WHY WORK DID NOT BEGIN

Employers Make Fresh Attack Upon Trade Unionism & Workers' Standard of Life

MILLIONS STILL OUT

There was a general expectation on Wednesday, when the great Strike terminated, that work would be resumed forthwith. To the great disappointment of the nation this did not happen.

Many men who went to work were told they must accept fresh conditions and lower wages. Upon instructions from their Unions, they refused to do this, and were thereupon told their employers did not want them.

The situation is thus a very difficult one still—and made more so by the fact that while, during the strike all those out were in a good humour, large numbers are now indignant at this new attack on Trade Unionism.

STAND TOGETHER

Fellow Trade Unionists,
The General Strike has ended. It has not failed. It has made possible the resumption of negotiations in the coal industry, and the continuance, during negotiations, of the financial assistance given by the Government.

You came out together, in accordance with the instructions of the Executives of your Unions. Return together on their instructions, as and when they are given.

Some employers will approach you as individuals, with the demand that you should accept conditions different from those obtaining before the stoppage began. Sign no individual agreement. Consult your Union officials, and stand by their instructions. Your Union will protect you, and will insist that all agreements previously in force shall be maintained intact.

The Trade Union Movement has demonstrated its unity. That unity remains unimpaired. Stick to your Unions.

GENERAL COUNCIL,
TRADES UNION CONGRESS.

PEACE ONLY WITH HONOUR

Prime Minister's Good Faith Involved

The General Council called off the General Strike in confidence that the Prime Minister meant what he said when he asked for resumption of negotiations towards an honourable peace. Peace depends upon employers abstaining from attempts at victimisation. It depends upon their declining to follow the example some are setting of using this position to attack the position of Trade Unionism.

Their effect will be that the unions, for self-protection, will be compelled to offer the most stubborn resistance. The whole purpose expressed by the Prime Minister will be null and void if this occurs.

The Government, if it means what the Prime Minister said, must stop this attack on Trade Unionism. It must demand that Continued on Page Four
Assurance of Justice

WHY THE STRIKE WAS CALLED OFF

Memorandum Which Gave Assurance of Fair Treatment To Workers in Mines

The "British Worker" reprint of the full text of the letter sent by Sir Herbert Samuel to Mr. Pugh, and the reply dispatched by the latter and Mr. Citrine.

In addition, we reprint the full text of the memorandum on the basis of which the General Council decided to call off the general strike.

Dear Mr. Pugh,

May 12th, 1926.

As the outcome of the conversations which I have had with your Committee, I attach a memorandum embodying the conclusions that have been reached.

I have made it clear to your Committee from the outset that I have been acting entirely on my own initiative, having received no authority from the Government, and can give no assurances on their behalf.

I am of opinion that the proposals embodied in the Memorandum are suitable for adoption, and are likely to promote a settlement of the differences in the Coal Industry.

I shall strongly recommend their acceptance by the Government when the negotiations are renewed.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) HERBERT SAMUEL

Sir Herbert Samuel.

London May 12th, 1926.

Dear Sir,—

The General Council having carefully considered your letter of to-day and the memorandum attached to it, concurred in your opinion that it offers a basis on which the negotiations upon the conditions in the Coal Industry can be renewed.

They are taking the necessary measures to terminate the General Strike, relying upon the public assurances of the Prime Minister as to the steps that will follow. They assume that during the resumed negotiations the subsidy will be renewed and that the lock-out notices to the Miners will be immediately withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ARTHUR PUGH, Chairman.

WALTER M. CITRINE, Acting Secretary.

THE MEMORANDUM

The following is the memorandum referred to in Sir Herbert Samuel's letter:

1. The negotiations upon the conditions of the coal industry should be resumed, the subsidy being renewed for such reasonable period as may be required for that purpose.

2. Any negotiations are unlikely to be successful unless they provide for means of settling disputes in the industry other than conferences between the mineowners and the miners alone. A National Wages Board should, therefore, be established, which would include representatives of those two parties, with a neutral element and an independent chairman. The proposals in this direction tentatively made in the Report of the Royal Commission should be pressed and the powers of the proposed Board enlarged.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued an appeal urging that a spirit of brotherhood and good temper be displayed in attaining a peaceful and permanent solution of the problems facing the country.

LONDON TRADERS COUNCIL

The dispute between the London Trades Council and the various trades' organizations in London has been settled by mutual agreement.

TRAMMEN DISMISSED

The Glasgow Tramways Committee have dismissed 100 strikers, mainly members of the various trade unions, and suspended many others until they make a statement in writing. The railway employees have been largely reinstated, and a full service is running. A number of N.U.R. local strike leaders are threatened with suspension.

TRAMS COLLIDE

Two trams, driven by "volunteers," came into collision on the single track in Highgate, Aston, on Thursday morning, and a lorry was also involved. The vehicles were damaged and two persons were detained at the local hospital.

