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APPRECIATION OF THE POSITION

While there are 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 to-day will be considerably accelerated. Various factors are contributing to this end, the chief of these is the excellent effect created by the debate in the House of Commons last night. The Prime Minister assisted by Mr. Thomas succeeded in exploding the myth that there was any general attack on wages consequent upon the withdrawal of the general strike. In this connection the Prime Minister said "I will not countenance any attempt on the part of any employers to use the present occasion for trying in any way to get reductions in wages below those in force before the strike began, or to get an increase of hours. Mr. Thomas said in the same connection that he did not know who was responsible for the statement that the Railway proposed reducing wages. Immediately he heard he repudiated it because whatever else might be done he was sure that they would not be so foolish to do this, he knew them too well for that.

The best news is the announcement of an agreement between the Underground Railways the L.G.O.C. and the Allied Tramways and their employees. These services will operate to-morrow under normal conditions. This announcement has already contributed to the creation of a better atmosphere generally and it is hoped that negotiations now in progress all over the country will yield equally rapid and felicitous results.

The Underground states that owing to the continuance of the coal strike and the work which will have to be done to clear up the power houses it will not be possible to restore full services to-morrow.

GENERAL SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY

When the House of Commons met this morning Mr. Ramsey 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 had asked him to say he was not at this moment in a position to make a further statement, but was now engaged in very earnest endeavours to get negotiations going again on lines that would afford a reasonable prospect of settlement in the Coal dispute.

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MINERS DELEGATE CONFERENCE.

The National Delegate Conference of the Miners Federation was held at the Kingsway Hall this morning to discuss proposals for the termination of the Miners strike. Mr. Herbert Smith presided over the Conference, proceedings of which were private.

RAILWAY MEN MEET MANAGERS.

The General Managers of the four Railway groups met the representatives of the National Union of Railway Men at the Office of the Railway Managers Association in London this morning to discuss the terms for the resumption to work. The meeting is still in progress. The rumour that a settlement has been reached was denied at Unity House.