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What an American Learned in England

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(barring a few of the more intelligent and philosophic ones, like my Chamber of Commerce friend), they would be highly insulted. Like most of us in America, they have but the vaguest idea of what a Socialist is, but they know that he is some sort of a "disturbing element," beyond the pale, and altogether unfashionable and disgraceful. So they are not it. If then, waiving the ugly word, you suggest that their course discourages capital and rends to industrial staguation, they will stare at you, and ask you what you expect them to do. "Why, do as we do," you reply. "Leave these enterprises to private capital. Money, then, having opportunity for an adequate return, will come in and you will be prosperous."

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"What is prosperity?" they ask you. Then you produce your figures of greater national wealth and higher per capita wealth, only to be met by another blank stare. Somehow your figures do not make any great impression on them; for, to feel wealthy, they say, they must have the money in their own pockets, not in their neighbor's. They seem, moreover, stubbornly and stupidly unwilling to make the sacrifice necessary to have a few millionaires in the community. They ask you:

"How much do you pay in America to ride on a tramear? What does your gas cost you? Your water, electricity, telegraph messages, telephone? Do you get back anything on your grocery bills? What do you pay for a suit of clerbas?"

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The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland has a population of 411 to a square mile; England alone has a population of 557 to a square mile; the United States, not counting Alaska or any of the dependencies, has 25.6 people to a square mile. There are twenty-two States in the Union that are each larger than England; Texas is four and a half times as large; California, New Mexico, and Montana are each more than twice as large as England, and each is larger than the whole United Kingdom, Texas being considerably more than twice as big. Considering this great advantage that we have over the people in England, together with our vast superiority in productivity of soil, in timber, in mineral deposits, water-power, and other natural resources, it would be conclusive evidence of something radically wrong with our economic conditions (or at least a prodigious superiority of theirs) if there were not greater opportunities in this country and the generally, than it does in England—costs more not only in money but in labor. While wages are higher when estimated by the ratio of exchange, which is based upon the amount of gold each will purchase, if we estimate it in power to purchase the necessaries and luxuries of life, English wages are higher than ours.

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Conservative newspapers in Great Britain have for weeks exhibited much uncasiness on the part of land monopoly interests regarding the valuations for land taxes under the Lloyd-George budget which are now in process of adjustment. "The Tory papers continue," as one observer has stated it, "an active campaign against Lloyd-George's land taxes, and the Daily Telegraph and Mail are filled with columns of daily letters from all kinds of persons, including that historic figure, the desolate widow with small means, who figures in every such controversy, and the militant army officer who makes a resounding call for passive rebellion against the wicked budget and predatory chancellors." This outcry appears, now, from the following comment in the cable letter of T. P. O'Connor, M. P., to the Chicago Tribune of the 18th., to have "received a severe blow by the

courageous action of Lloyd-George in summoning all of his enemies and critics to a public conference. This conference blew sky high many of the stupid or hypocritical criticisms, and Lloyd-George is more confident and courageous than ever."—The Public.

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INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM IN ARKANSAS

Complete returns from the vote in Arkansas on Amendment No. 10 to the state constitution providing for the Initiative and Referendum, are still lacking. Even in Little Rock complete returns from only 15 counties were at hand as late as the 16th. These showed a total vote of:—30,014 for governor.
20,942 for the amendment.
6,476 against the amendment.
For its adoption the amendment must receive a majority of all the votes cast at the election. Assuming that the vote for governor is the highest, the amendment has 5,934 votes to spare in those 15 counties; and Geo. J. King, who can vassed the State for the amendment, concludes from these complete returns and "fragmentary reports and general statements" from the rest of the state that the amendment has been adopted "beyond all doubt."

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Two months ago the conservatives expected to control the conservation congress and to humiliate Gifford Pinchot. Instead he controlled the congress and they left it beaten and disgruntled. Two months ago the standpatters said that progressive Republicanism was a product of the West. Since then New Hampahire has spoken and has proved that all the people of this nation feel alike. What two months in recent history have done so much? Cannon gone. Aldrich done for. Ballinger going. Sherman, discredited. The tariff bill deserted. Republican leadership changed. Taft given a short shift in the Republican conventions of five states. On the other hand Murdock has become a national figure. Roosevelt has taken control of the majority leadership of the Republican party. Pinchot has been endorsed by the conservation forces. La Follette has triumphed over his enemies. And all in sixty short days. We are moving gently but firmly to the time when this nation will pass from the control of the great interests into the hands of the people.—Emporia Gazette. (III.)

Home In Politics

Here is a new argument for woman suffrage. It is presented by the governor of Wyoming, who has had pienty of opportunity to study the subject and draw conclusions. The governor says that instead of disrupting the home it elevates it. "Politics is talked freely in the family circle and political questions are settled by intelligent discussion. The children grow up in an atmosphere that encourages debate of public questions. "In other words, the day of the monologue is over and father is no longer the lecturer on politics and political economy. As for mother, she is presumably able to hold up her end of the argument in questions apart from domestic science, the government of children, the regulation of servants and the encouragement of the latest fashions. And as for the children, they absorb unconsciously, even if they are not profoundly interested. The table and the family circle become the areas of political debate, and the results are healthful and stimulating. So says the governor of Wyoming, who speaks as one having authority and not necessarily as the scribes. Politics, then, is to become a natural avocation and not merely a special business.—Chicago Examiner.

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