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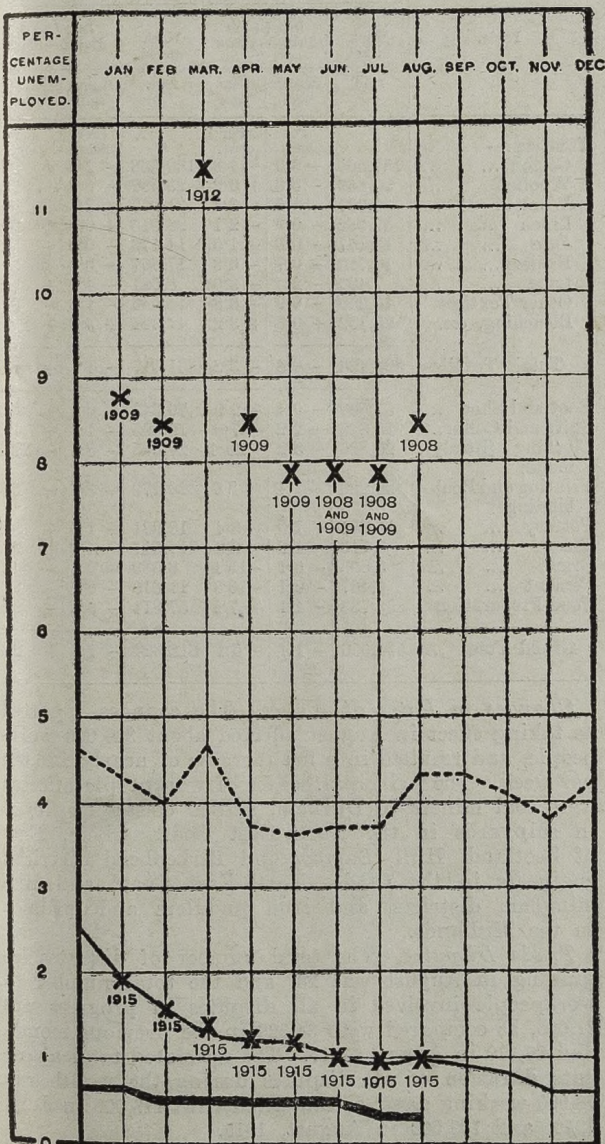
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EMPLOYMENT CHART.

SHOWING PERCENTAGE UNEMPLOYED OF MEMBERS OF TRADE UNIONS MAKING RETURNS.

— *Thick Curve* = 1916. — *Thin Curve* = 1915.
..... *Dotted Curve* = Mean of 1906-15.

× The crosses indicate the maximum and minimum percentages of unemployed, in the months named, during the years 1906-15.



NOTE TO CHART.

The above chart is based solely on Returns furnished direct to the Department of Labour Statistics by various Trade Unions which pay unemployed benefit to their members. Persons on strike or locked-out, sick or superannuated, are excluded from the figures.

THE LABOUR MARKET.

ALL the principal industries continued to be fully employed in August, and an increasing shortage of labour was experienced, especially in those directly engaged upon Government contracts. As compared with a year ago, employment was better in all trades, except a few adversely affected by war conditions.

Employment at coal, iron, and shale mines continued very good; lead mines were well employed. In the quarrying industry employment was fairly good on the whole.

The pig iron industry was still hampered by difficulties in obtaining raw material, but employment was good and there were more furnaces in blast than a year ago; at iron and steel works it remained very good. Engineering shops and shipyards continued to work at high pressure, and much overtime was reported. There was a marked decline in the tinplate and steel sheet trade owing to shortage of raw materials, but most of the other metal trades were very active.

Employment continued good in the spinning section of the cotton trade; in the weaving section it was irregular in many districts; both branches suffered from an increasing shortage of labour. In the woollen industry employment was very good, but the inadequacy of the labour supply caused some machinery to be idle. In the worsted trade all available workpeople were fully employed. The linen trade improved in Ireland, but showed some decline in Scotland. Employment was good in the hosiery, jute, bleaching, dyeing, and finishing trades. In the lace trade it continued good in the plain net section, but was only fair in the curtain branch, and slack in the levers section. In the carpet trade employment was fair; in the silk trade it remained fairly good.

