

TAX ON LAND VALUES.

Thinks Lloyd-George Budget Means a New Development in World Politics.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

The Liberal Party of Great Britain, committed to the taxation of land values, intends a new development in what the Germans call "world politics." It is obvious to every one, and can need no demonstration, that by the progress of society, its growth of population, demand for food, &c., the land acquires a spontaneous increase in value, and that this increase is independent of any expenditure of the labor or money of the owner upon it. It is just becoming apparent to the multitude that this constitutes a grave social danger and political menace. Clearly, the larger the rent demanded by the landowner, the less there is to divide between capital and labor. As this rent continues to grow with increasing rapidity, it follows that the products of capital and labor fall more and more to the landowner, who does absolutely nothing to deserve the increase. Society, alone, is constantly making the land more and more valuable, yet this increased value instead of benefiting those who create it, really injures them, and proves an obstacle to their material prosperity, besides being the prolific cause of innumerable social evils.

It is the realization of this great social and moral principle that has transformed and united the great Liberal Party. A year ago, it was considered a series of disorganized units in the process of disintegration. To-day it is prosecuting an aggressive fight with the enthusiasm, fervor, and intensity of a crusade.

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