

be inspired by Patriotism. The American Delameres, big and little, are certainly to be congratulated on the speedy success of what might be described as their "African policy"

Meanwhile, Labor and Capital, both of which are left in economic subjection to the landed interests, seem to be supremely satisfied. Capital fondly imagines its interests served by a share in War Loans; and Labor, by purely nominal higher wages. Neither the one nor the other, judging by the words of their foremost spokesmen, seems to have reached Lord Delamere's apprehension of primary economic law; Labor, and its offspring, Capital, are (under the terms of our arbitrary fiscal system) servants of the landowner, held by invisible but inflexible bonds.

## Wanted—A New National Organization

THE National Single Tax League, with headquarters at Arden, has outlived its usefulness. Under a constitution which one would almost suspect was devised for the purpose, it is impossible to secure the removal of a national committeeman, or effect any democratic expression of the will or wishes of Single Taxers throughout the nation. The League, which is in no sense a League, has hibernated at Arden during the past year. Here Kiefer keeps his office furniture, and from here is sent forth the insignificant monthly *Bulletin*, called "the organ of the National Single Tax League."

In this organ Mr. Robert Towne, since his appointment by Mr. Kiefer last November as "organizer," is forever telling us that he is soon to begin to commence some stupendous plans for the up-building of the national organization. But these plans do not mature. They appear to be in some way related to a financial project of Mr. Towne's for the establishment of a chain of papers, the details of which are kept religiously out of the *Bulletin*. What relation these plans have to the national organization, or whether the members of the League have authorized Mr. Kiefer to pay Mr. Towne's traveling expenses that he may appeal to Single Tax groups in various cities for the success of the proposed investment, are matters of which we are kept in blissful ignorance. But with it all goes the unceasing appeal for funds.

The situation is no longer to be patiently endured. It is both pathetic and farcical. Our motives in challenging the continued existence of a condition which is now seriously embarrassing the work that is beginning may be misunderstood. But the risk of such misunderstanding must be taken if the organized movement is ever to be set right. There is a great awakening among the people. There are Single Tax campaigns in California, Missouri, Michigan. New York and New Jersey are organizing political parties to fight the question of the Single Tax at the polls. The thought of the people is stirring. Never were there such golden opportunities. Funds are needed to carry on the real work of the cause which the national organized move-

ment has long ceased to represent. Every dollar diverted from these genuine activities now beginning is a loss to the cause. We should no longer be deceived.

Mr. Gibson, in the *Ground Hog*, calls for the resignation of Daniel Kiefer. How will that tend to remedy matters? Mr. Towne, who is supplied with Single Tax funds by Mr. Kiefer for his tours, whispers, *sotto voce*, that his one aim in life now is to get rid of Daniel Kiefer. Et tu, Brute! Almost our sympathy goes out to Daniel Kiefer, who has served the cause, if not always wisely, yet with devotion and zeal. Our sympathy is tempered by the knowledge of his pro-German, or at least anti-American activities, which were he alive to the eternal fitness of things would long ago have induced him to offer his voluntary resignation. But Mr. Kiefer is not solely to blame. He is part of a system the movement has outgrown. The League itself should resign.

Now that this movement in a sense must be begun all over again, and because we are in a serious time, yet a time fraught with opportunity, the National League is a positive obstacle in the way. Real work is beginning, and this real work must no longer be hampered by activities which are purely fictional, by a paper organization whose chief purpose has been to collect funds, to circulate "flimsies," to glorify favorites, to starve out local work, and to spend the money of Single Taxers with reckless prodigality. And never in the *Bulletin* or elsewhere, it may be said, furnishing Single Taxers with detailed statements of expenditures.

For the reasons given, and because two of the members of the National Committee have been arrested for sedition and others are under surveillance, the League's days of usefulness are past. And because Mr. Robert Towne, in nearly a year's steady outpour of words, words, words, even though of fair literary quality, has failed to do anything more than to convey to Single Taxers generally a feeling of great weariness over plans that do not mature, of schemes that lack fulfillment, of promises forever unrealized, that gentleman has ceased to be an asset of any value as an "organizer." He, too, following the example of his predecessors in the League's affairs, has failed to provide us with a statement of expenditures.

We have come to the parting of the ways. Either a representative national league or none at all. Preferably none at all to the preposterous aggregation at Arden, with a constitution which ties us hand and foot. Preferably one that will be American in aspiration and spirit, and will not assume that our country and government must be always wrong. The time has come for the League to put up the shutters.

