



# THE REASONS FOR REVOKING LOCAL SEATTLE'S CHARTER

### Statement of Facts Issued by the State Committee of the Socialist Party of Washington, Presenting a Portion of the Evidence on Which They Acted--The Original Charges, Acknowledgment of Their Receipt by Local Seattle, Etc., Etc.

State Committee, Socialist Party of Washington, Tacoma, Wash. Sept. 30th, 1907. State Headquarters. Comrade--By Reference "D" you are called upon to vote on the question "Shall the State Committee be sustained in revoking the charter of Local Seattle?" In order to vote intelligently upon this question the one thing to be considered by you is the facts leading to this action by the State Committee. The presentation of anything else could only be for the purpose of avoiding the real issue and to mislead you. Therefore the Washington State Committee has ordered that all the facts, and only such, which are substantiated by the records in the State Office, and by the records of the expelled local, in Seattle, may be laid before you in order that you may come to an unprejudiced and unbiased conclusion.

Under date of March 6, 1907, the Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada, forwarded the following charges against Walter Thomas Mills (who at that time was a member of the now expelled local, whose appeal from the decision of the State Committee is before you for your consideration) to the Washington State Committee:

## The Charges

"SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA. Dominion Executive Committee. 551 Barnard St. Vancouver, B. C., March 5, 1907. "Dear Comrade--" "The Secretary S. P. of Wash. "I am instructed by the Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada, and in compliance with a request made by Gustave A. Wagenknecht of Seattle, to send a statement of the facts in the matter of the actions of one Walter Thomas Mills while in the Province of British Columbia.

"This Committee charges W. T. Mills with conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Socialist movement and utterly opposing the form and policy of the Socialist Party of Canada, in whom the party is speaking, in that, by a meeting held in Victoria, B. C., prior to the recent provincial election, he advocated a coalition and compromise and spoke in the interests of candidates put up by a political party (Canadian) who were opposed to and by the Socialist Party of Canada.

"This Committee understands that W. T. Mills is a member of Local Seattle and hopes that steps be taken to disaffiliate him.

"Comrade Wagenknecht has been supplied with full particulars and I will be glad to supply you with these if required.

"Yours in the cause, (Signed) "J. G. MORGAN, "Secretary Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada."

"The Washington State Committee placed the charges on file and voted to defer action till they could receive proof from the Canadian Executive Committee regarding the charges. Comrade Wagenknecht was at this time National Conventions Secretary, Sunday, March 24, the Washington State Committee, having received sufficient proof to justify their action, ordered its secretary to forward to Local Seattle a certified copy of the charges received by the Dominion Committee.

"In all this the Washington State Committee was following the State Constitution, which says:

## What the Constitution says

"Sec. 3. Any member, or Local, advocating fusion with any party or faction not representing Revolutionary Socialism, or any Local, expatriating any of its members for fusion, or any member signing or depositing a pledge, promising to support, politically, any party or faction, not representing Revolutionary Socialism, or

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and helped to elect both these unpatriotic officials, and to protect some members of the local. The certified copy of the charges was read by R. Wisner, secretary of the investigating committee, who reported that his committee had not been able to find any evidence in support of the charges against Mills. However the Dominion Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Canada was represented in the person of J. G. Morgan, its secretary, with an abundance of evidence conclusively proving the guilt of Mills. This Comrade was not in the local, and had the greatest difficulty in receiving recognition and finally he was ready to proceed and introduce his evidence against Mr. Mills, the defendant in this action. Mr. Mills, made the following motion:

"As there are no charges before this body, I move that we now adjourn."

## State Convention Declares Mills Under Charges

On May 4 and 5, 1907, the Socialist Party of Washington was assembled at its 10th Annual Convention in Seattle, to which Mr. Mills was elected by the 10th Ward Branch of Local Seattle, as its delegate. His seat as such delegate was contested on the ground that charges of Party Treason were pending against Mr. Mills. By a vote taken by roll call Mr. Mills was declared guilty of the charges and that a man under charges shall take no part in party proceedings.

## Canada Executive Renews Charges

"SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA. Dominion Executive Committee. Vancouver, B. C., April 29, 1907. "To the Washington State Committee, Socialist Party: "In view of what took place on Sunday, April 25th, in Seattle, this committee desires to reiterate the charges it made against Walter Thomas Mills and submitted to your committee on March 6th of this year; those charges being as follows: "On the 28th of December, 1905, was guilty of Party Treason, the facts being as follows:

"That said meeting was held in the interest of the Canadian Labor Party, a political party opposed to and by the said Canadian Labor Party; That he advocated fusion and compromise by calling upon his hearers to vote a mixed Socialist and Labor ticket.

