

with stereopticon; Mr. Ingersoll talked for half an hour and had a 30-minute quiz; interrupted to eat! Very fine meeting.

January 23—Hightstown Board of Trade, Hightstown, N. J.; 12:15 noon; about 75 present; Mr. Chandler was also responsible for this date; it was a very fine meeting attended by the best people in the neighborhood; talked for 40 minutes; the quiz lasted one hour and a half; as a result the club had several letters from men who attended asking for further information.

January 31—Rotary Club, Freehold, N. J.; held at American Hotel; 12:30 noon. This came through Mr. John H. Allen, and was an outcome of the address to the Jersey City Rotary Club on January 12. Dr. J. Berkeley Gordon who arranged the date is a son-in-law of Mr. W. Richardson, editor of the Jersey City Rotary Club, who commented very favorably in his paper on Mr. Ingersoll's visit to that club. Talked for 35 minutes; quiz one hour and a half; about 75 present.

February 1—First Reformed Church School, Irvington, N. J.; 6:30 p. m.; Lyons Avenue and Nesbitt Terrace, Irvington. Dinner was served before the meeting; there was a very enthusiastic gathering. Mr. Ingersoll's remarks were very cordially received and quite a feeling of conversion was evident; talked 30 minutes; quiz 75 minutes; 100 present.

February 11—Irrington Forum, 84 Orange Avenue., Irvington; Mr. C. E. Chamberlain, president; talk on Single Tax. Mr. Ingersoll did not arrive at this meeting until 10:30 p. m., having had two broadcasts the same evening; 7:00 p. m. in Brooklyn, and 9:30 p. m. at WHOM in Jersey City; about 25 present; all the principal officials of the town, bankers, etc., including the Mayor and Assessor. They had all listened to WHOM broadcast; "Technocracy Challenges Capitalism." Mr. Ingersoll gave a brief talk of 25 minutes. The quiz was very energetic and searching, and lasted until 1:00 a. m.; over 2 hours. One of the most important meetings.

February 14—Rotary Club of Reading, Pa.; Berkshire Hotel; 12 noon; Mr. Elmer A. Muhs, Chairman of Programme Committee; Mr. Funk, president. This was a very fine meeting of about 150 of the leading people of the town, including the Mayor and Assessor. Mr. Tyck made the introduction. Talk nearly 40 minutes; quiz one hour.

February 20—South End Community Club, Ridgeview Community Church club house, Valley Road and Meeker Street, West Orange, N. J.; Mr. E. A. McLaughlin, president. This meeting came through Mr. Edmund Williamson, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the Oranges and Maplewood. There were 75 present. Mr. Ingersoll was introduced by Mr. Williamson, and met a large number of the members before and after; a very fine crowd. Original talk of about 40 minutes, and had a quiz of about two hours, until after 11 o'clock. There were a number of latent Single Taxers developed, and a showing of hands indicated 10 or 12 who had read George's books. Mr. Williamson is hardboiled, but showed great favor at the end of searching questions.

February 22—Brooklyn Heights Forum; Mr. Wm. J. Dilthey, president; about 100 present; rather a mature, mixed crowd. They sprung the subject of Technocracy which occasioned a longer talk, and developed very well; spoke for 40 minutes and had a very fine quiz of one and one half hours; Mr. Cornelius M. Sheehan of Brooklyn, was present. In his remarks the chairman said it was the clearest presentation of many he had heard. There was a very large element of conversion evident, although the usual number of hard-boiled Forumites.

On March 16, Mr. Ingersoll was booked to address the Fifth Assembly District Republican Club of Woodhaven, L. I., which meeting has been arranged by Mr. Norman Fowles, an ardent Single Taxer for twenty-five years, and on March 30, he is due at the Second Congregational Church, Waterbury, Conn., the latter having come through Mr. James R. Sheldon, President of the Waterbury Clock Company.

Mr. Ingersoll also has a very pressing invitation to address the Y.M.H.A. and Y.W.H.A. of St. Louis, Mo., on April 27, and we are at present trying to arrange this, provided it will not break up the continuity of his radio talks.

His broadcasting includes the following:

Technocracy, Overproduction or Underconsumption.

Technocracy—Henry George, Its Author.

Technocracy, Socialism, or Socialisation.

Technocracy and Economic Science.

Technocracy Challenges Capitalism.

Technocracy Challenges Democracy.

Technocrats versus Physiocrats.

What's Wrong with Capitalism?

What Is the Single Tax?

Depression—Cause and Cure.

A New Capitalism.

Socialism, Anarchism, or Liberty.

Economics, Simple and Certain.

What Technocracy Might Have Been.

Quotations from letters received from WABC broadcast:

"... the most important economic discussion I have heard. Your analysis of the present terrifying and baffling conditions was clear, concise, and profoundly illuminating. I, for one, would like to know more about this Single Tax."