EXTRA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

In recognition of the way the schools had been co-operated in during the strike, the London County Council advised an additional three days holiday for the staff at Whitstable.

CALL FOR INQUIRY

An inquiry has been set up by the Glasgow Trades and Labour Council into the police conduct in the past and of the town, when it is alleged, police and municipal officials are involved.

POLICE RECALLED

Orders have been issued recalling the remaining those who left last week.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield had been visited by the strikers on their splendid behaviour.
RATON CHARGE

10 Wavertree Men at a Popular
Clerical Wages, Councillor J.
and K. Irwin, Secretary of the
l latter asked if the wages
ould be increased. The
ers, however, said that they
ould not agree to the request
less the union agreed to the
ew rates.

ORDER TO E.T.U.
Unconditional Reinstatement to
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The London District Committee of
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the following terms:
Where individual agreements
to firms are proposed to agree for all men
and women to return to work un-
conditionally, that there be an accom-
mpaniment of existing agreements.

STRIKE COMMISSIONERS
A report of the strike commissioners
states that they have been unable to
reach an agreement with the manufac-
turers. The miners have been asked to
return to work, but they have refused.

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OBSTACLES RAISED BY
THE COMPANIES
Unions' Joint Order to Members Not
to Resume Work

The railwaymen are to continue
strike until their unions order it to
continue. The decision of the Unions' Joint
Order to Members Not to Resume Work,
taken in consultation with the T.U.C.
Council, is to be respected by all
members of the railway unions.

The difficulty created by the
companies has been receiving
impossible to ELSE: ot. must be
removed. The railway companies,
however, have refused to accept
the decision of the Unions' Joint
Order to Members Not to Resume Work.

MINE DELEGATES IN LONDON
What Workers Pressed for
on April 30

DEADLOCK RECALLED
Delegates from the collieries will
assemble in London on Friday
to discuss the terms which enabled
the T.U.C. General Council to
decide to carry on the strike.
In view of the deadlock, the
T.U.C. General Council put forward
proposals for the settlement of the
strike, which it is hoped will be
accepted. The miners, however,
refused to accept the proposals.

RAINIER, CRUMP,
BARKER
The unions had on Wednesday
directed the men, in accordance with
the decision of the T.U.C. Council, to
continue the strike. But the miners,
who were faced with the demand
to resume work, signed the
following:

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ORDERS TO BUILDERS
No Difficulties Reported Other
Than Transport
Mr. B. C. Coppack, general secretary
of the National Federation of Building
Trades Operatives, reports that all
affiliated unions have sent the fol-
lowing telegram to branches:
"Dispute ended. Return to work." No
difficulties with regard to wages or
conditions have been reported, but
some delays had arisen owing to lack
of transport.

The Amalgamated Union of Build-
ing Trade Workers has also notified
members to return to work forthwith.

EMPLOYERS DISREGARD
THE KING'S APPEAL
"LET US FORGET WHATEVER
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OF THE PAST FEW DAYS MAY HAVE
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ADDRESS OURSELVES TO THE TASK
OF BRINGING INTO BEING A PEACE
 THAT
WILL BE LASTING BECAUSE, FORGETTING
THE PAST, IT LOOKS ONLY TO THE
FUTURE."
(From the King's appeal to the people
issued after the withdrawal of the
General Strike.)

Those miners who are refusing to reinstate
their workers unless wage reductions are
accepted are deliberately and maliciously deny-
ing His Majesty's appeal for peace.
Mr. Baldwin and the Employers

To Transport Workers

Message from the Executive Council

Await Orders

The following instructions to the Transport Workers have been issued by the Executive Council:

The Transport and General Workers' Union

Message from Executive Council and Officers to the members:
The Transport and General Workers' Union have announced that it has been decided to respond to the appeal of the Prime Minister, and that the officials have been authorised to meet employers to make satisfactory arrangements to secure a speedy resumption of services in the public service and industries where members of the union are employed. The Executive Council is at present working to secure such an understanding as will enable the Union to resume work in an orderly manner. The conditions will be described in the next issue of the journal. Officers and members are instructed to observe these conditions when the union is restored.

The Legal Aspect

The Solicitor's Journal, a weekly publication of established reputation, expresses its complete disapproval of the strike and asks for an end to violence.

PEACE WITH HONOUR

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The employers abstain from victimisation.

Mr. Baldwin's Sacred Promise

"Our whole duty at the moment is to forget all recrimination. Let employers act with generosity and workers put their whole hearts into their work. It is of the utmost importance that the whole British people should not look backward but forward, and resume their work in a spirit of co-operation and good will, putting behind them all malice and vindictiveness." (Mr. Baldwin's speech following the withdrawal of the General Strike.)

Railwaymen, Transport Workers, and many other grades of Trade Unionists are now being told by their employers that they may be required to work upon accepting reduced rates of wages.

Mr. Baldwin must fulfill his pledge, and make it clear to the employers that they, as well as the workers, "must look forward and not backward and put behind them all malice and all vindictiveness."