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Communique issued at midnight states - Throughout entire length of country vital services of food, milk, light and power are being successfully maintained by Government and every obstacle is being progressively surmounted. No serious disorders have taken place but collisions of minor character between police forces and persons endeavouring to obstruct conveyance of supplies are reported in various places. Abundant food and ample transport are available but picketing by strikers is interfering with distribution. Co-operative Wholesale Society have been specially hampered.

All attempts to impede free movements of Public or its food will be methodically and firmly impressed.

Numbers of special constables are being steadily increased and protection on growing and wider scale will be afforded daily. Navy have rendered prompt and effectual civil assistance at several sea ports. No use or display of arm force has been required. Public are advised to pay no attention to alarmist rumours which may be spread by disaffected persons. Typical cases are circulation of such reports as that Post Office Savings Bank has suspended payment and that meetings have occurred amongst H.M. Forces. Such reports wholly untrue. Their circulation is criminal offence. Communications by road and rail have markedly improved. Situation on main line railways is far better than at similar in any comparable emergency. Further extensions of services are continuing. In London all Underground services will be resumed including 4 minute services on Central London Railway and 12 minute service on District Railway, Metropolitan Railway, Suburban service is good and improving. L.G.O.C. placed 80 buses on streets yesterday. Of these no fewer than 47 were damaged by strikers or evilly disposed persons. Stronger police protection will be given to-day and number of buses will be largely increased. Milk and fish supplies are working well. Policy of Government is in every case to refuse cooperation from those who are organising general strike and this attitude is recommended to all authorities. Over 500,000 copies of "BRITISH GAZETTE" were this morning delivered throughout all parts of country. More daily and weekly papers are being published. Guarantees are given that all persons who continue or resume their work in faithful duty to Country will be protected hereafter from reprisals or victimisation. Ends.

Reports from all quarters indicate that no further extension of general strike has occurred. Although in isolated instances strikers have resumed work there is on whole little change in general situation. Strike of miners and railwaymen continue to be practically solid. In some Westmorland pits mine workers are reported to have returned to duty and in a few instances railway staffs have been reinforced by return of few but in neither case does movement represent important tendency.

No attempt is being made to reopen mines with voluntary labour but as communique indicates railway, tram and bus systems are being increased, operated by skilled and unskilled volunteers. Principle ports everything appears to be quite with few exceptions. Dock workers in Port of London are out but arrangements to ease situation caused by their stoppage are in train.

Liverpool shipping and ferry services are being maintained. There are over 1,500 men working at docks discharging food supplies and more men are available as required.

All ocean sailings have been maintained at Southampton. Ship-building establishments at that port are working normally with usual labour. In all other ports repair work is for most part suspended but workers on new construction are remaining at their posts. There is at present no organised strike amongst seamen. Some subordinate officers of Sailor's Union have, on their own responsibility, called out crews in the London Area. This has prevented some coasting vessels from sailing. At Liverpool, on the other hand, crews of steamers scheduled to sail during next few days are signing on and no delay in getting vessels away is anticipated.

There has been marked improvement in situation regarding publication of newspapers. Many which in past few days have appeared as improvised sheets resume their normal form to-day including three ~~Southampton~~ morning newspapers in Manchester. "TIMES" says there is evidence of some indignation on part of workers in printing industry at unconstitutional method employed for calling out members of trade unions engaged in industry there having been no ballot as prescribed for in rules of various societies. At Dewsbury this discontent found expression at Trade Union meeting.

Despite traffic dislocation attendance of workers in Government and principle business offices has never dropped below 90% and is now practically normal. Railways have certain branch lines as well as principle main line trains working to-day and report rapidly increasing facilities as instance N.E.R. to-day reports 33% increase of trains over yesterday and L.M.S. reports that about 50% of usual passenger traffic is being carried.

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