

1000. TUESDAY, 11TH MAY, 1926.

WIRELESS BULLETIN.

THE EIGHTH DAY OF THE STRIKE finds the whole country quiet. The rapidly improved transport facilities stand. The Government protection measures suffice. Although there have been a number of defections from the ranks of the strikers, particularly among railwaymen, the main body still holds aloof. Meanwhile, there is a considerable increase in unemployment, due to the closing down of industries consequent upon the strike.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES. The East end of London is quiet.

A man was sentenced to 21 days hard labour for selling a leaflet entitled "The Fulham Worker" saying that the Welsh Guards were confined to Barracks for intimidation.

Between 20 and 30 other persons were brought up at Lambeth yesterday and in some cases heavy sentences were imposed.

At West Ham Police Court, three men were sentenced to two months hard labour for wilfully damaging a char-a-banc. Another man was sentenced to three months hard labour for assaulting the police, another to three months for missile throwing and several instances of two months hard labour for similar offences.

All convoys worked according to schedule and without disorder.

The number of buses on the streets and trains underground continue to increase.

Suburban train services are also improving.

Railwaymen, including drivers, platelayers and signalmen, are reporting back to duty in Kent and Sussex.

NORTHERN DIVISION. No serious disorders are reported from the division yesterday.

Throughout Durham County the general situation is reported to be good. Some interferences with the traffic have been promptly dealt with by mobile police forces. There has been no interference with food on the main roads, but some private cars have been stopped. Some severe sentences have been passed on rioters.

At Middlesborough one man was sentenced to nine months hard labour for inciting the crowd to damage property, and two others to three months for a similar offence. All these were in connection with last Saturday's disturbance.

Recruiting for "Specials" is very good throughout the North Riding Area. Over 3,000 have enrolled.

NORTH EASTERN DIVISION. Little disorder occurred throughout the division yesterday.

Hull was quiet.

Doncaster and Sheffield reported all quiet.

At Huddersfield, the start of the Corporation tram and bus services led to some disorder. Stones were thrown at buses and one driver was injured. His assailant then assisted a policeman to carry the injured man into a house and was afterwards arrested. Crowds also tried to stop the trams but were tactfully dispersed by the police without the employment of force. The trams and buses continued to run throughout the day.

25 persons were convicted under the Emergency Regulations at Hull yesterday. Sentences of from three to six months and some heavy fines were imposed.

Food supplies and public services were satisfactory throughout the division.

At Hull, six ships were being discharged throughout the day by volunteer labour.

Throughout the West Riding Area, a number of railwaymen were drifting back to work yesterday. Enthusiasm for the strike was reported to be diminishing at Doncaster.

In the North Riding Area, there was a strong rumour that the men on the North Eastern Section of the L.N.E. Railway would return if assured that their wages would not be reduced.

NORTH WESTERN DIVISION. Practically no disorder was reported throughout the division.

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

Large, but orderly, meetings were held at Oldham and at Liverpool on Sunday night.

At Preston heavy sentences were passed in connection with Saturday night's disturbances, and at Liverpool the Communist arrested on Saturday night for a seditious speech got three months hard labour. Over Lincolnshire generally there were improved bus and tram services. In the Lancashire district, bus drivers and conductors have resumed work.

At Oldham, although the Corporation trams and buses were not due to function, the usual private buses and many chars-a-banc, etc., were running unmolested.

At Birkenhead, some tramwaymen have returned.

At Oldham the engineers were all working.

Throughout the division there was very good recruiting both for "Specials" and for the Special Constabulary Reserve.

NORTH MIDLAND DIVISION. The division was quiet generally.

A crowd of 250 tried to stop traffic at Kingsley on the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire border, but was dispersed on arrival of the police.

In Nottingham about 100 tramwaymen signed on and the Corporation buses have resumed service without interference or police escort.

There has been a splendid response at Nottingham to the appeal for Special Constables, over 1,500 having enrolled.

There is no truth whatsoever in the rumour of the strike among the Nottingham Police.

MIDLAND DIVISION. The division generally was quiet and the only disorder reported was stone throwing at Birmingham, where a few arrests were made.

There was some intimidation at Atherstone.

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

EASTERN DIVISION. All was quiet at Ipswich and elsewhere.

Several men were fined from 10/- to £5 yesterday for various offences.

