IN LONDON AND THE SOUTH

Splendid Loyalty of Transport Workers

EVERY DOCKER OUT

"London dock workers are absolutely splendid," said an official of the Transport and General Workers' Union. So far as they are concerned, it is a 100 per cent strike. There is no trouble and everything is going smoothly."

POLICE HELP REFUSED

At Swindon the railwaymen are obeying Mr. Cramp's injunction to remain at work and to preserve order. The Great Western works are, of course, closed, and no trains are running.

"It was stated at a mass meeting of the N.U.R. that Mr. Collett (the

The General Council suggests that in all districts where large numbers of workers are idle sports should be organised and entertainments arranged.

This will both keep a number of people busy and provide amusement for many more.

channel services

At Dover the whole of the tramway staff are out. The cross-Channel boat service is greatly curtailed, and a large number of passengers are awaiting the opportunity to cross.

NOT ENOUGH!

From 2 to 3 million workers have crossed.

The Government announced yesterday that 30,000 volunteers had registered, expressing willingness to take the strikers' places. It doesn't seem enough!

WONDERFUL RESPONSE TO THE CALL

General Council's Message: Stand Firm and Keep Order

The workers' response has exceeded all expectations. The first day of the great General Strike is over. They have manifested determination and unity to the whole world. They are resolved that the attempt of the mineowners to starve three million men, women and children into submission shall not succeed.

All the essential industries and all the transport services have been brought to a standstill. The only exception is that the distribution of milk and food has been permitted to continue. The Trades Union General Council is not making war on the people. It is anxious that the ordinary members of the public shall not be penalised for the unpatriotic conduct of the mineowners and the Government.

Never have the workers responded with greater enthusiasm to the call of their leaders. The only difficulty that the General Council is experiencing, in fact, is in persuading those workers in the second line of defence to continue at work until the withdrawal of their labour may be needed.

WORKERS' QUIET DIGNITY

The conduct of the trade unionists, too, constitutes a credit to the whole movement. Despite the presence of armed police and the military, the workers have preserved a quiet orderliness and dignity, which the General Council urges them to maintain, even in the face of the temptation and provocation which the Government is placing in their path.

To the unemployed, also, the General Council would address an earnest appeal. In the present fight there are two sides on the workers on the one hand and those who are against them on the other.

Every unemployed man or woman who "blacklegs" on any job offered by employers or the authorities is merely helping to bring down the standard of living for the workers as a whole, and to create a resultant situation in which the number of unemployed must be greater than ever.

The General Council is confident that the unemployed will realise how closely their interests are involved in a successful issue to the greatest battle ever fought by the workers of the country in the defence of the right to live by work.

MESSAGE TO ALL WORKERS

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress wishes to emphasise the fact that this is an industrial dispute. It expects every member taking part to be exemplary in his conduct and not to give any opportunity for police interference. The outbreak of any disturbances would be very damaging to the prospects of a successful termination to the dispute.

The Council asks pickets especially to avoid obstruction and to confine themselves strictly to their legitimate duties.

SOUTH WALES IS SOLID!

Not a wheel turning in Allied Industries

MEN ARE SPLendid!

Throughout South Wales the stoppage is complete, and everywhere the men are loudly denouncing the orders of the T.U.C. to refrain from any conduct likely to lead to disturbance.

So unanimously has been the response to the call of the leaders, that not a wheel is turning in the industries affiliated to the T.U.C.

MONMOUTHSHIRE

Complete standstill of industries in the eastern valleys.

ABERDARE VALLEY

All railway and bus services are at a standstill. The miners' attitude indicates that they are absolutely loyal to the advice of their leaders to refrain from anything in the nature of riotous behaviour.

NEATH

The workers have unanimously responded to the call in support of the miners, and the stoppage is complete.

With one exception, safety men are remaining at their posts.

The behaviour of the men is splendid.

AMMAN VALLEY

Every industry and almost the entire transport services are at a standstill at Ammanford and throughout the populous Amman Valley.

GLAMORGANSHIRIJE

The men are obeying implicitly the instructions of their leaders not to create any disturbance. Crowded meetings of miners have registered their unanimous intention to stand by the T.U.C.

ABERTYRDIW

At the Windle Colliery, Abertridwr, a deputation of the men and the management met and agreed to safety men being allowed to work.

A Trades Council, composed solely of branches affiliated to the T.U.C., has been formed to act as a Lock-out Committee for Abertridwr and Senghenydd.

PORT TALBOT

Perfect order is being maintained in Port Talbot, where all the industries are shut down.
**THE BRITISH WORKER**

**NEW EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**
Forces to Maintain Vital Services

"JIX'S" FOUR ORDERS

Speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, when moving the regulations under the Emergency Powers Act, Mr. W. Joynson-Hicks said that the Government had given to the Home Secretary power to direct that in some cases vital necessities of the forces of the Crown might be supplied and that the orders to be called in to assist in carrying on those services.

He had accordingly made four orders, directing that the supply of electricity, the maintenance of electrical and water-supply, and the machinery of the Port of London, transport and motor spirit, and the continuation of the railway services were "vital necessities.

The Home Secretary said he did not intend to emphasise the fact that the country was in a very serious position.

In addition to the regulations prohibiting public meetings, the Home Secretary said it would be enforced if there was any further disorder from the holding of the meetings.

