

Rally to the Henry George Congress

ON another page will be found a notice of the Henry George Congress on September 12, 13, and 14 at the Hotel Pennsylvania in this city. It is impossible at this date to include the names of possible attendants, but it is bound to be a red letter event in the history of the movement. Hopes are still held out that among those present will be Brand Whitlock, Judge Seabury, Dan Beard and Poultney Bigelow.

George H. Duncan will positively attend and address the Congress. Single Taxers of New York will want to meet the man better known in the West and New England states than here for his brilliant lecture work, in which he has scored a signal triumph. He is a tactful and attractive speaker, having the facility to present our message in sheer simplicity, not ignoring the ultimate purpose of our philosophy as a constructive remedy for social ills.

We urge upon all followers of Henry George to get behind the men who are trying to make this gathering a success. Rally to the Congress! Let it be the beginning of united work for the cause.

We bespeak for the officers of the Foundation the confidence of all Single Taxers who read this notice. A great national organization has at least been started—let it be perfected to include all who seek for a renaissance of Henry George's social teachings in the land of his birth. No movement anywhere commands the adherence of so many men of intellectual standing in the community; it is only necessary to make audible the voices hitherto silent of men and women who await the word to make a declaration of faith.

Let all our friends realize that despite the apathy of the masses, due to a variety of causes, our time is coming—is almost here. Henry George told us that the accidents would bring it about—let us have a solid, unbroken army to take advantage of these "accidents", and if they do not quickly arrive to precipitate them.

AGRICULTURAL depression in Japan has affected landowners and tenant farmers alike, although the latter have been the more turbulent in their protests. Recently the proprietors have come forward with a proposal to sell their estates to the government for a moderate sum equivalent to upwards of nine billion dollars. Even Socialists in that country have not jumped eagerly at this proposal for nationalization. Critics point out that interest at current rates upon this purchase price would absorb a very considerable fraction of the total value of the country's annual crops, and also, that if the latter is worth the price asked the landlords are absurdly undertaxed."

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News of the International Union

THE Memorandum of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade presented to the recent Economic Conference at Geneva has been given a world-wide circulation and translated into eight languages. (The full text of this document was given in the May-June issue of LAND AND FREEDOM.)

Copies in various languages were distributed to all the delegates in attendance at the International Chamber of Commerce meeting at Stockholm, June 27.

The Danish translation by Jakob E. Lange (translator of "Progress and Poverty") was sent to members of the Danish Parliament and many others.

More than 1500 of the German text were sent to members of the Reichstag, state parliaments, press and persons in public life. Similarly, 1200 copies in Norwegian were distributed in Norway.

Sr. Antonio Albendin made the Spanish translation and distributed copies to the press and members of the government, also to our many friends in South America. The *Journal of Cadiz* printed the document in full.

The French text has been circulated by Mr. Sam Meyer. The German text has been widely circulated in Austria and the French text in Greece. A Dutch translation has been circulated in Holland and a Hungarian translation is under way.

Land and Liberty, of London, informs us that one of the new members of the International Union, is Alice, Princess Andrew of Greece, who in her letter enclosing subscription for membership, says, "I think the International Union is of real value." She asks for copies of the Memorandum in French and in the Athens daily *Proia* she announces that she has joined the Union and indicates her great interest in the work. She has also brought a new member into the Union, a countryman and member of the Greek legation in Paris. It will be remembered that the Greek government sent its official representative Mr. Pavlos Giannelia, to the Copenhagen Single Tax Conference.

The Committee of the International Union will hold a meeting on Saturday, August 13th, at Copenhagen. The president, Charles O'Connor Hennessy, will attend. Others who will be present include Ashley Mitchell and A. W. Madsen, of London, and Dr. Arnold Schwarz and Dr. Otto Karutz, of Germany, and Mr. Halfdan Hansen, of Sweden. Mr. Hennessy will make a brief tour of Great Britain and leave for home on September 3rd, to be here in time for the Henry George Congress, September 12, 13 and 14.

"THE land is no man's property; none shall possess it as property."—*Tertullian (earliest of the Latin Fathers, A. D. 155-222).*