"This committee further charges that W. T. Mills continued to speak in Vancouver for individuals who have formed an Independent Social Democratic Party after having been suspended or resigning from Vancouver Local on account of insisting on bringing Mills here after the local had repudiated him.

"The Washington Executive Committee at this meeting passed the following motion: "Moved that in consideration of the fact that the recent State Convention of the Socialist Party of Washington has hereby demanded that Local Seattle take action upon said charges against Walter Thomas Mills within three weeks from this day, or on or before the 15th day of June, 1907, and report the result of the action taken thereon in this matter; and we hereby order the said charges back to Local Seattle."

## Local Seattle Again Notified

A duly certified copy of this motion together with the charges on file, was forwarded to the City Executive Committee of Local Seattle on May 27th, 1907. In a letter from the Seattle Committee, replying to the demand of the State Committee under date of June 10th, they say "WE DECLINE TO ACT." This under the pretext that they could not afford to do so; that they were not receiving the Socialist Party of Washington, which by vote of two to one in State Convention had declared that charges are pending against Mills.

## State Committee Orders Local Seattle Tried

On June the 23d, 1907, the full State Committee unanimously voted that the State Executive Committee shall try Local Seattle for failure to try Walter Thomas Mills, as per Constitution, which says in Article IV, Section 12:

"In all trials before the State Committee, either the whole State Committee shall vote, or the majority of those charged, or they shall delegate the State Executive Committee to get the evidence in the case, and submit same, together with a statement of not more than 500 words from both sides, preferring the charges and those charged, to the entire State Committee, which the State Committee shall act."

Under date of June 25th, Local Seattle was duly notified that July 13th had been selected as the day on which they would be tried, by the State Com-

mitted, for failure to give Walter Thomas Mills a trial as per Constitution and the local was requested to submit any evidence which they may wish to introduce, together with statement of not more than 500 words. Under date of June 24th the Seattle Executive Committee addressed a letter to the State Committee giving notice that they decline to avail themselves of the opportunity to make any defense whatsoever.

By this unwarranted proceeding Local Seattle forced the State Committee to render judgment by default, and now they ask the State membership to set aside this judgment.

In view of these facts and in view of the evidence of our Constitution, saying that "then a local refusal to try the defendant in this action, the State Committee, elected by the State membership for the express purpose to uphold the Constitution, did not have any other alternative than to revoke the charter of Local Seattle."

## State Committee Is Unanimous

The State Executive Committee ordered its secretary to issue a State Committee Referendum upon the question "Shall the charter of Local Seattle be revoked for failure to try Walter Thomas Mills as per Constitution?" This proposition was duly submitted to the State Committee, together with the evidence, at the meeting of the Executive Committee on July 21st it was found that the vote upon the evidence was unanimous in the affirmative, and the Committee passed the following motion:

"The State Committee by unanimous vote has declared the Local Seattle shall be expelled and the charter is hereby revoked."

"You can not vote intelligently unless you have been familiar with much that has preceded the taking of the Referendum. And so in this instance, much has been said by Mr. Mills and some of his supporters, but few, if any, facts have been stated. In view of this it is that the State Committee deems it its duty to lay the facts before the state membership and has ordered that in addition to the above, the findings of the Dominion Executive Committee elected by the Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada for the purpose of investigating the actions and conduct of Walter Thomas Mills, while in Canada, be appended to the Report."

## Socialist M. P. P. Report

"Legislative Assembly, Victoria, April 19, 1907. "J. G. MORGAN, "Secretary Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada, Vancouver, B. C. "Dear Comrade--" "As requested by the Executive, we have investigated as fully as it was possible for us to do, the charges made against Comrade Walter Thomas Mills, and we have the honor to report that we find that Walter Thomas Mills came to the attention of the platform of said party, and appealed for the election of the representative of said party.

"He further appealed for a collection and obtained one, in aid of the candidates nominated by said Labor Party.

"In view of the Revolution, "J. H. HAWTHORNE, "THOMAS M. P. P. "JOHN SPENCER, M. P. P. "PARKER WILLIAMS, M.P.P."

