

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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UNITED STATES

The latest report of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation as appearing in the May-June *Land and Freedom* states that in the 12 months to May, 1935, altogether 5,706 books of more than 15 different titles were distributed, including 2,844 copies of *Progress and Poverty*. Besides the distribution also of 32,000 pamphlets, an extensive mailing campaign has been carried out in 42,940 letters to people interested in public affairs and economic teaching, schools, colleges, editors, etc., as well as to book dealers for taking up the sale of the books. During the six months of the San Diego Fair, June to November, the Henry George books will be on exhibit in the Palace of Photography with placards advertising the man and his work.

Gratifying publicity has been made by Mr Leslie Eichel, of the Central Press Association, the outcome of a visit he made to the Foundation some time ago and his subsequent study of the books and other information he got. Mr Eichel wrote four articles for the Press Association which have been widely syndicated in newspapers throughout the Middle West and East. Each of these articles gave Henry George prominence as the authority to be read to-day, and quoted largely from "Social Problems."

Numerous economic classes are now being conducted under the auspices of the Henry George School of Social Science, and with the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation supplying the new demand thus created for *Progress and Poverty* and the other works. Mr John L. Monroe, the field director of the School, has organized four classes in Cleveland totalling 232 pupils, of which the instructors are two young attorneys (Messrs Dana-ceau and Crudele), the Secretary of the Ohio Economic League, Mr V. D. Allen, and the publicity director of the Cleveland Railway Company, Mr K. B. Mickey. Classes recently formed elsewhere include those conducted by Mr Darwin Smith, President of the California College of Commerce; by Mr Schwarz in Minneapolis; by Mr Lincoln Crowell in Sandwich; by the Rev Caldecott in Los Angeles, where Mrs Anna George de Mille attended the first meeting and gave a splendid start; by Mr N. D. Alper in St. Louis; by Mr White in Kansas City; by Mr J. S. Tundall in Cedar Springs, Mich.; by Mr F. L. Morris in Detroit; by Mr A. L. Smith in Toledo; by Dr Elizabeth Bowen in Newark, N.J., and so on. Others spread the teaching by gifts of books to public and college libraries, Mr J. G. Blauvelt making such presentation in Paterson, N.J., while Mr H. C. Harris, of Cordele, Georgia, has been particularly active in this direction. By his generosity most if not all of the libraries in the State have been so equipped, not with one book but an assortment of them obtained for the greater part from the Henry George Foundation of Great Britain.

The public statue of Tom L. Johnson in Cleveland shows him sitting and holding a copy of *Progress and Poverty*. The spirit of Cleveland's great Single Tax Mayor is still alive. Between 2nd and 12th April his leading disciple, Peter Witt, delivered four addresses over the radio station WGAR. The response of over 800 listeners for copies of the speeches is some indication of the large audience he must have had.

It is announced that the Tenth Annual Henry George Congress organized by the American Henry George Foundation is planned to meet in New York City during

the first week in October. The programme this year will be distinctly different in type from those of recent years, and much of the time will be devoted to informal conferences and round-table discussions.

LABOUR RELATIONS is a little booklet published for general circulation by Mr George A. Briggs, of Los Angeles, member of the Federal Regional Labour-Relations Board. Mr Briggs was one of the speakers at the Adult Educational Course recently held at the First Unitarian Church, and this booklet explains how he views labour relations in the light of Henry George's philosophy.

SMALLER PROFITS, REDUCED SALARIES AND LOWER WAGES. The Condition, the Cause and the Cure.—This is the name of the very instructive pamphlet by Mr George L. Rusby now republished by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation of New York, which has done a notable service in making it available again. The booklet, with numerous diagrams dealing with land, labour and capital, is of vest pocket size and runs to 64 pages. It is now included in our own list of publications, price 3d., and is specially commended to the student and writer.

A JOB FOR EVERY MAN is a quarto four-page folder by Mr George T. Tideman, published for general circulation by the Association in Equality, of 58 E. Washington Street, Chicago. It clearly demonstrates the case for Land Value Taxation and illustrates by diagram "What is Wrong with the Distribution of Wealth." By favour of Mr Tideman we have received a supply of this informing statement, which may be had (free) by any of our readers making application.

Among the matter all of great interest in recent issues of the *People's Lobby Bulletin* (published monthly) is a speech broadcast by Professor John Dewey on "The Socialization of Ground Rent" and an article by the same authority on "Taxation as a Step to Socialization." The People's Lobby, of 113 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., is an association for promoting economic and social reform, and the monthly magazine called the *Bulletin* is one of the most informing publications that come our way dealing with public questions in the U.S.A., especially with regard to the policy of the "New Deal" and N.R.A. The Secretary of the People's Lobby is Mr Benjamin C. Marsh.

ALASKA

Through the courtesy of a correspondent in Alaska (Donald MacDonald) we have received a copy of a memorandum prepared by the United States Federal Employees in Alaska dealing with the economic conditions in that territory. Alaska is a country rich in minerals, especially gold, and fertile agricultural land.

In theory mining claims are supposed to be granted to persons who work the claims. In practice, owing to abuse of the right to locate claims by power of attorney and other evasions of the law, a few men have been able to acquire large areas of profitable ground and hold it idle.

The Federal Government has constructed 500 miles of railway, 1,000 miles of auto road, and 100 aviation stations. One of the principal purposes of the railway was to enable coal and heavy machinery to be transported to the Fairbanks area and so permit of the extraction of the residue of the gold which could not