

we trust Liberty and follow her, the dangers that now threaten must disappear, the forces that now menace will turn to agencies of elevation."

Let us not delude ourselves, but remember that,

"They who allow oppression share the crime."

LAND MONOPOLY; THE CURSE OF THE CENTURIES.

Alien Ownership in the United States.

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Few people realize the alarming extent of the ownership and control of land in the United States, by foreigners alien to our government and its institutions. In almost every State in the Union, vast tracts of land amounting in the aggregate to tens of millions of acres, are the property of absentee landlords who exact annual tribute from American citizens for the privilege of living and laboring in the land of their birth.

We have transplanted to the shores of free (?) America, the system of absentee landlordism which has been the bane of Ireland for centuries.

Every year, millions of dollars—the produce of the toil of our own people, go to pay rack-rent to alien landlords, yet no protest goes up against the system from press, platform or pulpit in this country.

It is not my purpose, however, to inveigh especially against the evil of alien landownership, but rather to impress upon the minds of all who may read this article, its extent and enormity, and to this end I give below as complete a list of foreign individuals and corporations who own land in the United States, with the amount of their holdings, as I have been able to gather with the means at my command:

Name of Owner:	Number of acres.
Duke of Sutherland.....	425,000
Marquis of Tweedale.....	1,750,000
Sir Edward Reid & Co. (in Florida).....	2,000,000
Marquis of Aylesbury.....	55,051
Duke of Beaufort.....	51,085
Duke of Bedford.....	87,507
Earl of Brownlow.....	67,799
Earl of Carlisle.....	78,540
Earl of Cawdor.....	51,538

Earl of Derby.....	56,698
Earl of Lonsdale.....	67,950
Earl of Powis.....	46,095
Earl of Yarborough.....	55,370
Duke of Cleveland.....	106,650
Duke of Devonshire.....	148,629
Duke of Northumberland.....	191,480
Duke of Portland.....	55,259
Duke of Rutland.....	70,039
Lord Leconfield.....	60,101
Lord Londesborough.....	52,655
Lady Willoughby.....	59,912
Sir W. W. Winn.....	91,032
Lord Dunmore.....	120,000
Lord Houghton (in Florida).....	60,000
Lord Dunraven (in Colorado).....	60,000
Phillips, Marshall & Co. of London.....	1,300,000
The Texas Land Union (composed of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Earl Cadogan, Fitzroy Somerset, William Alexander, Lochiel Stephenson Douglas-Hamilton, U. J. Kay-Shuttleworth and Ethel Cadogan, maid-in-waiting to the Queen).....	3,000,000
The Scully Estate (in Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas).....	2,000,000
Holland Land Co. (in New Mexico).....	4,500,000
English Syndicate No. 4 (in Mississippi).....	1,800,000
British Land Co. (in Kansas).....	320,000
Missouri Land Co. of Scotland (in Missouri).....	300,000
Dundee Land Co. of Scotland.....	247,000
German Syndicate (in Mississippi).....	1,100,000
Anglo-American Syndicate of London.....	750,000
English Syndicate No. 6 of London (in Wisconsin).....	110,000
Scotch Syndicate (in Florida).....	500,000
Byron N. Evans, of London.....	700,000
W. Whaley, M. P. for Peterboro.....	310,000
Robert Tennant, of London.....	530,000
Benjamin Neugas, of Liverpool.....	100,000
Sir J. L. Kay, of Yorkshire.....	5,000
A. Peel, M. P. for Leicestershire.....	10,000
Alexander Grant of London (in Kansas).....	35,000
M. Ellerhausen (in West Virginia).....	600,000
A. Boysen, Danish Consul at Milwaukee.....	50,000
Richard Syke and Mr. Hughes (in North Dakota).....	85,000
C. M. Beach, of London.....	10,000
Finlay Dun & Co.....	25,000
Estate Marquis Demores.....	15,000
Close Brothers, of London.....	270,000

English Land Co. (in Arkansas and Florida).....	100,000
T. F. French and W. C. Kelley (in Florida).....	70,000
German Syndicate.....	2,000,000
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Total.....	26,710,390

Here are 54 foreign corporations and individuals owning enough land in this country to make 166,940 farms of 160 acres each, or an amount greater by 5,385 square miles than is comprised in the State of Indiana; or 2,455 square miles more than there is in the States of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Delaware, with their estimated population of 8,359,000.

It may safely be assumed that if a complete list of alien landowners could be obtained, it would largely increase the number given above, and swell the aggregate of the holdings by many millions of acres.

It should be remembered that in no case do the holdings shown above include the thousands of farms taken in by foreign loan companies on foreclosure proceedings in the United States Courts, which would probably aggregate as many acres as the above large holdings. It was stated a few years ago by a reliable newspaper in Kansas that 2,700 farms in Northern Kansas had passed into the hands of foreign loan companies during a period of 18 months, under foreclosure of mortgage.

Nor have I taken into consideration the enormous land values in mines, railroad stocks, and the stocks and bonds of a vast number of private and public service corporations in the United States, to pay dividends and interest on which requires millions upon millions of dollars every year, which are sent abroad in the products of our farms, mines and factories, to the impoverishment of our own people.

WHAT IS THE SINGLE TAX?

Told in Questions and Answers by Chas. B. Fillebrown, of Boston.

In lieu of an installment of our regular series under this caption, we present the following catechism by C. B. Fillebrown, author of the *A. B. C. of Taxation*, advertised in our back pages. This work has received many encomiums. *The Christian Science Monitor*, of Boston, says of it: "Expenditure on naval and military armaments has grown to a point where sane judgment ceases. The nations are drifting into a condition of irresponsible panic. Why? Because the man in the street knows nothing of the working of taxation. * * * Whatever, then, furthers this understanding furthers peace on earth, and the present volume on taxation is a worker in this, the greatest mission of our day." In a joint review of the work by Eliza Stowe Twitchell and W. G. Eggleston in the *San Francisco Star* they say: