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and better community feeling. The speaker for the evening will be Captain Pat Moran, of the English Army. Captain Moran has had considerable experience, both in this country and in England and will give an address on victory service.

Capt. Moran was for some time in the English secret service. He also took a very active part in the recent United War Work drive, making an address in the opening meeting which was held in our city.

Let every one come up and spend a pleasant evening with us.

Don't forget the date, December 3rd, at 8 o'clock.

H. M. FISHER, Adv. Committee. W. B. MATTHEWS, Pastor.

COMMENTS BY NOREN

A friend writes "the masses" "them asses." I must say that transferring the letter m from the last word to the first makes a notable improvement in the description of "the people."

There are many radical plutes—in They enjoy, and pass on to private. their plute friends to enjoy, books and papers that they would be horrified to find their own employees reading. Meanwhile the employees are devouring I. W. W. and Bolsheviki stuff by the ton; which sort of evens up mat-

Universal military training will put us one step nearer Kaiserism. National Security League will pick our Kaiser later.

I am sure every subscriber to the Probe has something of an editor and writer in his make-up. At present only one editor has sent me a dollar for a year's subscription, which would indicate the others like their own stuff better than mine. It is a common virtue. But I am sure most of the Probe's subscribers could match wit and wisdom with the scribe who now fills three or more pages each week. Therefore all ye editors and writers in the bad listen to this: For a ten-spot I will let you write the Probe full. I expect you to be as deone issue. cent about it as possible. If you spring and high falutin philosophy on the Probe's clientele I will throw the columns open to anvone who wants to come back and take a whick at you.

If you elect to take the hide off the

and try to forget it. So come on, but don't forget the ten-spot.

To the German Emperor: The editors of the daily newspapers of the United States, 1,000 in number, at a banquet in honor of your illustrious brother, send you cordial greetings and all good wishes for a long and prosperous reign. We hail the presence of Prince Henry in this country as an omen of ever closer ties of unity and heartily reciprocate all of the splendid and repeated overtures of friendship you have been graciously pleased to extend.

MELVILLE E. STONE Melville E. Stone is general manager of the Associated Press.

The Non-partisan Leader resurrected this old cablegram. When American society was tiptoeing and craning its neck to get a squint at the prince, many a democrat felt sick at heart. Some gave vent to their disgust at the broadcloth mob's worship of royalty. I wrote a letter to the Pittsburgh Dispatch protesting against this open bid for kingly favors. But, alas, the Pitts-burgh Dispatch did not have room for a few lines from a mere citizen. It could only spare columns for a representative of a royal tyranny. Lately this same society crowd has gone into fits over its love for democracy. What they love is wealth and power and particularly the show thereof. They still love a prince.

If the American people take the advice of Roosevelt and his crew of imperialists in regard to universal military training, not many years will pass until a democratic Europe will be talking of rescuing the American people from their imperial masters.

Mr. Businessman Singletaxer! Would you want your emproyees to know something about Singletax? If you do send me a dollar for a year's subscription for each one with his name and home address. They may not like the Probe at first. But they will read it just like you do. After they have read it for a year they may believe with von and me that there is something in this world to live for, besides the protective tariff swindle and Bol-

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And the bright and happy days that you will bring,

And our spirits soar on high, for we know that by and by,

The People will—your praises—gladly sing.
Chorus—

Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, we've long been marching,

Cheer up, Comrades! More will come, And beneath the starry flag, we shall breath the air again

Of the Free Land in our own beloved

On the battle front we've stood, and have met the onslaught, rude,

Or the forces which have made this e arth a hell;

But because you're in the right, we will make a winning fight,

For People all—that on the earth—do dwell.

So within this good old land, for an

open earth we stand, We'll tell men how thy truth and

justice acts, So when still'd is tongue and pen,

there will then be other men
To work and vote, for thee, dear
Single Tax.

-OLIVER McKNIGHT, 210 6Market St.

Hereafter I will be more generous towards our Democratic (?) administration. I will credit every good act I can find any evidence of.

The other day I walked across the park to where stands the club house for the feeble-minded rich. In front of it are several acres of well-cut lawn where the patients run about and play with little white balls. I watched several groups of them go through their antics. A young man and a young woman kept all to themselves. I could not tell which one

was crazy and which one the keeper, they acted so much alike.