Besides the above report of the three Socialist members of the British Columbia Parliament, the actions of Walter Thomas Mills while in Victoria, B. C. there is on file in the State Office the following evidence, namely evidence proving "Walter Thomas Mills guilty of advocating the election of capitalist party candidates during the last parliamentary election in British Columbia. This evidence is as follows:

## Other Evidence

A statement and affidavit signed by Comrade Mace McGinnis of Victoria, B. C.; a statement from Comrade John F. Leheny of Seattle, British Columbia, 7, Western Peninsula Hotel, Seattle, Washington, stating that Walter Thomas Mills was a member of the Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada, and was elected by Comrade John T. Mortimer of Vancouver, B. C.; and statement and affidavit signed by Comrade E. G. Moran, William Stevens, George Olver, H. E. Harper and J. C. Watters, members of Local Victoria, Socialist Party of Canada.

You are called upon, by the accompanying Referendum "D," to register your vote, which either will reverse the decision of the State Committee or will sustain the decision of the State Committee in revoking the charter of Local Seattle.

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(Recited by J. B. Osborne, Sunday School, Oct. 2, 1907.) Car: Charleswladk, Wapenstovitch. Sits on his royal throne, And swears whatever he might think. In Seattle must be done.

He sealed his Russian heart, With coin from the tenderloin. "You Swedes are smart, You think, but I have a black host."

"You claim the legal right, Of spicing on the streets; I'd have you know my night, Will bring you up to defeat."

"Not constitutional? (He, ha, get up to date!) It is Wapenstovitch, And goes at any rate."

"I'll allow you no ball, My will it must be done. I'll chuck you in jail, If you don't be gone."

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# Another Instalment of the Lively Debate On the Farmer Question-Rigg Asked to Analyze

It is difficult to debate with one who continually reasons in a circle and continually refuses to be pinned down to any definite proposition. As I remember it, I challenged Comrade Rigg's definition of Labor Cost and Surplus Value.

Up to the present time he has done no more than to assert that Labor Cost is what the worker receives in wages and that surplus value is the difference between said wages and the amount paid by the consumer for a commodity and that therefore the consumer and not the producers of wealth are the ones exploited by the capitalist class, but has given no basis for his conclusions.

It will be remembered that in my last article I defined the terms "Commodity value, exchange value, labor power and price" and as a result arrived at the conclusion that surplus value is extracted from the producers instead of the consumers of wealth and that labor cost is not what the workers receive in wages, but what the consumers pay for a commodity.

I therefore request that Comrade Rigg briefly analyze for us the causes that led him to the first intimation that labor cost and wages are the same thing and that surplus value is extracted from the consumers of wealth.

Comrade Rigg assumes that the amount that Labor Cost will mean under Socialism and then continues: "It will mean that the commodity sells for," as he says, "and will also mean that the worker receives in wages for the production of the commodity."

I submit that I never made such a statement and I suggest to Comrade Rigg that if Socialism means anything, it means the abolition of the wage system.

Comrade Rigg says "The price paid includes not only what we (through the capitalist) pay the capitalist's profits as well."

I presume by "we" he means the farmer and the working class. If so, I will say it is the first intimation I have had that the capitalist class are the slaves of the working class and that we are so well to do that we can afford to do all the paying.

Up to the present time he has always had an idea that the only things I paid for, as a wage-worker, were the shabby clothing, the coarse food and the miserable shelter which I can buy with the price (wages) I receive for my commodity-labor power; and to tell the truth, until Comrade Rigg points out just how far possible for the working class and farmers to pay for everything and yet have practically nothing, I must persist in sticking to that idea.

Comrade Rigg says: "Under the present system a commodity sells for the labor cost plus the surplus value, i. e., rent, interest and profit," thereby leaving the impression that the consumers of wealth are exploited because they receive less than they pay for.

I say, a commodity sells for the value of labor power plus the surplus value (which is distributed among the capitalist class in the form of rent, interest and profit, according to their economic power to exploit the working class as well as each other) and that the working class are exploited because they receive less than the value of their labor. (See chapters

Any student of history knows that classes rise or fall together. Any student of political economy knows that an increase or reduction of wages in one industry affects the wages of the workers in all other industries.

A commodity is not produced until it is in the hands of the consumer, therefore to assert that the workers of the Oil industry are exploited or that the difference between what they receive in wages and what the consumer pays for it is ridiculous—all the workers in society contribute to the production of wealth as well as to the production of all other commodities.

