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London, Nov. 14.—England is just now enduring a spasm of social unrest which in the eyes of many observers is distinctly alarming. Both in London and in several provincial centers there have been manifestations of discontent of a serious nature. The question of the unemployed has assumed proportions which promise trouble before the winter is over.

In London alone it is calculated that there are upward of a quarter of a million paupers, while such statistics as are available for the country generally show that among members of trades unions not less than 55,000 out of 650,000—a proportion of 9 per cent—are out of work. These figures do not include the unskilled, who form by far the largest proportion of the unemployed. In thirty-three towns which have been canvassed, exclusive of London, the total of unemployed is given at 45,000. Winston Churchill, president of the board of trade, has stated in parliament that he could not give comparative figures as to the unemployed trade unionists in this country and Germany, but he was of the opinion that the conditions of unemployment were worse in England than in Germany.

Whether the measures that are being and are to be taken to meet these conditions will be effective remains to be seen. That the conditions exist makes the task which the would-be disturbers of the social order have set themselves the easier and the possibility of their success the more alarming.

Up and down the country there are dozen of orators spouting crude socialist theories. It is only a few of them of whom the public at large hears anything. Victor Grayson, the young socialist member of parliament is one of these.

Speaking to a meeting of the unemployed at Nottingham, Grayson declared he was not preaching disorder, and went on to prove it by saying: "If the crowd were made hungry enough it would not be necessary for him to preach disorder." It was the apathy of the government in France toward hungry people which had made the French revolution, and it was the apathy of the English government to the starving poor that would make the English revolution."

It will undoubtedly be a very long time before England sees any such revolution as Mr. Grayson predicts, but the signs are multiplying that the ferment which he and other socialists are causing is likely to produce trouble, which, with exceptional conditions aiding, may make the history of England during the next few months one of storm and stress. Already there has been a demand for troops to supplement the efforts of the police in keeping order—50 men of the Fifth Lancers and 100 men of the Yorks and Lancaster regiment having been paraded and served with twenty rounds of ball ammunition in apprehension of disturbances at a meeting at Bradford last night.

An Ethical Game. Sir Oliver Lodge, the English scientist, learned to play golf at St. Andrews a good many years ago. His teacher, says the London News, was Professor Tait.

"You don't play golf with your muscles," Professor Tait said to him one day, "you play with your morals."

"But I hope," said Sir Oliver, with a hasty glance round, "that no one will call my morals as bad as my golf."

## Echoes From the Days When Richmond and Centerville Fought to be the County Seat

Printed Appeals Scattered Broadcast, Each Side Urging Claims—Both Towns Promise Everything to Win Their Case With the People—Synod of Residents of Western Wayne County Asked and Counter Claims Made.

So rapidly does the cycle of time revolve that the period of argument and discussion that preceded the removal of the county seat from Centerville to Richmond is forgotten by many persons who were deeply interested at the time. Sinister warnings were issued by the prominent citizens of Centerville foretelling dire disaster that would befall if the circuit court were transferred to this city. So ardent became some of the men interested in the proposition that their protests were printed and distributed throughout the county. An immense increase in the rate of taxation was predicted, if the change should be made. Richmond was pointed to as a place where drinking houses and haunts of vice predominated.

A committee of six interested Centrevillians who were leaders in the fight at the time of actual removal, resulted in plotting, published their views. These papers were distributed broadcast throughout the county, but only a few have been preserved. One copy has been entrusted to this office and is deemed worthy of republication as an indication of what was feared if Richmond became the county seat. This copy was issued in 1872.

The copy reads as follows:

TO THE PEOPLE OF WAYNE COUNTY:

The question of the removal of the seat of justice of Wayne county from Centerville to Richmond, is being forced on the people of the county for settlement by a portion of the citizens of Richmond. Petitions asking such removal are already being circulated, and the purpose is freely avowed, of accomplishing their designs at whatever cost to themselves or to the people of the county at large, and with total indifference to the fact that pecuniary ruin to the people of Centerville will result from their success.

In common with the great body of the people of the Central and Western parts of the county, we believe this change ought not to be made, and on their part we desire to make a plain statement of the case.

It is urged by the Richmond Board of Trade which seems to have charge of the removal interests, by committees appointed by the Board, and by the press at Richmond, that Centerville commenced the agitation of the question by bringing suit to compel the erection of a Court House. This is false, and it would seem to us that people so well informed, or whose opportunities for obtaining information are so good ought to know that it is so. It is true a suit was commenced to compel the Board of County Commissioners to supply the county with fire-proof offices for the preservation of the public records, papers, etc. As

everybody knew or might know, this suit had nothing to do with the building of a court house. It however aroused the jealousy of Richmond, and though such a building is a public necessity, is inexpensive in its character, and its absence is a disgrace to the county; even if this suit was dismissed at an early day of the term. This was well known to everybody familiar with court proceedings, and yet the Richmond press and the Board of Trade persists in saying that it is now pending, and are seeking to win success by such dishonorable means.

What we want is to let the people of the county understand that Centerville has done nothing whatever and contemplates doing nothing in the way of compelling the erection of a new court house, and that if the county seat remains where it is, no tax for that purpose will be levied at their suggestion on the people.

It is stated by our Richmond friends that the expense of the removal will be very small. Among other reasons for this, they say that the public buildings at Centerville may be removed, with the fence around the square, and used at Richmond. There is not one word of truth in this, as they ought to know; none of the public improvements on the public square at Centerville can be removed—the law settles that. They remain just where they are, and are substantially a loss to the public. It is true the petitioners for the change will have to pay the appraised value, but what will that be when the appraisement is made?

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In our opinion not over \$40,000; the loss to the county being in that case

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