

AN APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION: Great Britain has consolidated her position for a long time to come, is the keynote of an Editorial comment in the American press this morning. The press of other countries is unanimous in its praise of the admirable restraint of the British public during its recent ordeal. There is also general admiration for the discipline maintained among the strikers by the responsible Trade Union leaders. It is believed that the total casualties caused by disturbances and accidents in Great Britain during the past 10 days are not greater than those caused by the recent Sunday skirmish between Royalists and Police in Paris, and those were not serious.

Apart from the ~~natural~~ feeling of relief which is general this morning, there is no doubt that public opinion is deeply impressed by the restraint of the Prime Ministers' statement last night. There is a widespread desire to give effect to his advice that all sections of the community should look forward and not backward, and that no malice or vindictiveness should enter into the thoughts of the public which must now settle itself to the tremendous task of re-construction and progress.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE VARIOUS GOVT: DEPARTMENTS: Pending a settlement of the dispute in the Coal Industry, the Government emergency protection issued by the Secretary for Mines must remain in full operation and the restrictions imposed on ship and rail transport must be maintained. The utmost economy of coal consumption is essential.

The Postmaster General announces that the Inland and Foreign Parcel Post which was suspended at the beginning of the strike will be resumed this morning, and that the restrictions of the weight of packets sent by the letter or printed paper post to 8 ounces will be simultaneously removed.

ITEMS OF NEWS INDICATING THE GENERAL SITUATION: As far as London was concerned the calling off of the general strike seems to have made little difference to traffic this morning. A few of the strikers have returned to work and the strike services of trains and buses is still in force, volunteers acting as drivers and conductors. No trams were running in the early morning and the scramble to get to work was as bad as ever. Newspapers again appeared in an attenuated form.

While the General Public as a whole took no pains to conceal its satisfaction at the calling off of the strike, the action of the T.U.C. seems to have caused some dissatisfaction among its adherents. A tour through Ganning Town and Poplar shortly before midnight disclosed the fact that the inhabitants of those parts were not too pleased at the state of affairs. Crowds filled the streets, but the police kept them on the move and only in one or two instances was any actual violence threatened. The Dockers had withdrawn their pickets from the docks but the gates remained closed and very little activity was noticed within them.

RE-INSTATEMENT QUESTION: At a mass meeting of Trade Unionists at Southampton last night it was decided before returning to work today to await guarantees from local employers on the question of victimisation. A meeting of the Employers will probably be held today. The meeting at midnight of Ilford T.U. decided to continue the strike in Ilford in all trades as a protest against the steps alleged to have been taken by the L & N E Rly not to re-employ strikers on the old basis, and the reported decision of the L G O C not to re-instate employees who have been in the hands of the police.

CANADIAN LABOUR MAN'S COMMENTS: The basis of the settlement between the British Government and the Council of the T.U.C. is both an honourable and common sense one, said the Secretary General of the Trade and Labour Congress of Canada when news of the end of the strike

reached Ottawa.