

Wednesday May 5th, 1926.

1.0.p.m. News.

Trains. The Central London Railway has again in operation the service commenced yesterday and eight trains are running from Liverpool St, giving six minute services. A limited account of current is available at Lots Road Power Station and it is hoped to have trains working to-day on the District and Paddington Railway.

Southern Railway. There will be a train from Victoria to Chatham at 5.0.p.m. and one to Faversham via Chatham at 5.30.

G.W. Railway is running 21 trains in London and District.

Pedestrians. A private organisation is trying to help those who are unprovided for to get to their homes from the following squares in London:-

Grosvenor Square.
Eton Square.
Belgrave Square.

Assistance of private vehicles will be welcomed. The time of starting is 4.0.p.m.

Baltic Conference. A Copenhagen message states that the Paris meeting of the Baltic conference has been postponed until June owing to the inability of the British members to travel during the strike.

National Liberal Federation. The annual meeting of the National Liberal Federation fixed for May 13th and 14th at Weston-Super-Mare will take place if the strike is declared off on or before midnight May 10th. Otherwise the gathering will be postponed.

Hull. No trains have arrived at or left Hull since the strike began. The municipal trams are at a standstill. The Hull Corporation electricity employees are threatening to strike to-day unless all industrial power is discontinued.

Northampton. Two Northampton Shoe Factories closed to-day.

Portsmouth. 50% of the Portsmouth tramwaymen went on strike yesterday but returned to duty this morning, and a full service was resumed.

South Shields. A Destroyer and a Submarine have arrived in the Tyne. It is estimated that one third of the male population in South Shields is idle. Trains and trams are at a standstill and shipping is held up but a small ferry service is being run.

Midlands. Traffic on the railways in the Midlands was completely suspended yesterday with the exception of one or two milk trains, but to-day the L.M.S. has instituted a skeleton service between Sheffield, Nottingham and Barnetby. It is expected that there will be more trains to-morrow.

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Mails. The railway position at Carlisle remains a complete deadlock, except that one train from Glasgow has arrived with 40 passengers and returned with 30 passengers and the mail coaches of the train that has been stationary for 15 hours.

London. Everything seems to be going along cheerfully in London. The volunteer drivers and conductors on the bus services attract much attention, and there is no evidence of a strike in Covent Garden; the flower girls have good stocks of fresh flowers.

Newspapers. In the mining Area of South Wales the people are living normal lives. The older men are working in their gardens and the younger men playing football, cricket and baseball. The Western Mail was published, but contained only four pages instead of the usual 16, and part consisted of photographic replicas of type script.

Lowestoft. The Lowestoft fish trade has been able to carry on as usual and over 80 ~~trains~~ tons of fish were sent to London and other big cities by motor yesterday. 20 boats brought a fair supply to-day. Prices are double those of last week.

Morecambe Musical Festival. The Morecambe Musical Festival, which will be attended by 4,000 competitors will take place as arranged on Thursday, Friday and Saturday next.

The Diamond Jubilee Meeting of Dr. Barnado's arranged for to-morrow at the Central Hall has been cancelled.

Financial Papers. The Financial Times and Financial News published issues this morning giving the principal stocks and market quotations.

Glasgow. The Glasgow morning and ~~were~~ evening papers combined and issued an emergency paper this morning.

Beds for Government Department workers. With reference to the Home Secretary's appeal broadcast last night will you please note:-

- (1) Names required are not those wanting to be housed, but those willing to give accommodation.
- (2) Accommodation must be within walking distance of Whitehall, unless those offering it are able to provide transport.
- (3) Offers should be sent by letter to Capt. Fred Guest, MP 29, James Square, or be telephone Regent 7654 between 10.0.a.m. and 6.0.p.m.

Cadets returning to Dartmouth. For Cadets who are returning to Dartmouth a train from Newton Abbot will be run to-morrow Thursday. Relatives and friends of cadets are requested to promulgate this information as widely as possible in their district.

Transport. The Provisional Transport Officer for London is relying upon the efforts of the different Trading Associations and dock labour difficulties are being dealt with by the representative of Port Labour Employers.

The L.M.S. Storage depot difficulty at Poplar has been overcome.

75% of the Food Transport Workers are working in the Northern Division.

Milk prices. The following correction should be made to message broadcast last evening. The increase of price of 2d per quart applies to the London area only.

London Docks transport. There has been considerable intimidation of drivers at the London Docks and in future lorries will be assembled at a suitable stage and enter the Docks under Police protection.

Newcastle. Buses are running as usual and all requirements have been met as regards lorries.

North Midlands. No shortage of road transport. Proportion of railway employees reporting for duty is 5% clerks and 2½% others. All live stock has been cleared.

A lorry taking Air Ministry personnel was stopped by strike pickets in Poplar at 10.0. last night and the occupants were politely evicted. A few other lorries and buses have been stopped in various parts of London.

At Nottingham there has been some interference with the bus service and other transport workers. The situation is well in hand and gives no cause for anxiety.

At Rotherham the buses run by non-union men have been stopped by pickets. The Chief Constable however took the matter in hand and a service has been established.

Slight interference with food transport is reported from Preston and neighbourhood.

Attempts, so far unsuccessful, have been made to interfere with the staff of the electricity works at Liverpool and Birkenhead.

The Commissioner for the Midlands Division reports that 30% of the clerks of the L.M.S. Co. are still working. The Railway representative does not wish for volunteers at present but he has been informed that if they are brought in the few men now working will also go on strike.

Next news at 4.0.p.m.