

**FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM.**

**Lord Advocate's Appeal for More Help.**

The following message to the people of Scotland has been issued from the Scottish Emergency Headquarters:—

On the seventh day of the general strike, I desire to thank the people of Scotland for their response to the call of the Government in the present emergency. That response has been splendid, but it must be greater still. We are fighting for freedom, for democratic government, for the breaking of a type of tyranny which has reached its culmination in Russia.

The Government's plans for ensuring essential services are working satisfactorily, and except for a few disturbances in certain areas, public peace has generally been maintained.

The public may rest assured that, with their help, everything is being done, and will be done, to uphold liberty and defend the national well-being.

WILLIAM WATSON, Lord Advocate.

**T.U.C.'s Report.**

An official statement issued by the T.U.C. yesterday claims that reports coming in show that the front remains unbroken. The Council has also received the following message from the Master of Baliol College, Oxford University:—"Earnestly hope, for the future peace and unity of the country, that nothing may be allowed to stand in the way of an attempt to re-open negotiations."

**Mr. Cook's Denial.**

After a meeting of the Miners Executive yesterday, Mr. A. J. Cook denied that there was anything in the suggestion that the miners were seeking to find ground for calling off the general strike. The reports they were receiving shows that there was great solidarity every day in the coalfields and the same was true of the other Unions.

**Home Secretary Praises Police.**

The B.B.C. broadcast the following announcement last night from Sir William Joynson Hicks, the Home Secretary:—"I wish to express to the chief officers of Police and to all ranks in the Force my high appreciation of the manner in which they are meeting the demand upon them in the present emergency and to assure them of my confidence in their staunch fidelity."

**The Betting Tax.**

The U.F. Presbytery of Aberdeen decided to send the following resolution to the parties concerned with regard to the new betting tax:—"In as much as the intention of the proposed tax on betting is to increase revenue rather than to diminish betting, and the taxation on credit betting would in all likelihood encourage street betting, which is at present illegal; in as much also as betting is now recognised as a social evil which should receive no further entrenchment, and in this country which has adopted the tax, betting has not been diminishing but has rather increased, the United Free Presbytery of Aberdeen respectfully petitions the Government not to sanction the application of the tax."

**City Quiet.**

The situation at Aberdeen yesterday remained quiet. In addition to Corporation buses, a number of tramcars were run. These were manned by Corporation employees and volunteers. The public were calm and as cheerful as possible under the circumstances.

**Aberdeen Tramwaymen's Refusal.**

A mass meeting was held in the Shepherds' Hall last night when it was unanimously decided to remain solid and not to return to work. A courier from Edinburgh brought an official message to the effect that the tramwaymen in the Capital had not resumed their duties. It was stated by an official of the tramwaymen's Union last night that six men were carrying out their work, four who never came out on strike and two older men who went back because of the rumour that they would lose their benefit under the superannuation scheme.

**LATEST SPORT.**

A special general meeting of the Scottish Junior F.A. is necessary ere an extension of the season can be dealt with. Should there be no improvement in travelling facilities this week, the prospects of a meeting being held are remote.

The following Aberdeen Junior fixtures have been arranged for tonight—Hawthorn v. Mugiemoos (County Trophy), at Advocates Park. To-morrow—Richmond v. Stonehaven (2nd Rd. County Trophy), at King's Park; East End v. Parkvale (League), at Advocates Park. Thursday—Inverurie Locos. v. Mugiemoos (McLeman Cup), at Inverurie. Friday—Woodside v. Banks o' Dee (County Trophy), at Central Park. Saturday—Hawthorn v. Loco. Works (Duthie Cup Semi-Final), at Advocates Park; Stoneywood v. Richmond (League), at Stoneywood. Kick-off in evening games, 7.20 p.m., Saturday, 3 p.m.

Mr. Arthur Watt, the president of the Aberdeenshire Junior Football Association, informs us that it has been decided to postpone the junior international between Scotland and Wales which was to have been played at Pittodrie on Saturday until a date to be arranged later.

Glasgow Charity Cup semi-finals resulted—Queen's Park 3, Clyde 2; Celtic 2, Third Lanark 0.

The leading scores in last week's Bon-Accord Golf Club's competitions were:—Matt Allan, 78 less 7—71; A. M'Killop, 92 less 12—80. The two qualifying rounds for the Club Championship resulted, Matt Allan, 164; J. G. Milne, 165; W. F. King, 168. The Tower Cup:—W. T. King, 87 less 9—78; J. W. Adam, 86 less 7—79; W. Clynes, 86 less 7—79.

The Caledonian Golf Club carried out the final rounds for the Club Championship on 1st and 2nd Class, and also for prizes for best aggregate for the two rounds returned. Mr. H. E. Percival and Mr. David Houston were the donors. The chief results were as follows:—1st Class, James Cooper, 76, 80—156; Wm. Barclay, 78, 81—159; Jas. Yeats, 81, 82—163. 2nd Class, John Walker, 91, 96—187; G. Ingram, 101, 89—190.

The Royal Aberdeen Golf Club held their Spring meeting on Saturday in cold and showery weather. The Leopold Cup for best scratch score was won by C. M. McEwing with 81, while A. B. Hutchison gained the Johnston Cup for second scratch score with 85. The handicap prize, the Silver Cross, went to C. M. McEwing with 81 less 3-78.

W. D. Connon and H. Murray were the place winners in last week's competition in the Wednesday section of the Balnagask club.

A large gathering of members and ladies assembled on Saturday to take part in the 45th (and in all probability, the last) opening of the green at Queen's Cross. The President Mr. W. J. Milne, gave a cordial welcome to the ladies and bowlers, and representatives of other clubs. He congratulated the club on its success during 1925, and hoped that this season would be enjoyed by all. Mr. Milne alluded to the forthcoming Bazaar which is being held in the Music Hall on the 22nd and 23rd October of this year in aid of the funds for the new green and pavilion in course of construction in Carlton Place. The ladies, who provided the tea, were specially thanked by Mr. J. Anderson, Vice-President and following this, Mrs. W. J. Milne threw a jack and bowls amidst the hearty cheers of the assembly. The time honoured match—President v. Vice-President—was a needle affair and ended in a victory for Vice-President by 1 shot, the scores being 59-58.

**SUICIDAL FOLLY.**

The Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney speaking in St. Andrew's Cathedral said the strike was suicidal folly. It could not solve the problem of the miners. The strikers were insanely engaged in digging up the foundations of national prosperity, and bringing increased poverty on the people of this land. It was a challenge to the British Constitution, which had to be resisted, for its triumph would mean the overthrow of Democratic Government by a Dictatorship enthroned above King and Parliament and People. Those engaged in it had never been consulted and vast numbers of them were driven against their conviction and their will. Their loyalty to their misguided leaders, though a mistaken loyalty, should not be condemned with bitter words. They were men just as good and perhaps much better than ourselves. The community should refrain from harsh condemnation of their action, and do everything possible to promote a spirit of forbearance and good-will; and when the strike was over extend the utmost sympathy to the hard case of the miners.

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