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TO OUR READERS

You will at once ask when you get this issue: Why is it only half the size it was before? The reason is that the Cabinet has stopped our supply of paper.

At the docks and in a mill there are supplies belonging to us. The Cabinet refuses to let us have them.

We are, therefore, compelled to cut down our size to-day. To-morrow, if Mr. Baldwin still declines to allow the Workers' cause to be defended by the General Council's newspaper, we may not be able to appear at all in our present form.

The Prime Minister, by attempting to stifle the voice of Labour, runs the very grave risk of undoing all the good that has been done by the General Council's daily appeal to strikers to behave in an orderly manner.

His action is provocative. It is bound to be angrily resented. We hope that the indignation aroused by it will be controlled, but no one can doubt that Mr. Baldwin thus adds another alarming responsibility to those which already weigh upon him.

When the workers have no assurance that they are being told the truth (they will certainly not believe the Cabinet organ any more than they will believe the Capitalist sheets), dangerous rumours will have free play.

Already these are inflaming many minds. Instead of being suppressed by anti-Labour journalists, who must know how perilous they are, they are reproduced day by day.

Thus the miniature Daily Telegraph yesterday, under the heading "Reckless Rumours," was so reckless itself as to print reports of policemen being murdered and a Cabinet Minister injured.

It is by that kind of lying tittle-tattle that evil passions are stirred. We show to-day how few and trifling have been the acts of disorder committed. To drop into the public ear suggestions that violence is increasing and ruffianism loose should be made a crime.

If the BRITISH WORKER is suppressed, that will be a crime of the same character, for it will equally create a dangerous disturbance in the minds of very large numbers of people.

WEATHER

Wind S.W. to variable, finally northerly, fresh at times; dull, some rain; improving later, with showers and fair intervals; cold.

The General Council does not challenge the Constitution. It is not seeking to substitute unconstitutional government. Nor is it desirous of undermining our Parliamentary institutions. The sole aim of the Council is to secure for the miners a decent standard of life. The Council is engaged in an Industrial dispute. There is no Constitutional crisis.

WHERE WE STAND

It is being persistently stated that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Herbert Smith, Mr. Arthur Cook, and other Trade Union leaders have been engaged in an attempt to reopen negotiations with a view to ending the General Stoppage.

The General Council wish it to be clearly understood that there is no truth in this assertion.

No official or unofficial overtures have been made to the Government by any individual or group of individuals, either with or without the sanction of the General Council. Complete control of all negotiations is vested in the General Council, who have had no direct or indirect communication with the Government since they sent their emphatic letter of protest against the Cabinet's wanton action in wrecking the peace discussions that were proceeding.

The position of the General Council may be stated in simple and unequivocal terms. They are ready at any moment to enter into preliminary discussions regarding the withdrawal of the lock-out notices and the ending of the General Stoppage and the resumption of negotiations for an honourable settlement of the Mining Dispute. These preliminary discussions must be free from any condition.

The Government must remember, and the public are asked to remember, that the General Stoppage took place as a result of the action of the Cabinet in breaking off peace discussions and issuing their ultimatum, using as their excuse the unauthorised action of the printing staff of a London newspaper. The responsibility for the present grave situation rests entirely upon the Cabinet. Even the newspaper concerned admits it to be true "that when the negotiations broke down the trade union representatives knew nothing of the stopping of 'The Daily Mail.'"

It is therefore merely fantastic for the Prime Minister to pretend that the Trade Unions are engaged in an attack upon the Constitution of the Country. Every instruction issued by the General

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FAILURE OF THE O.M.S.

Truth About Situation at Newcastle-on-Tyne

"The Organisation for Maintaining Supplies at Newcastle-on-Tyne has broken down completely, and the authorities have appealed for the aid of the unions," announced Mr. Connolly, one of the Tyneside Labour M.P.s, in the House of Commons on Thursday night. An hour later a Government representative told the House he had telephoned to Newcastle, and received a denial of the statement.

The BRITISH WORKER is able to publish the following account of the Tyneside situation, as given by the *Worker's Chronicle*, published by the Newcastle Trades Council.

"With reference to the Government denial in the House of Commons," says the *Worker's Chronicle*, "that Sir Kingsley Wood had a conference with the Strike Committee, the fact that these conferences were held was known to all the leading trade unionists of Newcastle.