**RUGBY'S FINE RESPONSE**
Far Beyond Highest Expectations
Says Strike Chairman

Rugby's response to the strike call was magnificent—far beyond the keenest hopes, Mr. H. J. Haines, chairman of the Rugby Strike Committee, said yesterday.

The railwaymen are all out, and 80 per cent. of the railway clerks have left work. The railway workers came out at once, including 12 non-union men.

The building trades are 100 per cent. out, and the printing trades 95 per cent. out. So far as we have been able to ascertain the sympathy, and it is with difficulty that the engineering trades are kept at work.

**ALL OUT FOR ORDER**
Unions and Authorities in Co-operation

The early stages of the troubles in Nottingham were marked by complete understanding between the authorities and the union representatives, as a result of the latter approaching the Mayor and the Chief Constable. Accordingly, there is to be co-operation in the distribution of food and coal. Further, the Government district representative will co-operate with the "Transport Workers' Organising Committee, the secretary of which, Mr. Cockerill, has stated that there is complete stoppage.

"On all fronts we have decided," said Cockerill, "to act with the authorities for the preservation of order. The Chief Constable welcomed us, for he appreciates that the irresponsible element is to blame for any disorder that has occurred.

**STRIKE HITS THE COMMONS**
Setting Lasts for Less Than Three Hours

KIRKWOOD THERE
The House of Commons sat for little over 2 hours on Tuesday. Although road transport had been arranged for members, none seemed inclined to stay in the Chamber, the moment longer than was necessary.

After the exciting hours of the previous sitting, the legislation was on with the business as quietly and as rapidly as Parliamentary machinery would permit.

Even Mr. Kirkwood, whose interjections are a feature at question time on without whose presence on the Labour benches gave the lie to a persistent rumour that he had been "busted" (sat silent with his arms folded).

**HANSDARD HARD HIT**
Owing to the printing hold-up only a few members had Order Papers. Many had been badly hit, and only about 20 printed copies were in the House. It was intimated that several members should abstain during the next few days from putting down questions other than those of extreme urgency, which could be dealt with by private notice.

The Prime Minister announced that private business would be taken on Wednesdays, May 8, 12, and 19, and Fridays, May 7, 14, and 21, as it would be more convenient for members who should members should abstain during the next few days from putting down questions other than those of extreme urgency, which could be dealt with by private notice.

**E. P. DEBATE**
The Budget resolutions were then withdrawn, Mr. Churchill intimating that there would still be an opportunity to debate them at the later stage of the Budget's progress through Parliament.

In the House, according to dictation, resolutions were decided on the voices. But the last item, dealing with the removal of the duty on coal, was challenged by a husky "No 11" from the Labour benches.

And so the B.N.D. resolution followed, the Government, of course, carrying the day by a large majority.

**CRISIS WOULD RECUR**
The miners' proposals drastic reductions in wages and an increase of working hours would not be followed by similar action on the part of employers in other coal-producing countries. The effect of the proposed reductions would thus be neutralised, and the present crisis would recur within a short time. In the meantime, the roots of the problem would remain untouched.

**PRIVATE WHALE STOP**
On the representation of the union private bus owners running between Coalville and Leicester have decided to suspend working after Wednesday night.

**SOLD SOLID IN LANCS**
Bolton reports that orders in Lancashire and Cheshire are absolutely solid.

**MACHINE IS WORKING EFFICIENTLY**—T.U.C. OFFICIAL

"Expectations Exceeded": Assuring Messages From Abroad

"AN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE"

"All reports we have had to-day go to show that there is the same solidarity and unanimity as on the previous occasions of the strike."

This report was officially given on behalf of the General Council of the T.U.C.

Mr. Putton, who made the statement added: "The machine is working in a manner that has exceeded our expectations, despite any statements that may be made to the contrary by other parties."

The Council has increased a number of sub-committees to deal with the general organisation, and, from the report, it seems that the women who are in the fighting line are standing solidly together.

"We have had a report that the Government has only been able to produce less than half the number of men for the office of the official press officer that was originally arranged for."

"As showing the feeling in the country, a resolution has been passed by the Primitive Methodist Hull District Synod appealing to the Government to take immediate steps towards the working of the coal mines and to proceed to reorganise the coal industry in the general interest." was the lines recommended by the Royal Commission pending a resumption of the negotiations on the basis of such reorganisation that was originally arranged for.

"The resolution also protests strongly against any proposal to abolish the seven-hour day without the consent of the Trades Union Congress that affirms the principle of a national minimum wage."

Mr. Putton, who made the statement added: "The Council has heard resolutions from the French Confederation, from the Dutch Federation, the American Federation and the Irish Federation and the Irish Labour Movement, and all the International Transport Workers Organisation, all pointing not only good wishes but offering to do all they can to bring the situation to a successful issue."

"The Trade Workers' Union called upon the unions not to allow coal vessels which normally would take coal to England to run load lines from Germany, particularly the mining districts, amounting on that the German workers are behind.

"The General Council wish to emphasise the fact that in all the instructions they have sent out to the unions on questions of organisation, discipline and finally, and it is made clear that they are essentially an industrial dispute."

"The Council have issued very explicit instructions to all trade union members taking part that they must be exemplary in their conduct and give no opportunity for any police interference. They also issued instructions to the police that they must observe on the maintain their own lives strictly and act in a constitutional manner."

