion carried that recommendation

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GEO. BUNDY.....1389 Forsythe Ave.  
Columbus.  
TOM CLIFFORD.....3517 Fulton Rd.  
Cleveland.  
E. L. HITCHENS.....3918 Regent Ave.  
Norwood.  
WM. PATTERSON.....1727 Michigan St.  
Toledo.  
SCOTT WILKINS.....Wapokoneta  
JAMES J. WHITE.....Box 492  
Toronto.

No. 5 be concurred in.

Motion carried to now elect committees as per recommendations.

Motion to reconsider action upon recommendation No. 1 lost.

Motion carried that Advisory Committee as per recommendation No. 1 be composed of members of the State Executive Committee.

Motion carried that this committee consist of three members.

Comrades Chas. Baker, Scott Wilkins and Jas. J. White elected the Advisory Committee to assist Socialists elected to political office.

A School Committee to consist of teachers who are Socialists was then elected as per recommendation No. 2. This committee consists of Alfred Bosch of Cleveland, John W. Marshall of Leetonia, Herb Hostetler of Dover.

The following committee of accountants was elected in accordance with recommendation No. 3: S. Neubauer, Harry Chechl, C. E. Ruthenberg.

Upon the committee on leaflets for state distribution were elected Edward Smith of Warren, A. Wagenknecht, J. L. Bachman of Columbus, E. P. McDewitt of Steubenville.

The Legal Committee elected consists of the following members: F. F. Truhlar of Cleveland, J. W. Sharts of Dayton, Edwin Blank of Lima.

Motion carried that representation of members at large in the state convention, as per reference in report of State Secretary, be referred to the state convention.

Motion carried that where there are no county or city central committees the quota of dues from foreign branches be kept in the state treasury.

### MANY MEMBERSHIPS AT LARGE AND CHARTERS GRANTED.

The following applications for membership at large in the party were read and granted: Roy Nichols, William Riley, Fred Fitch, John Davis, Harley Locker, Ray Beiersdorfer, Roy Cole, Charles Grummert, William Beiersdorfer, Carl Hiller, John Schlagetter, Homer L. Henson, Thomas Burgess, John Peck, Robert Murray, all of Sidney and proposed by Julius Soos, and Robert Graf of Celina. Tom Clifford requested to be recorded as voting against granting so many memberships at large in one city, holding that these comrades ought to organize a local.

Charter applications, as follows, were read: For a local at Tiltonsville with Calvin Johnston as Secretary. For a local at St. Bernard with Arthur Schwab, Secretary. Willshire, F. D. Crain, Secretary. Chevlot, Earl Pickering, Secretary. Xenia, Loring Shepherd, Secretary. Belle Valley (Bohemian), John Bobeck, Secretary. All applications were granted.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

From local, Cincinnati, submitting constitution for approval. Approval granted.

From locals regarding election of

Advisory Committee and purchase of an auto for state organizer. Filed.

From State Secretaries regarding circularization of state locals by the National office and commenting upon establishment of a State Secretaries' Exchange.

Motion carried that the National office give the Ohio State office preliminary notice before circularizing its locals and that all National office circular letters be first placed before the Ohio State office for approval.

From U. C. Engle of Oberlin suggesting form of telegram to Washington, D. C., and placing before committee manuscript for a book with the request to publish. Motion carried that although great credit is due Comrade Engle for his production and although we recognize its value, the State Executive Committee is in no position at the present time to enter the proposition of publishing the book.

From local, Sandusky, regarding efforts to obtain a state law to establish a municipal court. Motion that as this matter was partially covered by the last Legislature, no further action be taken at this time.

From the Socialist Party of Idaho, protesting against the holding of the National convention. Filed.

From Fred Walchli, Secretary of local, Belmont County, stating that the local passed a motion requesting the State Executive Committee to use the money in the \$1,000 organization fund for anti-war purposes and promising double the local's former contribution to the organization fund at some future date. Motion carried that local Belmont County be notified that it is not within the province of this committee to use funds specified for a certain purpose in another way, but that all possible would be done to encourage anti-war meetings in the state.

From I. Barsky of Conneaut, suggesting that the loss in votes at the last election was due to the fact that Socialists did not watch at the polls. Motion carried to remind locals in this state of the necessity of watching the count of votes at election time.

At this juncture S. W. Mahaffey and A. M. Smith of the former local at Conneaut addressed the committee and made a request that charter be returned members who composed the local whose charter had been revoked.

