

*there* AN APPRECIATION OF THE POSITION: While there were no further disturbances ~~there~~ is as yet no general resumption of work. This is not surprising in view of the necessity for new negotiations between employers and employed, but it is believed that the rate of progress today will be satisfactorily accelerated. Various factors are contributing to this, end. Chief of these is the excellent effect created by the debate held in the House of Commons last night. The Prime Minister was succeeded by Mr. Thomas who stated that, consequent upon the withdrawal of the strike many employers were creating difficulties to a general resumption of work by deliberately cutting down wages. In this connection, the Prime Minister said "I will not countenance any attempt on the part of employers to use this occasion to try in any way to get a reduction of wages below those in force before the strike began, or to get an increase in hours. Mr. Thomas said that he did not know who was responsible for the statement that the Railways intended to reduce wages.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNDERGROUND, L.C.C. AND OTHER ALLIED SERVICES:

It is announced that an agreement has been reached between employers and employed, and those services will be running tomorrow under normal conditions. This announcement has already contributed to the creation of a better atmosphere generally.

ITEMS OF NEWS INDICATING THE GENERAL POSITION: Mr. Baldwin's busy morning when the House of Commons met this morning, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald asked whether the Prime Minister was in a position to make any statement on the industrial situation. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in Mr. Baldwin's absence said he had just left the Prime Minister who asked him to state that he was not at this moment, in a position to make any statement.

MINERS DELEGATE CONFERENCE: The national delegate conference of the miners federation was held at the Kingsway Hall, London, this morning to discuss the proposals for the termination of the miners strike. Mr. Herbert Smith presided over the conference the proceedings of which were private. Mr. A. J. Cook and Mr. W. E. Richardson, Treasurer of the conference, were also present. The majority of the delegates travelled throughout the night by road to town, the condition of many of them bore traces of the long distances they had travelled. It is understood that important developments have taken place since the miners executives passed a resolution expressing opposition to Sir Herbert Samuel's proposals.

RAILWAYMEN'S MEETING IN MANCHESTER: The General Managers of the 4 railway groups met representatives of the Railwaymen at their offices this morning to discuss the terms of a resumption of work. The meeting is still in progress.

LONDON TODAY: Those who anticipated that the end of the general strike would mean an immediate improvement in London's transport facilities, were again disappointed this morning. The train services from the suburbs were similar to those on the first day of the week, and indeed, conditions were rendered much harder by the fact that many thousands of would-be passengers flocked to the stations in the hope of travelling to the City in the early trains. There was little improvement in the bus services, volunteers were still acting as drivers and conductors. On the L.C.C. services the 3d fare continued in operation. L.C.C. trams were not running, and in those districts usually served by trams, thousands of people were disappointed in their hope of riding to work. A great many taxis were on the road and of course, ~~the~~ bicycles were everywhere.

UNDERGROUND SETTLEMENT: At a meeting held ~~at~~ at the Underground Headquarters last night, a satisfactory settlement of the strike was concluded between the Companies and the Unions concerned, and it is hoped to have the normal service of the Underground, including the L.C.C. and allied services running tomorrow. Full services however will be able to run until many difficulties have been cleared up.