

Tuesday, May 4th, 1926.

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Report of Civil Commission.

Position quiet all over the country. Food supplies normal. Men are being urged by leaders to observe law and order. Recruiting Stations are open in all parts of the country and many volunteers are coming forward. Last night 1,000 offered themselves in Sheffield. In many parts of the country mails were stranded, but were collected and forwarded by road.

T. U. C.

The ~~T. U. C.~~ Council and Trades Union Council assembled at Eccleston Square this morning and were joined by the three Miners' Officials, Messrs. Smith, Cook and Richardson. Messrs. Ramsey Macdonald and Henderson arrived at 11.0 a.m. Great privacy was observed about the proceedings and the outer door of the place of meeting was closed, no pressmen being allowed in the hall. The Miners' Executive also met at Federation Headquarters.

Messages from all parts of the country indicate that the stoppage is almost complete. Many hundreds of thousands of people possessing no means of locomotion walked to work.

There was grave congestion of traffic this morning, despite the action of the trams and buses.

Announcement on the authority of the Board of Trade. There is every reason to anticipate that it will be possible to maintain a satisfactory supply of Milk to all Hospitals, Institutions, Schools and private consumers. In view of the necessity for arranging road transport of supplies and heavy cost of emergency measures the price of milk will be advanced by 8d gallon wholesale and 2d gallon retail, and this increased price will remain in force during the emergency.

Railways. There is a 15 minutes service between Baker Street and Harrow and a 20 minutes service from Kensington to Aldgate. It is hoped to run further services during the afternoon.

L. N. E. All night sleeper car expresses from Scotland arrived one hour or more late. Trains have run between Kings Cross and York and Marylebone and Manchester, and between Leeds and Doncaster. A train left Doncaster for London at 12.45. and certain trains have run from Liverpool Street to Norwich and Yarmouth. The L. N. E. will announce through the B. B. C. and any newspapers which may be printed the times and destinations of any trains which are to run.

A recruiting office has now been opened at Wembley.

The Womens Auxiliary Service wish to emphasise that the emergency corps they are organising is for the care of women and children and not for Canteen services.

The Civil Commissioners have warned traders that milk prices should not be increased at this early stage.

Transport. The Provisional Road Officer for London reports that approximately 500 lorries assembled at 8.0.a.m. this morning.

Recruiting Stations in the London Area and through the country are nearly all open. At the Foreign Office 6,000 enrolled up to seven o'clock last night and many ~~ethere~~ hundreds early this morning. Numbers are satisfactory through the country. At Newport, in Wales 150 volunteers had offered before any requests were made. The situation in Wales is very satisfactory. A considerable number of large organisations have offered to place the whole of their office organisation and equipment at the disposal of the Government.

The G.W.R. state that large quantities of fish have been held up without means of rail or road transport, but they have taken the matter in hand.

Some "stopping" trains have been worked on the Main Line, and one was run from Oxford to Paddington, stopping at every station. The Irish mail train from Fishguard has arrived, having stopped at the principal stations.

A number of trains are working on the main line, but owing to the fact that the necessary grades of men are not available at certain Depots the train services are almost completely stopped. Boat trains have run to and from Dover. Electric services are running from Waterloo to Hampton Court and it is hoped to add to these services besides introducing fresh ones.

Next news at 4.0.p.m.