

NEWS—FOREIGN

Argentine

THE Geogist Liberal Party, under the leadership of able and conspicuous intellectuals, is now an accomplished fact in the Argentine.

The national headquarters are at C. Pellegrini, 169, Buenos Aires. We have received samples of the propaganda literature being circulated there in pamphlets and bill-posters. An American will be struck at once by the fact that the portraits of Henry George and Argentina's first president, Rivadavia, appear side by side, as the spiritual leaders of the movement.

As illustrating the spirit and scope of the campaign now being carried on by the Geogist Liberal Party of the Argentine, we can perhaps do no better than reproduce in English the following manifesto which appears on one of the wall-posters above referred to:

"FELLOW-CITIZEN:

These are objects clearly stated, maturely considered, and based on the true and irrefutable principles of political economy, which the great Argentine, Bernardino Rivadavia, understood and attempted to apply in our country, and which the great North American, Henry George, analyzed and made as clear as day for all countries and all times.

The wealth, general progress and greatness of our country would be immense if these great reforms were implanted here, and our country's glory would be resplendent before the whole world if she were the first to adopt them. We would show how it is possible to pass from a social system of injustice and poverty to a state of universal prosperity and happiness. A lesson which we are better able to give than to wait for it from the peoples of Europe, who have lost their way and are too deeply sunk in error.

This can be accomplished easily and rationally as soon as a large part of our good and prudent citizens fix their attention on these truths and high purposes and take the trouble to make them known to their fellow-citizens. True universal suffrage, which fortunately we enjoy, and the organic structure of our institutions, enable us to arrive peacefully and speedily to this practical goal.

We are aware that many other problems and evils, not mentioned in our programme, demand solution and prompt remedy: The lack of hygiene in the home and workshop; the labor of women and children; crime and prison reform; prostitution; marriage reform; the high cost of living, etc.

But we know perfectly well (and anyone can learn it from the superb works of Henry George and by his own observation) that these evils are for the most part branches of that malevolent tree whose root is the private appropriation of the land, and whose trunk is the penalizing of labor and of the exchange of labor's products. If the root is left intact, it will be waste of time to cut the branches or even the trunk. They will only grow up again stronger than ever. But if we destroy the root, the whole tree will fall

to the ground and will inevitably wither and die. Only then will the field be free for other reforms.

We believe also that you should exhort, as we are doing, all your friends, Argentines and foreigners, to join our Party, in order that our numbers may be increased and that we may the sooner achieve for all, for ourselves and our children, the highest well-being and happiness that ever any century or nation has known. And we propose to achieve this, not by suppressing or depressing human individuality, but on the contrary by strengthening, elevating and dignifying it.

If you think seriously on this matter, you will come to the desire and resolve to send your adhesion to the Geogist Liberal Party. The organization of this Party is distinctly democratic. Its authority resides in frequent general assemblies of its adherents.

Consider that the most intelligent way of being revolutionary is to *support Georgism*; and that the most intelligent way of being conservative today is also by *helping Georgism*, in order to avoid grave and imminent upheavals, caused by the impatient unrest of the people and which cannot be solved by the imperfect social doctrines which have been inculcated in the people, no doubt with better intention than knowledge of human realities in general and economic realities in particular.

To wage war on so-called Capital is a stupid error, caused by the current confusion between Capital and Privilege, and between Interest and Rent, things quite separate and distinct. If you interfere with the production and peaceful possession of houses, machines and merchandise (which are part of what really should be called Capital), there will be fewer houses, fewer machines and less merchandise, and we would all suffer from their scarcity. But if you attack and interfere with the privilege of landholding, *there will not be less land*, but rather that which exists will be equally open to all. In the same way, if all certificates of public indebtedness were annulled, none of the existing wealth in the country would disappear; but on the contrary, the condition of all producers would have been improved, since they would have been freed from the enormous tax which such indebtedness means.

FELLOW-CITIZEN:—Join with us in freeing Land, Labor and Capital. Join with us in emancipating, enriching and beautifying the life of all who inhabit, or wish to inhabit, the Argentine.

Buenos Aires, April 4, 1921.

THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE:

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MAXIMUM PROGRAMME

1. *Abolition of Private Property in Land* (and other natural resources), effective ownership to pass to the State.

Land to be leased in open competition to private individuals for a life period, or to collective entities, for a limited term.

2. *Absolute Free Trade*, internal and external.
3. *The Contracting of Public Debts* to be prohibited.

