

## On to Baltimore, October 12th to 14th

ARRANGEMENTS are now virtually complete for the Sixth Annual Henry George Congress which is to open in Baltimore October 12th, and reports coming to the offices of the Henry George Foundation indicate a keen interest in the approaching national conference, which is again being held on the eastern seaboard close to the larger centers of population. The convention committee is not yet prepared to publish a final programme for the three-day session, but gives assurance that the programme will be of a high order. The array of speakers will include several of prominence who have not appeared at any of the five previous congresses held under the auspices of the Foundation, as well as a number of others who have been popular speakers at the gatherings in recent years.

President Charles G. Baldwin of the Maryland Tax Reform Association, who has been spending the summer in Europe, will return home to Baltimore just in time to open the convention on the morning of the 12th and will also serve as toastmaster at the annual banquet on the evening of the 13th. He will bring the very latest news from across the sea, where land value taxation has recently been made a very live issue, especially in Great Britain.

Hon. David J. Lewis, Tariff Commissioner under the Wilson administration and now representing the Sixth Maryland District in the national House of Representatives, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet in the Lord Baltimore Hotel and will speak on "The Tariff," a subject which is again coming strongly to the front in American politics and which Congressman Lewis is particularly well qualified to discuss in a fundamental fashion. Other speakers at the banquet will include Frank Stephens, the veteran Delaware campaigner; Clayton J. Ewing, the aggressive President of the Chicago Single Tax League; Lee Francis Lybarger of Mifflinburg, Pa., a prominent figure in the movement in earlier days and author of a valuable treatise on the tariff; and possibly Mrs. Anna George de Mille, Honorary Vice President of the Foundation. Senator Clarence C. Dill of Washington and Senator Robert J. Bulkley of Ohio have both expressed a keen interest in the Baltimore convention and there is a possibility that one of these distinguished law-makers will appear at Baltimore if his engagements permit.

Mr. Stephens has been assigned to discuss the immortal theme "Progress and Poverty" in the light of present-day economic conditions in the "civilized" world. Mr. Ewing will discuss our present opportunities and responsibilities as American Single Taxers, with special reference to the need for nation-wide organization and publicity. Mr. Lybarger's theme will be "The Vision and Mission of Henry George."

Benjamin W. Burger of New York, who gave such an impressive illustrated lecture at the Pittsburgh conference

on the life and work of Henry George, will be the speaker at the opening luncheon on Monday, October 12th. Mr. Burger is a careful student of the Georgeist philosophy and movement and has for some months been preparing his convention address in which he will present "The Single Tax in Perspective," a theme which is expected to provoke considerable discussion.

Hon. George H. Duncan, who has worked so persistently and intelligently for land value taxation as a member of the New Hampshire legislature, will speak at the luncheon on Wednesday, October 12th, discussing "The Application of the Single Tax to Practical Legislation."

Judson King, the able director of the National Popular Government League, will speak on the fundamental character of the power question, a subject of growing interest and importance in the forum of public discussion.

Dr. J. H. Dillard of Charlottesville, Va., President of the Slater Foundation, will give a very practical talk on "Homes and Taxes," while Will Atkinson, one of our most indefatigable propagandists, will present the theme, "The Hope of Humanity."

The problem of political action for Single Taxers will be featured at the Baltimore conference, and among the more prominent speakers who will direct attention to this field of activity will be Hon. George L. Record of New Jersey, a prominent Progressive Republican, who will discuss "Politics and the Single Tax." Dr. Mark Millikin, President of the Ohio Single Tax League and member of the Hamilton City Council, will venture to suggest some "New Field for Single Taxers," the doctor being one of the faithful group who rarely misses a Single Tax conference either on the Atlantic or Pacific coast, at home or abroad.

Bolton Hall, who has for many years effectively championed the cause of Henry George on the lecture platform, will again appear at Baltimore and speak on "Your Work or Mine." Charles H. Ingersoll, New Jersey's veteran leader, will give the conference the benefit of his long and varied career as an official member of several national Single Tax agencies, bringing the delegates his best thought on the practical question of "Speeding Up Propaganda." Robert C. Macauley, editor of *The Pennsylvania Commonwealth* and one-time candidate for President on the Commonwealth Land Party platform, will give his conception of "effective propaganda."

According to latest advices, Editor L. D. Beckwith of Stockton, California, who has recently launched the new Georgeist periodical *No Taxes*, will be a prominent figure on the Baltimore convention programme. Mr. Beckwith was toastmaster at last year's Henry George Congress in San Francisco and is planning the big trip from the Pacific coast for the special purpose of addressing the Baltimore conference and meeting the Georgeists assembled there from various sections of the country.