**WHOLESALE COMPLIANCE**

Breaking to questions, Mr. Putton said there was no official information at present that any new negotiations or conversations were taking place between the T.U.C. and the Government.

For a time the Coopers were concerned, they had not applied for any credit to the Co-operative Wholesale Society, but local unions might have applied without success. Nothing had yet been decided as to an extension of the strike or the calling of the "Second Time of Grace.

This meant the unions not included in the First Schedule. The matter was at present under consideration.

As far as the electricity supply was concerned, there were difficulties, especially in regard to distribution, and the unions concerned had been asked to formulate a policy in relation to power and light. They had not yet officially arrived at a well-defined policy.

In the matter of extending the appeal to the Post Office telegraphs and mails had not yet been officially before the Council. There had been nothing like such a general closing down of the railways as at present existed. There had been wholesale correspondence with the Council's order by the three railway unions, and resolutions were pouring into the offices from across the country giving support to the policy of the Council.

CAMPULAGE

Some of the statements made by the railway companies were, he declared, mere camouflage.

As to any new negotiations, Mr. Putton said the Government ended the discussions, and the last statement of the Government Council was that the door was still open so far as they were concerned.

**NEWS FROM WESSEX**

All Reported Quiet in Colliery Districts

All is quiet in the colliery districts round Sunderland, where the printers have joined in.

Several private buses were induced to stop on their journeys, and in some instances the passengers were obliged to finish their journey on foot.

**BANISHED TRAMS SCENE**

An unsuccessful attempt was made shortly after four o'clock on Wednesday to run L.G.O.C. tram from the Camberwell depot.

Earlier in the day two trams with heavy bodies of the Tramways Department and O.M.S. railways, arrived at the depot, where a strong force of police had been posted.

A large crowd, including tramwaymen, their wives and sympathisers, collected, and when the first tram came out of the depot gates in Camberwell Green there was a hostile demonstration.

Some arrests were made. Following this incident the cars were driven back into the depot and the accommodation of loud cheers.

**MINERS' FEDERATION STATEMENT**

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THE NATIONAL UNION OF RAILWAYMEN

Unity House,
Euston Road, London, N.W.1

5th May, 1926

MINERS’ CRISIS.

"Heartily congratulations to our members on their splendid response to the call for action. We are proud to be in the very front line of the workers battle. You must handle no traffic of any kind, food stuffs or otherwise. Stand all together for the achievement of victory.

C. T. CRAMP,
National Union of Railwaymen.

JAPAN SAYS, “FIGHT ON!”

The Japanese Trade Union Movement has called an exhortation to British trade unionists, urging them to “fight to the last.” The leading Labour bodies in Japan are considering the advisability of giving active support to the British workers.

“EMERGENCY” SENTENCE

The first prosecution at Manchester under the “Emergency Regulations” was that of William Richard Stoker, aged 40 years, of Ringway, who was sentenced to 9 months in the second division for attempted obstruction of tramway lines, and for the use of a false name. The police stated his case was ready to “to adduce evidence of the evidence of the facts stated.”

LABOUR BOYCOTT

The Labour Party on the London County Council has refused to nominate representatives on the Council’s Emergency Committee for the management of London public services.

REAL EXAMPLE IN SELF-DENIAL

Workers’ Sacrifice to Aid Their Comrades

5s. WEEKLY LEVY

The news of a fine example of self-denial comes from the Union of Operative Heating and Domestic Engineers. The members within the scope of the strike have given a pledge to withdraw by the million miners about whose wages and conditions the crisis has arisen.

And it is those wages and conditions which will have to be decided as the central issue in the struggle when the Government and the mine owners are prepared to reason. Let us recall the facts of the position.

WHAT THE OWNERS DEMAND

A crisis arose last July because the miners demanded wage reductions and an increase in working hours.

Then, as now, the Trade Union Movement stood behind the miners, and the crisis was staved off by the Government granting a subsidy for nine months. Wages and hours were maintained as before, and a Royal Commission was appointed to report on the measures necessary to deal with the position in this basic industry.

The Commission’s report was published on March 10. It contained recommendations for the State ownership of minerals, proposals for reform, and suggestions for the negotiation of wages.

The Government undertook to carry out the provisions requiring State action, provided the other parties accepted the report.

The miners on April 1 stated their attitude, which was a vague acceptance of some proposals, and contrary to the recommendations, proposed district negotiations on wages and working conditions, that they required heavy reductions.

The miners presented their reply on April 13, but at once a deadlock occurred over the owners’ attitude on wages.

Next day the owners took steps to post lock-out notices, with particulars of drastic wage reductions and proposals for longer hours.

The Prime Minister intervened without effect. The miners were acting in concert with the Trades Union Congress General Council, and he held close consultation with that body.

The essential position remained unchanged until the afternoon of April 30, when the Prime Minister conveyed to the miners new terms, which were:

A reduction in the minimum percentage to 25 per cent, above 12.1 per cent, instead of the existing 33.3 per cent, on condition that the working hours should be extended from seven to eight per day for at least three years.

By this time the lock-out for many thousands of miners had actually begun. The miners’ delegation unanimously rejected the proposals, and their representatives and the T.U.C. General Council urged the Premier to have the lock-out notices withdrawn in order that negotiations might be continued.

Subsequent events left the mining dispute unchanged, and the issue is this: that on the basis of the present working hours, the owners’ demands are exactly what they were when the deadlock first arose.