An Important Declaration

THE Argentine Association for the League of Nations in Article 2 of its Statutes, declares for

"The doctrine of Moral law, the sovereignty of free nations, the emancipation of those who are oppressed, the abolition of arbitrary force, and the organization of Europe and of the whole world into an association for the relief of the suffering, and for the enlightenment of mankind"

And further says:

"The Argentine Association for the League of Nations favors the constitution of democratic and parliamentary governments emanating from the free will of the peoples and principles which safeguard and sustain the collective and mutual interests of the community, as e. g. (A) 'Single Tax,' (B) 'Free Trade,' (C) 'Solution of the Social Problems affecting Capital and Labor,' (D) 'Stability of money Exchange based upon the value of the land in each State,' (E) 'The settlement of all disputes that can arise between men, for the maintenance of universal harmony.'"

Germany

BRUETTELBURNT, Bavaria, is one of the most happily situated towns in the world, for here no taxes are collected. During the Winter season every man finds employment in the communal forest; no taxes are imposed, and this year every citizen received two thousand marks, his share of the surplus after all the running expenses of the town government are paid for out of the receipts from the sale of lumber from the municipally-owned forest.

In Kesselostheim, every freeholder receives from the communal forest yearly two cords of firewood and four hundred marks cash, with no taxes to pay, since here, too, all the expenses of government are met from the sales of lumber cut by the freeholders.

Some locals of the Bund Deutcher Boden Reformers have adopted the most ideal Single Tax propaganda by presenting each pupil of the high schools a copy of Damaschke's Boden Reform as a graduation present. An appropriate dedication is on the front page and an enclosed letter urges the pupil to study the Single Tax. The heartiest co-operation is given by the school authorities.

Portugal

WE ARE informed by Dr. Manuel Herrera y Reissig, charge d'affaires of Uruguay at Lisbon, that a course of addresses on the doctrines of Henry George is being arranged at Lisbon. The first in the series will be given by the noted writer, Baldomero Argente, of Madrid.

Sr. Antonio Albendin, the head of the Spanish Single Tax League, is co-operating in the work, and is expected shortly in Lisbon. The Argentine Minister at Lisbon, Dr. Jose Maria Cantilo, is a Single Taxer and keeps himself well posted on the progress of the movement. The same, we are informed, may be said of Dr. Pueyrredon, the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs.

E. M. Caffall in Ottawa

THE Ottawa *Citizen* gives a report of a picnic held by the Single Taxers of that city. The account follows:

"The principal speaker was Mr. Edward M. Caffall, of the SINGLE TAX REVIEW, New York, and State treasurer of the Single Tax Party of New Jersey. He told of the formation of the Single Tax Party in the United States, and spoke optimistically of the future. He was followed by others who came from the city. The suggestions that a tax reform association be formed in Ottawa was made by Mr. H. G. Barber, and it was cordially supported by those present. Mrs. C. A. Bowman acted as chairman of the "meeting" which followed a community picnic on the green sward, and in the shade of the beautiful trees. The event proved exceptionally enjoyable to all who took part.

Among those present were Messrs. C. J. Tulley, S. B. Johnson Low, D. G. Whittle, A. Buckley, Controller Cameron, D. M. Le Bourdais, C. A. Bowman, H. G. Barber, R. B. Maxwell, R. Hooper and D. Loughnan. It had been announced that Mr. Arthur Roebuck, Toronto, would be the guest of honor, but unhappily he was not able to be present.

U. S. SINGLE TAX PARTY

Mr. Caffall told how the Single Tax Party came to be formed in the United States. He said that Henry George's death came as a severe blow, and the political movement fell into desuetude. It was decided afterwards to confine activities to educational work, but to exert political pressure by voting for one or the other great parties. The result of this, however, was to put some Single Taxers into office, and their mouths became sealed. Then at a little gathering of five men in Philadelphia, the present Single Tax Party was formed. The movement spread, and at the presidential election last year, some thousands of votes were cast for the Single Tax platform. Mr. Caffall spoke of the simultaneous conventions in Chicago of the Single Tax Party, the Committee of 48, and the Farmer-Labor body, on the understanding that a third party should be formed. Single Tax was rejected and the "third party" came out with a weak form of socialism. But Single Tax received a fine advertisement through the Chicago convention, many of the largest newspapers printing the Single Tax platform. Macauley, the Single Tax nominee, was now touring the United States under Chautauqua auspices, and telling hundreds the gospel of Single Tax. The movement was now better organized, and at the next presidential campaign