I know from experience that the only thing that the average small farmer can boast of is that he has a steady job; in fact, it is so steady that he finds it necessary to get up at 4 a. m., walk around in his sleep and wake the cows that left a calf the night before, milk them, do other chores, work hard all day, do more chores in the evening, up till 9 or 10 p. m., that his wife and children also work hard and that for all this they enjoy only the existence of a beast of burden—that does not alter the fact that the labor which he hires is as necessary to society and is exploited to the same extent as the labor hired by the Standard Oil Co.

Comrade Rigg seems to forget that we have passed out of individual into social production, and otherwise ignores the law of social and economic development. He asks me to analyze for the second time during the course of this debate, accuse me of advocating the impossible thing of giving the workers in one industry the full product of their labor, while the workers in all other industries received only the value of their labor power.

## HEATH REPLIES

Agrees It Will Be Better Not to Make National Plate Matter Social-Democratic.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 5, 1907. Editor Socialist. I have read your article on the matter of the National Plate matter in your issue of September 7, and inasmuch as the party at large is concerned in the matter, I feel that I ought to make some reply. When the matter was first introduced by the plate matter people, the American Press Association, we were confronted with the fact that the National Plate had never been able to make a performance of either a Republican, or a Democratic issue and that our seventy odd contracts (the number of which were not disclosed) were none too many nor too sure. It was my suggestion, inasmuch as some publishers of capitalist party newspapers might not care to use the plate matter indiscriminately, that the company supply department headings, under which the matter might be run merely as a feature, instead of as though editorially endorsed. I suggested that such headings be used as those of the publishers by the company, and the manager said the easiest way to do this was to set up the headings and include them in the first page issue. I prepared three headings, one to be used in states where the party goes under the national party name, one for papers published in states where the party is known officially as the Social-Democratic party, and one for the use of papers published in the state of Minnesota, where for legal reasons our contracts have to use the name Public Ownership party as the official party title.

I think there would have been no criticism of this or your part if these headings had been placed down at the bottom of the page as I supposed they would be. I might add in this connection that Minnesota and Wisconsin were at the head of the list in the matter of orders for the use of the plate matter, so were entitled to consideration. I note that you say also about the use of the National Plate matter, "I now charge you with picking for days" in this case, as the plate page is a matter which has been used in inspection and criticism at all times.

To the present time I have never no paper by that name and several times comrades have been directed to the "Saturday Evening Tribune" when they visited the Tribune and found out that it had been fooled. It was with some hesitation that the "Tribune" told their own address. What the fact is, however, is that by these tactics we do not know. We do know that we are not losing anything for the comrades that are looking for us will look for us all they can. In the meantime we shall continue to inform all that ask us of the correct address of the "Saturday Evening Tribune."

Seattle funnists say they are not funnists. We agree that some of these funnists are not funnists. They are funnists because they are a part of the bourgeoisie and a few of Seattle's revolutionary Socialists. Being a funnist because of a personal grudge is just twice as bad as being a funnist because you believe in it. But there really are real funnists and compromisers in Seattle. There is Comrade Smith of Columbia station, who dabbled in capitalist politics in his ward; there is Comrade Parsons of Dunlap, who helped vote several hundred dollars out of the treasury of the Carpenters' Union party during the last campaign; there is Comrade Olson of East Seattle who went into capitalist politics in his ward for the purpose of building up his business; there is Comrade David McClure, who told us the same time he came to inform us that he would do no more business with us that he had a right as a Socialist to vote for the next best party who the Socialist Party had no ticket in the field. There are others. All these comrades are supporters of Comrade Mills.

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"There we learned (not to our surprise) that a policeman had just asked the Socialist Labor Party to discontinue their street meeting, and they did. So there you are. The state organizer has spent a little of his time in Seattle's bastille. Let it be said here, that up to now, in these two years that this fight for free speech has been in progress, neither the S. L. P. nor our other friends, the opportunists, have put a foot in it.

If it is true that every knock is a boot, then we consider ourselves booted until we are sore. We have been knocked down, we are permitted to get up, but we are not permitted to stand. So it is reported. Deader than the Sahara desert. Who said "The Socialist is dead"? Why, our friends, the Ignominious. They have said it many times to our comrades. Two of the last so informed are Comrade Haugen of Bellingham and Comrade Straubach of Clippier. They both tried to get up, but they were not permitted to stand. The Socialist is still on top. Heard that it had ceased publication until I came across a copy the other day."

