

Tuesday, 11th May - 10 o'clock news.

The beginning of the 8th day of the strike finds the whole country quiet. There is a considerable increase of unemployment due to the closing down of industries consequent upon the strike.

The East End of London is absolutely quiet. 3 men were sentenced to 21 days hard labour yesterday for selling leaflets saying the Welsh Guards were confined to barracks for intimidation.

All convoys are working according to schedule and without disorder. There are a number of buses on the streets and trains on the Underground continue to increase.

Railwaymen, including drivers and signalmen, are drifting back to duty throughout Kent and Sussex.

In the Northern Division no serious disorders are reported. The general situation is quiet. There has been no interference with food traffic in the main roads but some private cars have been stopped.

At Middlesbrough some sentences of hard labour were passed for men inciting the crowd to damage property.

The recruiting of specials is very good throughout the North Riding Area, over 3,000 having enrolled.

At Doncaster and Sheffield all is quiet.

At Huddersfield the starting of the tram and Corporation bus services led to some disorder. Stones were thrown at buses and one driver was injured. Crowds also tried to stop the trams but they were tactfully dispersed by the police without the employment of force. Trams and buses continued to run throughout the day.

25 persons were convicted under the Emergency Regulations at Hull yesterday. Sentences are from 3 to 6 months and some heavy fines were imposed.

Food supplies and public services are satisfactory throughout the Northern Division.

At Hull 6 vessels were discharged yesterday by voluntary labour.

At West Riding a certain number of railwaymen were drifting back to work, including some signalmen.

At North Riding there is a strong rumour that men in the North Eastern section of the L.N.E.Rly. would return if assured that their wages would not be reduced.

In the N.W. Division there is practically no disorder.

At Liverpool there were a few cases of interference with motor transport, for which heavy sentences were inflicted.

At Lancashire there is a general improvement in the bus and tram service.

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At Lancaster bus drivers and conductors have resumed work.

At Oldham engineers were working.

At Bolton several railwaymen have returned.

The North Midland division is quiet generally. A crowd of 250 tried to stop the traffic at Beasley but was dispersed on arrival of the police.

At Nottingham the Corporation buses have resumed their services without interference of police escort. There has been a splendid response to the appeal for special constables, over 1500 having enrolled. There is no truth in the rumour of a strike among the Nottingham police.

The Midland division generally is quiet. The only disorder reported was stone throwing at Birmingham where a few arrests were made.

The Birmingham Corporation have now 10,000 volunteers ready to maintain the services if required. Tramwaymen are steadily returning and trams began yesterday on several routes. Buses are being run by volunteers but a number of bus drivers have offered to return.

The Eastern Division is quiet. Big flour mills were working.

There is plenty of unemployed labour available at Yarmouth to discharge cargo.

At Reading a man was fined 20s/- and 10s/- cost for assaulting a bus man.

The South Western division is quiet generally.

At Bristol 500 girls have had to cease work at Potteries owing to a shortage of materials. Several strikers have returned to work while those remaining out have been discharged. 80 printers have returned.

The general public are much gratified with the manner in which food supplies are being maintained.

At Plymouth some tram and railwaymen returned yesterday.

There was a good service of trains running at Cornwall yesterday.

In the South Wales division there is no serious disorder anywhere.

At Newport a man was fined £5 for pulling down a Government notice as to the protection of men returning to work.

There has been very much increase in Municipal transport at Cardiff and also a splendid response to the appeal for special constables.

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At Swansea several dock men returned yesterday and boatmen are returning today.

The majority of the London newspapers were published this morning and are about the same size as yesterday's issue.

A telegram has been received from Moscow stating a special relief fund is being promoted for British miners.

At Northampton the Mayor has issued a message congratulating the town upon its behaviour. No special constables have yet been sworn in.

The L.N.E. Rly. expect to run over 1,000 passenger trains today. A good service of food traffic is being worked.

The G.W.Rly ran about 1,000 trains yesterday including nearly 100 goods trains.