

EARL GREY ON THE STRIKE.

In the course of a broadcast speech last night Earl Grey of Falloeden said:—"There is widespread sympathy with those who are suffering in the mining districts. There is a general readiness to support a settlement on the lines of the report of the Coal Commission. It seems to me, however, that at the moment everyone who can must do what he can to help the Government to pull the country through. At the meeting of the Trade Union Congress last year one of the speakers said that they must make the Trade Union Congress the real Parliament of the country. That means the overthrow of the House of Commons. It would mean a dictatorship by a minority of the rest of the country. That is something which the British people will resist and resist strenuously as they have always resisted any attack on their freedom. If the object of this strike is a revolution then there is nothing for it but to fight to the end. On the other hand, if the object of this general strike is not revolution, and if, as the Trades Union Council say, the object only is to obtain for the miners the most favourable settlement which is possible on the lines of the Coal Commission report, then our feeling about the strike would be entirely changed. We should think then that the threat of the strike and the breakdown of the negotiations have been the result of misunderstanding. If the strike is revolutionary, there is nothing for it but to resist it to the end with all the power we have. If it is not a revolutionary strike, if its object is to get the best terms possible for the miners then there is no reason for a strike. There are two qualities deeply rooted in the British people. One is the sense of fairness and the other the sense of freedom. The strike with its threats to the life of the community, is a challenge to a sense of freedom. The renewal of negotiations would appeal to a sense of fairness."

No Change.

It was announced late last night that the general situation was unchanged.

J. H. Thomas Gives a Hint.

Speaking in London yesterday, Mr. J. H. Thomas said the graver responsibility rested with whatever side failed to recognise the moment when an honourable settlement could be reached. Everyone must work for that end.

Whole Time Specials.

It has become necessary to extend and organise in London a further force of loyal citizens who are able and willing to give their whole time towards helping the Metropolitan and City Police.

Nothing Serious.

No difficulty is being experienced in victualling London. The situation at all the ports is distinctly better than last week. The situation in Scotland is also improving. There has been rioting, mostly in Glasgow and Edinburgh, but nothing serious happened.

Railwaymen Returning

It was announced last night that there was a tendency on the part of railwaymen to return to work in various parts of the country.

Intercession.

The West Church of St. Nicholas will be opened daily between the hours of 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., when a short intercessory service will be conducted by the minister, the Rev. A. Scudamore Forbes, B.D.

The Engineers.

At their meeting on Sunday afternoon the Engineers were advised not to come out meantime. It seems that their help is not to be asked for yet because the stoppage is announced to be complete.

All Quiet.

The situation in Aberdeen over the week-end was quiet. On Saturday there were no demonstrations of any kind. Notwithstanding the lack of conveyances, the public were in cheerful mood and went about their business as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened. The streets were crowded in the afternoon and evening, when walking under such ideal conditions was a pleasure. On Sunday, crowds visited the various popular rendezvous.

Cardinal Bourne.

In a statement made at High Mass at Westminster Cathedral yesterday, Cardinal Bourne said:—"It is necessary that Catholics should have clearly before their minds the moral principle involved. There is no moral justification for a general strike of this kind. This strike is a challenge to a lawfully constituted authority and without adequate reason. It is a sin against the authority and brotherly love which are due to our brethren."

Joiners Not Out.

At a meeting held on Friday night, the Aberdeen joiners refused to come out on strike. It is understood that a ballot was asked for but not granted.

Unionist Cafe Chantant.

The cafe chantant held under the auspices of the North Aberdeen Unionist Association in the Music Hall on Saturday was an unqualified success. The opening ceremony was performed by Lord Provost Lewis. Dr. L. Sandeman presided.

LATEST SPORT.

The following are Saturday's cricket scores:—Australians 301 for 6, v. Surrey; Essex 246, v. Middlesex 5 for 0; Nottingham 232, v. Sussex 62 for 4; Lancs 145, v. Gloucester 79 for 1; Leicester 195, v. Clamorgan 37 for 1; Worcester 223, v. Somerset 14 for 2; Yorkshire 170, v. Derbyshire 76 for 3; 'Shire 71, v. University 84; 2nd Crescent 66, v. Woodside 70 for 8; St. Andrews 25, v. Mugiemoss 79; 2nd Westburn 21, v. New Porthill 41; Hendersons 76, v. Holburn Parish, 39; 2nd St. Ronald 31 for 2, St. Nicholas 20; St. Clements U.F. beat Balmoral; Grange 45, v. E. & M's 18. 7th Old Boys' v. Y.M.C.A. at the Links on Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

The draw for the Aberdeen Foursomes Golf Competition to be played at Murcar from May 26th to May 29th, is as follows:—Bon-Accord II. v. Northern II.; University v. Bon-Accord I.; Royal Aberdeen I. v. Balnagask; Electric v. Murcar; Caledonian II. v. Victoria; Police v. Caledonian I. Play commences each evening at 5 p.m., and the final on Saturday, 29th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Cruden Bay Open Amateur Tournament has been fixed for 1st, 2nd and 3rd July.

A big attraction at the Junior International at Pittodrie Park on Saturday, if the strike is over, will be, Ramage of Musselburgh Brentonians. For such a heavy lad, he touches 14 stones in weight, his footwork is marvellous. He should prove a valuable man in the Scottish team, and the hefty Welshmen will have a big task in keeping Ramage in check.

Congratulations to Trainer Joe Wood, of Hall Russell's F.C., upon his appointment to take charge of the Scottish Junior team at Pittodrie Park. "Joe" is recognised as a highly efficient trainer, and his enthusiasm for the welfare of all players, no matter to what club they belong, has gained him many friends, both senior and junior.

Club Secretaries are reminded that entries for the Scottish Junior Cup should be forwarded before May 15th. Fifteen forms, as in previous seasons, will be issued, to all clubs having paid entry fee for 1926-27, within a few days after May 15th. These forms are for the signature of present players and juveniles.

A friendly football match played at Advocates Park, Tramways 3, Railways 2.

Juniors:—League, Mugiemoss 4, Stonehaven 1; Duthie Cup Semi-Final, Hawthorn 3, Inverurie Locos. 3; scorers (Locos.), Young, Rennie, Burnett (penalty); (Hawthorn), Scott 2, Low.

A meeting of the Aberdeen Lawn Tennis Association was held in the office of the Secretary, 12 Bridge Street last week, Mr. D. Melville, President, in the Chair. It was intimated that applications to join the Association had been received from the following clubs, Mugiemoss, Gilcomston, North Western, and Alexandria. Communications had also been received from other clubs requiring information regarding the activities of the Association, and it is fully expected that before the season opens the number of new clubs joining will be augmented. Clubs intending to join this season and who desire to compete in the League Competitions, must make application to the Secretary, Mr. W. C. Forbes, Solicitor, 21 Bridge Street, not later than (to-day) Monday.

A Committee was also appointed with powers to go ahead with the tournament to be held in the public parks, commencing on Monday, 7th June.

Owing to the increased number of clubs competing in the leagues, it was decided to institute three grades. The third grade is to be formed of clubs which have joined the Association this season.