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## THE UNEMPLOYED IN ENGLAND.

The highly significant figures furnished by our London correspondent and published in another column indicate the truly alarming proportions which the unemployed question has assumed in Great Britain in the present year of grace. With every prospect of an exceptionally severe winter, according to the meteorological experts, the outlook is grave indeed. So far no practical solution of the unemployed problem has been put forward, though Tariff Reformers continue to assert that the principle they advocate would prove an infallible panacea for this economic sore. The Socialists also claim a hearing, but their remedy, while engagingly simple, is not calculated to meet with general approval. Briefly, they would take from those that have and give to those that have not, a proposal which at least may claim Biblical justification. Meanwhile the acute and ever increasing distress among the poorer classes in the metropolis and the provinces is being temporarily allayed by a system of district council doles, and in most cases the charity stigma is avoided by providing work for applicants in the shape of wood-chopping and stone-breaking. This constant drain on municipal resources cannot be sustained indefinitely, however, and the evil day is therefore only postponed. There is much to be said for the suggestion tentatively put forward by the Minister of War, Mr. Haldane, last week, that able-bodied men unable to find work should join the Army. This was immediately seized upon by that particular class of agitator who subsists by exploiting the miseries of the poor, and stigmatised as an insult to the British working man. In our opinion, if there is any suggestion of an insult, it applies rather to the Army than the unemployed; but it is a characteristic of the professional agitator that he is very touchy about what he calls his "honour" and that of the unfortunate class whom he so ably misrepresents. The unemployed would inflict no injury on their cause if they repudiated these professional mischief-makers, whose only claim to notoriety is their amazing illiteracy and unbounded impudence, two attributes hardly likely to secure them a hearing from those who have most power to mitigate suffering among the poor. It may be argued that without resorting to agitation the unemployed are unable to bring their sad plight before the notice of the public. We believe this argument is also used by the "suffragettes," but it all depends on how the word "agitation" is construed.

In Parliament the self-appointed champion of the unemployed, Mr. Victor Grayson, has been doing his utmost to discredit his constituents in the public eye. Much may be forgiven Mr. Grayson on account of his verdant youth; and indeed the youthful nature of his offence merits the form of chastisement usually meted out to erring juveniles. Last Friday and Saturday he was obviously doing his best to be restrained from taking part in any further legislation, and his tactics met with brilliant success on Saturday afternoon,—when, after an exhibition of childish impertinence more suited to the school-room than the dignified assembly before which it occurred, he was suspended for the remainder of the present Session. Mr. Grayson will always be remembered as the member of parliament who, on the occasion of the rioting in Belfast, exhorted the unruly element to meet the batons of the constables with broken bottles, advice which, luckily for all concerned, was disregarded. We sincerely trust that his misguided constituents will at the next general election—or before if possible—express in unmistakable terms their disapproval of his reprehensible conduct.

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It also appears that Mr. Will Thorne, who up to the present has commanded general respect by his straightforward and manly policy in and out of Parliament, forgot himself while addressing a body of the unemployed last week. He is reported to have advised the men to "rush" bakers' shops if they were unable to obtain bread for their starving children otherwise, and for proffering this advice he was summoned on Saturday and compelled to give sureties for his future good behaviour. It is not difficult to understand how a man may be swayed by his sympathy at the sight of such widespread misery and give utterance on the impulse of the moment to sentiments which he may heartily regret afterwards. But the fact remains that for a responsible party, particularly a member of Parliament, to preach the gospel of anarchy is as injudicious as it is dangerous. The unemployed question demands prompt solution, but such a solution can best be reached by a calm survey of the situation and of the most practical remedies. Wild words and disorderly conduct are powerless, and can but harm the cause they are intended to promote.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

#### THE UNEMPLOYED: ALARMING FIGURES.

(From our own correspondent.)

