

EXTRACT FROM SPEECH TO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED BY HOME SECRETARY BUT READ IN INSTRUCTIONS OF HOME SECRETARY: My appeal for support for the Gov. by enlistment as special constables has had a wonderful effect, and men have been enlisting in London and Provinces in thousands. The matter is urgent. I want 50,000 special constables before Monday. Over 20,000 have already enlisted. It may be that men have a right to withhold their labour but it is certain that in a free country men have a right to work if they wish to do so. I wish to aid the workers in the docks, on omnibuses, lorries, vans and so forth.

HOME OFFICE & STRIKE SITUATION. The Home Office reports that the situation remains unchanged, and the country is quiet generally. In many works men are enrolling as specials for the protection of their own premises. Railway services are improving, and it would appear that a good many railmen would like to return to work. Such minor disturbances as have occurred have been dealt with promptly by the police, whose attitude everywhere has been in accordance with the best traditions of their service. Disturbances appearing to be sporadic, and due to the most irresponsible sections of the community. In some cases the police have received assistance in the maintenance of order from the Trade Union Leaders.

FROM THE WAR OFFICE. Rumours have been circulated to the effect that (i) the Army has come to the end of its resources, (ii) that the Army Reserve has been called up, (iii) that troops have been ordered on strike duty but have refused to obey the order. With the exception of guards for a few ~~vulnerable~~ vulnerable points no troops have yet been called in to the aid of the Civil Power. As previously stated, a certain No. of units have been moved to certain districts to be available if required. The spirit of the troops is excellent. The Army Reserve has not been called up.

T.U.C. AND POWER. The T.U.C. Gen. Council announced today that local strike organisations are authorised to offer to meet employers immediately and to offer to supply light and power for such services as house, street and shop lighting, social services and power for food, bakeries, laundries and domestic purposes. Organizations are asked to approach lighting undertakers and report their reply.

AT OXTED four omnibus men on strike were charged under the Emergency Powers Act with interfering with transport facilities by stopping an East Surrey Coy's bus. The bus was rushed, the volunteer driver pulled off and roughly handled, and the bus disabled. Two of them were fined £5 each, one £1, the other was discharged.

THE MINERS' EXECUTIVE SAT for two hours this evening. It is understood that there is no change in the situation at present. Mr. A. J. Cook stated tonight that he was not going to Ostend for the Miners' International. Lots Road Power Station is staffed by volunteers and is able to respond to all demands made upon it for current. Men were called out of the engineering industry at Wolverhampton.

20 MEN AND 3 WOMEN arrested during the disturbances in EDINBURGH last night were dealt with today. One was sentenced to 40 days' imprisonment and several others to 30 days; 8 men were fined from £3 to £5 each, under the Emergency Regulations for attempting and obstructing traffic.

THE B. OF TRADE today fixed maximum wholesale prices for imported frozen mutton and lamb and frozen beef and chilled beef, therefore it is stated at Smithfield that retail prices for these classes of beef should next week be stabilized.

Chief Civil Commissioner announces: Men employed at the Fulham Electricity works went out without notice at 1.50 today. Before they could be prevented they shut down the whole plant. By prompt action by the staff full supplies were in operation within one hour of the shut-down. The majority of the 'Western Morning News' returned to work this morning. One incident occurred at Poole with regard to two lorries. One driver at Bath was pulled off his tram but was later supported by the police and

and he is still driving.

A cruiser has arrived at Avonmouth Docks, and a destroyer is now berthed at Bristol City Docks. Volunteer Labour at both docks can now be taken on on a considerable scale.

The fitting out of the King's Yacht "BRITANNIA" has been postponed until the industrial position is improved. Strike is expected to have a serious effect on yachting season. Fitting out of a large No. of yachts is postponed.

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