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Comrades:—

The historic convention of the Communist Party is over. The Communist Party is a fact. It begins its work with more than 50,000 solidly organized workers behind it.

You will find enclosed a paper containing the important documents passed upon by the convention. We ask you to read the statements regarding unity between the bolting delegates from the Socialist Party Emergency Convention, and more particularly, the program and constitution of the Communist Party at your meeting and then to decide upon the question of your affiliation.

The statements which passed between the convention of the Communist Party and the convention of the bolting delegates show clearly that the Communist Party stood ready to accept into its convention every delegate who had a mandate to participate. To go farther than that would be to compromise its principles.

It is still possible to attain unity between all the workers who are ready to support Communist principles. If every branch which stands for those prin-

ciples endorses and becomes part of the Communist Party, which already has 50,000 members, no second organization can come into existence.

Read and discuss the program and constitution of the party. Then make your decision. A charter application is enclosed.

### A Historical Convention Number.

The *Revolutionary Age* and *The Communist* have been combined and will hereafter be issued under the name of *The Communist*, which will be the central organ of the Communist Party.

The issue of Sept. 27 [1919] will be the convention number. It will contain the complete story of the convention together with the program, constitution, and resolutions adopted. This number will be in great demand and will have great historic value.

Send in your order for a bundle. The price is 3-1/2 cents each in lots of 10 or more. Send remittance with order.

Fraternally yours,

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