

To shatter the People's belief
In the Lie that a man can "own"
Land he does not use.

To abolish Land Monopoly—
Cause of Poverty, by the Single
Tax on Land Values.

The Great Adventure

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WHICH?

An Open Letter to the President

MY Fellow Countryman:
A great Lie and a great Truth are today grappling for the dominion of this people—the Lie that a man may "own" Land he does not use, the Truth that "the Land belongs in usufruct to the living".

The vantage of tradition, legality and established custom, of a powerful minority influencing education, publicity and politics, is with the Lie. The vantage of the Truth is—Truth alone, acknowledged in the people's heart, clothed in the majesty of martyrdoms, storied in the world's scriptures from Moses to Thomas Jefferson, from the Nazarene to Henry George.

Poverty, disemployment, prostitution for bread, fabulous unearned incomes, the overthrow of the rule of the people, the corruption of government, and now, at last, as logical and inescapable nemesis, War and threatening Famine—these are the leperous results to us of that great Lie upon which we, in common with all the democracies and autocracies of the world, have builded our institutions.

To the Truth that no man has the right to debar another from unused land, that the rental value of land is made by the community and belongs solely to the community for community purposes, I am willing to believe that you, —in common with seven most able members of your administration, many sena-

tors and congressmen, thousands of this country's men and women of loftiest achievement, and many millions of plain folk, give not only your complete assent, but your heart's acknowledgment and worship.

And from the noble spirit which animates all your utterances, I cannot but believe that you, as they, have often envisioned the splendor of manhood and womanhood, the abundant and universal prosperity, and the vast outpouring of humanity's golden heart—too long repressed—which that great Truth established at the base of our economic life would bring to this people.

Today men are being called upon to make clear the line of their allegiance; to declare whether it be to the Lie or the Truth they bow the knee. Each hour makes the line of demarcation sharper; each hour swells the ranks of the awakened. And this Republic even now is riven into two deep-sundered camps: the democracy, captained by Truth, and the despoilers who salute the Lie.

How shall you, therefore, call upon us to make "common cause"? At this moment there is not one cause but two: the cause of equality of access to the Land and its Resources, supported by all just and intelligent men, and the cause of Land Monopoly and Privilege, supported by the fearful and greedy; the cause of those to

whom Patriotism is love of country, steadfast effort for justice and the good of their fellowmen, and the cause of those to whom Patriotism is lust of country, "the last refuge of a scoundrel", and a cloak for new opportunities of despoliation.

You shall not yoke light with darkness, the Truth with the Lie?

Now is the beginning of the real Armageddon, the moral might of the world against the organized robbery of the world, to which the peoples everywhere are buckling themselves, in Germany, Austria, and Great Britain no less than in Russia and Mexico, no less than in these United States.

Shall, therefore, the war against Germany be a spontaneous outburst of the forces of Truth against the supreme Leader of the Lie in Europe, a war, indeed, "to make the world safe for democracy", as you have announced it; or shall it be a war in which patriot democracy, filled with deep misgiving, shall be lured to the bitter tragedy of shedding its blood against itself, "to make the world safe for Plutocracy", and to perpetuate in power the Traitors who too long have violated this Republic, made a mockery of her robes of liberty and a scorning of her crown of comradeship?

My fellowcountryman, it is for you to make this plain. And there is—not in my wisdom but in the common wisdom of many millions of our countrymen—but one way in which you can do this: While there is yet time take the advice which Tolstoi gave to the now deposed Czar. Acknowledge the Truth. As a war measure declare open to immediate use and occupancy all the idle land of this country; and raise all revenues for the war by a federal tax on land values.

And if such a course be deemed of wisecracks most miraculous and unstatesmanly, then is it well recommended! The commonplace and statesmanly have but led us to the Abyss. At such an hour as this the miraculous is the only truly practicable thing, and the bold, envisioned stand for Truth—the only statesmanship.

Restore the Land to this disinherited people and the loot of the despoilers to the plundered national treasury; and you shall not need conscription. The world will shake to the thunder of a thankful and exultant people leaping to arms.

You shall not need to rob the pitiful table of the poor already robbed beyond the most slavish endurance by the rack-renters and food speculators. Your treasury will not hold the wealth restored to it from the coffers of robbery and despoliation. And no hungry man, no half-fed woman, no starving child shall need to turn and curse you with curses to which Truth herself shall add a deep Amen.

You shall not need to seek "soldiers of the commissary". With free soil California will feed the United States, the United States the world, not by hideous and inefficient compulsory labor, but by the spontaneous and joyous activities of a free people.

And last, though you well may train and equip your Patriot army against emergency, you shall not need to shed one drop of blood. The sheer word of your proclamation that henceforth this Republic is founded upon the Truth of "soil free as sunshine and equal opportunities for all" would march the German legions homewards determined upon like action.