Another group was that of four men. Three of these men were strapping young fellows of between 21 and 31 years of age. The three looked the picture of health. Their keeper, a man dressed like them, but much older, kept playing with them constantly, so I had no chance to ask him what ailed his charges. They must have gone crazy over proparedness for they all carried a bag full of sticks.

RACK RENTERS SEEING THINGS

Mr D P. Black is one of the big men in Pittsburgh. He is important. The real head of one of our largest real estate companies. The newspapers gave two columns space to his views on after-war conditions.

Mr. Black is not scared but he seems a little uneasy. No doubt he has always treated his employes well, but he must have heard of other employers who treated theirs badly. Anyhow his article is one long plea that workers be treated better. Especially, as becomes a real estate man, he pleads for better homes for laborers. Incidentally he mentions that some large corporations are planning to erect many modern houses for their employes. This, Mr. Black approves of, naturally. He says Corporations are always careful about their machinery because it pays and it will pay to treat workers well.

Of course, Mr. Black hasn't any plan in view, further than if all employers follow his advice and treat their employes kindly, everybody will be taken care of. He probably wasn't thinking of the fellow who has no job. Mr. Black mentions, too, that rents will have to come down, in some instances at least. What will cause rents to come down he does not say. Of course he can reduce the rents of a great number of houses his company controis or tell the owners to take them to another agency. Will he do that? It is really too bad that there is a fly in Mr. Black's ointment. One perfectly feasible method of reducing rents is to apply the Singletax. Make houses tax-free and collect the whole ground in October it's protection.

rent into the public treasury and the house question and the rent question is solved. Mr. Black knows this, too. I heard a gentleman discuss this matter with him once. It happened at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber was going to vote on the Pittsburgh graded tax law. This law is the tiniest application of the principle of Singletax. The aim of the sponsors for the law is to make it easier to get a home. Now when a man takes two columns of space in our newspapers to plead for the making of better homes and more of them, he would naturally approve of the only feasible plan of getting them. But, alas, we must discount Mr. Black's talk by his actions. And, by this do we know him: That he talked and voted AGAINST the Pittsburgh grad-That he talked and ed tax law. So after all, big man that Mr. Black is, it isn't good homes at less rent for the worker that he wants, it is newspaper space and more business for himself and his associates. And then, too, Mr. Black has probably heard of talk that is going on more or less openly of a time coming soon when workers will refuse to pay rent. And that makes him uneasy, so much so that he has to unburden his mind as to how kind we should be to the poor whom we are rack-renting, as

The President's faithful and trusted helper, Mr. Burleson ought to be richly rewarded by the Republicans. His strangling of the liberal and independent papers was one of the causes that brought victory to the G. O. P.

The President's "removal of economic barriers" in January and his reerecting them at an "equal" hight in October was some vote getter for the Republicans.

The major parties' bunco game never touched me. I voted the Singletax ticket and came out with CLEAN

Before a party Democrat can tell if he is a protectionist or a free trader, he will have to think of what month it is. In January it is free trade but

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Looking over the reduced list of Democratic congressmen, the President will be wishing a few more had followed Huddleston's example and defied him and got themselves re-

President Wilson's whip in the Senate, Jim Ham, can now give all his time to his vests.

Burlesonian treatment of suppression may go with the colored folks down South, but it is not a howling success in Washington.

After the boys having gotten new clothes and steady jobs without so much as asking for them, they turn around and vote Republican.

Probably the President's failure to vote was due to his having changed his mind about supporting the Democratic administration. So many others did and it may have been infec-

The Pittsburgh Dispatch wants Senator P. C. Knox on the peace commission. I did not know that the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. and the Steel trust were entitled to representation.

Politicians exhibited Samuel Gompers and Samuel Insull on the same platform in Chicago the other day. Gompers manipulates the American Federation of Labor and Insul! manipulates the doings of nearly all the monopoly corporations of Chicago. It is an ideal friendship that should be incorporated before Gompers loses control. If there be anything left after Insull's monopolies get through plucking labor, I am sure friend Insull would be willing to show Gompers how to get it.

Wilson's waning strength is shown by his loss of two "Nations," within a

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few weeks. First he lost the support thieves. And if they are thieves why ways recognized and very of "The Nation," owned and edited by Oswald Garrison Villard, and then the nation elected a Republican congress to "support" him. Many a Democrat thought twice between hurrahs, and each patrioteer has only one vote.