"The conferences were unofficial; they were initiated by Sir Kingsley Wood, who made an offer to withdraw the O.M.S., and who suggested a system of dual control.

"The Strike Committee decided that it could not agree to these proposals, and this decision was confirmed by the T.U.C.

"The Strike Committee further decided, in view of the facts before it, to withdraw immediately all permits whatsoever."

On another page the *Worker's Chronicle* states:—"The nine months' preparation by the Government has failed owing to the magnificent response of the workers. If proof is needed for this statement we get it from Sir Kingsley Wood. Yesterday he appealed to the Trades Council for help. He admitted that he had lost control of the situation, and asked the transport unions to co-operate in maintaining supplies.

"His position was so desperate that, provided the unions would come to his help, he was prepared to ask the Government to withdraw the troops and marines. This the unions refused."

LEVY YOURSELVES IF AT WORK!

The General Council requires that all workers who are still in service or employment shall contribute 5 per cent. of their wages to the Strike Fund.

This levy should be remitted to the General Council through the Headquarters of the Unions concerned.

In other cases contributions should be sent to X2, Trades Union Congress, 32, Eccleston-square, London, S.W.1.

Grim Determination To Win

CAPITAL AT A STANDSTILL

Edinburgh now a Strong Link in T.U. Chain

ENGINEERS RESTIVE

Until the development of the present dispute Edinburgh has been regarded as a weak spot in trade union organisation. The response to the call of the Trades Union Congress' effectively disposes of that belief.

The chief difficulty of the Central Strike Committee has been to confine the conflict to the limits of the Council's instructions.

The printing trade is entirely closed down, except for two blackleg papers printed by a single non-union firm.

Save for a few trams and buses manned by blackleg students, who have been promised immunity from examinations, transport has entirely ceased.

OUT EN MASSE

The railwaymen are solid—not a wheel is turning, and the hummen employed by the Scottish Motor Traction Company, which has a virtual monopoly in the district, are out en masse. No effort has been made to organise a blackleg service.

The 14 N.U.R. branches in the district, along with the Railway Clerks' Association and the Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, have formed a joint strike committee.

Building trades workers are chaffing at the limitations imposed upon them. As there are no direct labour schemes proceeding a complete stoppage in this industry is likely ere this appears in print.

The docks at Leith are at an absolute standstill, and the Mid and East Lothian miners are out to a man.

GLASGOW

In the Glasgow area, the District Committee of the N.U.R. reports that only seven uniform men are working on the L.M.S. section between Glasgow and Ayr.

The tramway manager has introduced a uniform minimum fare of two pence on routes within the city. Cars are not being run in the East End, which is proof against blacklegs.

START AFRESH

County Council's Suggestion to the Government

Let all notices be withdrawn so that negotiations can be reopened, is the suggestion to the Government by Carnarvonshire County Council.

Yesterday the Council passed the following resolution:—

"That this Council, whilst expressing no views on the merits of the present dispute, appeals to the Government in the interests of the welfare of the country to reopen negotiations on the basis of the general strike being called off, the miners' lock-out notices being withdrawn, the miners to resume work on the conditions prevailing previous to May 1, and the Government to make all the financial arrangements necessary to tide over the period of negotiations."

FEEDING THE KIDDIES

Wigan Education Authority has completed arrangements for providing necessitous school children with meals during the stoppage.

SOLIDARITY IN THE NORTH

Stoppage Complete Everywhere: All Calm and Orderly

Never before has there been such solidarity is the report from the northern counties.

Everywhere the stoppage is complete and the strikers are observing the injunction of the T.U.C. General Council to keep calm and orderly.

NEWCASTLE: Electrical workers have joined the strike and attempts are being made to carry on by volunteer labour. All trams and buses have stopped.

CARLISLE: Bus workers joined the strike to-day. One or two trams were run by railway pensioners.

WORKINGTON: Co-operation has been established between Joint Trades Union Council and local authority to secure the fair distribution of food and fuel. No transport of any kind except by Trades Council permits.

SPEN VALLEY: Big meeting last night reaffirmed determination to stand firm. A Publicity department at the Trades Hall is issuing bulletins of progress periodically during the day.

MANCHESTER: The position is splendid. Lancashire and Cheshire areas report that workers are wholeheartedly in the strike, and everywhere the feeling among members of the various unions is excellent. Other

branches of the industrial world are getting restive in their desire to join in.