London, October 18.  
 The figures issued last night showing the number of unemployed in London are of an alarming character. The following are the chief comparisons with last year:—

	Workhouse.	Outdoor.	Inc. over 1907.
London .....	78,114	45,890	5,747
East District .....	16,221	9,532	3,161
South District .....	26,711	19,424	1,480
North District .....	16,550	11,125	1,496
Islington .....	4,596	6,459	1,370
Poplar .....	4,181	6,615	2,723
Southwark .....	4,592	2,266	768

"It is impossible," said Commissioner Nicol, of the Salvation Army, after he had presided at a distribution of food yesterday to 200 unemployed at the dépôt in Whitechapel-road, "to calculate the number of unemployed, but the symptoms are very grave. Our shelters are full to overflowing, and we are tempted to defy the regulations of the County Council and take in more destitute than our premises will hold. A larger proportion than usual of married men are applying to us, both skilled and unskilled. I know a street where twenty-two householders have had notice to quit this week. This time last year there was not a single case in that street. Many small shopkeepers are verging towards bankruptcy. Among our own people, who are for the most part made up of decent working people, poor to very poor, a larger proportion than ever are out of work. A sergeant-major came to me who had been out of work for many months. 'I have been married twenty-five years,' he said, 'and have paid my rent every week. I can pay it no longer.' It is impossible to deal adequately with the terrible state of things until the extent of the distress is known. The German system of complete registration and drafting men where work is to be

found will go a long way towards providing a remedy."

In Leeds there are 2,436 unemployed on the register and sixty were added yesterday; in Nottingham, 4,000; in Newcastle, 873 on the register against 392 last year; in Middlesbrough, 2,500 in excess of the normal number; and in Dublin the workless are given at 15,000. In Peterborough yesterday a deputation asked the council for work for 114 men with 195 dependents; 150 railwaymen were said to have been discharged during the last few months.

#### MR. ROOSEVELT.

**VISIT TO ENGLAND ANNOUNCED.**  
 We understand (says the Times) that, after the conclusion of his hunting trip in Africa, early in 1910, Mr. Roosevelt will spend some time in England.

He has promised to deliver the Romanes lecture at Oxford, and it is expected that the University will confer on him at Commemoration the same honorary degree as that held by the German Emperor. The ex-President will also deliver an address at the Paris Sorbonne. Neither the exact dates nor the subjects of these lectures are yet known.

Mrs. Roosevelt will probably join her husband at Khartoum on his journey northward.

#### NEWS FROM AMERICA.

#### MR. ROOSEVELT AND THE SUFFRAGETTES.

Buffalo, October 17.  
 Kate M. Gordan, Secretary to the Woman's Suffrage Organisation, reporting before the Woman's Suffrage Congress, said that President Roosevelt, replying to a communication, informed her that a petition with a million signatures would not move him to recommend woman's suffrage to Congress.

#### TRUST AND ANTI-TRUST.

New York, October 19.  
 Mr. J. O'Keefe, the Sacramento manager of the Western Meat Company, which is alleged to be controlled by the Swift and Morris interests, has been convicted in California of conspiracy in restraint of trade under the Cartwright Anti-Trust Act, and it is stated that an action is pending against the Corporation itself on the same grounds. In view of the possibility of other States starting similar suits, it is rumoured that the Swift, Morris, and Armour interests are about to organise a foreign holding company as a protection against the stringent United States law.

#### AMERICAN ACTRESS SERIOUSLY ILL.

Boston, October 18.  
 Miss Margaret Illington, one of the best known of American actresses, and the wife of Mr. Daniel Frohman, the famous impresario, is lying seriously ill here. It is stated that Miss Illington is suffering from the results of overwork.

#### MR. BRYCE LECTURES AT YALE.

Newhaven (Conn.), October 17.  
 Mr. Bryce, the British Ambassador, yesterday evening delivered the second lecture of the Dodge Foundation series at Yale University. The Ambassador's subject was again the responsibilities of citizenship.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA SEALSKIN CATCH.

Victoria (B. C.), October 18.  
 Eight Victoria sealing schooners have arrived here with 3,100 skins. The catch of the season is double that of last year.

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