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**Insurance by the States.**

AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT AS WELL AS SICKNESS AND INCAPACITY.

The long promised scheme of State Insurance against unemployment, sickness and incapacity, introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. David Lloyd George was received with an extraordinary chorus of approbation by all parties in Parliament. It will be difficult to avoid the conclusion that the praise bestowed by his political opponents conceals a side thrust at his old pension scheme which has always been severely criticised by the Unionists because it was not contributory.

While the Government supporters applaud the insurance measure as the most comprehensive plan of constructive legislation ever introduced in Parliament, far exceeding in grasp and completeness anything ever anticipated, and better than the German system, the Unionists offer undegrudging testimony to the capacity and the mastery of intricate details displayed. The general opinion is that Mr. Lloyd George is too optimistic with regard to the cost of the scheme to the State and employers, and a strong note of criticism is already emanating from the great manufacturers who are certain to be heavily burdened.

In brief, the situation appears to be that even if the Opposition dislikes the measure as Socialistic, they will not dare oppose it after the success which attended the pension scheme.

In introducing the Bill, Mr. Lloyd George divided his proposition in two parts: one dealing with sickness and the other with unemployment. By the provisions of the measure every worker whose actual earnings fall below the income tax level of 160 pounds sterling will be compulsory insured against illness so as to assure him the receipt of five shillings per week during his incapacity. Towards this the worker would contribute about one-half, the same being deducted from his wages while the balance would be paid jointly by his employers and the State.

Mr. Lloyd George estimated that his plan would affect 14,700,000 men and women. Provision is made whereby women will receive thirty shillings in maternity cases on condition that they do not work for a month following childbirth and for free medical attendance for every contributor.

The State would also help in the **CRUSADE AGAINST CONSUMPTION.**

providing 21,200,000 to aid local authorities in building sanitariums and £1,000,000 toward their maintenance.

Although in cases of permanent disability the sick allowance would be five shillings weekly, ten shillings would be allowed for the first three months in the case of men, and seven shillings and sixpence in the case of women.

dual plan of insurance and the tuberculosis campaign would be £24,500,000, of which amount the State would contribute £2,500,000 in the first year. By the fourth year the State's contribution would be almost £5,500,000; but measures for the relief of untold misery in myriads of homes would have been taken.

Mr. Lloyd George estimated that the expenditure incurred would be £3,000,000 in 1912-13, rising to £20,000,000 in 1915-16. Dealing with the unemployed insurance the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that it would at first apply only to the engineering, shipbuilding and house building trades involving 2,500,000 workers. Both the workers and the employers would pay two pence half penny weekly each, the State contributing 750,000 pounds a year or about one-fourth of the total cost. The contributors when unemployed would receive a maximum of seven shillings weekly. No payment would be made in the case of strikes or lock-outs.

He was loudly cheered when he concluded his speech.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain supported the introduction of the Bill, saying that the Opposition desired to co-operate in the legislation.

General approval of the principles of the Bill was expressed by the representatives of all parties, although some of the details were criticised.

Mr. J. E. Redmond congratulated Mr. Lloyd George on the courage and enthusiasm which he has shown in pursuing the work of social reform.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the member for Leicester, promised the co-operation of the Labourites; but added that he thought the premiums exacted from the working people rather high.

Mr. Henry William Foster, one of the Conservative Whips, warmly commended the Bill. He said that the Government had embarked upon the greatest legislative experiment ever introduced in any legislative assembly in the world.

There was general for the first time a mid general cheering.

**Released.**

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Brock was liberated early last night. The news reached us when we were going to press but we hastened to inform his many friends and well-wishers. Details later.

**Correction.**

We said in our yesterday's issue that a petition numerously signed by the most influential residents of this community was to be presented to the Government for the department of Francis. We beg to correct this; the petition was in favour of Mr. Brock testifying to his good character and had nothing to do with Francis. His apprehension is not for the purpose of deportation although we understand that a document of this nature is in course of preparation.

**All Sorts.**

"Is your son given to using emphatic language, Mrs. Comery?" "No, sir. My son don't use no language what ain't perfectly gentled and proper."

"Please contribute to our fund to send a missionary to the cannibals of the world. I'm a vegetarian and don't believe in 'em, but I'll send them some cereals, if you wish."

**Atlantic Fruit Co.**

**CONTROL OF LANDS.**

Production of Bananas on a Large Scale.

Control of the Central American Growers and Transportation Co. has passed to the Atlantic Fruit Co. The transaction is said to have involved something like 2,000,000 dollars. By the completion of the deal the Atlantic Fruit Co., it is asserted, will come into the possession of about 95,000 acres of land at Punt Lagoon, where the Central American Growers and Transportation Co. is engaged in opening the entrance to the harbour and producing bananas upon a large scale. Important concessions also included in the purchase. William L. Leaford, of Chicago, who is now president of the Central American Growers and Transportation Co., will be succeeded by Joseph di Giorgio, head of the Atlantic Fruit Co. The Central American Growers and Transportation Co. was incorporated under the laws of South Dakota in 1906 with a capital of 1,000,000 dollars, and later an issue of 250,000 dollars was authorized. The Atlantic Fruit Co., which was incorporated in 1909, now operates in the neighborhood of 25 boats between U. S. ports and Jamaica, Baracoa, Santa Niaguagu, etc.—Shipping Illustrated.

