

Peace With Injustice.

THE most amazing exhibition of humbug and hypocrisy of recent years has been the award by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation of a prize of \$25,000 to Lord Robert Cecil, for his "meritorious services tending to establish peace with justice." It is almost incredible that a jury of 100 more or less eminent persons should have made such a monstrous decision and still more amazing that on that jury was Miss Ida M. Tarbell, who professes to be a believer in the Single Tax. For this Cecil person was for many years one of the foremost of the British defenders of the monstrous wrong, the immemorial injustice of the great British landlords, whose estates were taken from the people by force or by fraud. This is the same Cecil who denounced the futile attempt of Lloyd George to impose a small tax on the enormous incomes derived by the British nobility from royalties on mineral lands, and rents paid by working farmers. An open and avowed champion of the fundamental injustice of the world, this man is now hailed as a worker for "peace with justice." A defender of landgrabbing on a wholesale scale by British peers, he has the effrontery to pretend to be opposed to landgrabbing by other nations, now that Britain has the largest share of the earth's surface. And Americans professing to favor peace endorse this precious humbug, this canting fraud, as an apostle of peace and goodwill!

It is no wonder that the pitiful puerile minds that pretend to be carrying out the high principles of Woodrow Wilson have made so little impression on American public sentiment. It is no wonder that the American people distrust and reject Lord Cecil's appeal to them to bring the United States into the League of Nations. Witness the British refusal to allow the League of Futilities to pass upon the Egyptian situation. What is Lord Cecil and his peace League doing to prevent Spain making war on the people of Morocco, who are bravely defending their own territory?

Cant, Humbug, Privilege for Aristocracy, Robbery of the poor by Landlordism, this is what Lord Robert Cecil stands for! And the United States votes him \$25,000!

Two Ways of Acquiring Wealth

SOCIALISM, communism, bolshevism, La Follettism and all such, are impossible and should cause us no concern because they go still further than we have now gone in depriving men of individual freedom. I predict that we have seen the high water mark of Socialism and that the future tendency will be to the end of the highest individualism—as Franz Oppenheimer puts it, in his great little book, "The State." we shall attain to a "Free-man's Citizenship."

When laborer, mechanic, or professional or business man gets from employer or customer, by slacking, by trickery, by misrepresentations or in any way, more than his economic wage for the service rendered, when a Carnegie or a Rockefeller grows rich by railroad rebates or any special privilege, when a man takes possession of and appropriates the natural resources of the earth, created by God for the use of all men equally (and natural resources include every foot of land and water on the earth's surface) all such men, though they act under the law, under the prevailing economic system, are robbers (we all do it) and a government that maintains a system that permits such things is aiding and abetting robbery. This is not extreme or inflammatory language but a plain statement of economic truth. As Dr. Oppenheimer says, there are two ways of acquiring wealth,—the economic way, and by robbery, and whatever is not acquired in the economic way is Robbery, by whatever name you may call it or however the law may look at it.—From an Address by G. F. Kelly, before the Rotary Club of Scottsdale, Pa.

Is Florida Headed for the Single Tax?

IT must have sent shivers down the spine of William J. Bryan, now for several years a resident of Florida, when the people of that commonwealth adopted by an overwhelming vote a constitutional amendment forbidding the taxation of incomes or inheritances. The majority was seven to one. Shades of the Spirit of '96!

So many fortunes have been made in Florida real estate that the amendment thus written into the organic law of the state is something more than a mere gesture. The people of Florida evidently believe in encouraging people to increase their incomes and fortunes. Few taxes are as inoffensive as income and inheritance taxes, and their vogue has greatly increased within the present generation.

Florida is in a rather exceptional situation. A great many people of more or less fortune spend a part of the year there and are in a position to adopt a legal residence within the state if there are sufficient inducements. If they do make it their legal residence some of them will be apt to become more closely identified with the state, so that there is a real opportunity for the state to strengthen the bonds with its colony from the north. Incidentally it robs death of some of its terrors for its own normal citizens.

The closing of these doors of revenue may direct the attention of the people of Florida to the peculiar character of a large part of the state's tabulated wealth. Much of the assessed valuation of the state is in the form of land "values," which are manifestly not real wealth but the capitalization of the right to exact a price for the use of a part of the surface of the earth. The entire land