After stating its case and being questioned by the State Executive Committee, the committee from Conneaut left, after which the following motion was made and lost: That the State Secretary be authorized to write the existing local in Conneaut and ask if it would agree to an entire reorganization of Socialists of Conneaut in the interest of the harmony and progress of the movement.

From R. S. Callender of Steubenville, asking for assistance in reorganizing the local. Motion that a date be set upon which Jas. J. White could visit Steubenville and give assistance in again placing a good local in that city.

From local Cincinnati, regarding bills introduced at session of State Legislature inimical to the interests of the working class. Filed for future reference.

From National office regarding follow-up letter system for sympathizers. Filed.

From National office regarding the \$50,000 Victory Fund and State Secretary's letters in objection to circularization of locals read. Filed.

From National office requesting State office to request all locals to hold anti-war meetings. Request complied with.

From National office announcing holding of an Emergency National Convention at St. Louis. Filed.

Motion carried to adjourn to 9 a. m., April 1.

### SESSION OF APRIL 1.

Scott Wilkins elected Chairman for the session.

Reading of communications continued.

A series of letters from local, Sandusky, and members thereof read, regarding the constitutionality of the acceptance of a political office by a member of the local at the hands of persons in control of the city government. Request by local, Sandusky, that its member who accepted this political office be allowed to retain same noted.

Motion carried that action be deferred awaiting arrival of representatives from local, Sandusky.

At this juncture August Malm of the Finnish Socialist District Committee appeared to witness the committee's actions.

Motion carried that E. L. Hitchens, Chas. Baker and Tom Clifford serve as an auditing committee and that this committee audit the books of the State office every quarter just before the State Executive Committee convenes.

Communication from local, Conneaut, regarding their coming municipal election. Motion carried that State Secretary take coming municipal campaign in Conneaut under advisement and inform State Executive Committee should any action on its part be necessary.

From J. T. Marsh, State Committeeman, advising that list of available speakers be revised. Motion carried that request of Comrade Marsh be complied with and that State Secretary issue a new call for available speakers and place list of same before the State Executive Committee.

From local, St. Marys, regarding representation in the election booths. Referred to Legal Committee.

From International Socialist Review offering state organization a Ford car for the sale of 600 Review subs. Motion carried to favor the proposition and that State Secretary communicate with members and locals immediately, asking their support in the sale of 600 Review subscriptions at \$1.00 each.

From local, Conneaut, inquiring as to action of party in regard to circularizing of lists for signatures to effect a state-wide referendum upon the question of old age pensions. Motion carried that any member of the party may circulate or sign such lists as individuals without violating any party law or resolution.

Application from H. M. Wicks for position of State Organizer read. Applications from Ross D. Brown, F. E. Fick, W. R. Snow, Clarence Taylor and Chas. Baker read for speaking tours of the state.

Motion carried that State Organizers for the party be selected at this session.

Chas. Baker of Hamilton and H. M. Wicks of Erie nominated, and motion carried that both comrades be elected by acclamation.

Motion carried that Chas. Baker be sent into field first and that simultaneously with commencing his duties as State Organizer he resign as a member of the State Executive Committee.

Motion carried that the State Secretary keep the State Executive Committee in constant touch with the condition and growth of the \$1,000 Organization Fund, and that as soon as the committee thinks sufficient money is at hand to begin organizing work that a Ford roadster be purchased and organizers be routed.

Motion carried that State Organizer receive a wage of \$20 per week.

Motion carried that the State Secretary be instructed to purchase sufficient copies of "Parliamentary Procedure for Deliberative Assemblies" to supply each local with at least one copy.

The committee being ready to adjourn, and as no delegation from local, Sandusky, had put in an appearance, it was tacitly agreed to finally dispose of this matter through committee correspondence.

Motion carried that the committee adjourn.

A. WAGENKNECHT,  
State Secretary.

# \$770.63--All Bills Paid

## STILL FORGING AHEAD.

The State office treasury is still on the upward trend. Every fund shows a substantial increase. The State Secretary reported to the State Executive Committee that the first of the month would see a balance of about \$700.00 in the treasury. Instead, when all balances were finally struck, our State treasury showed all of \$770.63 to the good and ALL BILLS PAID.

And what are we going to do with all this money? We are going to make the Socialist Party a power in this State. We are going to strengthen local organizations. We are going to organize locals where none now exist. State Organizers have already been designated by the State Executive Committee. It will not be long now before they will be in the field hard at work. And when that day comes, we will need even more money than we now have, for we intend to accomplish our organization work without putting the weak locals, which need assistance, to any expense.