The boot and shoe trades continued to work at high pressure, and labour was in great demand. In the leather trade employment remained good generally, but it was still quiet in some branches of the saddlery and harness trades.

Employment continued good in the corset trade; it was fair in the shirt and collar, ready-made tailoring, and in the wholesale mantle, costume, blouse and millinery trades, but in the bespoke tailoring and retail dressmaking trades in London there was a further seasonal decline. In the silk hat trade employment was quiet in London and fairly good in the provinces; in the felt hat trade it improved and was good.

The workpeople remaining in the building trades were generally well employed. In the brick trades employment was fairly good; in the cement trade it remained good, with much overtime and a continued shortage of labour. In the furnishing trade employment showed a further slight improvement and was

DOCK AND RIVERSIDE LABOUR.

EMPLOYMENT continued fair on the whole, but was again slack at a number of ports on the East Coast. It was not so good on the whole as a year ago.

LONDON AND TILBURY.

London.—Employment continued fair generally, but showed a decline on the previous month and on a year ago.

The average number of labourers employed daily at the docks and principal wharves in the four weeks ended 26th August was 15,591, a decrease of 8.9 per cent. on a month ago and of 14.9 per cent. on August, 1915.

Table showing Average Daily Number of Labourers employed in Docks and at Principal Wharves in London, broken down by period (Week ended Aug. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th; Average for 4 weeks ended 26th Aug., 1916; Average for July, 1916; Average for Aug., 1915) and location (In Docks, At 110 Wharves making Returns, Total Docks and Principal Wharves).

The numbers employed at the docks and principal wharves on each day* in August, 1916, were as follows:—

Table showing daily employment numbers for August 1916, with columns for Day of Month, Number employed, and Day of Month, Number employed.

Tilbury.—The mean daily number employed at the docks during August was 2,153, compared with 2,127 a month ago and 2,273 during August, 1915.

OTHER ENGLISH AND WELSH PORTS.

East Coast.—On the Tyne employment was good generally on import cargoes, especially on cargoes of generally on import cargoes. It was fair, but not so good as a month ago, with trimmers and teemers on the Tyne and Wear. There was an improvement at Blyth, imports of pit props being very heavy. Employment continued fairly good at Hartlepool, and good at Stockton and Middlesbrough. It was slack, with a further decline on the previous month, at Hull, Goole and Grimsby; it also continued slack at Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Lynn and Harwich, but it was fair at Ipswich.

Southern and Western Ports.—Employment at Plymouth was good, and better than a month ago; it was very good at Dartmouth, and good at Falmouth. There was a decline at Bristol, but employment remained fair; it was also fair at Gloucester. Dock labourers continued well employed at Cardiff, Newport and Barry, coal trimmers being exceptionally busy. There was a slight decline at Swansea, but employment was still good. At Liverpool employment was good at the North End docks; it was fair at the South End docks.

SCOTTISH AND IRISH PORTS.

Employment at Dundee was fair, but not so good as in the previous month. It was good at Glasgow, and very good at Ayr and Troon. Employment was fair, and better than in July, at Belfast and Waterford, but bad at Cork.

* Sundays are omitted.

FISHING INDUSTRY.

EXCEPT at certain ports on the East Coast, employment was good on the whole, showing a further improvement on the previous month.

East Coast.—At Hartlepool employment continued good generally. At Hull and Grimsby it was good with fishermen and fish dock labourers, and fair with fish curers. Fishing operations were practically suspended at Yarmouth, most of the men having found other employment. There was an improvement at Lowestoft. Employment continued slack at Brightlingsea.

South Coast.—Employment continued good off the coasts of Devon and Cornwall in spite of unsettled weather, and in many cases a shortage of men occurred. Fish curers, packers and carters were well employed.

Scotland.—At Dundee, Arbroath and Montrose employment was good, and better than a month ago. It was good at Aberdeen and Peterhead, with a further improvement at the former port; good with fishermen and fish curers and fair with fish dock labourers at Fraserburgh; and fair generally at Macduff.