No, we are not dead. What is more, we are not going to die. We have bought a printing plant, but not to be used for jewelry. Our paper will visit you as long as you care to pay for it.

Another difficulty confronts us. Every body does not know where we are. Several times comrades have inquired at the Socialist Temple (Mills' hall) for the way to "The Socialist" office. Several times they have been told that there was no paper by that name and several times comrades have been directed to the "Saturday Evening Tribune" when they visited the Tribune and found out that it had been fooled. It was with some hesitation that the "Tribune" told their own address.

Remember a year ago? Remember Nina Wood's meeting at which Mills was elected and which he collected about eighty dollars to help pay for Nina Wood's legal expenses? Nina Wood, if you will remember, was arrested and had to stay in jail all night for the same reason. Seattle is it? Do you remember what Mills said at this meeting? He said: "I will not do your speech and the only time he would not speak upon the public streets would be when he was in jail. Free speech on the streets of Seattle is in danger. Where is the law? Why does he not defend his right?"

Comrade Latimer, a staunch supporter of Mills, should use more diplomacy. He admitted to a South Bend, Kansas, comrade that he knew Mills was guilty of fusion but—well, the trial was not conducted fairly and Mills was acquitted. Latimer forgot that former Local Seattle was a member of the Seattle Free Press and that he had been fooled. It was with some hesitation that the "Tribune" told their own address.

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Speaking of members, gather in the members, and we comrades will elect one of our very own. Every new party member brings nearer the day of deliverance.

The tools required for the job are a Red Card for yourself and a membership application blank for your friend and fellow worker. Easy, isn't it? Well, that's the way to win.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary, 289 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

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## WAGE WORKERS & FARMERS

### Burgess Replies to Price

Bellingham, Wash., Sept. 23, 1907.

To explain I have not sooner replied to Comrade Price, whose article appeared in your issue of June 29, would take entirely too much space. Hence I shall proceed as though there had been no delay. I would not attempt a reply even now if I could see any way to honorably escape the task, for all my time is fully occupied at this writing.

Comrade Price speaks of the wage-workers as if he had been a perpetual feature of society throughout the ages, whereas this class is a modern production, the child of capitalism. Hence all that Price says about the centuries of training is not applicable.

I think that Comrade Price is unfair, perhaps unconsciously so, when he assumes that I impugn the motives of any class or do not call the motives of the farmers in question at all. I affirm that the farmers as a class will not accept the teachings and the practice of Socialists because to do so is to do violence to their immediate material interests. From the Socialists' point of view, the interests that divided society, and not the class as a class, the small property holders are cowardly, timid, disposed to compromise, to fuse, to do anything to save their property. As a class they plead for conservative action. This class are not revolutionary. They are reactionary—always pleading for things to remain as they are for fear that they may get worse.

The middle-class victory in Chicago in the election of Duane is a splendid modern example of the election of the middle class. After gaining a political victory, this class was too timid to reap the rewards. In the presence of the large capitalists they cringed and scurped and allowed their victory to turn to ashes in their hands.

In Paris in the time of the Commune this class was true to its instincts, and betrayed the only class that had the courage to fight. And it is ever so. That is why I have no confidence in this class. I realize that if our class, the working class, is to have freedom we must secure such freedom for ourselves. That individuals in the middle class will render us assistance I will be the first to recognize and to do all that can be done to reward those of the middle class that make such sacrifice; for it is a sacrifice for members of one class to aid another class.

Comrade Price denies that the workers have an historic mission, but he gives no reason for such denial. I affirm that the workers have such mission, and my reason for so thinking is the fact that the capitalist is decadent, the middle class is disappearing, has no mission because it is but a survival of an outworn system of wealth production. The working class is the only efficient class in modern society. It is vital to society. It is the only class that performs the essential work of modern production. And because this is so, I believe that it is the mission of this class to administer the affairs of future society.