An eye to the State treasury, then. Watch it jump by leaps and bounds as soon as the locals and members get busy circulating the contribution lists for our \$1,000 Organization Fund, sent out by the State office several weeks ago.

## A COLORADO COMRADE SAYS:

"I believe I have done more real thinking in the last month than in my whole life. I suppose I have been just like a good many of the comrades and thought that because I could not write or speak that there was not very much that I could do for the party except vote the ticket, and just took it for granted that somebody else with more time than I would look after matters and do what was necessary to do.

"But I have found just found out that the very ones I was depending upon to do things did not have any more time to devote to the party than I did, and now I believe that if every comrade would make up his mind to do everything he can, even if at the time what he does seems small, then we will very soon find that it is from doing small things for the party that a big party is built.

"One of these so-called small things which every comrade should do for the party is to ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY. Another is to KEEP HIS DUES PAID UP. And although these seem small things, in time we will find out that they are big things and probably THE BIGGEST things we can do for the party."

Fred Holder, Loveland, Colo.

YOU BET we will begin that organization campaign by means of automobiles. We will begin it just as soon as the comrades want it begun. A few more dollars, please.

At the sound of your master's factory whistle you hustle like the very devil to get there in time so that you may be permitted to earn a little bread for the day—but you turn a deaf ear to the sound of the Socialist party state office whistle which calls upon you to work a little to speed the day when you'll get all you produce. Isn't that funny?

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH.

### Receipts.

Dues stamps, regular.....	\$ 192.20
Dues stamps, dual.....	10.00
Dues stamps, M. A. L.....	9.50
Dues, foreign branches.....	127.28
Initiation stamps.....	46.50
Organization fund.....	83.18
Ohio Socialist subs.....	30.51
Supplies.....	10.26
Literature.....	9.06

TOTAL.....\$ 518.49  
Balance on hand Feb. 28.....616.83

GRAND TOTAL.....\$1,135.32

### Expenses.

Postage.....	\$ 34.82
Organization fund.....	25.18
Ohio Socialist.....	19.00
Foreign branch dues to locals.....	68.07
Printing.....	33.50
Salary.....	131.50
Telegrams.....	2.52
Office expense.....	50.10

TOTAL.....\$ 364.69

Balance on hand March 31.....\$ 770.63

This balance is divided among the following funds:

General Fund.....	\$ 309.28
Organization Fund.....	355.99
Convention Mileage Fund.....	105.36

\$ 770.63

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## Locals Did Not Report

You, who are now reading this—are you a member of a local whose Secretary did not send a monthly report to the state office? Read the list of reporting locals below. Is your local's name in the list? If it is not, then your Secretary needs YOUR attention. He needs a little prodding and we elect you to give it.

A total of 195 new members were admitted by the reporting locals during the month of March. Permit us to repeat last month's advice: KEEP THESE NEW MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. See to it that they get the habit of paying dues regularly from the very first. Make them realize that there is nothing so important as keeping in good standing.

LOCALS	New Members	Paid to Date	Total on Rolls
Akron.....	23	154	160
Alliance.....	1	18	22
Barberton.....	1	10	17
Belle Valley.....	13	13	13
Belmont County.....	13	290	347
Byesville.....		30	45
Cambridge.....	1	18	35
Canton.....		22	45
Cincinnati.....	19	219	219
Clark County.....	1	18	37
Cleveland.....	73	1350	1500
Columbus.....	1	32	104
Conneaut.....	1	14	14
Convoys.....		12	14
Coshocton.....		15	36
Cuyahoga Falls.....		8	10
Dayton.....	2	69	69
Dennison.....	1	9	9
Derwent.....			10
Dillonvale.....	1	15	35
Dover.....	3	11	11
Dunkinsville.....		11	13
East Liverpool.....	1	13	36
Edgerton.....	3	13	25
Elmwood Place.....		22	35
Elyria.....	1	7	25
Fairport.....	2	68	73
Fairview.....		5	14
Girard.....	1	13	11
Greenfield.....		4	16
Hamilton.....		97	177
Lima.....	2	21	59
Lorain.....	3	32	43
McLuney.....	1	8	15
Mansfield.....	2	18	28
Marion.....		6	16
Massillon.....	3	36	70
Mt. Vernon.....	1	7	11
New England.....		3	3
North Star.....		4	10
Norwalk.....	1	5	7
Norwood.....	1	25	50
Portsmouth.....	1	48	79
Roseville.....		6	10
St. Bernard.....	1	7	7
St. Marys.....	1	11	23
Salttillo.....		5	9
Sandusky.....		27	46
Seneca County.....	5	26	47
Steubenville.....		9	43
Tiltonsville.....	3	10	11
Toledo.....	1	88	251
Toronto.....		13	30
Toronto.....		13	50
Uhrichsville.....		26	29
Van Buren Tp.....	1	13	15
Wadsworth.....		5	9
Warren.....	2	72	120
Wayne Tp.....		5	5
Yorkville.....	1	13	14
Youngstown.....	4	32	56
Zanesville.....	1	13	30
Totals.....	195	3153	4331

