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Overseas News

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and Mr. Arthur Henderson, as representatives of the Labor party in forming them that the Cabinet can receive a labor deputation on the subject of unemployment.

The Premier denies that he is responsible for any delays in meeting the laborites as suggested by the letter of last Friday.

Premier Lloyd George writes that he deeply regrets Labor's repudiation of co-operation, saying the financiers and employers are only too anxious to cooperate with the representatives of labor, but the Labor Council preferred to submit their own ideas without hearing the other points of view. The Premier adds that it is not a helpful attitude in a crisis affecting all classes. Nevertheless, if the laborites adhere to their view the Cabinet will meet them.

Messrs. Bowerman and Henderson, in their reply, accepted the Premier's invitation to meet him, and state that they never refused to co-operate with the Government, but declined to be parties to any course which would involve further delay in dealing with unemployment.

Mr. Hon. J. T. MacNamara has sent letters to fellow members of the House of Commons with the object of enlisting help in expediting preparations for the British Empire Exhibition in 1923. He mentions that there is no question that sufficient guarantors would be secured, but he asks members to use their influence in this respect in order that work may be begun immediately, so as to assist in relieving unemployment.

Folkstone.—A splendid example of the success of co-operative trading is afforded by the result of running public service vehicles at Folkstone by the Co-operative Transport Society, Ltd.

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employment under trade union conditions while the fares in many instances are far below those of private companies working in the town. Trade unionists visiting the district this summer have lent valuable support.

When the chair-buses were first brought down for licensing much opposition was encountered, and after they had been licensed one company attempted to run the new company off the road.

Besides doing ordinary business, these trade union cars have been used for conveying delegates to trade union conferences, and during the coal lock-out they were utilized by the miners at Dover to prevent some of the men returning to work.

Willesden Guardians have the Ministry of Health's permission to set an employed working on relief work at the trade union rates of pay. Councillor G. Emmons and his fellow Labor members of the Board have been agitating to bring about this result.

Unemployment demonstrations were held in various parts of the country. The Bishop of Winchester in a letter read at a demonstration in Farnham, gave his commendation to the demonstrators, telling them that the Government had been so slow in taking the matter that the unemployed were right in protesting it for action.

The bishop said Cornwall was showing a grave situation as regards unemployment, and added: "We can only demand that work should be made in order that men, women and children shall have at least a minimum livelihood until the trouble lessens."

The bishop suggested that the nation ration itself.

The Admiralty announced that in view of the unemployment situation it was prepared to sell a number of surplus obsolete warships at moderate prices for breaking up by firms which agreed to commence work immediately in pressing it for action.

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Sir Edward Stockton, president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, speaking on the financial condition of the world, said he was convinced that the present position had been made much worse by the exaggerated feeling of depression among commercial men.

"We are not suffering organic troubles but our system is temporarily out of gear through abnormal necessities," he said.

The suggestion that the Government should lift the stocks of the market and finance them for an indefinite period was impracticable and worthless, he stated. A much more likely solution would be for the British Government to reduce the contribution of the war debts among the allies.

John Robert Clynes, labor member for Manchester and president of the National Union of General Workers, addressing the Labor party at Manchester, denied the report that at a recent conference between the Prime Minister and the Labor leaders some TRIDENT enclosed gear train construction does not decrease the efficiency of the Trident Breakable Bottom. The protective compound, having a lower freezing point than water, still further reduces the likelihood of damage to the gear train. Exhaustive tests under service conditions have proved these statements.

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of the Laborites favored co-operation in a joint committee between employers and financiers. He claimed that Labor members present were unanimous in declining to participate in a joint committee.

"There was, however, a slight division of opinion," he added, "as to whether we should meet the Prime Minister at all, even to discuss our own proposals."

Mr. Clynes said the majority view prevailed, that they should be willing to discuss and explain the labor proposition, but would not discuss with anybody "the scheme of the other people."

Later, Mr. Clynes was sent for by the King, who had officiated at the opening of the Royal Exchange, and they discussed, among other things, the possibilities of a renewal of international trade. During the course of the talk the labor member expressed fear that until something was done to restore overseas trade the country would have "a very bad time during the winter."

The King agreed, and expressed the hope that something would be done to restore international trade.

His Majesty King George, who had specially requested that no money be spent on decoration for his reception, arrived at Manchester to open the new Royal Exchange. Replying to the address of welcome, His Majesty said he was sorely troubled by the present

widespread unemployment which was causing so much suffering and he hoped that the efforts of his Ministers to alleviate the present situation and to prevent future unemployment may be successful.

According to the London representative of the Agricultural Workers' Unions absolute chaos now exist in the agricultural areas following the termination of the Agricultural Wages Board. It is alleged that the machinery of local conciliation committees has broken down on the wage question and deadlocks have arisen in a number of cases.

A lockout is threatened in Norfolk because the workers there refused to accept wage cuts down to as low as thirty-six and in some cases even thirty shillings per week. According to officials of the agricultural sections of the workers' union the same conditions are prevailing all over the country with the whole system of conciliation by voluntary committees breaking down on account of the wage reductions proposed by the employer being too drastic.

Already there has been reductions in wages of agricultural workers ranging from 4 to 6 shillings per week, according to the minimum scale in various counties. This reduction brought wages down to forty-two shillings weekly and further local reductions are being proposed in every county.

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