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# Two Resolutions of Local St. Louis, Socialist Party, January 4, 1903.

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Comrades:—

The following resolutions were adopted at the General Monthly Meeting of Local St. Louis, Mo. of the Socialist Party of the United States:

## [Resolution No. 1.]

Local St. Louis, of the Socialist Party, in regular General Meeting assembled, adopts the following resolution concerning the San Francisco fusion affairs:

*Resolved*, That Local St. Louis reiterates its allegiance to the principles and tactics of the Socialist Party, as adopted and agreed upon by the Indianapolis Unity Convention [July 29-Aug. 1, 1901]. We are fully convinced of the correctness and soundness of the Socialist Party tactics, and therefore most emphatically disapprove of and condemn any attempt to lead our movement into fusion and confusion with so-called Union Labor and Reform parties, thereby disrupting the Socialist Party at the very moment when the prospects are brighter and more encouraging than ever before, and when, by polling over 300,000 votes, our organization has become the third political party in the nation, and, in many of the states and industrial centers has also become the recognized third party.

*Resolved*, That we call upon the socialists and their sympathizers throughout the country to be on their guard, because the capitalist politicians are beginning to realize the seriousness of the political situation, and the onward march of the class-conscious movement of the Socialist Party. It is especially the Democratic Party that will do all in its power to sidetrack the Socialist movement by the organization of a Democratic "Union Labor" Party for the purpose of

misleading Organized Labor and catching the labor vote. Recent developments have shown that the Democratic millionaire and newspaper publisher, Hearst, of New York, with his *New York Journal*, *Chicago American*, and *San Francisco Examiner*, assisted by a number of capitalist political hirelings in the labor movement, such as Secretary Steinbiss of the National Building Trades Council, and others, are already freely advocating the Democratic "Union Labor" Fusion ticket with millionaire Hearst as Democratic Presidential candidate for 1904, and the Cook County Democratic politicians are making strenuous efforts to enlist President [John] Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, as candidate either for Governor of Illinois, or for the vice Presidential companion of millionaire Hearst.

*Resolved*, That the Socialist Party of St. Louis will continue the class-conscious political battle of labor in all future campaigns, and also its effective cooperation with the trades union movement.

## Resolution No. 2.

*Whereas*, Comrades M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum have [published articles in] the Socialist press of the country, not only defending the San Francisco political deal known as the Socialist-Union Labor party fusion movement, but also advocating the extension and expansion of said fusion tactics all over the country.

*Whereas*, Comrades M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum have also publicly advocated the extension and expansion of said fusion tactics.

*Whereas*, by their said action, Comrades E. Val Putnam, James S. Roche, M. Ballard Dunn, and Leon Greenbaum, have acted in direct violation of our party's

principles and tactics, defined by the National Platform as follows: "The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for a complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class" and have disregarded the confidence and trust placed in them by their constituents who elected them members of the Local Quorum of the National Committee of the Socialist Party; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Local St. Louis hereby disapproves of their action and kindly requests Comrades E. Val Putnam, James S. Roche, M. Ballard Dunn, and Leon Greenbaum, and all those favoring their fusion schemes to resign as members of the National Committee and officers at the National Office of the Socialist Party; and be it further

*Resolved*, That, failing to resign, we call upon the National Committee of the Socialist Party to remove them.

Yours for Victory!

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City Secretary.

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