BEVERLEY, Driffield and Bridlington: Dispatch riders who have toured the district for the strike committee report everything satisfactory. No disorder.

SUNDERLAND: Complete stoppage at docks, transport is also at a standstill.

DURHAM: Non-union drivers employed by the Northern Transport Co. have thrown in their lot with the strikers. Horses are being fed by the strikers.

ILKESTON: Stoppage is proceeding in most orderly fashion with determination to stand fast until victory is won for the miners.

HULL: Eighty per cent. of railway supervisory grades are out, and their number is increasing hourly. Tramwaymen have refused to comply with an order to return to work or return their uniforms.

SEAHAM HARBOUR: All quiet. No trains running on branch lines between Sunderland and West Hartlepool. No motor-buses in the district.

SHEFFIELD: Response remarkable. Instructions of Council acted upon without question.

T.U.C. CAMPAIGN

In connection with the T.U.C. campaign, the following meetings have been arranged for Sunday (May 9):—

AFTERNOON.—3 p.m., Poplar Town Hall. 2.30 p.m., Shepherd's Bush, Blues Hall. 3 p.m., Lambeth, etc., Brockwell Park.

EVENING.—7.0 p.m., Stratford Town Hall; Canning Town Public Hall, Barking-road; New Cross Empire; Holloway (to be fixed); Kentish Town, Bedford Music Hall; Acton, Kinema, Horn-road; Rotherhithe Town Hall; Bermondsey Town Hall; Camberwell Winter Gardens, Peckham; Walthamstow, Palace Theatre; Willesden, Empire Kinema, Church-road.

SPEAKERS: Mr. A. Fugh, Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Mr. E. Bovin, Mr. George Hicks, Mr. J. Bromley, M.P., and other members of General Council, Trades Union Congress. Mr. Herbert Smith, President, Mr. P. Richardson, Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Parkinson, M.P., and other members of Executive Committee, Miners' Federation of Great Britain. Miss Susan Lawrence, M.P., Dr. Marion Phillips, Miss Mary Carlin, and other women speakers. Mr. W. Thorn, M.P., Mr. A. Barnes, M.P., Dr. H. Dalton, M.P., Mr. O. G. Armon, M.P., and all London Labour M.P.s.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The Electricity Committee of the Trades Union Congress General Council announces that it interviewed all the municipal electricity undertakings yesterday, offering to make arrangements for supplying light and power for such services as house, street and shop lighting, social services, power for food, bakeries, laundries and domestic purposes. A number have accepted the offer.

Other municipalities are considering this offer in different parts of the country.

PARIS PRINTERS MOVE

Counter-Move to British Newspaper Owners

Steps are being taken by the French printing trade unions to prevent the printing of British newspapers in Paris, for transport by air to London.

Posters issued by the unions declare that the circulation of these papers is prejudicial to the British workers, and add, "We intend to use every possible means to prevent this."

WHERE WE STAND

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Council is evidence of their determination to maintain the struggle strictly on the basis of an industrial dispute. They have ordered every member taking part to be exemplary in his conduct and not to give any cause for police interference.

The General Council struggled hard for peace. They are anxious that an honourable peace shall be secured as soon as possible.

They are not attacking the Constitution. They are not fighting the community. They are defending the mine workers' against the mine owners.

NO FOREIGN COAL

International Call for a Ban on Exports

SHIPS HELD UP

The International Transport Workers' Federation has asked the Transport Unions of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany to prevent the export of coal to Great Britain.

They are also asked to prevent the bunkering of British ships in Continental harbours and will prevent non-British seamen from signing on on British ships.

Immediate action has been taken as a result of this request.

The necessary orders have been given by the Executives concerned.

Already in Antwerp and Hamburg the dockers are refusing to handle coal for Britain, or to bunker British vessels. Seamen are refusing to join British ships.

Hamburg port is congested owing to the inability of British and British-bound ships to load or leave port.

The transport organisations of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland have also telegraphed to Amsterdam their willingness to carry out the Federation's recommendations.

ISSUING OF PERMITS

The National Transport Committee asks all local Transport Committees to review all permits which have been issued.

The National Transport Committee is compelled to adopt this course in view of:—

- (1) The Government's refusal to accept co-operation of the Trade Union Movement in connection with the conveying and distribution of food.
- (2) The gross abuse of permits which have been issued by committees.
- (3) The attitude adopted by certain police authorities in declaring that the permits already issued are illegal.