The miners’ Federation has prepared a table showing what the wages would mean for representative classes of miners, and these are set out on Page Six.

IN INDIA WISHES SUCCESS

The All-India Trade Union Congress has cabled to the British Trades Union Congress congratulating Indian workers sympathy and wishes for the success of the British miners’ co-operation in this great fight for the maintenance of the standard of life.

RAILWAY CLERKS’ ASSOCIATION

The President and General Secretary are full of greetings and congratulations to the miners.

The request of the Executive Committee who has been made for a significant display of solidarity. Reports from all districts show that R.C.A. men are standing four square with their fellow-workers in the present appeal against the imposition of degrading conditions upon the Miners and their wives and children, and the weakening of the whole Trade Union Movement.

Messages are in the ascendant.

Members are enjoined to continue with the R.C.A. men and to maintain the fine point they have established.

Stand Firm and True.

R.C.A. Head Office, Euston Road, London,
5th May, 1926.
THE BRITISH WORKER

An Explanation of Our Existence

WHAT WE STAND FOR

The British Worker is being produced by the supreme authority on the industrial side of the British Labour Movement. The General Council of the Trades Union Congress considers it imperative that they should have an organ for the spread of information about the Strike and to keep the public aware of all that is happening.

The Cabinet has brought out a newspaper which is cruelly biased and unfair to the Workers. Of that the General Council do not complain. But they feel that they would be doing less than their duty if they did not at once reply to this move by issuing a bulletin which will give the Labour Movement and the rest of the Nation a true record of events, as they occur from day to day, and a true account of its progress, as well as the progress of the General Strike. The British Worker is produced by Union labour throughout. All those engaged in its production are detailed for their duties by the General Council. In this it has the advantage over the Cabinet newspaper, which is brought out by strike-breaking labour in every department.

In the duty of every one belonging to the Labour Movement, or wishing it well, to help the General Council to give the British Worker the widest possible circulation.

All into whose hands it comes should pass it on as soon as they have read it, or, better still, post it up for others to read.

Thus the Workers will be correctly informed as to the progress of the greatest industrial effort which has ever been made in this or any other country. So far as the latest news indicates, the call to leave work has everywhere been responded to with marvellous solidarity. The British Worker, if all do their part in helping to circulate it, will be of the greatest value in keeping up that solidarity and securing the objects for which it is being so magnificently demonstrated.

HUDDERSFIELD OUT

"Stoppage of workers of all unions implicated practically complete" is the message from Huddersfield. The tramway and bus services are at a standstill, and transport pickets have induced a number of non-ministers in private houses to stop work. The mills are open as usual, but are expected to go on three days a week.

DERRY BRIGHTS

There are 25,000 out at Derry, the number having been swelling by members of the Engineering and Foundry Workers’ Union. Not the slightest disorder occurred.

H. SMITH AND A. J. COOK

Mr. Herbert Smith, president of the Miners’ Federation, and Mr. A. J. Cook, secretary of the Federation, were present during the debate at the House of Commons yesterday.

LEYLAND STRIKE

All the men of the Electric Corporation, Preston, and also the Leyland motors men have struck work.

BUILDING STOPS

Building operations struck work at Eastbourne because the use of the Town Hall was refused to strikers for meetings.

TWO TRAINS

At Northampton 20 railway clerks are on strike. Two trains left—one for London and one for Birmingham.

WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

The national conference of Labour women, fixed for May 12 and 13, at Huddersfield, has been postponed.

CANADA’S FULL SUPPORT

Financial Assistance If It is Needed

"GENTLE SPIRIT"

A cable has been sent to the British Trades Union Congress by Mr. P. G. T. Morgan, president of the Canadian Trades and Labour Congress, saying: "The Trades and Labour Congress of Canada extends the full moral support of all the Canadian workers in your present struggle to maintain the already meagre standards of living of the British workers."

The Canadian Congress is acting in co-operation with the International Federation of Trade Unions, so that, like Britain, it can appeal for financial assistance, the appeal can be immediately brought before the Canadian membership.

"The closer, the better," says Mr. Morgan, which holds so many of the Canadian Trade Union Movement and the British is an assurance that such an application if found necessary, will be met in a generous spirit.

S. AFRICA MEETING

The National Executive Council of the South African Trades Union Congress has called a meeting for Monday, to give its reply to the International Federation of Trade Unions’ appeal for support for the strike.

STRIKERS AT PRAYER

Great congregations of strikers are gathering each morning in Plymouth Parish Church for special services.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

By C. L. EVERARD, "Gadfly," of the "Daily Herald"

To the making of soap there is no end. With a view to qualifying for a Government job for the duration, a chemist is to set down hay and cigarette news items. True? Well, I wouldn’t say that, seeing that I’ve warned you what I’m trying to qualify as at least as some of the news which is being fed to a hungry populace at the moment by certain Bass publicity merchants, which, as you remark, isn’t saying much. Having made myself quite clear, I hope, as to the utter unreliability of anything which may follow, we will proceed to give imagination head, good and hearty. How’s this for Item Number One?

The Mayfair battle of the Gorgon, Hugh Grefen and Saps (hereinafter referred to as the O.M.S.) paraded yesterday morning in full regalia, topped and spats. The assembled warriors, after being reviewed by Brigadier-General S.R. Aloysius Blenkinsop, K.C.D., volunteered to a certain Bass publicity merchants, which, as you remark, isn’t saying much. Having made myself quite clear, I hope, as to the utter unreliability of anything which may follow, we will proceed to give imagination head, good and hearty. How’s this for Item Number One?