# ATTENTION

## Foreign Speaking Branches

Some financial secretaries of foreign speaking branches labor under the misunderstanding that new members admitted to foreign speaking branches do not need to buy initiation stamps for their dues books.

This is a mistake, comrades. EVERY MEMBER ADMITTED IN OHIO MUST be able to show an initiation stamp in payment for his first month's dues. Unless a new member has an initiation stamp in his dues book he is not a LEGAL member of our party.

OBITUARY: Local Steubenville announces its regrets in the loss by death of Comrade Michael Achammer, who was a very active worker in the cause.

WE POINT OUR FINGER STRAIGHT AT YOU AND ASK—what good are you to the Socialist Party? Is your importance to the party as great as the importance of the hole to the doughnut?

# OFFICIAL BUSINESS

## State Executive Committee.

"Motion 'E.'" by Wm. Patterson: "That all comment made by the State Secretary on committee referendums and sent out with ballots be hereafter published in The Ohio Socialist."

Voting yes: Geo. Bundy, Wm. Patterson, Chas. Baker, Jas. J. White. Voting no: E. L. Hitchens, Scott Wilkins, Tom Clifford. Motion carried.

COMMENT: By Patterson—"Please submit my motion with whatever comment you think necessary." By Hitchens—"There is merit to the motion but I would not want to see The Ohio Socialist, with its limited space, cluttered up with comment on ballots as this motion would command. There might be some that would be enlightening and other that would be of no consequence in particular. I think the committee could better decide on what to print and what not at its sessions." By Wilkins—"I vote no as it would be a waste of space and useless expense; besides that State Secretary's comment accompany ballot reaches all the active members when read before the local which will greatly outnumber those who would read it in The Ohio Socialist."

Motion "F." by George Bundy: "That the State Secretary place the result of the ballot of delegates to the National Convention before the State Executive Committee at its first session, before communicating results to the National Secretary."

Voting yes: George Bundy, E. L. Hitchens, Jas. J. White, Chas. Baker, Scott Wilkins. Voting no: Tom Clifford, Wm. Patterson. Motion carried.

COMMENT: By Baker—"I vote yes on this motion, providing the next meeting of the State Executive Committee is held in time to take such action. Since the motion of Comrade Clifford to hold the meeting April 7 has carried and since we do not know yet whether the question of changing date submitted by the State Secretary has been approved, I want to be recorded as changing my vote to 'no' should the committee decide not to meet March 31."

## Motions for State Referendums

Local Mt. Vernon submits the following motions for state referendums:

These resolutions are to be submitted to a referendum of the party membership in Ohio, if supported by the required number of locals, and, if carried, are to be made the basis of a petition for signatures with the end in view of making them amendments to the constitution of the state of Ohio through a state wide referendum.

### Motion No. 1.

"That no law or measure shall be passed or legislated within the state of Ohio in the interest or for the benefit of its people either state, county or municipal, except by a majority vote of all its people, state, county or municipal, by referendum, over 21 years of age; be it also

"Resolved, that all officials elected or appointed to office shall enter office for the sole purpose only to carry out such principles as the people decide by referendum ballot at the preceding spring or fall elections; be it also

"Resolved, that all officials elected to office shall be subject to the imperative mandate or recall and may at any time be recalled by a three-fifths referendum ballot of the people of which such office may represent. Provision: Each family of state to be supplied with a copy giving provisions of this amendment one month before election."

### Motion No. 2.

"Be it resolved, that the state of Ohio shall establish and maintain its own banking system; that it shall establish one bank in each county in the state, and that such banks shall pay 4 per cent on all moneys received and loan out all such moneys at 4½ per cent, all moneys accruing from the ½ per cent above the cost of operation and maintenance of such banks to be placed in a state fund to be used for the establishing of other state institutions which the people of the state may decide upon by referendum ballot.

