

Friday, 7th May - 4.0 o'clock news.

Government review of the situation - There is nothing very serious in the way of disturbances to report.

The most exciting incident appears to have been at Ipswich where feeling is strained.

The position in nearly all the stations in London is quite satisfactory. Five are not working quite normally.

There is no truth in the rumour circulated this morning that a bus had been overturned at Hammersmith and a policeman killed.

At Cardiff food stuffs are being distributed freely.

At Newport, Mon. efforts have been made to bring out the Power Station men but so far without result.

At Southampton most of the printers are at work. Trams and buses are giving a better service.

A strike picket was sentenced to two months hard labour today, charged with using violence and intimidating a man with a view to compelling him to cease his lawful duties. He was also charged with assault.

Glasgow is comparatively quiet today and more buses and trams are running. 66 young men were remanded this morning in connection with disturbances at a Tram Depot last evening.

Fulham electric workers struck work this afternoon.

Blast Furnace Workers in the Midlands have received instructions from their Unions to cease work today. This was after the employers had decided to keep working as long as possible. Over 2000 men are affected, but present information indicates an indecision on the part of the men to obey the Union's instructions.

Mr. Ramsay McDonald said "I am not letting a moment pass unused for some attempt to deviseways of peace and accommodation".

Continual attempts to stop the running of the Leeds Trams have been made today, resulting in the appearance of 11 persons in the Police Court, one of whom was given 3 months' imprisonment.

At Chesterfield 3 men were sentenced to hard labour for 3 months for window smashing. The men said they wanted to be sent to prison until the strike was over.

At Southampton there is no congestion, all ships having been cleared by voluntary labour.

Day services are being continued on the Cross Channel Route and the Waterloo and City Railway is available for city workers during the morning and evening rush hours.

The "Little" Theatre will carry on until Saturday, after which it will close until the strike is over.



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H.M. Government states that any action taken by the armed forces of the Crown in an honest endeavour to aid Civil Power will receive, both now and afterwards, the full support of H.M. Government.

The Home Office states that the situation remains unchanged and the country is quiet generally.

In London concerted action by strikers to prevent the transport of food by road continues, but the situation is being dealt with.

In Provinces attempts are also being made to cut off the supply of electricity for essential services by calling out men from Power Stations. Strikers are, however, being replaced successfully.

More engine crews have returned to work on the G.W.R. and a fuller service is being run today.

At one place in Nottinghamshire a ballot of bus drivers was in favour of returning to work.

Increase of train, bus and tram services is reported in Lancashire. Increased train services are also reported in the Birmingham district and many men are said to be anxious to return to work.

No further volunteers are required for the mounted police.

A number of additional newspapers are being issued in various districts.