I am willing to admit that Comrade Price is as bold as he suggests, and an willing, for the argument, to admit his assumption. Boldness is an essential factor in the conquest of a new world, and yet I believe that the working class can and does surpass the boldness of any middle man. I see men working under conditions that require the very highest degree of courage. Look at the list of killed and wounded in the industrial army and the army that is armed, and to fight for the masters, has always been regarded as exhibiting great courage, but those who do this are cheered and encouraged by every man knows to man. Those who fall in the industrial war have nothing to cheer or encourage them. Their courage must far surpass that of the man with a gun in his hand. Courage, fortitude, bravery are characteristics of the working class. To assert that this class is slavish, cowardly, timid, is but to slander them. I admit that there are cowards among them, but deny that this class is cowardly. It is the bravest, the most heroic, class in the history of this world. It does not mean that they are bloodthirsty.

Comrade Price asserts that the working class makes up the bulk of the army and navy. I do not know that this is so, and, in fact, I doubt it, for I have made diligent inquiry among the members of the army where I have met them and I have been inclined to think that most of the recruits come from the farmers and small merchant class. I am not sure that this is so, but I have much reason for the entertainment of this belief, and I think that there are good reasons why this may be so. The middle class has been trained to look for something higher for their sons than wage slavery, and the pomp and show of military life appeals to the class that has never seen within the scenes, as have most of the wage workers. I am rather pleased to think that there is this opportunity given to the sons of farmers and small merchants to get glimpses of the causes that send men to slaughter one another. I find that many of these members of the army can be relied upon to shoot too high to kill.

If the capitalists are as dangerous as some middle class people seem to think, we may need the army when we come into the control of the powers of government. We, the Socialists, will then command the army and navy. Don't get alarmed, comrade. You are too bold to fear something that may never have to be met. I belong to that class that you describe as slavish and yet I do not fear the army, nor the navy.

Well, I find that I cannot reply further to Comrade Price at this writing. My time is up, and I must close.

D. BURGESS.

Darrow's great speech to the Jury in the Haywood case is just what we need to be appreciated. The only place it has been printed in any form, without alteration and revision is from "The Socialist." Price is only 10 cents.

Lower Hall crowded last Sunday night at Labor Temple. Another Free Speech meeting tomorrow (Sunday) night.

Two members were added to our roll at the last meeting. Get after

## THE MILLS REFERENCE

Elsewhere appears full statement of State Committee explaining why they revoked Local Seattle's charter for declining to put Mills on trial for fraud.

The issue is plain as daylight, namely, by shall the Committee be sustained for obeying the Party Constitution? To vote "Yes" will be to condemn the committee for doing exactly what the constitution directed them to do.

Patently, and without any haste, the Committee gave Local Seattle every possible opportunity to try Mills for his Victoria compromise and the Local refused.

If the committee had not cancelled the Local's charter, they would have discovered the constitution itself, which explicitly provides in such cases, "The Local shall be held responsible for failing to try a member charged with party treason. Expulsion is the only penalty provided for such treason."

Even if Mills had not been guilty as charged, the committee had no authority but to act as they did. Otherwise, we might as well have no constitution and go out of business as an organization. If a Local can defy the State Constitution and State Committee then we have no party organization.

But Mills IS guilty. He does not deny supporting Earnest Hall, a candidate of the "Labor Party," a man who has written yards of press material, but always dodged this one issue.

If we are to have a party at all, if we are to have our State Committee and Constitution, and if we are not to stand by a man guilty of political compromise and party treason, we must vote "Yes" on Referendum D, and thus support our State Committee.

Kemp's Mandolin Club and Gladstone Orchestra at Labor Temple. Meeting Sunday night at Labor Temple.

"REVOLUTIONARY" FUNK

Local Spokane has given most recent talk "revolution," and has submitted to the indignities of capitalist treatment when true test comes of their class alignment.

After the wonderful popular demonstration held under the auspices of Mrs. Hazlett's apartment, when Mrs. Hazlett stood up to the indignities of the capitalist class, the Spokane local crawled and scurped and allowed their victory to turn to ashes in their hands.

The excuse of the Spokane local was that it did not have enough money to carry on the fight, and that the money would be better spent in literature. A goodly number of the membership of Local Spokane consists of business men, some of them worth \$100 and over. They would have no trouble putting up money for a business court case, but to fight the battles of the working class for a chance to carry on the propaganda of Socialism—that is a different proposition.

Every other sort of a party, religion or fake can pack the streets of Spokane, and not a word is said. By its cowardly crawling and deserting Mrs. Hazlett is right. Local Spokane was the gratitude of the city police administration that opened its bowels before the justice of the law that they were going to "look it to her."