The Peace for which you have striven, you shall have proclaimed, in that one word, to all the world, pointing the path to Russia's reorganization, freeing the landlord-driven masses of Great Britain, completing for France the great task begun in her Revolution, making utterly impossible again upon this earth that Prussianism which is but the extreme expression of the Lie of Land Monopoly.

May deepest wisdom counsel you to rank yourself at this crisis with Truth and the great liberators of the past, captain the moral might of this people, and lay hold of an Opportunity such as taken shall create a new calendar, write a new name on the shrine of humanity's Adored.

Your fellow countryman,
Edgcomb Pinchon.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE MEASURE

The People of the State of California do enact as follows:

Article XIII of the Constitution is hereby amended by the following section:

On and after January 1, 1919, all public revenues, state, county, municipal and district, shall be raised by taxation of the value of land irrespective of improvements thereon.

"COME ALL YE FAITHFUL!"

A Call to Organization by the California Committee

The Great Adventure is a spontaneous uprising of American patriots dedicated to the proposition that the Golden Rule of manliness and fair play, assuring the access of all men to the Land and its Resources on equal terms, shall be the Law of these States: and dedicated, therefore, to the bringing forth of a New Republic, the "institution of the dear love of comrades" sung by Walt Whitman, wherein shall be neither poverty, disemployment, prostitution nor war, but only mass prosperity, abundant opportunity, human dignity, social joy and loving kindness.

Now that to these Propositions have dedicated themselves no less than 263,000 patriots of this State, and 200 representatives from 21 states met in Assembly at Atlantic City, the time has come to organize the forces of the New Republic, nationally, by states and by groups within the states, upon a free and democratic basis.

The Assembly of the National Great Adventure for Single Tax which met in Atlantic City, April 13, 14, 15, launched the national organization and elected the following provisional officers for one year:

NATIONAL OFFICERS:

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National Headquarters, 1515 Arch St., Philadelphia

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CALIFORNIA HEADQUARTERS

230-232 Douglas Building, Los Angeles

The California Committee: Lona Ingham Robinson, president; Herman Kuehn, treasurer; Edgcumb Pinchon, secretary, is now charged with the organization of the state.

Therefore, all those who will stand boldly and unflinchingly for the Immediate abolition of Land Monopoly and Privilege by the Single (One) Tax on Land Values, and who will support to this end The Great Adventure Single Tax Initiative amendment to the Constitution of California now circulating for signature, are urged to unite with their neighbors in free groups for Action.

Five May Form Group

Five or more men and women may form a Great Adventure Group to be known by name and number. Any number of these groups may be formed in the same locality; for there will be no restrictions of territorial jurisdiction; neither will there be formal fees nor dues. There will be only free contributions from the groups as such. Each group will have control over its own affairs, and will elect for one year, subject to recall, a Manager to supervise its activities, keep the records and act as the connecting link between the group and the state organization.

State Committee of Fifteen

The State Committee shall consist of fifteen members elected at large. Nominations shall be open November 1, of each year, closed December 1 of the same year, and balloted upon January 1, of the succeeding year. Nominations shall be sent to the State Committee which will re-submit them to all the groups.

The State Committee shall elect five members to the annual National Assembly.

The State Committee shall convene immediately upon election and appoint an Auditing Committee to examine the accounts of the Provisional State Committee and report to the whole thereon; also a Finance Committee to supervise the collection and expenditure of funds for the current year.

All the activities of The Great Adventure shall be responsive to the expressed will of its members.

The Work of the Groups:

To collect funds, distribute literature, secure signatures to petitions advised by the State Committee, educate, arouse and enlist friends and neighbors.

To cooperate in the immediate cultivation of "free soil," either volunteered or conscripted.

To unite with other groups for mass meetings whenever possible.

The Work of the State Committee:

To represent the mass will of the groups in the affairs of the whole. To provide literature, petitions, speakers, counsel and aid to the groups. To supervise the Campaign. To elect representatives to the National Assembly.

Sign For the New Republic

Neighbor, whoever you are, wherever you are, get four or more neighbors to sign with you the application for charter printed below, and mail it to "State Committee, Great Adventure, 232 Douglas Bldg., Los Angeles, California". Applications from those outside California will be forwarded to the proper Committee.

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

Dedicated to the Immediate abolition of Land Monopoly and to the oncoming of the New Republic whose law shall be the Golden Rule of fair play and manliness, we pledge our support to The Great Adventure Single Tax Initiative Amendment to the Constitution of California, and herewith apply for a Group Charter in the National Great Adventure for Single Tax.

(Signed)