
FOR TENANTS AND SMALL HOME OWNERS.

Not since the Civil War have the workers of this country been in so hard a position as at present. Scores of thousands throughout the country are out of work—other scores are working part time, while many cities, like New York, are threatening to retrench in needed improvements, and so to add to the armies of unemployed.

Prices of food stuffs have risen.

The European war and thrifty purchasing in reasonable amounts by housewives are assigned as causes for high prices. Neither "reason" explains the jump in prices.

The farms East of the Mississippi could raise food for the entire country. The United States could feed the world, if all farms were cultivated to their full productivity.

Production and consumption of both food and manufactured products is limited by taxing producers nearly 2% of the value of their products, in addition to compelling them to pay land speculators enormous profits for opportunity to produce anything. This raises prices to consumers, and naturally limits consumption.

Europe is struggling to overthrow the militarist system, under which "every laborer carries a soldier on his back."

America is struggling to overthrow the land monopoly system, under which every worker is carrying a land monopolist on his back.

Tenants and small home owners all do well to enlist for the overthrow of land monopoly. Nowhere else is it so firmly entrenched and such a menace as in our cities, where it is more deadly than militarism in Europe.

Only one out of every thirteen persons, over ten years of age, in gainful occupations, is a member of organized labor. It is, therefore, necessary for the twelve-thirteenths of the workers of the country to take steps to secure employment at decent wages.—F. C. LEUBUSCHER in *The Tenants Weekly*.

THE REAL PROBLEM.

Despite what great statesmen have said, there is no such thing as a house problem—it is the problem of low wages and dear land. If workers enjoyed wages sufficient to enable them to secure decent houses, and if land could be secured cheaply on which to erect dwellings, houses and cottages would soon appear. We jam our people into hotels and deprive them of the opportunity of living decent lives. But it is the people's fault because they allow this system of land monopoly to continue. The enemy of labor, of the worker and of the whole community, is the man who withholds land from use; the enemy of civilization today is the monopolist, and by the taxation of land values and the forcing of idle land into use, we can lay monopoly in the dust and give freedom to the people.—R. L. OUTHWAITE, M. P.