It is certainly a pretty time to go looking off in a corner reading literature when an incident of the class struggle is being fought.

"We read Socialist literature that we may learn to act when the time comes, not to desert our standard and go on reading."

For the facts about Local Spokane's desertion of Mrs. Hazlett, herself, we trust she will carry the fight on alone. If necessary, though we have no doubt many comrades in Spokane would stand by her. She went to Spokane under the auspices of the local, was arrested, held by police judge, fined \$25 and gave notice of appeal for jury trial. Then the local abandoned her case. She has been standing to maintain now.

Combined orchestra Sunday night at Labor Temple (not Socialist Temple), Sixth and University.

## TACOMA NOTES

Local Tacoma meets every Sunday at 8:30 p. m. in Columbia hall, corner Tacoma and University. To transact the business of the Socialist party of this city.

The attendance at these meetings is not what it should be, many of the members are derelict in their responsibility. They are willing to unload all the work and responsibility of conducting the affairs of the organization upon a few faithful.

You, dear reader, may be one of those who do not get out to attend these meetings. If so, you should change your ways—wage-slaves, business men, and other party share of the responsibilities in a clear-cut revolutionary party of the working class.

Two members were added to our roll at the last meeting. Get after

The Seattle Socialists have spent about \$150 the last month in maintaining their right for Free Speech on the streets, besides the payment of Titus' fine of \$150 by an unsolicited friend.

Osborne was arrested four times and three of his cases are to be tried on appeal from the Police-Court to the County Court. These jury trials cannot be reached before November, and the capitalists may postpone still later.

Meantime, what shall be done? Osborne has gone to Oregon to work and the Seattle comrades will conduct the fight without his aid. The Seattle comrades will conduct the fight without his aid. The Seattle comrades will conduct the fight without his aid.

We need men who will fight from even the Seattle city jail. There is no other way. The courts of the city are supported by all brands of capitalist parties, from an Republican down to the Capitalist Labor Party.

Burgess writes: "I am in favor of saving our money; lie in jail. It is foolish to try to fight the capitalists in their own courts. As well for an unarmed man to try to fight a man that is fully armed. Eat up these substances by lying in jail. I still think we ought to call for volunteers and fill the hell hole in Seattle. If 40 of us would descend upon Wappy his backers would flinch, and besides 40 centers would be some agitated."

Who will answer that call? We want Volunteers for the City Jail, to be held Oct. 15. Send in your names at once, addressed to "The Socialist," Box 1673, Seattle, Wash.

That Socialist friend or neighbor of yours and get him or her to join the ranks.

Propaganda meetings are held every Sunday at 8 p. m. in the above named hall. Good speakers are always provided and the meetings close with singing.

Last Sunday Mr. Alfred Shrader, business agent of the Carpenters' Union, gave a very interesting address on "Pinkerton Pickpockets and How They Flimflamed the State of Idaho Out of \$100,000. If you were not there, it is not our fault that you were not a free volunteer."

Next Sunday, October 6th, A. Kiernan and Comrade T. F. Burns will give a most interesting talk on "Socialism and Socialism are Identical."

Mr. Kiernan will affirm and Comrade Burns will oppose. Don't fail to take this in. Bring your acquaintances along.

We had a fine time at our special last Friday night, we will probably give another on Friday evening, October 11th. Full particulars next week.

Street meetings are addressed by the local organizer Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings of each week.

These meetings are well attended and good interest shown. Local members should attend whenever possible and assist in the sale of literature and papers.

An important national referendum is now before the party membership. Every member should vote. You can get a ballot by writing the secretary, Mrs. George W. Lewis, 1311 North Eleventh Street, Seattle, Wash., or the next meeting.

Dr. Titus on Free Streets and Clean Jail. Labor Temple Sunday night.

## OAKLAND TO SEATTLE

Sept. 24th, 1907.  
Hermon F. Titus, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Comrade—The soap box agitation in general and the situation in Seattle in particular, was made the subject of an animated discussion at the meeting of the Oakland Socialist branch last evening, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolution.  
That this meeting of Branch Oakland, Local Alameda, hereby expresses its appreciation of the action of Comrade Hermon Titus, Comrade J. Osborne, and the comrades in general, in their stand for free speech in the city of Seattle, confident that their voluntary and temporary surrender of personal liberty in defense of the people's rights of free public discussion is calculated to strengthen the cause they are supporting. Be it further agreed that we regulate the action of Walter Thomas Mills in capitalizing the money, by his act of street meetings, as reported by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, as inimical to the interests of the movement and the unity of the Socialist Party, and that such action is opposing and not supporting the movement which he claims to be defending.