N.U.R. UNANIMOUS

Reports Which Give the Lie to Foolish Stories

Splendid reports from branches continue to be received in hundreds at Unity House, the headquarters of the National Union of Railwaymen.

"All 100 per cent. solidarity," "position stronger than ever," are the kind of phrases used in message after message.

The vague allegations made in certain quarters with regard to the return of strikers to work are proved to be not merely mendacious but ridiculous in the light of these reports.

The excellent moral and discipline of the men is plainly indicated by the steadiness of the stand they are making everywhere.

In some areas games and concerts are being successfully organised by the strikers.

STAND FIRM AND ORDERLY

Stand firm and maintain order was the advice of Mr. Ben Tillett at a mass meeting of strikers at Reading last night.

Production At A Standstill

ONE-SIDED PRESS "FREEDOM"

Commons and the Raid on
'Daily Herald' Premises

LABOUR PROTESTS

Labour back benchers had a field day in the Commons yesterday, when they crossed swords with the Attorney-General over the Emergency Powers Regulations.

Following the introduction of Miss Susan Lawrence, the Labour victor of East Ham, Tory representatives of mining constituencies were challenged by Mr. BARRY to resign their seats in order to test the feelings of the people.

A motion by Mr. LANSBURY to leave out the section dealing with "acts likely to cause sedition," evoked a stirring speech from Mr. KIRKWOOD, who twitted the Government on its abortive attempt to crush liberty.

The section was carried, however, and Mr. MARSH moved to leave out the section dealing with the right

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All desiring to secure parcels of "British Worker" to be transported by motor should be accompanied by a member of the Paper Workers' Union carrying a union card.

to prohibit public meetings and processions, declaring that special constables were of the type to cause disturbance.

The Government, of course, won the issue, and then followed a big fight on the freedom of the Press.

Mr. TOM JOHNSTON told the House the full story of the raid on the Daily Herald premises where, on a plea of looking for something that appeared in that paper's last pre-strike issue, the police held up the first issue of the BRITISH WORKER.

The cheers from the Tory benches when Mr. Johnston told the Government that it was doing the very thing it pretended to be angry about—interfering with the Press—drew the retort: "Oh I see, you only believe in the freedom of one side of the Press."

WHAT THEY DIDN'T LIKE

The Attorney-General said that there were two or three things in the Daily Herald for May 4 which appeared to be contrary to the regulations. One, he indicated, was the story headed, "Beware of Wireless; the Government Controls It," and another, a report that the Government feared oscillation in connection with its broadcast announcements.

He refused to read it out because, he said, it would be contrary to public interest, and the Tories bowled when Mr. JOHNSTON tried to read it. The Speaker, however, supported Mr. JOHNSTON.

Further Labour motions against the regulations followed, and were lost, and then Sir JOHN SIMON complained of the illegality of the general strike because the men had not given notice.

His speech was denounced as unreasonable by Mr. DUNCAN GRAHAM, who delivered a fervent appeal on behalf of the miners.

It was after midnight when the House rose.

In the Forest of Dean, where everybody is out, Mr. A. A. Purcell, M.P., and Mr. A. J. Cook will be speaking on Sunday.

"THE USUAL TENACITY" OF THE BRITISH!

Doggedness as of War Days: That Silent Economic Pressure

"The British," said a German communiqué during the struggle for Amiens in 1918, "displayed their usual tenacity."

That same British working class, now out of uniform, now engaged in a different and more peaceful struggle, is still showing its "usual tenacity."

Quietly, but very grimly, they are digging their toes in and preparing to hold on for as long as may be needed to secure justice for their fellows.

Day after day, from every centre, comes the same news. The strike is solid. The line holds firm. Discipline is perfect.

Empty Boasts

Day after day the pressure tightens on the industries of the country: the power of the workers makes itself more and more effectively felt.

The boasts of the Government are themselves an indication of the success of the strike.

They boast, in big headlines in their official organ, that "the vital services are improving."

What are these "vital services"? Road on. "The vital services of food, milk, light and power are being successfully maintained by his Majesty's Government."

By his Majesty's Government! Why, these are precisely the services

in which the General Council of the Trades Union Congress offered assistance to the Government, an offer which was never acknowledged.

