

MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF ABERDEEN FROM LORD PROVOST LEWIS

In this time of national trial, I appeal to all citizens to preserve order - and especially to keep away from the centre of the City, unless it is absolutely necessary for business purposes to be there.

I earnestly ask the women of the City to keep away from possible centres of disturbance, and I particularly urge upon all parents to keep their children away from the busy streets during this time.

Let us all do our best to keep up Aberdeen's reputation for law and order, and not be led into hasty acts which, in our calmer moments we would all deplore.

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THE RETURN TO NORMALITY.

Various opinions may be expressed as to the actual meaning of the phrase "returning to normality", which has been applied in connection with the situation in different parts of the country. Sober-minded people are now convinced that normality will be a remote condition of British industry. It will take a long time to re-establish the running of the machine with anything like the degree of smoothness which obtained till the end of last week. The hope is strong, however, that the struggle will come to an end as quickly as it was precipitated.

One of the important considerations which must be always kept in mind is the elimination of anything which would be calculated to keep alive rancour, and it is important to note that the Chief Civil Commissioner has given an assurance that the Government will take effectual measures to prevent the victimisation of any man who remains at work, or who returns to work, and it is further stated that no settlement will be agreed to by the Government which does not contain the fundamentals of enduring industrial peace. We have every confidence that when peace comes, as we hope speedily, there will be no thought of reprisals on the part of anyone concerned in this momentous struggle.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

One could hardly look for anything but the most unswerving loyalty from Civil Servants. They are expected at a time like this not merely to be civil, but to be acquiescent in every demand. The Joint Consultative Committee of the Civil Service say that in their opinion it is the duty of every Civil Servant in time of a national emergency to inform the departmental superior that he is ready to perform whatever work the Government considers to be to the advantage of the nation.

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Saklatvala drops out of the picture for a couple of months.

ROYAL ANXIETY.

The King and Queen are keeping in close touch with the Strike situation, and are receiving most of their information direct from Ministers. Their Majesties are in residence at Buckingham Palace, and members of the Palace Staff are offering their services in various connections.

THE T. U. C.

The General Council of the Trades' Union Congress has made it public that they would not hesitate to resume negotiations for an honourable settlement at any time, but they refuse to pay heed to the request made by the Prime Minister for an unconditional withdrawal of strike notices.

MINERS' FEDERATION.

The Executive of the Miners' Federation was in conference last night for over an hour and a half at the House of Commons. It was announced that a series of meetings is to be held throughout the country during the week-end, and that nearly forty M.P.s would take part in the various meetings.

PLAY THE GAME.

The Earl of Middleton has been in touch with the Prime Minister as to the advisability of carrying on with the County Cricket Matches during the present crisis. The matter has been under consideration by the Cabinet, which has issued a statement to the effect that Cricket should go on as it would be a means of promoting good feeling between all sport-loving classes.

THE RAILWAY SERVICE.

Latest reports indicate a general improvement in the Railway service. England saw an augmentation by 300 additional trains yesterday (Thursday), and in Scotland there were eighty more trains running between Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth, Carlisle, Gourcock, Wemyss Bay, and the Clydeside Stations. It is officially stated that on the L.N.E.R. to-day the following trains are being run:-

9.45.a.m.	Aberdeen to Elgin.
3.35.p.m.	Elgin to Aberdeen.
9.32.a.m.	Elgin to Aberdeen.
3.35.p.m.	Aberdeen to Elgin.
10.10.a.m.	Aberdeen to Ballater.
2.p.m.	Ballater to Aberdeen.
1.3.p.m.	Keith to Aberdeen.
5.45.p.m.	Aberdeen to Keith.
10.53.a.m.	Inveramsay to Macduff.
3.10.p.m.	Macduff to Inverurie.

In addition to trains run this morning, the following is the L.M.S. Aberdeen service for this afternoon :-

2.p.m.	Aberdeen to Perth calling at intermediate Stations, with connection from Perth to Glasgow (Buchanan Street) at 5.30.p.m.
1.30.p.m.	from Glasgow (Buchanan Street) to Perth with connection from Perth to Aberdeen.

RATIONING COAL.

Mr. Gavin Sinclair, the Burgh Procurator Fiscal, who is Coal Controller for the Aberdeen Area has issued an announcement of much domestic and industrial interest. Without a permit from Mr. Sinclair no coal beyond 1 cwt. per week may be acquired or supplied for consumption in any premises, and no coal even to the extent of 1 cwt. may be acquired or supplied where the stock in hand exceeds 5 cwt. Hospitals and such like institutions, hotels, boarding houses necessarily require such permits, and before supplying any such places, consultations should first be had with Mr. Sinclair. The supply of industrial coal has been cut down to 50% for consumption. The same percentage applies to gas and electricity for power purposes.