

Chicago Preparing for Ninth Henry George Congress

"THE Cause of Unemployment and Industrial Depression" will be the subject of one of the principal addresses to be delivered at the Ninth Annual Henry George Congress at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, October 8, 9, and 10, and David Gibson, of Cleveland, publisher of the *Lorain Journal* and former editor of *The Groundhog*, will deal with this theme.

As we go to press, all signs point to a successful convention, both with respect to programme and attendance. Among other speakers of prominence who have been scheduled for the Annual Single Tax Convention are Mayor William N. McNair, of Pittsburgh; former Councilman Peter Witt, of Cleveland; Dr. Mark Milliken, member of Hamilton, Ohio, City Council; A. D. Waldauer, Assistant City Solicitor of Memphis; Clarence Darrow; Harold S. Buttenheim, Editor *American City*; Mrs. Anna George de Mille, New York City; Charles O'Connor Hennessey, of New York City; Edward Polak, of New York City; Attorney Charles G. Baldwin, of Baltimore; Frank Stephens, of Arden, Delaware, and Fiske Warren, Tahanto, Mass.

The Programme Committee is in communication with a number of other prominent persons both in public and private life, and is hoping to have a member of the United States Senate on the programme this year, Senators Robert J. Bulkley, of Ohio, and James P. Pope, of Idaho, being among those who have invitations under consideration at the present time.

President George E. Evans of the Henry George Foundation has appointed a strong and representative Convention Committee headed by Vice-President Clayton J. Ewing, of Chicago, who is also President of the Single Tax League of Illinois, which organization is again heartily co-operating in all plans for this year's gathering. The other members of this Committee are George M. Strachan, Vice Chairman; W. E. Clement, Grace Isabel Colbron, Otto Cullman, Samuel Danziger, Charles R. Eckert, Arthur W. Falvey, James C. Fuller, Emil O. Jorgenson, Erwin Kauffmann, George J. Knapp, Fenton Lawson, J. C. Lincoln, Joseph Dana Miller, John Lawrence Monroe, Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., George J. Shaffer, Walter G. Stewart, Frank T. Stirlith, Alan C. Thompson, Henry L. T. Tideman and August Williges.

All local arrangements, including entertainment of delegates, local publicity, and registration will be handled by Chicago Sub-Committees now being organized under the aggressive leadership of Chairman Ewing.

Arthur W. Falvey, of Omaha, will present the report of the Committee on Organization, which is expected to lead to a highly interesting discussion and possible action looking toward more intensive organization of Single Taxers—local, State and national.

The session of the Convention will be held at the Congress Hotel, where the Single Taxers met in 1928 and where excellent facilities will be provided, with a minimum rate of \$3.00 for single rooms.

The Century of Progress Exposition is now in the midst of its second very successful season and is attracting great crowds, and the special, low rates of fare offered for World's Fair travelers will, of course, be available for Convention delegates from all sections of the country.

The Dominion of Canada will again be well represented, a large delegation coming from Milk River, Province of Alberta, headed by the Mayor and other orators who made such interesting and impressive reports at our last Convention.

With Pittsburgh now operating under the new McNair administration, with Single Taxers in positions of prominence and influence both in the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government, and with Mayor McNair actively crusading for advance legislation for the further extension of land value taxation, it is expected that there will be a keen interest in hearing from Pittsburgh's new Mayor and other official representatives who are expected to be present.

All who are contemplating participation in this year's gathering of American Single Taxers are urged to make early reservations and to submit any suggestions to Secretary P. R. Williams at the office of the Henry George Foundation, 324 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

Announcement by Mr. Collins

I AM pleased to announce that in future issues of LAND AND FREEDOM, the editor permitting, I am going to deal with some personalities. I do not refer to personalities in the commonly understood meaning of the expression. I mean just this: As our world is moved by opinion, I would like to "anatomize" so to speak, the opinions of the opinionated; of those temporarily prominent persons who, by the written or spoken word, are now seeking to direct the thinking of the American people at a time that seems to me to be more pregnant with tendencies and events affecting human welfare than any previous period in recorded history.

I feel that a not ill-natured attempt, from time to time to dissect the opinions of the opinion-makers and reveal their ratiocinative processes ought to be diverting if not instructive to your readers.—JOHN COLLINS.

FATHER COUGHLIN predicts a disaster worse than the French Revolution should the Roosevelt policies fail. Well, the French Revolution came on because statesmen of the old regime refused to relieve industry of taxation as Turgot had urged, and refused to put taxes on land values. Will Father Coughlin please take notice that the Roosevelt policies consist largely of the same obstinate refusal.