

CONSTITUTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. Name.—This organization shall be known as the Industrial Legion of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. Object.—The object of this organization is to carry out politically the measures embodied in the declaration of principles, and to secure free speech, a free ballot, and a fair count.

SEC. 3. Classes.—The Industrial Legion shall consist of three classes, viz: a senior class, a junior class and a woman's aid corps.

SEC. 4. Eligibility, Senior Class.—Every male citizen above the age of twenty-one (21) years shall be eligible to the senior class who declares himself in favor of and votes for the People's party and the reforms as set forth in the declaration of principles.

SEC. 5. Eligibility, Junior Class.—All male persons between the ages of fourteen (14) and twenty-one (21) shall be eligible to the junior class upon subscribing to the declaration of principles of the senior class and the payment of twenty-five cents (25c) for the badge of the junior legion. Upon the initiation of ten or more comrades in any town, ward or precinct, they shall have power to make their own by-laws and regulations, subject to the constitution of the senior class, and shall not be liable to the senior class for any dues or fees (other than the badges, except such as may be provided for in their own by-laws).

SEC. 6. Woman's Aid Corps.—The third class in the Industrial Legion shall be known as the woman's aid corps, and shall be composed of all loyal women who subscribe to the declaration of principles of the Industrial Legion and are willing to assist in securing the enforcement of said principles through the People's party. The woman's aid corps shall provide its own by-laws and shall not be liable to the senior class for any dues or fees other than a badge, which shall be sold to members for twenty-five cents (25c) each.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. Form of Organization.—This organization shall consist of national, state and county legions, town, ward or precinct companies and local squads.

SEC. 2. National Officers.—The officers of the national body shall be a commander-in-chief, vice commander-in-chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, national recruiting officer, and national sentinel, and shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

SEC. 3. State Officers.—The officers of the state legion shall be a state commander, vice commander, adjutant, quartermaster, recruiting officer and sentinel, and these, together with all the officers of the county legion, companies and squads, shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

SEC. 4. County Officers.—The officers of the county legion shall be a colonel, adjutant, quartermaster, and recruiting officer and sentinel.

SEC. 5. Company Officers.—The officers of the town, ward or precinct companies shall be a captain, adjutant, quartermaster, recruiting officer and sentinel.

SEC. 6. Squad Officers.—The officers of the local squads shall be a sergeant and a corporal.

SEC. 7. Executive Councils.—The national, state and county legions, and ward, town or precinct companies, shall have an executive council consisting of nine (9) members. The four (4) highest officers (in the order named) in each organization shall be members *ex officio*.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. Duty of Commander.—It shall be the duty of the commanders of the national, state and county legions, also of the town, ward or precinct companies and local squads, to call their meetings to order and preside over its deliberations; said meetings in parliamentary rulings to be governed by Cushing's Manual.

SEC. 2. Duty of Vice Commander.—It shall be the duty of the vice commanders to assist the commanders in maintaining order, and to officiate in their absence.

SEC. 3. Duty of Adjutants.—It shall be the duty of all adjutants to keep correct minutes of the proceedings of each meeting. They shall receive all money and pay the same to the quartermaster,

and make reports to their superior officers as provided in the by-laws.

SEC. 4. Duty of Quartermaster.—It shall be the duty of all quartermasters to receive all money from the adjutants, faithfully keep the same and pay it out on orders drawn by the adjutants and signed by the commanders.

SEC. 5. Duty of Recruiting Officers.—It shall be the duty of the recruiting officers to organize legions wherever they can find sufficient number of persons who are willing to work for the reforms set forth in the declaration of principles and vote for the People's party.

SEC. 6. Duty of Comrades.—It shall be the duty of all the comrades of the industrial legions, companies and squads, to attend the meetings regularly, subscribe for reform newspapers, books, etc., and vote for no candidate for public office unless nominated by the People's party, and should the said party have none in the field, to vote for no candidate who is not in favor of the declaration of principles of the Industrial Legion.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. Form of Organization.—Local squads shall be established in each school district, companies in each township, precinct or ward, county legions in each county in the state, and state legions in each state in the United States, and a national body as prescribed in article 2, sections 1, 2.

SEC. 2. Number Necessary to Organize.—Ten (10) or more comrades may organize a local squad, three (3) or more local squads may organize a company, three or more companies may organize a county legion, and five or more county legions may organize a state legion.