They boast that there are eighty out of the London General Omnibus Company's 5,000 buses running: that a few tubes are more or less open: that a few main lines are running.

That is all that they can claim. Those things are insignificant. It does not matter much whether or not people can get themselves carried about the West End of London.

What matters is that the great productive industries on which the whole national economy is based are shut down or shutting down.

Grip of Iron

There are a few passenger trains on the railways. But there are no goods trains. London's tube stations may be more or less busy. But its docks are silent. Day by day in the great industrial districts more and more factories close.

Not all their vaunted volunteers can do anything to check that silent economic pressure.

The grip of the workers is a grip of iron. And at whatever cost they will hold on with their "usual tenacity" until they are assured of justice.

PARALYSIS BUT PEACE IN MIDLANDS

Birmingham and Other Big Centres Stand Firm

In the great industrial centres of the Midlands, as well as in the less populous areas in that important centre of England, the enthusiasm of the strikers is still unswerving.

At Birmingham union officials are finding it more and more difficult to keep men in who are not yet called out. Several of the largest works are closed down and others are expected to follow suit almost immediately.

The local strike committee reports "unprecedented solidarity" throughout the city. When the Corporation issued notices that tram depots would be open for volunteers not a man responded.

Divisional Labour Parties are organising concerts and other entertainments for the strikers, and are also holding public meetings in all parts of the city to give the general public the truth about the strike.

WEST BROMWICH

According to the local Trades Council, the position at West Bromwich is regarded as eminently satisfactory.

"The response to the call to cease work has been complete," stated Councillor Guest, the agent. "Our main difficulty has been to keep men

and women in who want to strike in sympathy."

The opening of the new Labour headquarters has proved a great advantage to the local strike committee.

LEICESTERSHIRE

In Leicestershire the strikers are responding admirably to the appeal of their leaders to keep calm. Over 40 district strike centres have been organised.

In Leicester the authorities are making no show of force whatever, and so far not even a single special constable has been warned for duty, and a strike distress fund has been opened under the auspices of the Emergency Committee to deal with special cases of distress.

WOLVERTON

At Wolverton Carriage Works nearly 5,000 men have struck work.

NORTHAMPTON

Northampton is exceedingly quiet. Bus services have closed down. Members of the typographical Association are out.

NUNEATON

Things are quiet in the Nuneaton district, and strikers are behaving splendidly.

UNANIMOUS

A wonderful spirit prevails among strikers and unemployed boot operatives at Wellingboro. The unanimous feeling is that if the standard of living of miners is lowered it would ultimately affect all grades of workers. The BRITISH WORKER is looked for eagerly.

LINER DELAYED

The crew of the liner Melita refused to sail from Antwerp until they had cabled their union headquarters for instructions. The ship was delayed 12 hours in consequence.

Imports of Continental fruit and vegetables have been held up at Hull.

APPEALS FAIL TO GET BLACKLEGS

No Applicants for Jobs on
Railway

VALLEYS CALM

From the Special Commissioner of
the BRITISH WORKER.

SOUTH WALES, Friday.—From all the valleys of this coalfield comes the same report—the workers are calm and steady. The efforts to organise blackleg services are a miserable failure.

For instance, an appeal was issued for "intelligent and suitable men" for railway work. The wage offered was £2 6s. a week. There was no response to the appeal. Then the offer was increased to £3 a week. But again there was not a single applicant. The Amman Valley, in the centre of the anthracite coalfield, is provid-

GENERAL COUNCIL AND ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKINGS

The Trades Union Congress General Council makes the following announcement:—

"Local strike organisations are authorised to offer to meet employers immediately and offer to supply light and power for such services as house, street and shop lighting, social services, power for food, bakeries, laundries and domestic purposes.

"Will you therefore approach local undertakings and report their reply immediately?"

ing a wonderful example of solidarity and order. The official police report from this district says that the behaviour of the miners could not be better.

Sports programmes are in full swing at Swansea and in other large towns. Arthur Jenkins, the Eastern Monmouth miners' agent, speaking at a mass meeting yesterday, said that if the military were sent into the industrial area the workers would play friendly football matches with them.

STEVEDOR'S' STAND

We regret that we omitted to include in the list of unions affected by the strike orders the Amalgamated Union of Stevedores, Lightermen and Dockers, which is giving loyal co-operation.

Transport and General Workers' Union

(From the General Executive Council to all Members.)