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DEPTFORD’S ALL OUT

Deptford’s latest report is—All tram and bus men are out solid; all doormen and porters are out solid; engineers are all out solid. The Deptford and Greenwich Trades Council says it is extremely pleased with the position.

KEIR HARDIE ON WORKERS’ POWER

Great Leader’s Vision of To-day’s Event

THE WAY TO WIN

Mrs. M. Travers Symons, who was for ten years Keir Hardie’s private secretary, sends us a passage from a manuscript of the great Labour leader, which bears vividly upon the present situation.

This is what he wrote some 20 years ago:

"The methods by which Labour will seek to obtain control of the affairs of the world will be, in the main, constitutional. The ballot box and the general strike will both be used as occasion may require."

"In the almost immediate future a new movement for the object gained in the revolutionary up-heap which convulsed the Continent of Europe in 1848 may be expected."

"In 1848, as before and since, the revolutionary proletariat had no thought but the street barricade as a method of fighting; now it is seen that industry may be paralyzed, order turned into chaos, and the most ferocious of War Ministers rendered impotent if only the workers as a nation will abide when the hour strikes for fighting. Gatling guns are quite powerless in such a revolution."

Later advices from the Rhondda Valley state that the O.M.S.-ers in question have not yet arrived, owing to accident on the railways. It is rumoured that a number of them, being a little weak in geography, drove to Tilbury and embarked for New South Wales.

Keep disappointment is expressed by the Welsh miners, who had made hurried purchases of flowers and fruit with which to welcome these hardy fellows. The fruit is said to be in a rotten condition already, but it is thought that the flowers may come in handy, in the event of the unexpected demise of one or other of the visitors.

Not to be outdone by the O.M.S. the British and National Fascisti, it is understood, are preparing for work at the coal face. They argue that, in view of the fact that they wear black shirts, the difference in their laundry bills at the end of the week would be negligible, whereas the lavender spots of the O.M.S. would need to be cleaned early and often.

You don’t believe it? Have a heart, Henry, have a heart! How do you think I’m going to get that job?
CABINET'S OWN NEWSPAPER

Copies of It Very Hard to Find!

UNIONS ATTACKED

So far as London was concerned, the attempt of the Government to circulate copies of its own paper yesterday morning was a failure.

The British Gazette came out, but it got into very few hands. No copies were on sale in the streets or at the newsagents' shops. Only after a great deal of effort did the British Worker succeed in finding a copy of its rival.

Printed at the Morning Post Office, it has the appearance of that journal. In contents also it is akin to the Duke of Northumberland's organ.

Proliferism was given yesterday to an attack upon the Trade Unions in the British Gazette in the Fosse style, making the absurd charge that Trade Unionists are all "Left Whigs," and that "there is no end of 'extreme political opinions."

Trade Union Funds

The object of the article is to suggest that the Act which permitted trade unions to use their funds for political or any other purpose not connected with the work of the union should be repealed. That, in a newspaper published by the Cabinet, is a very extraordinary thing.

Then, after bitterly attacking the workers who are defending the miners in their valiant fight for a living wage, the British Gazette gives the following news item, under the heading, "Last Will's.

"Mr. William Edmund Peace, ex-M.P. for Darlington, left £25,000, with net personal property £271,763."

It only needs to be added that Alderman Peace was one of the biggest coalowners in the North Country.

A few other news sheets and cards have appeared upon the appearance during the last two days.

The Times issued a single small page, i.e., the number of the S.P.D. by eight. Several enterprises individuals manifold typewritten sheets and handbills have appeared, but those that contained in most cases was the B.B.C. Wireless Bulletin.

Last Tuesday copies of newspapers which had appeared that morning were selling briskly at 8d. a copy. The purchasers imagined they were getting something fresh.

ALL DAMPED DOWN

Blust furnaces and coke ovens in the Cleveland district have still not been damaged, and the blast furnaces and steel works have been closed down, and iron and steel mines are following. Forty thousand men in Teesdale and Cleveland are affected.

FASCISTS ADVISE FORCE

The Italian Fascist Press contains many slogans of the British Government for dealing entered into a conflict with trade unions. The advice of the fascists method of dealing with trade unions must pass through the country.

DERBY SWELLS CHORUS

More than 40,000 members of the Engineering Boat Meal and Foundry Workers' Union at Derby have been called out and are now on strike.

COMPLETE STOPPAGE OVER WHOLE COUNTRY

Immediate, Unanimous & Enthusiastic Response to Strike Order

The stoppage is complete, is the curt but graphic official summary of the situation.

Throughout the country the response to the call of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress was immediate, unanimous and enthusiastic.

From every centre in the country the reports are the same. The men are out solidly. Complete order prevails.

The Government is busy in rolling "volunteers" to do the work of strikers. But their efforts are not affecting the situation to any appreciable extent.

PERFECT ORDER EVERYWHERE

The response to the call of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress on Monday night was such that the most enthusiastic and the most unanimous in the history of the British Movement.

The miners were already locked out. It was to the railwaymen, the transport workers, the printing workers, the iron and steel workers, the metal and heavy chemical groups (including all workers engaged in alternative plants to take the place of coal), the building workers (other than those on construction and hospital works) that the strike order was given.