Luisa Menegazzo, Miss Francisca Menegazzo, Damian De Nesa, Miss Corina De Nesa, George Seibold, Chase Hillary and 14 in transit.

The "Prinz August Wilhelm" was despatched early on Monday evening last by the agent here of the Hamburg American Line for New York with the following passengers: Joss A. Coronado, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Mack, Alberto Pinto, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Frank, Andrew J. Willisy and P. Ulva. For Colon: G. Kolowsky, J. Marcovoy, J. M. Garr, H. L. Migonetti, Miss Amy Dinkley, Miss Daisy Havelord, Eric Jamieson; C. H. Smith, Miss Fanny Parker and child, Nathan Calpan, Miss Ellen Wareham and child, Mrs. Evera Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Davis and child. For Santiago de Cuba: Felipe Enriquez, Pedro Pejado, Manuel Garcia and 113 deck-chairs. She also carried the following cargo: 25,500 bunches bananas, 259 sacks coffee, 65 sacks cocoa, 956 sacks sugar, 21 balos hides, 6 cases old copper and 2 cases live plants.

**Explosion on Cruiser.**

Berlin.—No satisfactory explanation is yet forthcoming of the disastrous explosion in the cruiser York at Kiel. The published accounts of the accident are more graphic than instructive, and it is stated that an official inquiry which has been instituted has not cleared the matter up. There seems, however, to be no real doubt that what exploded was the tank containing the fuel for the motor boats. In some of the German ships, of which the York is certainly one, the fuel is carried in a specially constructed tank on the upper deck. The motor boats were killed and injured were in the engine room and their injuries were caused by the blowing away of a portion of the wall. The three men who escaped death were standing behind the condenser. According to some accounts the explosion occurred while the tank was being filled. On the whole, and in the official report it is reported to consider the accident inexplicable, it is that they are now examining the possibilities of spontaneous combustion of the petrol.

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Time was general for the first time a mid general cheering.

**Current Items.**

The s.s. "Cartago" will leave here this evening for Colon, taking passengers to embark on another boat of the same line that will leave there for Jamaica.

The "Miami" is expected to arrive today from Manchester with mails and passengers. She will be consigned to the United Fruit Company.

A special train left the Ferro Corail Yard at 9.45 yesterday conveying Mr. W. E. Mullins, General Manager Northern Railroad and a party of four gentlemen to San Jose.

A contingent of soldiers, consisting of 10 men, 1 Major, 1 Captain, 1 Color-Sergeant, 1 Sergeant and 6 Non-commissioned officers arrived here on the "Cartago" from Belize Honduras en route for England, to represent that country at the Coronation of King George V.

The United Fruit Company's steamer Cartago arrived yesterday morning from New Orleans bringing the following passengers: Frederick J. Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. Hampton C. Gill, Jean P. Coulton, Mrs. Louise Coulton, Elias Pagee, Jr., Charles S. Stauffer. For Barrios: Leon Zola, Pedro Valz, Vicente Padula, Alexander Menegazzo, Mrs. Rosa Menegazzo, Otero Menegazzo, Miss

**Mysterious Fire.**

London.—Suspicion is aroused by a mysterious fire which occurred at Crown House, the residence of Lord and Lady Greville who are in Italy. Straws extinguished the flames.

Recently, just after Lady Greville's departure, Crown House was partly destroyed by fire. Lady Greville and her child being removed, while the blaze was at its height to Lord Rosebery's house.

**Dr. Fined for Vagrancy.**

Toronto.—Dr. Beth Garabed, who was charged with practicing medicine without a license, and was fined 5 dollars and cost. He was also ordered out of the town by night or charges of fraud and vagrancy would be pressed against him. He claims to be a graduate of Harvard U. S. Army, and London.

**Value of Vaccination.**

Havana.—All of the passengers arriving on the Olivette from Key West and Tampa were vaccinated by the health officers before being permitted to land in Havana.

This precaution was taken, as it became known by reason of the fact that cholera is declared to exist in some of the Southern States. It is said that of the steamers arriving from Southern ports to be subjected to the same rigorous precautions.

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**Roosevelt Addresses Boy Scouts.**

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Chicago.—Theodore Roosevelt, coming as he said, to "endeavour to translate to the present day needs the work and will of Washington and Lincoln, not just as was his when President.

There was a chief feature of the day's round of speeches and handshaking and hat waving, which diffused from other receptions, in that to-day it was the foreign-born element which had the greater part in the welcome.

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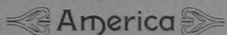
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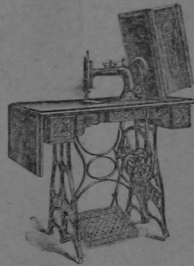
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