"If anything will save us from panic, surely the system of taxation outlined will. Talk to us again; you may help us to see our way through confusion."

"You have given me new light and a greater vision of what must be done to restore business."

"I wish to praise you for stating your view so fundamentally sound and vital to Americans—rich or poor. It's my earnest hope that you receive many comments from individuals more prominent than I."

Growing Interest in the Pittsburg District

A VERY aggressive lecture campaign has been in progress in the Western Pennsylvania district and Attorney William N. McNair has been constantly engaged with meetings, reaching a variety of audiences and specializing in the discussion of "economic rent." A partial list of Mr. McNair's lectures is given herewith:

Jan. 6, Bennett School; Jan. 9, Meadville, Pa; Jan. 18, Congress of Women's Clubs; Jan. 18, North Versailles Township; Jan. 20, Bennett School; Jan. 25, Larimer School; Jan. 26, Sharpsburg Rotary; Jan. 27, East Pittsburgh; Jan. 31, Building and Loan Fifth Ave.

Feb. 3, Bennett School; Feb. 6, Munhall; Feb. 8, Dippon Hollow; Feb. 8, Larimer School; Feb. 9, Homewood School; Feb. 9, Real Estate Board; Feb. 14, North Side Business Men's Association; Feb. 15, Fifth Avenue High School; Feb. 17, Rankin; Feb. 21, Turtle Creek; Feb. Feb. 23, Larimer School; Feb. 23, Roosevelt Club, Mt. Washington.

The public schools are being utilized quite extensively for special public meetings arranged by citizens interested in the discussion of economic problems: Secretary Percy R. Williams of the Henry George Foundation and Hugo W. Noren of Pittsburgh have also joined Mr. McNair in

addressing a number of recent meetings. In certain sections of Allegheny County there has been a remarkable growth of interest in the movement for taxation of land values and some very large public meetings have been held for the express purpose of advancing this movement and agitating for the extension of the Pittsburgh plan to the outlying territory in the county.

During February the *Post-Gazette*, Pittsburgh's leading daily, published on its editorial page for ten consecutive days a series of articles discussing, pro and con, Pittsburgh's experience under the graded tax law which was enacted twenty years ago. Those contributing to this series were: Councilman Robert Garland, former Mayor William A. Magee, J. Roland Brady, secretary of the Real Estate Board; James W. Bamford, representing the Building Owners and Managers Association; Attorney William N. McNair, Percy R. Williams, Dr. Marion K. McKay of the University of Pittsburgh; William P. Witherow of the Citizens' Tax Commission; Edward F. Daum, realtor; and Thomas C. McMahon, Chief City Assessor.

This symposium attracted wide-spread interest, being the first time since the graded tax law has been in effect that such a public discussion has been sponsored by the editors of a leading daily newspaper, though Pittsburgh papers are constantly publishing Single Tax letters in their readers' columns.

Power of Landlordism

WHEN Bruening dared to suggest that the national problem of unemployment be dealt with by colonizing surplus city population on land taken from the junker estates, he fell. Now von Schleicher, who combined a good deal of social imagination and daring with his belief in the necessity for military rule, having shown a disposition to follow Bruening's lead and break up the subsidized estates, has likewise fallen. The United States knows a little about the difficulty that arises from an attempt to govern without a mandate. But the events of this single day illustrate strikingly the fact that in Europe today no mandate can be guaranteed to last out tomorrow.

The Christian Century, Feb. 8, 1933.

Our Budget Architects

ONE would think that a system of taxation (if it may be honored by such a title) which is absolutely devoid of all sense of justice and proves itself so crooked and shifty as to be used to turn a clever little trick like that on the intelligentsia, diverting a portion of their wages into my pocket (Oh! Let's be honest for a minute or two) on the landlords specious plea for "the poor renters," would cause them to sit up and take notice and inquire into the merits of some of the stuff they are teaching to their classes in Political Economy.

This is destructive talk, therefore unpopular. Space does not permit a constructive thought, but you can't build a skyscraper on a rotten foundation and have it stand, and that is what is puzzling our budget architects today.—Z. K. GREEN in Middletown (N. Y.) *Times-Herald*.

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NEWS OF HENRY GEORGE AND SINGLE TAX CLUBS

Single Tax League, Chicago, Ill.—At the weekly meeting of the Single Tax League on Friday, Feb. 17, Mr. Emil O. Jorgensen gave a stereopticon lecture describing the tax situation in two typical residential blocks of Chicago and showing what the effects would be on the properties in these blocks if the Property Bills of the Manufacturers and Merchants Federal Tax League should be adopted. The bills provide for the gradual exemption over a period of five years of all taxes on buildings and personal property for local purposes.

Henry George Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.—William N. McNair censured the Allegheny County Commissioners' drive to increase income by subjecting personal property to taxation, in a talk before the Henry George Club on Jan. 13. The *Pittsburgh Press*, in close to a column, reported Mr.