At Ipswich, some big flour mills were running, most of the men being back at work. The rest may follow today.

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

SOUTH MIDLAND DIVISION. Everything was quiet. One man was fined 20/- and 10/- costs at Reading for assaulting a policeman.

SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION. There was no further disorder at Plymouth, and the division was quiet generally.

In connection with Saturday's hooliganism at Plymouth, two men were sentenced yesterday to six weeks with hard labour for inciting to disaffection, and disorderly conduct, and a woman received one month with hard labour for assaulting the police.

At Weymouth, the man arrested yesterday for spreading a false report of the mutiny of two regiments, was fined £2, and the Bench intimated that there were extenuating circumstances and that future cases would be severely dealt with.

At Bristol, 500 girls have had to cease work at potteries owing to a shortage of material. At one works, practically all strikers have returned while those remaining out have been discharged. In another works 80 printers resumed yesterday. Trade Union officials were

pressing flour mill workers to come out but at one will the employees of two of the three shifts decided by 102 to 13 votes to continue work.

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

At Plymouth some tram and railwaymen returned yesterday.

Railwaymen were returning in Cornwall.

At Bath, many tramwaymen returned and a good service was running.

SOUTH WALES DIVISION. There was no serious disorder anywhere. Rumours of intimidation of food transport at Swansea are false.

In connection with an incident in which a brick was thrown at a volunteer, four men at Cardiff received sentences of 2 months, 21 days £5 or one month and £3 or 14 days respectively. A woman got one month for breaking a tram window and a girl was fined 20/- for using obscene language to a tram driver.

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

There has been a very large increase in municipal transport at Cardiff.

Many men have signed on again for work and others are following suit.

It is hoped that nearly all will be back today.

At Swansea, dock ~~pilots~~ pilots returned yesterday, and boatmen returned today.

There has been a splendid response at Cardiff to the appeal for Special Constables.

TODAY'S NEWSPAPERS. The majority of the London newspapers including the "British Gazette" were published this morning, and are about the same size as yesterday's edition.

BELFAST DOCKERS COME OUT. In accordance with the notice served on Shipping Companies, Belfast dockers who are members of the Transport and General Workers Union and workers of the Liverpool boats last night withdrew their services.

SOVIET RUSSIA AND THE GENERAL STRIKE. A Moscow telegram states that having learned of the refusal of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress to accept financial support from foreign unions, the General Council of the Trades Union of Soviet Russia have decided to return to the trade unions the sums transferred to the British Union and to promote a special relief fund for the British miners.

FOODSTUFFS FROM HOLLAND. The Batavier steamship which left Rotterdam last night for London took only passengers, but the steamship this evening will take a cargo of foodstuffs, including butter, margarine, eggs, cheese and bacon.

ORDER IN NORTHAMPTON. The Mayor of Northampton has issued a message congratulating the town on its behaviour. No Special Constables have yet been sworn in.

SMITHFIELD PACKERS. With reference to the announcement which was made last night regarding volunteer meat packers for Smithfield Market, we are requested by the Smithfield Emergency Committee to state that volunteers will be seen at 14, West Smithfield at 10 o'clock this morning.

RAILWAY NEWS. The L. N. E. Railway expect to run over 1,000 passenger trains today. Goods services particularly food traffic, are being worked to an increasing degree.

The G. W. Railway ran about 1,000 trains yesterday including nearly a 100 goods trains. Today, the Company will have 1,025 passenger trains in service.

POLAR FLIGHT. An Oslo telegram states that the ship "NORGE" is lying ready at King's Bay, Spitzbergen, to start at any time tonight its flight over the North Pole.

LABOUR GAIN IN CHISWICK. Labour gained a seat from the Conservatives at a bye-election for the Chiswick District Council yesterday. Poll was as follows: Labour 1041, Conservative 877, Liberal 133.

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PARIS DISTURBANCE. A Reuter telegram states that the celebration of the Joan of Arc fete yesterday in Paris lead to a clash between a Royalist demonstration and the police, in which 221 demonstrators were arrested and 118 policemen injured.

MADRID - MANILLA FLIGHT. The Spanish aviators who are flying from Madrid to Manilla have arrived at _____ in the North of the Phillipines.

BANK CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES. The Bank Clearing House returns in Liverpool for last week were £6,562,000 as compared with £9,357,000 for the corresponding period last year.
