

A SYSTEMATIC effort must be made to bring the population back to the soil. An intelligent agricultural policy is the true basis for a great industrial policy."

Lloyd George is reported to have made the above declaration toward the end of November last. It is to be hoped it means that he has decided to return to his fiscal policy of 1909, the only intelligent policy as regards both agriculture and industry. By simply abandoning the systematic fiscal discrimination of Britain's present taxation and rating against the adequate use of land, agriculture and industry will soon give a good account of themselves and distribute the population to the nation's best advantage. What better can a patriotic and democratic statesman desire?

BOOK NOTICES

SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN PORTUGUESE

"Problemas Sociais," by Henry George, published by Escolas Profissionais de Lyceu Salesiano Sagrado Coracao de Jesus, Sao Paulo, Brazil, has just made its appearance.

The issue of this Portuguese translation of Henry George's "Social Problems," already announced in the May-June number of the REVIEW, is an event in the growth of the Single Tax bibliography. A book of 302 pages, in large clear type and with wide margins, it is a creditable production and will no doubt find its place in the libraries of all Brazilian intellectuals. The debate on Brazil's fundamental economic and fiscal problems has thus been launched, and launched worthily. The publication is due to the generosity of a distinguished citizen of Sao Paulo, Dr. Joaquin Bento Alves de Lima, with the literary co-operation of several members of the South American Single Tax Committee (an influential international association destined to figure prominently in the economic evolution of that continent). We reproduce the brief preface to the work.

"The translation of this work was made by some convinced believers in the soundness of the doctrines which had been co-ordinated and given to the world by Henry George—one of the most clear-visioned intelligences and most harmoniously moulded characters that have ever existed.

"The principles of human justice for which this great economist strove all his life are making a peaceful conquest of the civilized world; and, as in our country his works are yet almost unknown—in contrast with the enormous circulation they had and still have amongst the Anglo-Saxon peoples—the present translators have sought by this publication to call the attention of their compatriots to Henry George's works, convinced, as they are, that in his doctrines of the freedom of human labor and the concentration of all taxation upon the common possession—the land—is to be found the key for solving the vast social problems.

"More than thirty years ago this work was published in the United States but, in spite of that country's great progress, the book still continues to be there—and all the more so with us—a document of great actuality, inasmuch as the truths therein contained are eternal truths and will always awaken deep and stirring interest.

"Fortunately, in Brazil, we have not yet the monstrous fortunes nor the real poverty of which Henry George speaks; but we are marching that way (of this there is already evident signs), if we refuse to abandon resolutely our present erroneous fiscal system, and seek in the natural fountain of all wealth the needed revenues for the public treasury.

"Is it not lamentable, is it not immeasurably absurd, the periodical distress which afflicts the inhabitants of this country in the very sight of its vast territorial extension and immense natural wealth? Is it not evident that there must be some obstruction to its productive functions to cause this curious and abnormal phenomenon?

"In this volume will be found the cause of the evil and also the remedy which is capable of transforming this large but poor nation into one of the most opulent in the world."

"THE PRIZE SLACKER" is a pamphlet of 15 pages by George J. Knapp of Salt Lake, Utah. Mr. Knapp was a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from 1904 to 1908. Mr. Knapp will be remembered for his fight in Pueblo. "The Prize Slacker" is the owner of vacant land, and Mr. Knapp deals with him with extraordinary vigor.

"Is it not queer that when Provost Marshal-General Crowder issued his famous—or infamous—list of useless occupations, in which he included many useful clerks, druggists, etc, he entirely overlooked to list the Prize Slacker gentry, who exist almost solely upon the labors of other people; whose principal occupation is to hold up the community which tolerates them, and who do not help to pay for the shot and shell needed to win the conflict?"

CORRESPONDENCE

NO FREE TRADE WITH AN IMPENITENT, PLOTTING NATION

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

The reason we should not trade with Germany: They are not free, but are slaves to criminals, and have aided and committed crimes. Their teachers, philosophers, professors and preachers have for years been conducting a national school of crime, terrorism, murder and conquest by means of frightful acts. As well talk of free trade with convicts. Germany must be ostracized, so that any German who develops traces of decency will repudiate his nation and emigrate and try to redeem himself among fairly decent peoples.

And yet we hear of American Single Taxers excusing and even endorsing Kaiserism and its horrors. Some of them resign; others should be compelled to, so that Single Taxers may have some respect for their associates. The proof lies in the assertions of the Germans themselves. There is no need to believe their enemies. I offered quotations in the July-Aug. REVIEW. Pro-Germans meet such proof with a silence that they think is dignified, profound and ponderous. They do not know they are ridiculous. The only way to reach their understanding is to kick them out.

The government has issued collections of quotations, notably "Conquest and Kultur." Every German ought to spurn Germany, if he cannot prove these quotations false. Here is one on page 35:

"Must Kultur rear its domes over mountains of corpses? Yes, it must. . . . The might of the conqueror is the highest law."—KARL A. KUHN, 1914.

The horrors admitted: Page 37: "We are compelled to carry on this war with a cruelty and ruthlessness, and every imaginable device unknown in any previous war."—PASTOR BAUMGARTEN.

Page 38. "Peace is immoral." Page 39: "The State can realize itself only by destruction of other States."—PROF. LASSON, University of Berlin.

Let German-American Single Taxers indorse or condemn these things. Their silence must be taken as indorsement.

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ENTHUSIASTIC OVER REVIEW'S POLICY

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I AM enthusiastic about the course you are taking as I have been deadly sick of the gum shoe policy for years, and think it will lead to nowhere. Let us come out in daylight and say what we mean. We will get an audience and that is all we need at present. The political fight of the future will be between autocratic socialism and freedom under natural laws, and it is none too soon to clear the issues, and not let socialism get too long a start. The appalling ignorance that exists among the masses regarding our philosophy is a disgrace to all real Single Taxers, and is nothing but a direct result of mixing up with old party politics. Minneapolis, Minn.

JAMES JESSEN.

LANE'S POLICY BEYOND THE PALE OF DISCUSSION

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I read with much interest your story on page 145 of the October number of THE SINGLE TAX REVIEW on "Secretary Lane and His Land Policy."

You will see by the enclosed clipping, I had already been discussing this peculiar and "nervy" proposition in my weekly paper.