

Saturday, 8th May - 10.0 o'clock news.

The Chief Civil Commissioner again wishes to state that when the present strike is over H.M. Government will take effectual measures to prevent the victimization by Trades Unions of any men who remain at work and who may return to work. No-one who does his duty loyally to the country in the present crisis will be left unprotected by the state from subsequent reprisals.

The Magistrates of Edinburgh have ordered all public houses throughout the City to be closed today from 3 o'clock.

The Ulster Government have issued proclamation declaring that a state of emergency exists in Northern Ireland.

London and Home Counties - Things are generally quiet. On Thursday 4 arrests were made at Finsbury, 3 at Bow, 23 at Hammersmith and 4 at Camberwell. In connection with the latter, sentences of some 14 days to 4 months hard labour were passed in Greenwich Police Court.

The Fulham Electric Light Co's men have come out. The Plant is being run at present by the hired staff and volunteers are being obtained.

Petrol lorries were stopped yesterday morning by a crowd who had blocked the road and compelled the drivers to turn back. Three men have been arrested in connection with this episode.

Gravesend reports all is quiet. Working men at Power Stations have come out, but engineers are carrying on.

A number of works have closed down in Kent. About 50 men, mostly of the East Surrey Bus Co., attempted to interfere with a Maidstone & District bus at Farningham but dispersed on the arrival of the police. All the Electric Power Stations are out, but volunteers are carrying on well. There are adequate supplies of fuel.

Train service is much improved.

Last night about 2000 strikers came over the High Level Bridge from Gateshead, as they have done on two previous evenings, and threw stones at windows. They were dispersed by the police.

A steady service of trains is being maintained on the North of England and South Shields line.

Durham County - 12 main line trains ran today. The service generally has considerably improved. Buses are still running except in the Darlington district. Electric Power Stations are being run by volunteers. The gas supply is normal.

Generally speaking, all is quiet except for considerable interference with traffic.

At Middlesborough last night a train at a main level crossing in the middle of the town was stopped by a crowd who invaded the station. The Bus Terminus was also invaded and the windows of a bus broken. At midnight about 200 people raided the Goods Station - order was restored by the police.

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With regard to special constables, the Home Secretary said while he was delighted with the response to his first appeal for special constables, which had brought in over 20,000 men in London alone, he was particularly anxious to increase this number to 50,000 by Monday morning. The same appeal applies to every City, Borough and Town in the country.

Attack on the Berwick and Newcastle corridor train was made at the level crossing last night, stones being thrown at the engine by a crowd on either side of the line.

Further disturbances in Glasgow. Last night there was a renewal of disturbances at Glasgow. Up to midnight 48 arrests had been made. Crowds attempted to hold up all traffic but mounted police steadily relieved the situation.

The Mail Boat left Holyhead for Kingstown last evening with an abnormal number of letters and a large passenger list.

A Madrid newspaper stated that the Spanish Government had ordered that all British Steamers in Spanish Ports should be given every facility for obtaining coal supply.

The L.N.E. Rly., and the London & Suburban services have been considerably augmented.

The G.W.R. states that no disorders are reported throughout the system.

Many applications have been made by the strikers to return to work and dissatisfaction is expressed by the men at being called out without having an opportunity of balloting, according to the Union rules.

Suburban trains have been altered today to meet the needs of city workers.

It was alleged in the House of Lords on Wednesday that the horses of the G.W.Rly. had neither been fed nor watered for 24 hours. The G.W.Rly. state that their horses have not missed a single meal since the strike began.