Today's reports state that the members are continuing to maintain their splendid solidarity.

The G.E.C. and officers sincerely appreciate this demonstration of loyalty and discipline on the part of the members.

Maintain this spirit and determination that right may win.

HARRY GOSLING
ERNEST BEVIN

Strike Scenes And Incidents

NOW WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

By C. L. EVERARD
("Gadfly," of the "Daily Herald.")
Dame Priscilla Peaseblossom has issued an urgent appeal to all her sister Dames of the British Empire and Primrose League to do their damndest to contend with whatever Mr. Baldwin says he is contending with.

It is suggested that a medal should be awarded to O'Messers for the heroic if somewhat flat-footed way in which they have rallied to the cause of Cash. The gong in question would bear on the obverse a mailed fist rampant and grasping a dividend warrant, whilst the reverse would bear the motto, "For Bunk and Boodle."

There appears to be no truth in the rumour that the Brational Fascisti have been ordered to wear black eyes as well as black shirts. The collection of the former is still optional.

A message received from Birchester states that "the strikers here are trooping back."

A later wire, however, from the same source announces: "Previous message should read—'Strikers here are trooping back to their homes owing heavy downpour rain.'"

MUST NOT BLACKLEG

Derbyshire Miners' Warning About Safety Men

Mr. John Spencer, an official of the Derbyshire Miners' Association, reported to-day that safety men in several pits were being required to do work other than their official duties, and the infringement is being taken up strongly with the owners.

"NONS" JOIN UNIONS

At Slough, the Amalgamated Engineering Union has enrolled 100 new members from the non-unionists, and the position there is now sound. Only a few clerical workers remain to be persuaded.

CABINET MEETING

The Cabinet will meet to-morrow morning.

NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

It should be noted that the above National Committee, with Headquarters at Unity House, Euston-road, is only responsible for directing the activities of the local Transport Committees; it does not handle applications for permits other than those of a national character.

All applications for permits must, therefore, be directed to the respective local Transport Committee, who will deal with same.

To avoid confusion in London, it should also be noted that the London Transport Committee's office, where all applications should be directed, is situated at

Headland House,
308, Gray's Inn-road.
BY ORDER OF THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS GENERAL COUNCIL.

LOYAL OBEDIENCE TO T.U.C. ORDERS

Home Office Reports "No Serious Trouble": Good-Humoured Crowds

The General Council's appeal to all trade unionists taking part in the strike not to give any opportunity for police interference has been most loyally observed.

The Home Office reported that in London and the Home Counties no serious trouble occurred yesterday, and the only incidents reported from the Provinces were of minor importance.

There was the daily crop of alarming rumours, which were invariably followed by complete denials.

In every case reported the whole influence of the strike leaders in the local areas has been thrown heavily on the side of the most peaceful conduct of the dispute.

The number of incidents is extraordinarily small, and the police courts would appear to be clearer of cases than in times of industrial peace.

"OBEY POLICE ORDERS!"

The union leaders in Norfolk have issued emphatic orders that the Chief Constable is not to be in any way embarrassed, that police orders shall be obeyed, and all disorder avoided.

A STRIKING EXAMPLE

At Lewes the police and the strikers have organised a public billiard match, whilst the Forest of Dean police have received a letter from the local trade union organisation saying that union members are open to assist the police in maintaining order in any way which the police think fit.

WHY THEY WERE THERE

The good humour of the strikers is fairly instanced by the following incident:—

"What's all this crowd for?" asked an old woman, looking wonderingly at a vast and orderly crowd in Hamnorsmith Broadway. "I can't see anything."

"Oh," explained a striker, with a merry twinkle in his eye. "Can't you see? There's two rooms to let."

"NO VIOLENCE" ORDER

When a man was at Yarmouth fined £2 for throwing a stone through a window of a Corporation bus, defending solicitor, instructed by the Trans-

port and General Workers' Union, stated that, as was already well known, this organisation dissociated itself absolutely from all acts of violence.

BEER HELD UP

Peaceful appeals are being made by the pickets at Blackburn, where there have been one or two minor incidents, resulting in two men being arrested but liberated shortly afterwards. There was a lively scene at a brewery, where 20 policemen had a brief struggle with a crowd trying to prevent a lorry laden with beer from leaving.

DETENTION SEQUEL

A man was detained at Middlebrough following an alleged attempt to stop a train at a level crossing near the station, and a baton charge by the police.