"Each family of the state shall be provided with a copy of the provisions of this amendment one month before election."

### Motion No. 3.

"Be it resolved, that the state of Ohio shall establish twelve power plants or as many more as may be necessary ranging from one to five million horsepower at suitable and advantageous points along the rivers or streams of the state and furnish heat, light, fuel and power to the people of the state of Ohio at ½ cent per kilowatt hour above the cost of maintenance and operation of such plants. The ½ cent received per kilowatt hour above the cost of maintenance and operation of such plants to be placed in a state fund to be used to establish elevators and flour mills, leather tanneries, shoe factories, furniture factories, weaving and clothing factories, fertilizer factories, farm implement factories, and all such establishments as may be necessary to furnish the necessities of life to the people.

"The state shall charge .05 cents or as much as may be necessary, over and above cost of production and distribution on each pair of shoes—also each sack of flour and on each 100 pounds of fertilizer and on each dollar's worth of clothing, furniture or implements, such .05 cents or amount taken above cost of production and distribution of such goods and maintenance of plants in production to be placed in a state fund to establish warehouses and to also buy and store in such warehouses potatoes and grains and such farm products as are not perishable over and above what the farmers of the state may need for seed and their own family use and the state shall sell to its people such goods stored at a price fixed by a commission composed of twenty-four individuals. The price of each article to be based on the average production of such article throughout the state. The state shall also buy all pork, beef, poultry, butter and eggs above what is needed by the producers of such articles and sell such articles to its people at cost of production and distribution. The state of Ohio shall acquire by either one of four methods the present establishments or manufactories for producing such necessities.

"Those four methods named in the amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state for referendum."

"METHOD No. 1.—That the state of Ohio buy those establishments or manufactories at cost of building minus the wear of old machinery, the price to be decided upon by a commission composed of five men, not to be paid over three thousand dollars a year each, with expenses.

"METHOD No. 2.—Pension the promoters of such industries the rest of their natural life as long as they remain in the state.

"METHOD No. 3.—Seize those establishments by which the means of life must be produced, by right of eminent domain or confiscation.

"METHOD No. 4.—Compete out of business any public establishment who may exploit from any individual any portion of his labor above the cost of production or distribution of such article and guarantee to every individual the full social value of his product. The state shall also, through this amendment, direct throughout the state the establishment of grazing ranges on the rough, swampy and untillable land of the state for the purpose of supplying any deficiency of pork, beef or mutton at a minimum cost which the farmers of the state may be unable to supply.

"All calves produced shall be reported to the commission in charge of such work and all calves produced above what the farmers wish to raise for themselves shall be purchased by the commission named and used to the greatest advantage and benefit of the people of the state.

"The state shall also direct and control the milk supply in its present form to the people of the state.

"All farmers shall make a report of goods produced and goods in stock.

"The state shall also mine and control the distribution of all coal in the state and also acquire control and ownership of all gas and oil production, also telegraph and telephone means of communication, also all railroads—steam, electric, or gas.

"Each family of state shall be supplied a copy with provisions of this amendment one month before election."

Motions that these resolutions be sent to the state office as motions for state referendums were made in local Mt. Vernon by Comrades P. B. Strobel and T. Shields, and the resolutions were sent to the state office duly signed by the local Secretary, Comrade E. C. Wolfe. Local Mt. Vernon has seven members in good standing.

## State Office Price List

### SUPPLIES.

Dues Stamps, each.....	11c
Dual Dues Stamps.....	11c
Inflation Stamps, each.....	25c
Dues Book and State Constitution.....	3c
National Constitutions, each 5c, 25 for.....	50c
Application Cards, per 100.....	40c
State Platforms, 100 copies for.....	25c
Transfer Cards, 10 for.....	10c
Rubber Stamp, Arm and Torch, each.....	20c
Letter Heads, per hundred.....	40c
Envelopes, printed, per hundred.....	40c
Electrotypes, Arm and Torch, each.....	25c
Buttons, Arm and Torch, 10 for.....	20c
Buttons, International Emblem, 10 for.....	20c
Red Flag Pins, each.....	25c

### LITERATURE.

Socialist Songs, with music.....	10c
Marxism and Darwinism, Pannekoek.....	10c
The Socialist Movement, Rev. Vail.....	10c
Our Mental Enslavement, Caldwell.....	10c
Communist Manifesto, by Marx and Engels.....	10c
Shop Talks on Economics, by Marcy.....	10c
What to Read on Socialism, catalog.....	5c
Value, Price and Profit, by Marx.....	10c
What's So and What Isn't, by Work.....	15c
Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, Engels.....	15c
The Class Sense of Socialism, by Spargo.....	25c
Industrial Problems, by Richardson.....	25c
Principles of Scientific Socialism, Vail.....	25c
Evolution, Social and Organic.....	50c
Socialism for Students, by Cohen.....	50c

## As To Short Cuts

Together with other state secretaries we desire to warn the comrades against so-called short cuts to the Revolution, which are being advocated so assiduously here and there of late.