Benjamin C. Marsh, Executive Secretary of the People's

Lobby of Washington, D. C., and one of the early workers for land value taxation in New York City, will speak on "Our Peerless Stupidity in Taxation." A representative of the Indian Commissioner's Office of the United States government will discuss the economic status of Indian reservations.

The subject of Single Tax enclaves will again receive a share of attention at the conference, with such able exponents as Fiske Warren of Tahanto, Mass.; Ernest B. Gaston of Fairhope, Alabama, and Francis G. Goodale of Boston devoting themselves to a discussion of the practical benefits of this method of collecting economic rent for the community.

Among other speakers scheduled will be Joseph B. Chamberlain, the aggressive Secretary of the Civics and Equity League of Washington, D. C.; Hon. Edward Polak, former Register of the Bronx, New York; Western Starr, well known as a prominent Single Taxer in Washington, D. C.; George Lloyd, the active Brooklyn campaigner; Hon. Wm. J. Ogden, former Maryland State Senator, and Hon. W. D. Jamieson, editor of *The Window Seat* and former Iowa Congressman.

Among the more prominent Single Tax women who are expected to participate in the Baltimore conference are Mrs. Alice Thacher Post, Miss Grace Isabel Colbron, Mrs. Rosa Kiefer, Miss Charlotte O. Schetter and Mrs. de Mille.

The afternoon of the 13th will be given over to a "Council of War," at which ways and means will be considered for a more vigorous promotion of the Single Tax movement in the United States. President George E. Evans and Executive Secretary Percy R. Williams will at this time report some recent accomplishments and present a National Programme of Action proposed by the Foundation officers. Associate Secretary John Lawrence Monroe will also appear on the speaking programme with an address that is sure to contain something of real interest. Francis W. Maguire, manager of the literature department, will be active as heretofore in pushing the sale of Single Tax books at Baltimore.

James F. Morton, who has so admirably performed a similar function at previous conferences, will at the closing session on Wednesday afternoon summarize the discussions and point out some of the lessons of the conference.

All sessions will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, the city's newest and largest hotel, where admirable facilities have been placed at the disposal of the conference. Special room rates have been granted for the benefit of the visiting Single Taxers which will make accommodations at the headquarters hotel as low in cost as those offered by any other desirable hotel in Baltimore. It is hoped that as far as possible all visitors will reciprocate courtesies extended by locating there, where all business and social activities will center. Reservations should be made through the office of the Henry George Foundation, 1310 Berger Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., and the committee will appreciate

prompt advice from all who are planning to attend so that all arrangements may be made for the entertainment and accommodation of the delegates.

## Proposed Unemployment Conference with President Hoover

AN interview with President Herbert Hoover on the subject of industrial depression and unemployment and the remedy is planned in connection with the approaching Baltimore convention, and President Evans of the Henry George Foundation has appointed a representative committee of prominent Single Taxers to confer at the White House on October 15th, if an engagement agreeable to the President can be arranged.

Congressman M. Clyde Kelly, of Western Pennsylvania, is endeavoring at this time to make suitable arrangements for the reception of the committee at the Executive Mansion and it is hoped that it will be arranged for the day immediately following the adjournment of the Baltimore convention so as to insure the presence of a strong and representative committee.

Among those who have been appointed on this committee are Dr. Mark Millikin, Chairman; Clayton J. Ewing, Charles R. Eckert, Will Atkinson, Charles G. Baldwin, L. D. Beckwith, John S. Codman, George H. Duncan, Ernest B. Gaston, Bolton Hall, Spencer Heath, Charles H. Ingersoll, Frederic C. Leubuscher, J. C. Lincoln, Robert C. Macauley, Joseph Dana Miller, James F. Morton, Harry W. Olney, Edward Polak, Frank Stephens and August Williges.

The personnel of the committee is subject to definite acceptances yet to be received from several of those already named.

IF we saw in a barn-yard one bird sitting there doing nothing and all the other birds pecking and piling up heaps for that good-for-nothing bird for half a day before they could pick for themselves, we would have the condition among birds that exists among men—PALEY.

Because of his writing the preceding comparison, King George III, it is said, expressed his determination to prevent Archdeacon Paley's promotion to higher office in the Church.—*Progress* (Melbourne, Victoria).

IN the center of the division which I represent (Bristol) land has changed hands at the sum of £1,650,000 an acre. I hope the valuation will be proceeded with as speedily as possible, and I am confident that the result of the imposition of a charge which, to my mind, is only a fractional part of the increment value, will be such as to lead our Chancellor of the Exchequer, whom we have reason to believe will be found in that position for a long time to come, to see the necessity and wisdom of increasing the amount in the pound which is to be levied.—MR. ALLPASS, M.P., British Labor Member.