A crowd gathered outside the municipal building where the man was detained, but on the Mayor and a local Labour leader appealing for calmness and patience, they quietly dispersed.

POLICE AND PEOPLE

Buses were suspended at Hull, following a peaceful demonstration by a crowd of some thousands. There was no violence. Mounted police are now patrolling the streets.

SEQUEL TO PICKETING

That the police drew their batons and attacked the crowd during a disturbance which was a sequel to picketing at the tramcar depot at Bridgton, Glasgow, at 2 a.m., was alleged when eight miners from Cambuslang were remanded at Glasgow Eastern Court.

"THE SURREY FOWL"

The driver of a privately-owned bus appeared on the London street to-day encased in wire netting, which extended over the engine-bonnet. He was humorously hailed in the Strand as the "Surrey Fowl."

MINER'S WIFE JAILED

A Hunslet miner's wife has been sent to prison for two months for breaking the window of a tramcar at Leeds. Two other persons were fined.

MEETING FOR WIVES

Wimbledon strike committee reports that the men are as solid as they were on Tuesday morning. A special meeting of strikers' wives is among the notable events. A football match has been arranged between the N.U.R. and the Railway Clerks.

FOR INVALIDS ONLY

The decision of taxi-men to line up with their comrades proved a staggering blow to the authorities. Of the very few taxi-cabs remaining on the streets the majority are engaged in special tasks of necessity, such as conveying invalids to hospital.

FOOD SUPPLIES

All questions of policy dealing with the release of all classes of foodstuffs are now placed in the hands of a National Committee, consisting of representatives of all the Transport Unions, with Mr. J. Marchbanks, Unity House, London, as Secretary.

Telegraphic Address: "BEWARE, EUSROAD"
Telephone Number: Museum 9101 (4 lines)

to whom all communications must be sent.

This Committee is authorised and is the sole Committee to issue all advice, procedure, instructions and permits nationally, and directions with regard to local permits for the removal of any foodstuffs.

This applies to all other forms of transport.
FINALLY—all permits are at present under review.

(Signed) TRADES UNION GENERAL COUNCIL

STRIKERS WEAR WAR MEDALS

How O.M.S.-ers "Assisted" the Railway Co.s

AT LONDON DEPOTS

By Our Special Commissioner

A tour of the great London railway stations, goods depots, and the strike committees shows how strong and tight is the grip of the strike on the railways.

The O.M.S. has rendered "assistance" to the companies. At King's Cross two of the O.M.S.-ers took charge of a train. They failed to open the drain-cocks before starting the locomotive and the cylinder heads blew out.

As a result of this, the pickets told me, other volunteers for this work are not being sought for!

At Ealing the pickets told me that when the officials attempted to get a train out of the Common Depot, they managed to get it off the road, and blocked the whole line. A similar "accident" occurred at Euston, where a volunteer-manned train was run into the catch points near Camden.

On the line to Windsor from Waterloo, two steam and two electric trains have been run for the last two days. The normal service is nearly 150 trains per day.

WOMEN ON STRIKE

Marylebone and Liverpool Street stations are absolutely deserted, and at King's Cross, even the women cleaners have joined the strike.

Farrington-street goods depot, that normally handles several thousand tons

IRON GRIP ON IRON RAIL

It is significant that in the course of the official interview given by the Government to Press correspondents yesterday, a representative of the Government admitted that railway passenger service in the North Eastern division was almost at a standstill.

of meat and merchandise, has not had a train, truck or engine moved since the strike started on Monday night. A similar story comes from all other London goods depots.

At every station and depot the clerical staffs have responded to the General Council's call with unanimity.

The Central Strike Committee for London railways reports every branch as—

"ALL STRONG, HEALTHY AND CHEERFUL, SOLID AS A ROCK, AND THE STRIKE AS TIGHT AS A DRUM."

Arrangements have been made for the payment of strike pay. As a reply to the perverted patriotism of Government supporters many of the striking transport and railway workers are wearing their war medals.

JOINING THE UNIONS

In the Paddington district over 500 new members of the Transport and General Workers' Union have been enrolled since the strike started.

Pickets discovered a lorry in the Harrow-road, marked "Food Supplies," to contain barbed wire.

A big increase is reported in the number of ships idle in the docks waiting to be unloaded.

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