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MR. LOUIS F. POST TO VISIT GREAT BRITAIN.—Many of our friends will rejoice to hear that Mr. Louis F. Post, the Editor of "The Public," Chicago, is shortly to visit this country. Mr. Post, who for many years was Henry George's right hand, has been delegated by the American Free Trade League to represent them at the International Free Trade Congress, to be held in London from the 4th to 7th of August. Mr. Post will arrive in Liverpool on July 25 or 26, and will proceed to London via Manchester, Birmingham, and Oxford. On his return journey he purposes visiting York, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, whence he will embark for New York on August 15th by a steamer of the Anchor Line. Land Reformers will welcome the opportunity of making the personal acquaintance and paying their respects to one of the staunchest and most able men our movement has produced.

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A REAL FREE TRADER.—As our readers will know, Mr. Post is a real Free Trader, and regards the Tariff question as the key to the whole political situation. But if a fitting opportunity is accorded him, his speech at the Congress should prove instructive even to the most convinced Free Trader. As he views the general situation, mankind have already entered on an era of Socialism in the broadest sense of this much vexed term. Hence the question is no longer whether we shall have Socialism or not, but whether it shall be *artificial* Socialism, bureaucratic and enslaving or *natural* Socialism, voluntary co-operation under equality of opportunity. To his mind true Free Traders are necessarily supporters of natural Socialism, favouring an equitable as opposed to the present anarchistic and unjust, as well as to any artificial and compulsory *equal*, distribution of wealth. To Mr. Post, as to ourselves, Land Reform, or what has been aptly termed "the socialisation of land values," is the necessary accompaniment of real Free Trade, leading men to true freedom, to what may be defined as *natural* as distinguishable from *artificial*, bureaucratic and enslaving Socialism. Mr. Post realises that the immediate danger is for true Free Traders, Progressives, or Natural Socialists, to become confused in the public mind with the opponents of real social reform which can only be avoided by making our real position clear to

all attentive to social and political questions. We know no one more competent than Mr. Post to inaugurate this gigantic and difficult task.

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COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO LOUIS F. POST AND OTHER AMERICAN VISITORS.—In view of the approaching visit of Mr. Louis F. Post and other American Land Reformers, it is proposed to have a special complimentary dinner on Thursday, July 30th. Those of our friends who can make it convenient to attend would greatly facilitate the arrangements by applying at once for tickets—price 5s., exclusive of wine—to L. H. Berens, Land Values Office, 376-77, Strand, London, W.C.

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THE TWO ALTERNATIVES.—We would call attention to the notice in another column of the important article by Mr. A. Griffith-Boscawen, ex-Conservative M.P. for Tunbridge. Mr. Boscawen moved the rejection of the Land Values Bill in 1903, and before and since that time he has proved a consistent opponent. He is shrewd enough to see, and frank enough to confess, what Liberals either fail to see, or are unwilling to admit—that the taxation of land values is the alternative policy to tariff reform. The purely conservative attitude of Liberals, with the exception of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and one or two others, their failure to indicate the relation of the taxation of land values to the present trade conditions during this controversy may be regarded as one of the most extraordinary features of the history of the past five years. They have persisted in telling the people about the benefits of the system which they falsely call Free Trade, a system which the people perfectly understand in every respect after more than a generation's experience. They know it by its fruits—business depression, lack of employment and of its reward, short rations, threadbare clothes, overcrowded houses or none at all, and assisted passages to strange lands. Mr. Wedgwood, Mr. Hemmerde, or the other member who puts down a Liberal amendment to a philanthropic measure, or makes a Liberal speech in the midst of a hundred Tory and Conservative speeches, is to be congratulated. There is an alternative to reaction from existing conditions, and that is progress to new and freer conditions. Mr. Boscawen and the "Morning Post" testify to this within recent days.

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IS IT A TRANSFORMATION?—The Tories have become reactionary, and the Liberals have become conservative. We doubt if the statement is justified, if any party was