WHAT I KNOW

I know of a remedy swift and sure, For taxation ills that men endure, That will foul germ of poverty fight With X-rays of Justice, Truth and Right.

I know of a road to land of Plenty, Where all are known as "landed gentrv

Where each may keep all they justly own.

Where none may reap where they have not sown.

I know of a way-a righteous plan-Designed by God for child of Man. Where life is not spent in worry and care

Where none are exempt from doing their share.

If we want this remedy, road and way, We must be prepared—the price to pay.

This price is Service—that never grows lax-

Expounding the merits of Single Tax.

All other remedies fail to cure, No other road is so short and sure. By no other method, way, or plan, Can we build, on Earth, a real free Man.

Oliver McKnight.

"No man owns an oil-well or a coal mine except as trustee."-Secretary Daniels of the American Government, addressing a deputation of coal mine owners at Washington.

Is that so. And what do our courts do to a trustee who treats his trust as a mine owner treats the income from his mine? Mr. Secretary, did you ever hear of a trustee putting all the income from his trust into his own pocket, and when he sold the estate in his trust, put all that money, too, into his pocket? Well, the mine owners do that with their mines all the time. Why flatter them, Mr. Secretary? If they are really owners, why camouflage them under the title of trustees? Why not be honest and call them owners. If they are really trustees and are pocketing the income of the estates intrusted to them, then they are

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not call them thieves?

With some people, notions are rooted very deeply. Here for instance, is our old friend Geo. W. Wickersham who says it's unconstitutional for the President to be absent abroad.

Yes, so it WAS Mr. Wickersham. But things change. We used to read the Constitution as it was written. Now, reading is no longer safe. Nowadays the Constitution walks. Nine old lawyers is the Constitution and sometimes five suffices. It was kind of comfortable to be able to sit down and read it. It said so and so and that settled it. You felt safe to go by it. But that is all changed. Now the Constitution walks on eighteen legs, more or less. In fact, one is not even sure on which ones legs it is walking.

Anyhow, the President can take the Constitution along abroad, then nothing can be unconstitutional at home. He can draft five of its keepers to go along, Constitution and all. The four that stay at home can find other partners at playing golf.

We have been taught that wherever

a U.S. Warship is, there is the U.S. Shall we say less for the Constitution?

The land speculators can thank God the war is over, and thank the Demoeratic administration for exemption from war taxes. They are the only class that are benefitted both coming and going. They remind me of the man who didn't care where he went when he died as he had friends in both places. I wonder what particular style of button, or medal the Democratic administration is holding in reserve for its most favored friends. the land grafters. The German junkers had nearly all the land of Germany but they had medals, too. I am sure the special privileged pets of this Democratic administration, the land speculators, are yet going to receive some handsome recognition for doing nothing and making a profit on it.

Louis F. Post, addressing Builders' Convention:

"My prophesy is that the next step in industry will be the elimination of the monopoly element from business organization, and the establishment of business under the control of the government, whether it is the local or the State or the national, according to which it fits, and the combination of free industry, of free industrial com-binations * * * "

Mr. Post here deliberately misuses socialists Because the word free. would reject it as not Socialism, I will call Mr. Post's idea governmentalism. An industry, or an inđustrial combination, "under the control of the government " is not free.

Mr. Post's dilemma is a common one, but its false character is not al-

seldom pointed out.

Being an official of a government that is greedily assuming ownership, control and management of a vast array of public service corporations, and issuing stringent regulations as to the conduct of nearly all private busi-Post wasn't naturally Mr. knocking his own labor. On the other hand, as a Singletaxer he wanted to be considered as standing for freedom. The result is a meaningless jumble of words that stand for nothing.

Republicans, Democrats and Socialists, are all headed for the same goal, Socialism. The Socialist knows it and is glad of it. He believes he will get a fair show and the others no more, when they get there. The Republican and the Democrat don't know where they are going and don't care. They are so busy either robbing or being robbed that offense and defense takes up all their time. For all they care future generations can be goosesteppers to some American Kaiser for whose safe arrival universal military training will be the preliminary.

They can write the word peace. Sure, anybody can. They will draw up long complicated agreements to sign. Then they will all sign the agreements. And their home governments will vote to confirm them. And will that be peace? No! Not even a truce will it be. Every custom house will stand a witness to the fact that the peace settlement is a lie.

