

DEBS IS NOMINATED BY SOCIALIST PARTY

Ovation Following Choice Lasts 21 Minutes.

LEADER IN FEDERAL JAIL

Committee of Five to Seek Amnesty for "Political Prisoners" Throughout Country.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The national convention of the socialist party today acclaimed Eugene V. Debs, federal convict No. 2552 in the Atlanta, Ga., penitentiary, its candidate for the fifth time for president of the United States.

A 21-minute ovation followed Debs' formal nomination, as "the Lincoln of the Wabash."

Seymour Steadman of Chicago, general counsel of the party, was nominated for vice-president by unanimous vote on the second ballot. The first vote for him was 106 against 25 for Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare of Kansas City, now serving a sentence in a Jefferson City, Mo., prison for violation of the espionage act.

Revolutionary Idea Holds. In nominating Debs the socialist party of America signifies its determination "not to recede one inch from our revolutionary programme," Morris Hillquit of New York, leader of the "conservative" forces, declared.

"Socialism in the United States has not changed and does not intend to change," he said.

Another ovation greeted this declaration.

Tonight a special committee of five, headed by Hillquit, will leave for Washington, where tomorrow it has an appointment with Attorney General Palmer to plead for amnesty for all "political prisoners" throughout the country.

Saturday the same committee has an appointment with Secretary Tumulty at the White House to present a memorial on amnesty for delivery to President Wilson. On Monday, Secretary of War Baker is to receive the committee to hear a plea for amnesty for "conscientious objectors" imprisoned during the war for failure to obey the draft laws.

Today the convention adopted the Hillquit platform virtually as submitted several days ago, voting by decisive majorities to wage the socialist campaign this year along "conservative" political lines.

Debs is now in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. He began serving a 10 years' sentence for violation of the war time espionage act April 13, 1919. He is 65 years of age and has been given the presidential nomination by his party four times previously. He was a democrat before he became a socialist. In the late '70s, he served two terms in the Indiana legislature from Terre Haute, his home town. He was once a candidate for congress from the fifth Indiana district. In 1894, from May to November, he served a sentence in jail for contempt of court in an Illinois conspiracy case.

His present imprisonment resulted from investigation of a speech in Canton, O., June 16, 1918.

LABORER KILLS HIMSELF

Body of Man Who Cut Throat Is Found by Searchers.

ASTORIA, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—John Backlund, a bucker, employed at the Brix Logging company's camp in the Grays River, Wash., district, committed suicide Tuesday by cutting his throat, but his body was not found until last night. Backlund, who had been in ill health for several days, disappeared shortly after breakfast Tuesday and was supposed to have wandered away.

About 100 men joined in the search and found the body last night. He is survived by a son, who is employed at the same camp. His widow and several children reside in the old country.

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I. W. W. Attorney Accused of Murder at Centralia Released.

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Judge Back of Clarke county admitted Smith to bail after the bond had been approved by Mrs. Cora Black, county clerk.

CANDIDATES EVADE ISSUE

Few Reply to Inquiry Regarding Japanese Exclusion.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—After sending out 207 circular letters to candidates asking their sentiment on Japanese exclusion and a law providing that no unnaturalized alien be permitted to hold land, R. E. Scott, secretary of the Hood River Anti-Asiatic association, says he has received 61 answers. "With one exception," says Mr. Scott, "the replies have been favor-

able to the programme of the association, which would not eliminate land ownership by Asiatics and other aliens, but would prevent the automatic citizenship of children born of unnaturalized parents. Wallace McCamant, republican candidate for delegate-at-large to the national convention, says he would not discriminate against native-born Americans on account of their parentage and that they should not be refused citizenship."

Pullman Professor Visits Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—Frank Kreager, head of the department of elementary science at the Washington state college at Pullman, will be chief speaker at the regular weekly luncheon of the Aberdeen Kiwanis club. Mr. Kreager was to have addressed the Aberdeen high school students but was prevented be-

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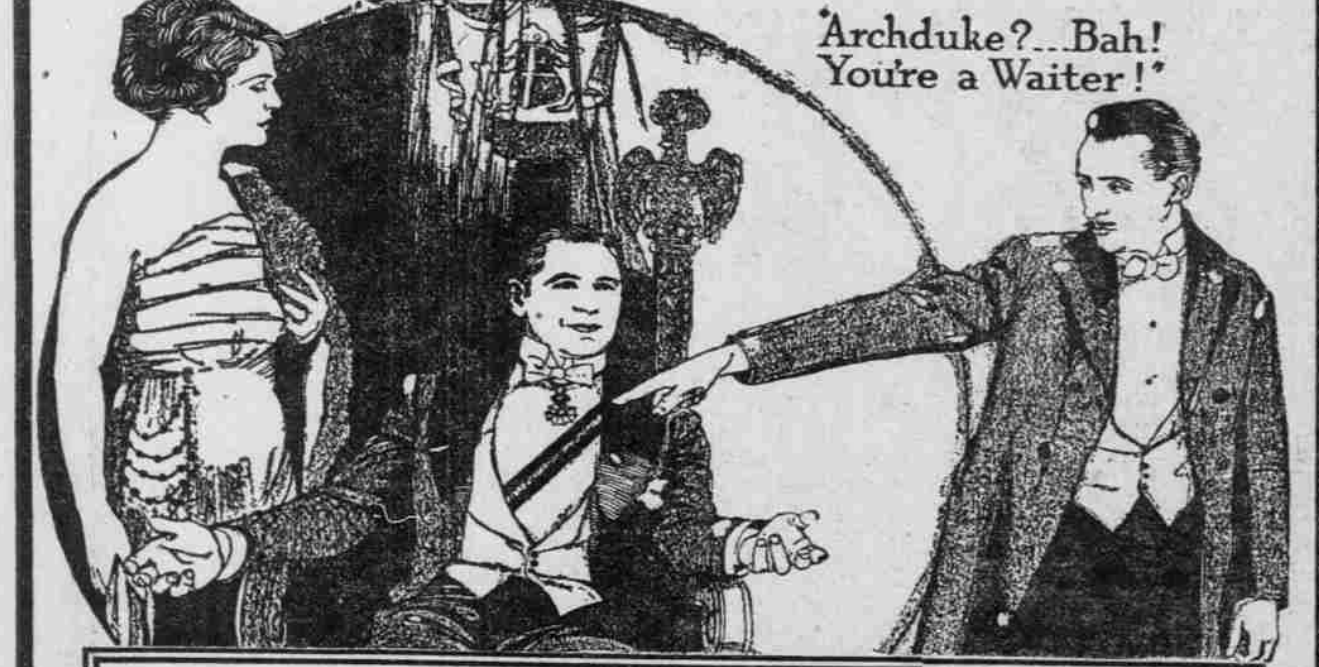
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