SEC. 3. Method of Election.—All the officers of the local squads, townships, ward or precinct companies, county, state and national legions, shall be elected by ballot, and the commander of each body shall have the right to appoint a majority of the comrades of all committees, and the vice commander the minority, excepting where they are personally interested in the committee, when it shall devolve upon the adjutant and quartermaster.

SEC. 4. Representation.—The local squads shall constitute the town, ward and precinct companies, and each shall be entitled to representation in the company. Each township, ward and precinct company shall be entitled to representation in its county legion by one representative at large and by one additional representative for every twenty-five comrades, or a majority fractional part thereof enrolled on the books in good standing. Each county legion shall be entitled to one representative at large in the state legion, and to one additional representative for every five hundred comrades enrolled in good standing, or a major fraction thereof. Each state legion shall be entitled to one representative at large in the national legion, and to one additional representative for each five thousand comrades enrolled in good standing, or a major fraction thereof.

SEC. 5. Meetings.—The regular meetings of the local squad shall be held once a month, or subject to the call of their company commander or squad sergeant, and special meetings as often as necessary. Regular meetings of township, ward and precinct companies once a month or as otherwise provided by the company; and special meetings as often as necessary. County meetings shall be held once every three months, January, April, July and October, and special meetings as often as necessary. State meetings shall be held once each year on the second Tuesday in January, and special meetings as often as necessary. The national legion shall meet once each year, the third Tuesday in February.

SEC. 6. Sessions.—Local Legions may hold open or executive sessions at their own options. Township, ward, precinct, county, state and national meetings shall be held in open or executive session as may be deemed advisable. It shall also be the duty of the county legions, companies and squads in their open meetings to have speakers discuss the questions of reform.

SEC. 7. Reports of Officers.—All reports to be made and money to be paid shall be sent direct to national, state or county officers, by the adjutant or captain of the town, ward or precinct company, and sergeants or corporals of the local squads shall make their reports and

pay their dues to the township, ward or precinct company to which they may belong. The officers of the township, ward or precinct companies shall make their report to the officers of the county legion, and the officers of the county legion shall make their report to the officers of the state legion, and the officers of the state legion shall make their report to the officers of the national legion, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to mean other than that all money and reports from the companies for the national, state and county officers shall be sent direct to them.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. Entrance Fee.—The entrance fee shall be fifty cents (50c), twenty cents (20c) of the amount to be retained by the town, ward or precinct company, ten cents (10c) to be forwarded to the county adjutant, ten cents (10) to the state adjutant and ten cents (10c) to the adjutant general.

SEC. 2. Persons Exempt.—For a period of one year, all male members of any industrial organization or members of the Reform Press association, who are advocates of the People's party, may become comrades of this organization without paying the initiation fee of fifty cents (50c).

SEC. 3. Newspaper Subscription.—At a comrade's option he may pay one dollar (\$1.00) for one year's dues in advance and shall receive for one (1) year, free of charge, any reform paper (approved by the national executive council) published in the United States, which he may select. Sixty cents (60c) of the amount received to be forwarded to the adjutant general for the reform paper, ten cents (10c) to the adjutant general for dues, ten cents (10c) to the county adjutant, and twenty cents (20c) to be retained by the quartermaster of the company to which the local squad may belong.

SEC. 4. Dues.—Dues shall be five cents (5c) per month, payable quarterly in advance on the 1st of January, April, July and October. One-fourth of this amount to be forwarded to the adjutant general, one-fourth to the state adjutant, one-fourth to the county adjutant, and the remaining one-fourth shall be retained for the town, ward or precinct company.

SEC. 5. Court Martial.—For non-payment of dues, violation of obligation by failing to vote for the People's party ticket, or other breach of discipline, a comrade becomes liable to a court martial before a court composed of three (3) of his company. The sergeant shall be *ex officio* prosecuting officer, and the penalty shall be assessed by the court martial, giving the accused right of appeal, in case of a private to county headquarters, and in case of an officer to state headquarters.

SEC. 6. Assessments.—Nothing herein contained shall interfere to prevent local township, ward, precinct, county or state bodies from assessing themselves for fees or dues.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. Executive Council and Special Duties.—Under the provisional organization of the Industrial Legion, and until a permanent organization shall be established, this constitution may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the national executive council by a two thirds vote of the members present. In case of a special meeting, thirty days' notice in writing shall be required.