It should be said that the League was the outcome of the desire expressed by Mrs. Fels at the Niagara Falls conference to have a democratic organization for the Single Tax movement. It has been shown in the REVIEW that the constitution adopted would not bring about the democratic form of organization demanded, and events have shown that it has simply resulted in vesting control in an

irresponsible group. Unfortunately for the movement, this little group have been far more active in opposition to the war and the government of the country than in propagating the philosophy of Henry George.

There are two things that must be said. The Single Taxers of the country are overwhelmingly loyal to the government in this war. And they are intensely desirous of having an organization that shall be truly representative and capable of performing constructive work of the kind now imperatively demanded.

The REVIEW is an open forum, and we now invite constructive suggestions as to what should be done to establish a national organization to forward efficiently the work of the cause.

## The Single Tax and Palestine

A NEWS item in the Philadelphia papers announces that the Single Tax plan of land control was recommended by the Mizrachi Zionist organization in convention in that city as the best system under which the Jews can return to possession of Palestine under protection of the Allies.

This is good news. Never has there been presented for a thousand years and more the opportunity for a nation to begin anew all political and economic institutions and to model such institutions in accordance with traditions that are among the most glorious chapters in the history of human freedom. The Mosaic code points the way. The recognition of the rights of man to the earth he must inhabit has in Hebraic history the sanction of teachings halloved by the inspired priests and prophets of an ancient faith. If in the spirit of the old Hebrew tradition our Palestinites will seek to shape their institutions in the new land in accordance with the truth that Moses revealed, the name of Jew will borrow an added lustre and that of Moses will stand out with a new meaning for the world.

BY TAXING all the water out of land values—"water" being the value added by the owner's ability to monopolize a community need and to capitalize that monopoly—we should do away with unearned incomes, increase production, open opportunity and enthrone labor and service as the only qualifications entitling men and women either to competencies or the respect of their fellows.

MRS. JOSEPH FELS in the *Public*.

THE Single Tax Party of Essex County, N. J. celebrated the opening of its permanent headquarters at 26 New Street, Newark, on the evening of May 25. About 75 men and women adherents of the Single Tax Party movement in that State listened to speeches from Messrs. Wallace, Rusby, Hitchcock, Cohen, and others.

## Recent Deaths

IT is our painful duty to chronicle the deaths of a number of Single Taxers. Among those recently departed, and whose death comes as a personal loss, is Charles Frederick Adams, life-long friend of Henry George and the Master's beloved disciple. Mr. Adams was in his sixty-seventh year. No mere perfunctory notice can serve as farewell to one who served the cause so long and faithfully. He was possessed of qualities that made him a marked man among his fellows. He was one of nature's noblemen, pure, sweet, unselfish. He was a profound scholar and an omniverous reader; his command of the language when he rose to speak was wholly unique, and his oratory a splendid torrent.

It is not conceivable that Charles Frederick Adams could have had an enemy. We recall how once in the heat of argument he turned on the writer of these lines with angry words which we thought at the time were ungenerous and unjust. When next we met, this fine, knightly spirit made haste to apologize, and it was done with such gentleness that the hurt, if any hurt had been inflicted, was at once forgotten, and one was almost glad that the incident had happened to furnish so fine an example of a courtesy that had no affectation.

Our Bayard has gone—our Chevalier, *sans peur et sans reproche!*

Another who had rendered great service to the cause to follow our friend, is George Wallace, who died at Freeport, Long Island, after a brief illness. Mr. Wallace was the Single Tax Party's candidate for mayor in the last New York City election, and was for many years an active propagandist for political party action. He was a forceful speaker. A speech delivered in England which was printed in the REVIEW under the title "My Cousin Aleck," Aleck being a returned soldier from the Boer War who wanted to know what part of the country he had fought for belonged to him, a speech which has special pertinency just now, resulted in his election by the delighted radicals who heard it, to honorary membership in the Liberal Club. This speech we shall reproduce in a future issue of the REVIEW.

The death of Lawrence Dunham, of Scarsdale, N. Y., long identified with the Single Tax movement, reminds us that the ranks of the Old Guard are rapidly thinning. Mr. Dunham was a contributor to the activities that appealed to him and the REVIEW was one of these. He always attended Single Tax conventions when able, and his presence will be missed from these gatherings.

Another old Single Taxer to pass away within the last few weeks is Charles H. Delano, editor and publisher of the *Cordage Journal*. He had long ceased to take an active interest in the movement and was not so well known to those of the present day. But he had never ceased to avow his convictions; he was singularly well posted in his economics, and possessed of a highly logical mind when brought to bear upon social, economic and business problems.