

vice, as the natural inference of the passer-by would be that civil servants were neglecting their official duties.

The best argument in favor of kind consideration on the part of the Government lies in the fact that the association is manfully taking up the rather weighty project of acquiring facilities elsewhere. A petition on this subject was hurriedly circulated a few days before the annual meeting. Several hundred names were attached to it in that short time. The petition was addressed to the executive and expressed the earnest desire of the subscribers that some steps should be taken towards the acquirement of athletic grounds and it seems reasonable to suppose that something practical will result from this movement.

In view of the circumstances it would be a graceful act on the part of the Government to extend the privileges of the lawns to the association at least for the current year.

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sisted the demands of its striking employees. Soldiers were used as postmen. Suspensions from the service and arrests were numerous, followed by a threat to call out the reserves which, as the most of the strikers belonged to their ranks, would have exposed those who refused to military discipline.

Then Paris and other cities began to feel the pinch of threatened hunger. The people's patience was exhausted and demands to settle the strike became insistent. But the administration refused to dismiss M. Simyan, or to reinstate the two ringleaders of the strike of 1906, who had been dismissed for inflammatory insults to the govern-

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