

**TOWN COUNCIL'S ULTIMATUM.**

The following announcement was made by Lord Provost Lewis last night:—All Corporation employees on strike must report for duty before 12 noon, to-day (Wednesday). Employees should report to the head of their respective departments. Employees may report personally or by letter. Employees failing to report will be no longer in the service of the Council after 12 noon to-day, and new employees will be engaged to replace them. Uniformed employees failing to report must hand in their uniforms forthwith. Owing to the restrictions at present in force, employment cannot be guaranteed to all employees who apply for re-instatement, nor can full-time employment be guaranteed to those who are re-instated.

**Improved City Service.**

The situation in Aberdeen yesterday was again quiet. Twenty-one Corporation tramcars, driven by motormen who have resumed work, and fifteen motor omnibuses were run. The public appreciated the increased travelling facilities.

**Humour and Solidity.**

The following statement was broadcast by the B.B.C. last night:—The close of the eighth day of the strike finds the country well on the way towards the completion of the gigantic task of replacing the normal organisation of its essential services. Despite the magnitude of the issue and the determination of the disputants, the good humour and the solidity of the British people have proved more than equal to the task of carrying on.

**Engineers Next.**

As exclusively stated in Monday's "Bon-Accord" the members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union were told to stand by in readiness and now the call has come through. They have not had long to wait. It is stated that to-day will see their active participation in the strike.

**Peace Possibilities.**

It would appear from a statement broadcast by the B.B.C. last night that tentative peace moves were in progress. A hurriedly summoned special meeting of the General Council of the T.U.C. was held at Eccleston Square last night. For this meeting, Mr. J. H. Thomas returned from the House of Commons. It was officially stated that the council were meeting further to explore the position in order to open the door for possible resumption of negotiations. On the adjournment the Executive proceeded to hear the report of the T.U.C. on the progress of events in the country.

**T.U.C. Statement.**

In a statement issued last night the T.U.C. dealing with the general position, say that they note that the Government's statements are beginning to bear out what they have all along said, that order and discipline are very good, and that there is nothing to fear even from the dockers. The Council note that the Archbishop's appeal for the re-opening of negotiations has not been broadcast, and say that that in their judgment is a very strong point in favour of the position they have taken up. In connection with this statement, the B.B.C. wish to make it clear that the Archbishop's appeal was broadcast.

**Optimism Prevails.**

An optimistic view of the situation was taken by a Government spokesman in the course of an interview granted to London pressmen yesterday as follows;—without being unduly optimistic, I think we may say that the tide has turned. There is a tendency all over the country, for the strikers to drift back to work. The very satisfactory railway situation was indicated by the fact that the number of trains running daily all over the country, including the underground services, has risen from 849 on the first day of the strike to 5503 on Monday. The Civil Constabulary Reserve had recruited 3793 men in the four metropolitan districts up to Monday afternoon.

**London's 800 Buses.**

London was served by a vastly improved bus service yesterday, over 800 being on the streets.

**LATEST SPORT.**

On inquiry at Pittodrie yesterday, the "Bon-Accord" man was informed that there were no further developments in the signing of players for next season. Only a few of those asked to come to terms have not yet put pen to paper.

The semi-final tie of the Territorial Army Cup Competition between H.A. Coy. 4th Gordons and 299th Battery, R.A., will be played at the Territorials' ground, Linksfield Road, to-night (Wed.). The kick off will be at 7.30 p.m. The winners meet the R.G.A. in the final.

A Scottish Juvenile Select XI. will visit Aberdeen on June 12th, when a strong Aberdeenshire Juvenile Team will supply the opposition. Advocates Park has been fixed for this game, and local enthusiasts are assured of a treat.

It is thirty eight years since the formation of the present East End F.C. They have had a few lapses since that time, but the "Enders" have usually been a force to be reckoned with. It seems strange that the League Championship has never fallen to their lot. Will they accomplish the feat this season?

The ex-Inverurie Loco. Works centre half-back, Keir, has been granted a free transfer from Third Lanark F.C. Alexander M'Intosh, the ex-East End crack half-back, has not yet re-signed for St. Johnstone.

A big list of very important cup-tie and league games remain to be fulfilled ere the season ends. The clubs most interested in the dusting of the silver will be called upon to play at least three games this week. With eighteen days clear for football, the following list awaits completion:—Two McLeman Cup 2nd round ties, semi-finals and final; County Trophy Qualifying round, one game, one first round tie, four second round ties, semi-finals and final. Nine league games have also to be completed. Notwithstanding this heavy programme, should drawn games not be too frequent, the competitions should be completed in the allotted time.

**AFRAID TO MOVE.**

**Sir John Simon Gives a Lead.**

An important statement with regard to the present crisis was made by Sir John Simon in the House of Commons on the motion for the adjournment. Sir John said:—Both parties, the Government and the T.U.C. were afraid to make a move lest it should be taken as a sign of weakness. He and some of his friends proposed to take a little responsibility and to put down in the Order Book a resolution for an early date on which they would ask the House of Commons to put on record his view that if and when three conditions were satisfied concurrently, the Government ought to announce its willingness for a short period to give assistance to the coal industry. The first and essential advantage was an immediate and unqualified calling off of the general strike. The second condition was that there should be a resumption of work by coal-owners at the old rate. The Government had to put on record that they proposed in any event to prepare legislation to carry out the Coal Commission's recommendation and that ought to be one of the conditions imposed. Lastly, it ought to be an essential condition that those who spoke for the miners and for the coal owners should give definite undertaking that they would negotiate on the basis of the contents of the report without excluding from it anything which it contains.

**Transport Facilities.**

It is satisfactory to note that the rate of increase in transport facilities for absolutely essential services which was gradual until this morning, is now rapidly accelerating, and in some parts of the country both railway and road transport are approaching normal. It is significant too, that on the main railway systems, many strikers are returning to work, but there does not appear to be any real sign of a settlement of the issue.

**Moneybags, Junior.**

Aberdeen Junior Liberals have at their credit the fabulous sum of £14 7s. 3d., free of income tax and legacy duty. The bloated young capitolists!

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