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## Referendum “A” 1917.

### Proposed by the Ninth Ward Branch of Local Cook County, Illinois.

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“That a special national convention be held in the city of Chicago beginning Sunday, the second day of September, 1917. The representation to the convention shall be on the basis of two hundred delegates (instead of three hundred as provided in the National Constitution). The expense of such convention, which shall include payment of railroad fare and per diem as provided by the National Constitution, shall be raised by a per capita assessment of twenty-five cents to be paid by each member in good standing in the same manner as the regular party dues. No National Committee meeting shall be held in the year 1917 if the proposal to hold a convention is adopted.”

Members in good standing, 70.

**Seconds:** Stockbridge Mass., 9; Wyandotte Co. (Kansas City) Kans., 32; Poughkeepsie, NY, 42; Marion County, Ind., 250; 51st Ward Br. Cook County, Ill., 165; 9th AD Br. No. County, Ill., 165; Essex County, NJ, 550; Warren, Pa., 39; Jamestown, NY, 64; Tacoma, Wash., 24; 25th Wd. Br. Chicago, Ill., 37; No. 1 Hoboken Local Hudson, NJ, 63; English Br. Bayonne, NJ, 15; Kingston, Pa., 17; Lewis Township, Coalmont, Ind., 42; 19th AD Br. Kings County, NY, 63; Bethlehem Br. Northampton, Pa., 30; DuQuoin, Ill., 42; Coachella, Cal., 16; Lockport, NY, 10; Local Kings Co., NY 1771; Local Philadelphia, Pa., 1376; Norwalk, Conn., 35; 8th and 9th Ward St. Louis, Mo., 32; No. 7 Bronx, NY, 80; Allegheny Co., 22nd and 25th Wd. Br. Pittsburgh, Pa., 30; Local New York City, 3500.

**German Branches:** Union Hill, NY, 29; German-American Br. Holyoak, Mass., 45; German Br. Prospect, Bronx, NY, 15; Rochester, NY, 78; Mansfield, O., 27; Tacoma, Wash., 7; Local Essex (Bloomfield),

NJ, 8; Manchester, NH, 18; Mount Olive, Ill., 14; Essex Co. German Br. No. 1, NJ, 60; Bridgeport, Conn., 20; Detroit, Mich., 100; Irving, Cook County, Ill., 37; NW German Br. Cook County, Ill., 48; Denver, Colo., 21; So. Side German, Cook County, Ill., 25; Clinton, Ind., 23; Ft. Wayne, Ind., 50; Lake View, Ill., 42; Karl Marx Br., Philadelphia, Pa., 108; German Br. No. 1, West New York (Hudson), 12; Hudson Co., West Hoboken, NJ, 35; German Br. No. 1, Cleveland, O., 118; Fitchburg, Mass., 23; Hamilton, O., 13; Cleveland, O., 26; Indianapolis, Ind., 39; Utica, NY, 23; Racine, Wis., 45; Lasalle Club, Cincinnati, O., 32; Akron, O., 60; Br. No. 1, Elizabeth, NJ, 49; Minneapolis, Minn., 30; Glen Carbon, Ill., 17; St. Paul, Minn., 75; Lincoln, Ill., 20; No. 2, Pawtucket, RI, 20; Arlington, RI, 35; Lawrence, Mass., 82.

**Hungarian Branches:** Br. No. 4, Chicago, Ill., 38; Racine, Wis., 11; Br. 36, Cleveland, O., 13; Br. No. 3, Chicago, Ill., 51; Rochester, NY, 18; Martins Ferry, O., 20; Cook County, Ill., 30; Cleveland, O., 124; Gary No. 8, Ind., 8; Milwaukee, Wis., 58; Detroit, Mich., 86; Bronx, NY, 23; No. 16, Union, NJ, 16; Vintondale, Pa., members not given; Trenton, NJ, 30.

**South Slavic [Slovenian/Croat] Branches:** Cleveland, O., 71; Chicago Br. No. 1, Ill., 24; Local No. 18, Youngstown, O., 36; Br. No. 77 McKees Rocks, Pa., 26; Br. No. 59 New Brighton, Pa., 38; Br. 35 West Allis, Wis., 35; No. 132 Pueblo, Cal., 28; Akron, O., 25; Pittsburgh, Pa., 14; Milwaukee, Wis., 60; Staunton, Ill., 15; Br. No. 165 Whiting, Ind., 12; Br. No. 3 Glencoe, O., 26; Br. No. 155 Reading, Pa., 15; Br. No. 31, West Mineral, Kans., 12; No. 83, Jenny Lind, Ark., 12; No. 171 Yukon, Pa., 30; No. 131 Pittsburgh, Pa., 19; No. 99 McKeesport, Pa., 20; No. 100

Ellsworth, Pa., 15; Br. No. 28 Roslyn, Wash., 32.

**Slovak Branches:** Br. No. 42, Chicago, Ill., 12; West Moreland County, Pa. 9; Br. No. 1 Cook County, Ill., 95; Br. No. 40 Detroit, Mich., 18; Br. No. 54 Dewey Park, NJ, 15; Br. No. 3 Philadelphia, Pa., 42; Br. No. 19 Newark, NJ, 78; Guttenberg, NJ, 20; No. 4 Milwaukee, Wis., 22; No. 21 Hamilton, O., 7.

**Bohemian [Czech] Branches:** 10th and 11th Ward, Chicago, Ill., 45; No. 13 Cleveland, O., 30; Milwaukee, Wis., 41; Br. No. 34, Cook County, Ill., 79.

**Lettish [Latvian] Branches:** No. 1 Boston, Mass., 420; Br. No. 2 Boston, Mass., 300; West Hudson Br., NJ, 28; Br. No. 1, Cleveland, O., 50.

**Finnish Branches:** Waukegan, Ill., 234; Duluth, Minn., 115; Gardner, Mass, 212; Norwood, Mass., 124; Hanna, Wyo., 156; Bridgport, Conn., 25; Hoquiam, Wash., 90; Monessen, Pa., 154; Boston, Mass., 106; Ludlow, Vt., 17.

**Scandinavian Branch:** West Concord, NH, 38.

**Lithuanian Branches:** Br. No. 151 New Kensington, Pa., 14; Lithuanian Br. Fitchburg, Mass., members not given.

***Total membership represented: 13,620.***

Having received the required seconds, the above motion was sent out to a referendum vote on March 10th, 1917.

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