They have obeyed it, almost to a man. The effect of the strike order was instantaneous. Every one of these strikes has shut down all over the country.

"The stoppage is complete," the General Council was able to announce on Wednesday night, after receiving reports from every important centre.

That summarises the situation.

"Shut Down"

Food supplies, in accordance with the orders of the T.U.C., are being carried. Food trains are being run.

But, with the exception of the food trains, and of, perhaps, a dozen or so, of the very important, the engineering students, the railways of England, Scotland, and Wales were desolate.

Through the great junction of Crewe, for example—one of the busiest traffic centres of the country—only two trains passed during the whole of yesterday. They both carried coal.

Transport operations, like rail transport, have ceased in nearly every town. Post offices and local government are the only places where it was reported that the trains were running yesterday. And even there they were expected to close down soon.

The big omnibus services have stopped. Only small companies and individuals runs remain.

With the exception of a few local provincial lines, not a newspaper was published yesterday in this country.

Building operations—except on housing and hospitals, as the General Council ordered—ceased everywhere. Iron and steel works closed.

Everywhere the most perfect order was maintained.

The only "incidents" have been of the most trivial character.

A couple of lorryes were overturned yesterday evening in Poplar. A box was uncrated in Nottingham. There were two or three rows between pickets and volunteers in Glasgow.

And that is all. Everywhere else perfect discipline, perfect order.

Yet the Government is losing no opportunity to draft troops into the working-class areas.

Already, last Thursday, while the coal negotiations were going on, before there was any talk of a general strike, preparations were being made and leaders arrested.

On Saturday the troops moved into the mining areas.

Yesterday the Government tried to persuade the management of the Great Northern's Railway Works at Swindon to have a military garrison. The suggestion was declined.

The London Traffic

The London streets yesterday were an extraordinary sight. The workers who were not on strike came in to their work on foot or on bicycles, or, some of them, on cars and horse wagons.

But from all the middle-class suburbs came a tremendous stream of cars. Big cars, small cars, tricycles, sidecars, thongs the streets, jostled each other, jostled each other, created the big traffic problem London has ever seen. It was that many car-owners took longer over the journey than the workers who pedalled on foot beside them.

Through the jungle of small cars a few trains belonging to small owners tried rather helplessly to nose their way.

The "Volunteers"

The first day, the complete tie-up. To-day the attempt to run substitute services by the aid of volunteers begins.

In all the big towns committees under the chairmen of the "Civil Commissions" are at work, appealing for "volunteers." They claim that the response has been big. But how many of the "volunteers" will be of any use remains to be seen.

With railway the most that the Government seems to hope for is the running of a few main-line trains with non-union drivers, and the working of some of the electric local lines with volunteers.

They have issued their "British Bulletin" from the office of the London Gazette.

They hope to put a number of buses, driven by amateur drivers, on the streets to increase the congestion caused by the small cars in the rush hour.

But they cannot open the canaries; they cannot work the smallmen; they cannot run the railways; they cannot send volunteers to the docks.

The stoppage is complete, and remains complete.

HELP FROM THE CONTINENT

German Miners to Stop Blackleg Coal

READY TO STRIKE

The most enthusiastic support for the British workers is being shown by the German workers. The German miners have been officially informed of the strike and have replied that the International's decision not to allow the export of coal to the detriment of the British miners is the most enthusiastic support for the British workers is being shown by the German workers.

In addition, they say that they are only waiting until the British leaders ask them to come out, when they will immediately do so.

Great meetings at which the British workers' position is explained are being held in many towns, and the enthusiasm is immense.

A meeting held in St. Edmund, a mining centre, has telegraphed to A. J. Cook, expressing solidarity with the British miners and transport workers, in conjunction with the International, to prevent the export of German coal.

FRENCH MINERS TO ACT

Railmen, Dockers, Seamen and Miners Declare Solidarity

A message from Leon Jouhaux, secretary of the General Confederation of Labour, states that the bureau of that body has brought together the representatives of the Miners', Railways', Dockers', and Seamen's Federations, who have respectively made known to the miners and officials of their organisations in view of the general strike to be taken by British miners.

The message goes on to express the solidarity of the French workers with the British miners, and to assure them that every effort will be made to contribute to the success of their movement.

Two thousand workers in a motor coaching company in St. Ouen have decided to strike work as a demonstration of sympathy with their British comrades.

MINERS' INTERNATIONAL

The International Miners' Federation has been called to meet in Brussels on Monday or Tuesday.

TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION

Message from the General Executive Council to all Members.

Reports have been received from every area in the country under our control that the members have responded solidly to the call of the General Council. The discipline is excellent. Keep quiet and stand firm so that the Council and the Officers may carry on their work, knowing they have your wholehearted support.

(Signed) HARRY GOSLING

ERNST BEVIN
How The Fight Goes In The Country

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

Magnificent Response to T.U.C.'s Call: Fine Discipline Maintained

Solidarity of the workers throughout the whole of Scotland is assured. From all parts come reports that the response to the strike call has been magnificent.

Glasgow and Dundee may be taken as representative of the rest of Scotland, and in both, the T.U.C.'s instructions are being implicitly obeyed and good order maintained.