There is the colony scheme for instance. Although we do not desire to discourage comrades from joining a colony should they care for the adventure and experience such an escapade entails, yet WE DO SAY and say it emphatically, that colony schemes ARE NOT short cuts to Socialism. Socialism can not be gained by attempting to avoid capitalism, by leaving the fields of the class struggle and going off into hiding in some sparsely settled part of the land. It can only be secured by grappling with the monster in its own den and gradually shearing it of its power.

Then there is another so-called short cut which has been dubbed "Let us get government ownership of railroads first." That is, let us forget about our revolutionary aims altogether and let's help the railroad capitalists sell the railroads to their government at a fat price. And what will we have gained if we get government ownership of railroads? What have the workers of Germany and Russia gained through government ownership of railroads? The true aim of the Socialist Party is to establish a worker's government and not to assist capitalists to sell the railroads to a capitalist's government.

Let us add this. Pay a bit more attention to the Socialist Party and its declarations and tactics. Don't permit a private enterprise to prescribe your "brand" of Socialism for you. A private enterprise is in business to do business and the kind of Socialism it promulgates is usually the kind that will "take," the kind that will bring in the most shekles. On the other hand, the Socialist Party is organized to secure the kind of Socialism which is in the interest of the working class, the rank and file of the party. This kind of Socialism is revolutionary in aim and demands complete overthrow of capitalism and not its bolstering up.

Of course, you can take your choice. If you'd rather get your Socialism through the business office of some private enterprise, well and good. We'd rather let the membership of the Socialist Party decide our Socialism for us.

LOCAL TIFFIN sends \$5 to the \$1,000 Organization Fund. Secretary Wm. D. Loucks remarks: "Let us contribute just a little bit more to that necessary fund." Quite a little bit, say we.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

March 4, 1917

A. Wagenknecht, State Sec.  
1291 Cook Ave.  
Lakewood, O.

Dear Comrade:—

No business has come to a vote of the National Committee during January and February, the committee business being limited to comment and discussion. I have therefore no report to submit of concrete actions or my vote on same.

Fraternally yours,  
C. E. Ruthenberg,  
National Committeeman

LOCAL CLEVELAND secured 47 applications for membership at its recent peace meeting the fourth it has so far held.

## OHIO DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Of the 119 nominees for delegates to the National Convention which appeared upon the ballot, these comrades received the highest number of votes: DELEGATES: C. E. Ruthenberg, Cleveland, 876; A. Wagenknecht, Lakewood, 757; Tom Clifford, Cleveland, 717; Marguerite Frevey, Akron, 525; Chas. Baker, Hamilton, 521; Wm. F. Barnard, Cleveland, 481; G. F. Strickland, Dayton, 443; Wm. Patterson, Toledo, 399; Jos. Jodlbauer, Cleveland, 341; Scott Wilkins, Wapakoneta, 329.

ALTERNATES: Jos. Robb, Cleveland, 301; Frank Midney, Youngstown, 232; Allen Cook, Canton, 229; J. G. Willert, Cleveland, 225; George Bundy, Columbus, 210; John Brahtin, Cleveland, 207; M. J. Beery, Mansfield, 184; Lotta Burke, Cincinnati, 179; O. G. Van Schoyck, Columbus, 177; E. L. Hitchens, Norwood, 175.

All the rest of the nominees received less than 175 votes throughout the state.

Delegate Strickland notified the state office he could not attend convention and Alternate Midney took his place.

## ENLIST

Permit us to conscript you for service in the Army of

## WORKING SOCIALISTS

Socialism will only come if workers work for it.

Will YOU Join  
the Workers



# You're Elected--

to see some  
bad standing  
comrade today  
to collect his  
arrearages.

Do you accept  
or decline  
the honor?

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A. WAGENKNECHT,  
Editor and Manager.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 30th day of March, 1917.

C. R. STONE,  
Notary Public.

My commission expires Jan. 27, 1919.