

10th May. 4 o'clock news.

Reports from all parts of the country indicate a steady improvement of transport facilities. Disturbances so far reported have been due invariably to the action of irresponsible youths. There are signs of increasing anxiety in many sections of the strikers on the constitutional issue. The feeling is great that many workmen came out before realizing that their action might reasonably be interpreted as a challenge to the Constitution.

Any man who does his duty to the country and remains at work or returns to work during the present crisis will be protected by the State from loss of Trade Union benefit. H.M. Government will take whatever steps are necessary in Parliament or otherwise for this purpose.

Strikers and Income Tax. A long list of Income Tax summonses were down for hearing at the Guild Hall today. As all the defendants were out on strike, the summonses were postponed until June 9th.

Statement by T.U.C.'s General Council. An official statement by the T.U.C. General Council today claims that reports coming in shew that the front remains unbroken. The Council has received the following message from the Master of Balliol and the Master of Oxford University - "We honestly hope for the future peace and unity of the country, and that nothing may be allowed to stand in the way of an attempt to re-open negotiations". 58 Fellows have signed this resolution and 130 other graduates.

Mr. Cook on the situation. After a meeting of the miners executive this morning, Mr. A. J. Cook denied that there was anything in the suggestion that the miners were seeking to find grounds for calling off the general strike. The reports shew that there is greater solidity in the coal fields and the same is true of the other unions.

Printers attitude. It is reported that a section of printers at Hinckley today returned to work. In a letter to their Union they state - "After full consideration of the action by the T.U.C. in entering the strike, we have come to the conclusion that our leaders acted unconstitutionally and against the terms of our agreement with the Master Printers Association. We consider it is more honourable to honour an agreement that we were all aware of than one of which we had no knowledge. We are, therefore, resuming work from today. We wish to make it clear that we retain our sympathy with the miners in their strike for better wages and working basis, but we fail to see how the ruin of other industries can bring this about."

The Newport, Mon. Division of the G.W.R. reports that some engineers, firemen, mechanics and clerks returned to duty today. Others admitted that they are prepared to resume their services.

At Muncaton 3 men were sentenced to 2 months hard labour for impeding the means of transit.

26 vessels docked and undocked at Liverpool during the week end and 30 vessels are being discharged and loaded at Liverpool and Birkenhead today.

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There was no pronounced change in the situation in South Wales over the week end. Many printers, railwaymen and tramwaymen have returned to work. The strikers are conducting themselves well everywhere.

There was a marked improvement in both train and tram services in Glasgow today. Fully 300 trams were out this morning.

Many Cardiff tramwaymen returned to work today.

In Lancashire a 20 minute tramway and omnibus service is being maintained and there is an ample supply of gas and electricity.

About a dozen charges relating to the strike were heard in Greenwich Police Court today. One man was sentenced to 3 months hard labour for attempting to cause dissatisfaction among the civilian population. Another man was sentenced to 2 months imprisonment, and 3 others to 1 month's imprisonment for assaulting the police.

At Croydon a man was sentenced to 2 months hard labour for stealing a hammer and preventing a volunteer worker from continuing his employment.

About 30 prisoners were dealt with at Hull today in connection with Saturday night disturbances.

Hull fish workers who were called out on Saturday refused to join the strike movement and returned for duty this morning. All the trawlers were discharged. The first fish train since the beginning of the strike was running to London today.

Strike Pay. The Yorkshire Mining Association has decided to distribute strike pay next Thursday to 150,000 members. Men will receive 20s/- for the week and boys up to 18s/- for the week. Members will also receive 2s/- for each child.