SCENES ON THE CLYDE

Glasgow's response to the strike call was magnificent. The Railway Union organisation worked splendidly, and traffic is entirely suspended.

Harbour men and dockers are also solid, and river traffic is at a standstill.

Over 600 tramcars are not working, only a very few moving with non-union labour.

The engineering industry is at a standstill, and on Tuesday evening no newspaper paper appeared.

The iron and steel industries are "out to man". Good discipline is being maintained, and union officials are perfectly satisfied and confident of complete solidarity being maintained.

The Scottish T.U.C. General Council is fully satisfied with the position. The only difficulty experienced are men (some at work in trades not yet affected.

DUNDEE

Further north, in the Dundee area, the arrangements worked with military-precision like.

Railmen, trammen and general transport workers ceased work on the stroke of midnight.

OWNERS' DRAMATIC PROPOSALS

The Miners' Federation has prepared a table showing a comparison of wages payable to certain representative classes of day-wages workers by a number of coal owners, and the wages that would be paid under the terms of the owners' demands posted at the head of the statement. Similar reductions are demanded in other districts.

On the basis of a 5s. day week the reductions range from 5s. 9d. to 17s. 5d. a week.

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

Mining Valleys Send Encouraging Reports to Headquarters

In the Aberdare Valley the behaviour of the workers is all that could be desired, and they are following discipline in the midst of chronic unemployment with great calmness. They are unblinking in their attitude as to the maintenance of wages and hours as advised by the T.U.C.

Traffic in the Rhymney and Aber Valley, South Wales, is completely at a standstill, and so keen is the climb.

Open-air meetings are being held throughout Glasgow to import information concerning the progress of the strike. It was stated on Wednesday afternoon that the railway offices had been instructed from London to refuse wages to workers who applied for them, on the plea that they have broken their agreement by stopping work without notice.

Railway stations are closed, and suburban trains are practically cancelled.

The S.C.W.S. branch of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers has offered its branch funds to help the T.U.C.

FRENCH COAL EMBARGO

Nothing to be Loaded for British Ports

The French unions have issued orders that no coal can be loaded on any ship whatever its destination, and that no cargo whatever is to be loaded for British ports.

Only two boats leave Paris for Channel ports, and no goods are transmitted to Great Britain being accepted by the railway companies.

DERBY RATIONED

Work is at standstill at the Derby quays. Coal stocks are being depleted, and a long queue waited all day for a few loads. The shirt factories have paid off their hands, while others have given a week's notice.

PRIVATE BUSES STOP

Whole Service Practically at a Standstill

The Lanarkshire to Glasgow private bus service is almost at a standstill. About 300 buses are affected.

The miners on the various routes are almost at a standstill, and public notices are being posted for their withdrawal. This procedure was effective.

A few buses are operating between Glasgow and non-mining areas.
WORKERS STAND FIRM

The news from the Midlands is that the workers are standing "four-square," and quietly determined to carry through to a successful issue.

BIRMINGHAM

The stoppage in Birmingham and district is complete. Not a man in the unions involved is working on railways, trams or other transport services.

No disorder of any kind has taken place, and the pickets' job is eased by the wonderful solidarity displayed. The troubles is said to be too much for the police to handle.

COVENTRY

The stoppage at Coventry is complete, and trade unions have welcomed the news with a show of determination. The strike is expected to last for weeks.

Members of the various unions which are not yet affected are standing by in readiness to join their comrades if called upon.

The trams are neither trams nor trams on the various routes of the town, which remains quiet.

LEICESTER

Seventy thousand men in 20 unions are out in Leicester, and no railway or transport worker is on duty. employed at the various depots, and Mr. T. R. Hill, secretary of the Traders Union, is in the city.

On the opposite side of England, the coalfield of Cumberland is equally at a standstill. It is reported that the number of 4,000 are out; and they have been joined by 3,000 more men from the Northumberland mines.

HULL HELD UP

The stoppage at Hull is complete, and carried out according to instructions. Roughly, 20,000 workers are on strike in the city. The tramway and Corporation omnibus services are at a complete standstill.

No trains are running, and the Humber ferry services from Hull to North Lincolnshire have stopped. The strikers include 500 railway clerks.

Nowaymen marched to a mass meeting with bands playing. Ships' bollerman have come out without waiting for instructions.

H.M.S. Enterprise is anchored in the Humber, but everything is quiet in the port. Fish supplies are being sent away by road transport.

NEWCASTLE QUIET

At Newcastle the stoppage is complete. Reports to the headquarters of the Northumberland miners from the districts show in every lodge a staunch determination to stand fast. Good order prevails everywhere.

DOCKS IDLE

At Sunderland the stoppage of railways, trams, buses, and services at the docks is complete. Only one passenger train left the station—a train which a Newcastle driver was working back from York to Newcastle. The tramwaymen's decision to stop was unanimous.

FIRM AT HALIFAX

Halifax workers involved in the crisis are solid as a man, and great hopes have been expressed for a determination to fight the miners' battle as well as their own.

Mr. Robert Morley, the veteran organizer in the town, says that never in 35 years of experience has he seen such a spirit of unanimity. Barrow-in-Furness, the railways are at a standstill, while streetcars have been stopped and blast furnaces are downed.

MUSICAL INTERLUDES

There is a complete stoppage of all the railways, trains, newspapers, and coal mines at Bradford. The men are urged to support the miners' demands to preserve order and keep off the streets. Tram and bus workers possessing musical instruments are asked to provide concerts at various rooms.

