

SUMMARY OF THE CIVIL COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON FOOD. In London and the Home Counties the position remains satisfactory. The situation in the South Midlands area is still further eased since yesterday and the Civil Commissioner no longer feels any anxiety about food stocks. The position remains generally satisfactory throughout.

Food cargoes are being unloaded from ships at Grimsby by volunteer labour and despatched without difficulty from the docks.

The Commissioner in the Northern division states that with reference to the proposed strike of the Birkenhead Flour Mills that the situation is easier and that there is a chance of the men returning.

720 tons of sugar were unloaded in Bristol docks yesterday without interference.

Road transport appears to be satisfactory in all divisions. Some intimidation in the Leicester neighbourhood resulted in the withdrawal of a number of buses, but there were no disturbances. Transport difficulties reported yesterday at Preston have now been smoothed up. There is a normal tram service at Liverpool.

DOCKS: The voluntary labour at the Hull Docks has increased and it is expected that unloading will be quickly accelerated today. From Liverpool it is reported that the "MEGANTIC" sailed with passengers and mails and that passengers for the "Anconia" and Assyria" were embarked. In the river yesterday 16 vessels docked while three are being discharged and unloaded by volunteer labour.

COAL: No shortages of coal are reported.

CIVIL DISTURBANCES: From the London area some reports of hooliganism come in. In Cricklewood seven arrests were made and in Camden Town two arrests. There have also been some slight attacks on special constables at Nine Elms.

With regard to the situation in Hull, the Commissioner reports that the town has remained quiet since Friday.

NEWS ITEMS: Meeting of the Executive of the Miners Federation. The Executive of the Miners Federation met early this morning in London. It is understood that they considered the report of the conference held during the week-end at Ostend, of the Miners International and the International Transport Workers Federation, at which, it is reported sympathetic strike action of transport workers was rejected, and only an embargo on coal was decided upon. Mr. Richards, the Miners Representative who attended the meeting was back in London this morning and gave in his report.

POTTERIES. In North Staffs. besides all the collieries, several iron works and potteries have closed down for lack of fuel, but many of the larger and more important potteries are carrying on, having still good supplies of fuel.

FOOD SUPPLIES: A Dutch steamer docked at King's Lynn this morning with 375 tons of Margarine from Rotterdam. The cargo is being discharged by the Dutch crew and conveyed on two lorries bound for Manchester.

We are informed by the Bristol Authorities that the mail services are on the whole working satisfactorily. There is no actual stoppage on the road and when necessary, mails are being forwarded by rail. From today, further services will be expedited.

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