

A CRISIS IN AUSTRALIA.

South Africa Drawing Heavily Upon Its Population—
The Commonwealth Now Has Only Four Million
People, and Can Spare None of Its Settlers.

For many months past a stream of population has been steadily leaving Australia for South Africa. There is no abatement in the exodus. On the contrary, it has been increasing, and its dimensions are causing very serious alarm.

When it is remembered that no one will be admitted into South Africa unless he can show that he is possessed of \$500 at least, or is going to an already secured situation, some estimate can be formed of the financial loss Australia is incurring week by week. From Victoria alone, one of the six states comprised within the commonwealth, more than a thousand adults have gone within the last four months, and some

of the emigrants have taken with them substantial amounts, up to as much as \$25,000 in some instances. Altogether during that period this one state has suffered by a drain of no less than three-fourths of a million dollars. It is not only this great cash loss which has to be deplored, but also the loss of so many young men and very desirable settlers who think they can do better in these "fresh fields and pastures green" of South Africa.

A commonwealth which contains a total population of barely four millions can ill afford to lose any of its population. In this same connection it must also be taken into account that the natural increase in the states has very seriously diminished of late years. There are not now the large families there used to be in the days of the early colonization of Australia. The news-

papers are trying to put a stop to the exodus.

The hard times which have set in account for the largest share of the emigration which is going on. Young men who are without money or employment are trying to get service in the garrison regiments and police force of South Africa, and latter are the complaints of some of these who, after being in active service, were brought back to the country. Before leaving as "Continents" they were promised that on their return "billetts" would be provided for them. These promises have not been kept, and these young men are now walking about the streets in idleness, many of them in absolute want. Under these circumstances, telegrams have been sent to Lord Kitchener asking him to re-employ them either as mounted soldiers or policemen, but there is little prospect of any great number of them being taken back.

The laboring classes in Australia are very badly off. The prices of the necessities of life have advanced. Not since the collapse of the land boom have times been nearly so bad as they now are. It is in the states of Victoria and South Australia that distress is greatest. The state of western Australia, because of the satisfactory returns from gold mining operations and the expenditure of borrowed money, is at present only almost imperceptibly affected by the depression, but its time must come soon.

In New South Wales the recent three million loan will keep that state's head above water while the spending of this borrowed money lasts; but after that it will be worse off than ever. In Queensland the gold fields help to make the depression less acutely felt than elsewhere. In Tasmania everything is flat, stale and unprofitable.

In South Australia it will afford some idea of the want of employment which exists there when it is mentioned that recently a meeting was held in the Trades Hall at Adelaide. This meeting was attended by women only, who declared that it was not charity they wanted, but work for their husbands. A deputation of these women waited on the government and represented their distressful condition. They also requested that the stonebreaking upon which their husbands were employed should be paid for in cash, and not rations.

In Melbourne things are just as bad. Groups of idle men are hanging round the street corners or lounging in the "unemployed" everywhere, and deputations from the working classes are almost daily waiting upon the government and municipal bodies and demanding work. Appeals for help in the shape of money or goods are being made in the correspondence columns of the newspapers from members of parliament and others. The worst of it is that the people are now in the depth of winter and it is expected the position will get much worse even than it is. The government has no money to spend and municipal bodies are not much better off.

Hitherto all the states have been living far beyond their means—on borrowed money. Extravagance in expenditure, much of it upon unproductive works, has been going on for years, and now the necessity for economy is felt. The deficit in Victoria upon the year's financial transactions amounts to 20 million dollars, according to the statement of the commonwealth treasurer, Sir George Turner, and already the state has been obliged to postpone for several months the repayment of the moneys borrowed from local trust funds.

The fact is that the enormous drain which is going out in the payment of interest upon foreign borrowed millions has become a terrible millstone round the necks of the various states, and the most drastic economies will have to be effected in legislative and administrative expenditure. Therefore, the cry of economy and retrenchment mingles with that of "unemployed" just now.

There is much need for retrenchment. Take, as an example, the state legislature of Victoria. It has two houses of parliament, the legislative assembly, and legislative council, both of them far too expensive. The assembly contains no fewer than 95 members at \$300

a year each (the speaker and chairman of committees get several hundred more). The country demands that this house shall be reduced to 46 members at \$200 a year each, and that the council shall be reduced to 22. There has been a crisis in the state, and the Peacock government has been ousted by a majority of three. Mr. Irvine is the new premier, but his assurances on the subject of retrenchment are not considered satisfactory, and the reformers have decided to oppose his reelection and that of all his cabinet. This will probably result in a dissolution, and at a general election the reformers will carry the country in the adoption of their program.

In the meantime Australia is in a very bad way. All this depression, want of money, dullness in trade and scarcity of employment are directly due to the interference of the colonies in the South African war, and the spending of hundreds of thousands of pounds in sending troops to South Africa. But for this the treasury would not have been depleted as they have been, and the money would have been available for useful public works, and but for this interference there would have been no exodus of population and capital to South Africa. Those who favored the policy of interference are trying hard to make out that all the ills which have come upon Australia are due to the drought, but this is a ridiculous excuse to try and shift the respon-

sibility off their own shoulders. We have had many droughts before, but as the recent one, and some of these droughts never affected the fringe of the continent and the agricultural districts, cities and towns on the seaboard area as the other causes stated are doing now. Those persons who inflamed the war fever in the colonies sowed the wind; the masses are now unfortunately reaping the whirlwind. New York Times.

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