SEC. 2. Charters.—Charters shall be issued by the adjutant general and numbered consecutively in the order of application upon the payment of one dollar (\$1.00).

SEC. 3. Subscription to Constitution.—Each comrade shall subscribe to the following declaration of principles, which may be amended or changed at any regular meeting of the National Industrial Legion.

THE OMAHA PLATFORM OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES.

FINANCE.

First—We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and that without the use of banking corporations, a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people at a tax not to exceed 2 per cent, per annum to be provided as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or a better system; also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvements.

We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1.

We demand that the amount of circulating medium be steadily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

We demand a graduated income tax.

We believe that the money of the country

should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all state and national revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

TRANSPORTATION

Second.—Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

The telegraph and telephone, like the post-office system, being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

LAND.

Third.—The land, including all the natural sources of wealth is the heritage of the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All land now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, and all lands now owned by a lease should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

The following resolutions were offered independent of the platform, and were adopted as expressions of the sentiment of the convention:

Resolved, That we demand a free ballot and a fair count in all elections, and pledge ourselves to secure it to every loyal voter without federal intervention through the adoption by the states of the unperverted Australian secret ballot system.

Resolved, That the revenue derived from a graduated income tax should be applied to the reduction of the burden of taxation now levied upon the domestic industries of this country.

Resolved, That we pledge our support to fair and liberal pensions to ex-union soldiers and sailors.

Resolved, That we condemn the fallacy of protecting American labor under the present system which opens our ports to the pauper and criminal classes of the world and crowds out our wage earners, and we denounce the present ineffective law against contract labor, and demand the further restriction of undesirable immigration.

Resolved, That we cordially sympathize with the efforts of organized workmen to shorten the hours of labor, and demand a rigid enforcement of the existing eight-hour law on government work and ask that a penalty clause be added to the said law.

Resolved, That we regard the maintenance of a large standing army of mercenaries, known as the Pinkerton system, as a menace to our liberties, and we demand its abolition, and we condemn the recent invasion of the territory of Wyoming by the hired assassins of plutocracy sent by federal officers.

Resolved, That we commend to the thoughtful consideration of the people and the reform press the legislative system known as the initiative and referendum.

Resolved, That we favor a constitutional provision limiting the office of president and vice president to one term, and providing for the election of the senators by a direct vote of the people.

Resolved, That we oppose any subsidy of national aid to any private corporation for any purpose.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Subscription of some of the charter members to the constitution:

H. E. Taubeneck, Marshall, Ill.
George F. Washburn, Boston, Mass.
John G. Otis, Topeka, Kas.
J. F. Willits, McLouth, Kas.
Frank Burkitt, Okolona, Miss.
H. L. Loucks, Huron, S. Dak.
J. H. Turner, LaGrange, Ga.
S. McLellan, Topeka, Kas.
Alonzo Wardall, Huron, S. Dak.
W. S. Morgan, St. Louis, Mo.
Marion Butler, Clinton, N. C.
L. P. Featherstone, Forest City, Ark.
J. B. Sutler, Little Rock, Ark.
I. E. Dean, Honeyo Falls, N. Y.
J. C. Manning, Birmingham, Ala.
N. A. Dunning, Hyattsville, Md.

NATIONAL OFFICERS.

Commander-in-chief,
PAUL VANDERVOORT,
Omaha, Nebraska.
Vice Commander-in-Chief,
FRANK BURKITT,
Okolona, Mississippi.
Adjutant General,
J. H. TURNER,
La Grange, Georgia.
Quartermaster General,
GEORGE F. WASHBURN,
Boston, Massachusetts.
National Recruiting Officer,
THOMAS E. WATSON,
Thompson, Georgia.
National Sentinel,
W. S. MORGAN,
St. Louis, Missouri.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The four (4) highest officials in the order named together with:
H. E. Taubeneck, Marshall, Ill.
Marion Butler, Clinton, N. Carolina.
I. E. Dean, Honeyo Falls, New York.
J. H. Davis, Sulphur Springs, Texas.
J. F. Willits, McLouth, Kansas.
Marion Cannon, California.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S AID CORPS.

Mrs. Anna L. Diggs, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Marion Todd, Michigan.