

and sugar, which were not increased, and the excise on beer, tobacco, etc. Cable dispatches since the budget speech state that on the 5th the Ministry moved closure in the Commons, and the motion was carried by a majority of 107, the Labor party members generally supporting the Ministry.

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The Joseph Fels Fund of America.

Press dispatches of the 7th reported the organization of the Joseph Fels Fund (p. 177) for the propagation of Single Tax doctrines in the United States. The Commission charged with the responsibility of completing and disbursing the fund is composed of Daniel Kiefer, chairman, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jackson H. Ralston of Washington, D. C.; Lincoln Steffens of Boston, Massachusetts; Fred-eric C. Howe of Celveland, Ohio, and George A. Briggs, of Elkhart, Indiana. The treasurer of the fund is Tom L. Johnson, Mayor of Cleveland. Following is the Advisory Committee: William Lloyd Garrison, Dr. Mary D. Hussey, George Foster Peabody, Hon. Edward Osgood Brown, H. F. Ring, Louis F. Post, F. C. Leubuscher, Fenton Lawson, Bolton Hall, Jennie L. Munroe, James W. Bucklin, C. H. Ingersoll, Henry George, Jr., Joseph Dana Miller and Bishop Charles D. Williams. The present address of the Commission for all purposes is in the care of Daniel Kiefer, Chairman, Commercial Building, Cincinnati.

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An appeal and explanatory statement has been issued by the Commission, saying:

Mr. Joseph Fels of Philadelphia (now resident in London, England), desirous of making possible a comprehensive, vigorous and effective campaign against land monopoly in America, has pledged to this commission \$25,000 a year for five years. He has done the same in support of the English movement for the taxation of land values. His only condition, here as there, is that as much more be raised. Simply stated in his own words, "he will match every dollar" we raise, up to and beyond \$25,000 a year for five years.

This is an opportunity for concentrated effort that must not be missed. We therefore request an annual subscription from everyone who has visions of a better day for all mankind, and is in general sympathy with the aims of the commission, and in any sum to express their interest.

Besides the word of acknowledgment from each, whether with pledge of financial support or not, we should like to have the names and addresses of persons anywhere in the country to whom we might, without offense, send a circular.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson has consented to act as treasurer of this fund, which will be known as "The Joseph Fels Fund of America."

The commission believes that those who contribute to this central fund may feel warranted in referring to us all other requests for contributions for any single tax work, confident that if the work for which

aid is requested is one that the movement needs, the commission will appropriate to its support whatever amount seems wise. At the same time, all should feel at full liberty to contribute to as many forms of work as they choose.

The movement has progressed to a point where in several States its adoption is a possibility. This progress is the result of work quietly done by a few devoted individuals, in some cases without the knowledge of other workers in other localities. Let us help all these. The public mind never was so hospitable as now to the principle of the common ownership of social values. This is indicated by ex-President Roosevelt's recent declaration for the preservation,—for all the people, always,—of the nation's natural resources.

Under ordinary circumstances, it would be difficult to raise the necessary money. But the task has been made possible by this earnest friend, who has come forward to justify the fine faith of Henry George when he said: "Our truth will find friends, those who will toll for it; suffer for it; if need be, die for it." Mr. Fels' offer is a challenge to the friends of the movement in America. That it comes at the right time is shown in the enclosed program. It opens opportunities to abolish vice, crime and misery that are due to existing social conditions, which we cannot afford to let slip. Here is a chance so to hasten a better order that its benefits may be enjoyed even in our own time.

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In addition to his offer of \$25,000 a year for five years to the United States, Mr. Fels (who is known the world over as the manufacturer of Fels-Naphtha soap) has offered \$5,000 a year for five years to Canada, New Zealand, New South Wales, Switzerland and Denmark, and £5,000 a year for five years to Great Britain. The advocates of land value taxation in Great Britain have for several months been active in duplicating the Fels contribution there. Their efforts are reported to have contributed in no small measure to the political influences that have resulted in the land tax proposals of the British budget.

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The Tariff in Congress.

Tariff discussion in Congress (p. 444) is still confined to the Senate. On the 4th a definite breach had occurred between the Republican "standpatters" under the lead of Senator Aldrich, and the Republican "revisionists," who thus far comprise Senators La Follette, Dolliver, Nelson, Johnson, Crawford, Beveridge, Burkett, Brown, Curtis, Bristow, Clapp and Cummins. Senator Dolliver attacked the woolen and cotton goods schedules, in support of his declared policy that revision must be downward. In the course of his speech he exposed the abuses of protection through manipulation of tariff schedules by protected interests. For instance: "As a consignment of rubber boots enters our ports, instead of casting into the treasury the rate of duty which Congress in its