Table showing Quantity and Value of Fish (other than shell), Shell Fish, and TOTAL VALUE, broken down by region (England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland) and month (Aug., 1916 vs Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on Aug., 1915).

SEAMEN.

The supply of seamen and firemen for mercantile ships during August was nearly equal to the demand. From Liverpool it was reported that there was a shortage of seamen; the supply of firemen was in excess of the demand in the early part of the month, but in the latter part of the month there was an acute shortage, which continues. From Bristol, Avonmouth, Penarth, London and Southampton it was reported that there was a slight shortage of seamen.

Table showing Number of Seamen* shipped in, broken down by Principal Ports (England and Wales, Bristol Channel, Other Ports, Scotland, Ireland) and month (Aug., 1916 vs Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) on a Month ago, and Year ago).

* It will be understood that the numbers given are the numbers of separate engagements, and not of separate individuals. † Including Avonmouth and Portishead. ‡ Including Barry and Penarth.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TRADE DISPUTES.*

[Based on Returns from Employers and Workpeople.]

(a) DISPUTES IN AUGUST.

Number and Magnitude.—The number of new disputes in August was 26, as compared with 31 in the previous month and 49 in August, 1915. In these new disputes 14,006 workpeople were directly, and 6,201 indirectly, involved; and these figures, when added to the number of workpeople involved in disputes which began before August and were still in progress at the beginning of the month, give a total of 21,096 workpeople involved in trade disputes in August, 1916, as compared with 34,520 in the previous month, and 28,870 in August, 1915.

New Disputes in August, 1916.—In the following Table the new disputes for August are summarised by trades affected:—

Table showing No. of Disputes and No. of Workpeople Involved (Directly, Indirectly, Total) for various Groups of Trades (Building, Coal Mining, Other Mining and Quarrying, Engineering, Shipbuilding, Textile, Clothing, Transport, Miscellaneous, etc.) for August, July, and August, 1915.

Causes.—Of the 26 new disputes, 17 directly involving 9,254 workpeople arose on demands for advances in wages, 3 directly involving 3,266 workpeople on other wages questions, 4 directly involving 1,333 workpeople

on details of working arrangements, and 2 on other questions.

Results.—During the month settlements were effected in the case of 13 new disputes directly involving 11,004 workpeople, and 8 old disputes directly affecting 552 workpeople. Of these new and old disputes, 5 were settled in favour of the workpeople, 7 in favour of the employers, and 9 were compromised. In the case of 4 other disputes work was resumed pending negotiations.

Aggregate Duration.—The number of working days lost in August by disputes which began or were settled in that month amounted to 73,200. In addition 5,700 working days were lost owing to disputes which began before August and were still in progress at the end of the month. Thus the total aggregate duration in August of all disputes, new and old, was 78,900 days, as compared with 118,000 in the previous month, and 109,600 in August, 1915.

(b) DISPUTES IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1915 AND 1916.†

Table showing Aggregate Duration in Working Days of all Disputes in Progress for various Groups of Trades (Building, Coal Mining, Other Mining and Quarrying, Engineering, Shipbuilding, Textile, Clothing, Transport, etc.) for Jan. to August, 1915, and Jan. to August, 1916.

(c) PRINCIPAL DISPUTES WHICH BEGAN OR ENDED IN AUGUST, 1916.

Table showing Occupations and Locality, Number of Workpeople involved (Directly, Indirectly), Date when Dispute began, Duration in Working Days, Cause or Object, and Result for various principal disputes (Coal Mining, Engineering, Textile, Transport).

DISPUTES STILL IN PROGRESS.—28 disputes, involving about 8,000 workpeople, were in progress at the time of going to press.

* Disputes involving less than 10 workpeople, and those which lasted less than one day, have, as usual, been omitted from the statistics, except when the aggregate duration (i.e. number of workpeople multiplied by number of working days, allowing for workpeople replaced by others, &c.) exceeded 100 days. † In making up the totals for the several months of the year the figures have been amended in accordance with the most recent information. ‡ The occupations printed in italics are those of workpeople "indirectly involved" (i.e. thrown out of work at the establishments where the disputes occurred, but not themselves parties to the disputes). The statements of cause and result do not apply to these persons.

BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR EXCHANGES—FOUR WEEKS ENDED 11th AUGUST, 1916. Registrations and Vacancies Filled in the Four Weeks ended 11th August, 1916.

A.—INSURED TRADES.

Table with columns for Occupation Groups, Adults (Registrations, Vacancies), and Juveniles (Registrations, Vacancies). Includes sub-headers for Live Register at Beginning of Period, Registrations during Period, and Live Register at End of Period.

* Including cases in which persons who obtained employment during the period were re-registered on again becoming unemployed. † Occupations are grouped according to the industry with which they are mainly connected. ‡ These figures are mainly in respect of the Engineering and Vehicle Trades.

B.—UNINSURED TRADES.

Table with columns for Occupation Groups, Adults (Registrations, Vacancies), and Juveniles (Vacancies Filled). Includes sub-headers for On Register at Beginning of Period, Registrations during Period, and On Register at End of Period.

* Including cases in which persons who obtained employment during the period were re-registered on again becoming unemployed.

PAUPERISM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

[Data supplied by the Local Government Boards in England, Scotland and Ireland.]

The number of paupers relieved on one day in August, 1916, in the 35 selected urban areas named below corresponded to a rate of 149 per 10,000, a decrease of 2 per 10,000 on a month ago and of 18 per 10,000 on a year ago.

Compared with the previous month, the total number of paupers relieved decreased by 3,415 (or 1.2 per cent.). The number of indoor paupers decreased by 1,404 (or 1.1 per cent.), and the number of outdoor paupers by 2,011 (or 1.4 per cent.).

Compared with August, 1915, the total number of paupers decreased by 30,854 (or 10.1 per cent.). The number of indoor paupers decreased by 10,188 (or 7.2 per cent.), and the number of outdoor paupers decreased by 20,666 (or 12.5 per cent.).

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Table showing Paupers on one day in August, 1916, by Selected Urban Areas, categorized by In-door, Out-door, and Total. Includes sub-tables for England & Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

* These urban areas include in the case of England and Wales and Ireland more than one poor-law union, except in the Leicester, Birmingham, West Ham, Belfast and Galway districts; and more than one parish in the case of Scotland, except in the Aberdeen district. † Exclusive of Vagrants, of Patients in the Fever and Smallpox Hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Boards, and of Lunatics in Asylums, Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses. ‡ Including Casuals, but including persons maintained in Institutions for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, &c., who are classified as not able-bodied.

FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

I.—IMPORTS IN AUGUST.

[Note.—Goods (other than articles of food) which, at the time of importation, were the property of H.M. Government or of the Governments of the Allies, are not included in the imports.]

(a) VALUES.

The total value of the net imports (i.e. less re-exports) in August, 1916, was £68,378,348, an increase of £6,301,178 (or 10.2 per cent.) compared with August, 1915, and of £30,455,474 (or 80.3 per cent.) compared with August, 1914, when the total was abnormally low.

Table showing Value of Imports (less re-exports) in August, 1916, compared with August, 1915, and August, 1914, categorized by Groups like Food, Drink and Tobacco, Raw Materials and Articles, etc.

(b) QUANTITIES.

Table showing Quantity imported (less quantity re-exported) during August, 1916, compared with August, 1915, and August, 1914, categorized by Principal Articles like Food, Drink and Tobacco, Iron and Steel Manufactures, etc.

Compared with August, 1915, wheat imports from the United States and Canada showed a large increase, but from the British East Indies there was a large decrease. Barley from the United States and British India increased, and oats from Canada increased from 51,000 cwt. to 607,000 cwt.

II.—IMPORTS IN JANUARY—AUGUST, 1916.

During the eight months ended August, 1916, the total value of the imports (less re-exports) was £656,939,005, an increase of

* Re-exports exceeded imports in August, 1914.

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