

The gold on the floors of the rivers  
Is a glittering mockery then—  
In the *water* the Gods are the givers  
Of riches to men.

## EPODE

O waves of the far circling Ocean,  
O Father Poseidon, to thee  
We turn with a soul of emotion,  
To the marge of the loud-sounding sea.  
Ye venturous triremes and galleys  
That trade from the Lycian shore,  
Go forth with a kiss from our valleys—  
Then homeward once more!

(Toward the end of the dance Glaucus and the slave return. Glaucus, finding the wood emptied of the children, enters it and covertly helps himself to a meal made up of pilferings from the baskets.)

The dance being concluded, the curtain falls.

## END OF ACT I

## The Income Tax

I CANNOT agree with the statement that the worst aspect of the income tax is the comparatively few who pay it. The income tax confuses the unthinking as to human or natural rights; it corrupts morals and ideals; it appeals to passion and ignorance; it makes no distinction between earned and unearned fortunes; it disturbs business and aggravates the unemployment problem; it causes monstrous litigation, disputes and chicanery; it increases the cost of raising revenue; it creates a new profession, that of "tax expert."

Most of our numerous methods of taxation produce bad results not foreseen by legislators. Income and inheritance taxes are popular on the theory that the condition of the poor can be improved by taxing the rich, or "wealth," or "capital." Socialists teach that error. Republicans, Democrats and Progressives encourage it. La Follette's platform causes wonder as to how he would raise revenue if there were no rich to tax.

You show in your interesting editorial of July 8 that the bulk of income taxes falls on citizens of small fortunes. Wage and salary earners are unable to dodge; when the rich dodge, it disarranges industry and decreases opportunities for employment.

If we must use the income tax, common sense calls for:  
1—Abolishing all other taxes, for they reduce incomes.  
2—Having a uniform rate as low as possible. 3—No exemptions or exceptions whatever. 4—Utmost publicity.

HOWARD M. HOLMES, in *Cleveland Plaindealer*.

"I HAVE the right to live because I breathe and because the air is common property of everybody."

—GUY DE MAUPASSANT, in *The Vagabond*.

## NEWS—DOMESTIC

## Illinois.

FOLLOWING are the names of electors of the Commonwealth Land party in Illinois:

Malcolm P. Black, Ernest N. Braucher, Lillian B. Cronin, Mary C. Connor, Lorenzo C. Daniels, Walter E. Elfrink, William A. Gilbert, Andrew A. Gour, Henry P. Hansen, Henry H. Hardinge, William Edward Harper, Charles Henry Hartmen, James Derrel Hart, Oscar E. Hedrich, Charles J. F. Kraft, Axel Lyngholm, Barbara C. Leu, C. Edward L'Hommedieu, George Chandler Madison, Jennie L. Madison, John O'Connor, Alexander Pernod, Frederick Peake, Anton S. Rossing, Detlef Sievers, William K. Smith, William D. Tate, Carl G. Williams, and H. Edward Williams.

The Commonwealth Land party have nominated a full state ticket in Illinois, as follows: For United States Senator, Lewis Dana Spaulding; for Governor, Morris Lychenheim; for Lieutenant-Governor, John B. Reilly; for Secretary of State, William A. Wittick; for State Auditor, John F. Cronin; for State Treasurer, Robert T. Aiston; for Attorney-General, Joseph W. Vistain; for Trustees of the University of Illinois, Hulda L. Potter Loomis, Albert Henniges, and Clayton J. Ewing; for Congress, Dora Welty and James W. Hill.

Illinois Single Taxers all over the state are wheeling into line for party action. The inspiring presence of James A. Robinson, the National Organizer, who has been for two months in the state, has been the means of stirring the apathetic to action, and our readers will note in the foregoing list the large number of names not hitherto affiliated with the party.

Under date of July 7 Mr. Robinson writes: "I am gratified to be able to report that the feeling in Illinois toward our party is much more favorable than it was four years ago, and that the action of the Cleveland Convention has proved greatly disappointing to the Progressives in Chicago. I addressed three thousand persons in Washington Park, and to my appeal for abandonment of hero worship, naming Bryan, Roosevelt and La Follette as types, received an ovation. I presented the claims of our party and was amazed at the generous approbation, the number of sympathetic questions asked, and the invitation to make a return date extended by viva voce vote. A Mr. Lamb, of Chicago, was present and exhausted his stock of books and pamphlets, actually *selling all he had with him, quite a stack*. Mr. Madison, a staunch party man, helped at this meeting, and Dr. Joseph H. Grier, a former socialist, announced his conversion to the Commonwealth Land party and made a generous contribution to the campaign expenses."