FOOD PLANS

In Hull, Newcastle is very quiet. There have been demonstrations against bus drivers playing for hire, but these have ended in buses being brought to the port and left without picking up passengers.

Mr. Kingswood, Commissioner for the North, called upon Mr. William Weir and Mr. E. J. Edwards, president and financial secretary of the Cumberland miners, and there were mutual assurances that nothing would be done to interfere with the agreed methods of distribution of milk and foodstuffs.

SCHOOLS STAY OPEN

All district County Council schools are to remain open. Complete discretion is being left to heads of schools to order the way but calculated to meet any difficulties which may arise.

COUNCIL AND B.R.

Dawpord, Council, which has a Labour majority, decided to take no action when a letter was read at the council meeting from the Ministry of Health and the Mines Department, asking the council to appoint a committee to carry out the requirements of the Emergency Powers Order.

Several London theatres have been compelled to close down. Among them are the Adelphi, the Apollo, His Majesty's, the Winter Garden, and the Shaftesbury.
Miners’ Message To Their Allies

TRANSPORT WORKERS IN DETERMINED SPIRIT

Excellent Response: Reports from Every District

Reports indicate the position is strong and being well maintained.

Area No. 6 (N.W. Coast, Lancashire and Portions of Cheshire): Position continues satisfactory, all sections having responded to a man. Morale splendid. North-Western Committee has been set up involving all towns. Local Joint Committees set up, which are working under the direction of the Central Committee.

Area No. 7 (Scotland): Reports indicate that the general position is strong, and the morale of the members is excellent. Joint Committees are in being in all districts.

Area No. 8 (North of England, including Northumberland): Position splendid. Complete stoppage. Joint Committees representing unions concerned in operation in all districts, and doing effective work.

Area No. 9 (North Midlands and Yorkshire): Response to call was magnificent.

Area No. 10 (East Coast): Reports from all districts indicate the position in this area is very good. The response in Hull can be regarded as magnificent.

Area No. 12 (Liverpool and District): Liverpool, Birkenhead, Garston, Fletwood and Preston all solid.

UNDER THE GOLDEN HEEL

Workers’ Fighting Crushing Methods of Capitalism

Either the capitalists are going to crush us, or we are going to crush them. If they are going to crush us, they are doing a decent standard of living for the miners. If we are doing a fair standard of living for the miners, then we shall stand firm. If we are doing a decent standard of living for the miners, then we shall stand firm.

The miners have set up their own councils and their own committees to take care of the miners' welfare. They have set up their own councils and their own committees to take care of the miners' welfare.

Housing Goes On

While bringing out operative building society mortgages, the Department of Health is bringing out a housing scheme. We shall see how much progress is made in this scheme.

A WEEK

From May 14 Leicestershire Miners' Association will give union pay of 5½ weekly to members with 2½ each for child under 14.

COALMINERS' STAND

Councillors Edgar and Tweedle (Labour) have declined to serve on a National Emergency Committee at Birkenhead.

BARRY DOCKS IDLE

All work at Barry Docks is completely at a standstill, and over a thousand workers are out.

ALL WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE ATTACK

Government Alone to Blame for the Fight: Long Preparations

"JUSTICE IS ON OUR SIDE"

The Miners' Federation issues a manifesto to its allies in the fight. The manifesto declares that every worker is affected by the attack on the miners, that the Government is alone responsible for the crisis, and that with the support of their allies the miners are confident of victory for the workers' cause.

Comrades,—The struggle has begun. Menaced with an onslaught on their standard of life by the mineowners and the Government, the Miners' Federation of Great Britain submitted their case to the judgment of their fellow-trade unionists.

The General Council and Conference of Trade Union Executives considered our proposition with a full sense of their grave responsibilities and pronounced it just beyond all possibility of question.

To-day the whole body of British workers stands united as one man in their unconquerable determination to resist demands which were a "sacred" and deliberate attack not only upon the miners, but upon every worker in the country and the very existence of the Trade Union Movement itself.

MAGNIFICENT LOYALTY

On behalf of the Miners' Federation we express our heartfelt thanks for the magnificent loyalty with which you, our fellow-workers, have responded to our appeal for aid.

We have worked for a peaceful settlement, but the Government, not only by its words, but by its actions, has shown only too plainly that peace is not within their power.

In insisting that the miners should pledge themselves to accept a reduction in wages even before entering negotiations, it advanced an unheard-of demand which no body of trade unionists could accept.

SUNDAY NIGHT'S BREAK

In suddenly breaking off negotiations with the General Council and the Miners' Federation on Sunday night, it revealed its determination to force upon the Trade Union Movement a struggle for which the Government had long prepared.

It is on the Government, and the Government alone, that the responsibility for the present situation rests. There is no need for us to call for your assistance, you have already given it. With you we shall stand firm to the end in defending the rights of the organised workers. With you, we know that justice is on our side.

With you, we are confident that the successful action of a united Movement will bring victory to the cause of the workers.

THE FALLS

Latest report: Dollar rate is down to 4.86½ (5.46½ last Friday). French francs fell sensitively to 104. This is attributable to the selling of French bonds by the Bank of England to bolster its Sterling. Last month's report: Conversion Three and a Half, 10.4.71. Wee Loan Five, 9.5; Funding Loan, 8.5.

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