"Be it further resolved, that this resolution be published in the Oakland Daily World, and that copies of the same be forwarded to the Seattle Socialist and the Saturday Evening Tribune."

E. L. UZZELL,  
Sec. Branch Oakland.

Protest meetings Sunday nights at Labor Temple, Sixth and University, till further notice. Always good speaking; good music; free discussion.

South Bend, Wash., Sept. 23, 1907.  
Editor "The Socialist":

Dear Comrade—The enclosed resolution was adopted at the last meeting of Local Pacific County. Please give space for same in "The Socialist." It seems that they are willing to unload all the work and responsibility of conducting the affairs of the organization upon a few faithful.

O. A. LINDSTAM, Sec. Pro Tem.

"Whereas, Walter Thomas Mills has in his paper, The Saturday Evening Tribune, on September 23, 1907, charged one Richard Krueger with being a Pinkerton spy (and has set forth no evidence to prove the same); and

"Whereas, The aforesaid Richard Krueger has been a member in good standing of Local Pacific County for several months in the past and at no time has he been a member of this local has been guilty of Pinkerton tactics, or have his actions in any

wise been opposed to the tactics of a true member of the working class; therefore, be it

"Resolved, By Local Pacific County, Socialists, that the name of Richard Krueger be removed from the membership list in regular meeting of September 20, 1907. That we have the utmost confidence in Richard Krueger and we hereby deem it quite impossible for him to betray the working class; and be it further

"Resolved, That we demand of Walter Thomas Mills, that he show proof of his charge or stand convicted of a few more contemptible crimes, such as slander and libel against the proletariat; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Compress of Washington and to the Saturday Evening Tribune."

(Signed)  
J. A. CLARK,  
Chairman of Session.  
O. A. LINDSTAM,  
Sec. of Session.

The "Appeal" says there is no such thing as a "reform" Socialist, and objects to the title of "Titus' new book on 'Revolutionary Socialism and Reform Socialism.'" Would the "Appeal" object to this title, "Socialism, True and False"? Send a nickel for a sample copy and see what you think about it.

With great show, a brass band, banquet and speeches, even acquitted in the eyes of the law, the charge of conspiracy with the Governor of Oregon, was made by the laborer union lands for the Lumber Defense of Steunenberg, who has been shown by the evidence to have plotted to murder the laborer claimants in the interests of the Lumber Combine in Wisconsin. Borah handled the deeds both from the Government to the "dummies" and from the "dummies" to the Lumber Combine. He was convicted for the same. He was convicted for the same. He was convicted for the same.

Most intimate friend and adviser of Steunenberg and lawyer for the Lumber Company. Fraud to the right of him, fraud to the left of him but Borah swears affirms, "never touched me."

That will do for Idaho dolters, but no man of the world will ever credit Borah's lies.

Man escapes by the Scotch verdict, "Guilty, but not proven."

The fifth chapter of "Revolutionary Socialism and Reform Socialism" is crowded out this week, but will appear in the next issue. All the chapters put in handy form for general distribution as a recent pamphlet will be ready November 1. Send your orders early.

Nearly every Referendum carries, unless strong opposition develops, even if plain people get a 5-1 vote, tendency to vote "Yes."

National Referendum "A" is a victory proposition almost certain to win in the next issue. All the chapters put in handy form for general distribution as a recent pamphlet will be ready November 1. Send your orders early.

If the National Party is to interfere with State controversies it should do so on the basis of Party Principles.

Two claimants to the party name exist in Nebraska at present. Suppose the opportunists can get more votes for their organization than the Revolutionaries can for theirs. Are we therefore to sustain the Opportunists?

NO. It is better to have 50 straight, working-class, uncompromising Socialists in a city state, than 500 middle-class, opportunistic, Utopian "Socialists."

But this Referendum ignores all matters of principle and makes mere numbers the sole criterion.

It is an attempt of Mills, Thompson and others to capture several "double state" seats. (G. Washington, Mills is already laying foundations for an appeal to the State Organization a "prejudged" State Committee, by taking advantage of his own and by appealing to opportunistic Locals to go along.)

Referendum "A" is an opportunist proposal and should be voted down.

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