

NEW PROPOSALS FROM BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARE EXPECTED TO END STRIKE OF COAL MINERS

Situation Is Discussed Again Today by Representatives of Men, Mine Owners and Government Officials—J. H. Thomas Making Every Effort To Get Opposing Forces Together.

London, Oct. 23.—Informal conversations between the Government and individual leaders of the striking British coal miners were resumed this morning. These discussions followed conferences between Premier Lloyd George and several other members of the Government. The secretary of the miners' organization was among those consulted.

Representatives of the mine owners also conferred with the Government.

The view expressed in Government circles this afternoon was that the strike situation was by no means without hope of a favorable solution.

During the discussion between the Government and the miners, informal proposals were expected to be made which might contain a nucleus for an ultimate settlement.

J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen announced to the press that he was striving for the immediate convocation of a conference between the opposing forces.

SITUATION MORE HOPEFUL.
London, Oct. 23.—Tension over the miners' strike and the threatened walkout of railroad workers seemed slightly relaxed this morning. Leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Miners' Federation were ready for their conference at 10 o'clock, and the former would not call a strike until after the trades union conference, and there appeared to be no intention of a strike until Wednesday.

Informal conferences between Government officials and miners' representatives are going on, but those engaged in them are reticent as to subjects discussed. There have been no developments since efforts to find a road to peace were begun, but the public has not given up hope that some way of adjusting views of the parties may be the result of the conversations between them. This feeling of optimism is considered as responsible for decision of the House of Commons to defer until Monday consideration of a measure giving the Government wide powers to meet any grave situation that might develop.

Government agencies have perfected machinery for carrying on the operation of railways with volunteers, should the railwaymen strike. Members of the transport workers' union, especially the drivers of trams and buses, are said to be loath to strike at present.

RAILWAY STRIKE IS LIKELY TO BE DELAYED UNTIL WEDNESDAY
LONDON, Oct. 23.—The strike situation tonight was considered more hopeful by the British Government, after conversations between the Government and the miners' leaders are continuing unbroken. There were no new developments, however.

At a joint conference tomorrow between the railway and the miners, which it is hoped peace may spring, it is expected the suggestion will be made that the railwaymen postpone their strike, set for Sunday night, should there be no agreement between the Government and the miners' strike, until after Wednesday's trades union conference.

The greatest anxiety exists among Londoners, for if the rail strike becomes effective Sunday night the underground and the trams will cease working. It is possible also that the tramways and buses, whose drivers are members of the Transport Workers' Union, will suspend operations. The bus and tram drivers, however, have expressed themselves as reluctant to join the movement.

There is division among the railwaymen, with regard to the strike. A large section of them opposing it. J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, has authorized the statement that he is against the strike.

This has brought about the very general opinion that there will not, in any case, be a rail strike before Wednesday, but should it transpire, the ministry of transport has an emergency plan in readiness for immediate operation of the railway, and the strike machinery created for the purpose during last year's strike will be utilized.

STRIKE IS PROTEST AGAINST VIOLATION OF PLEDGE, SAYS SPOOR
MONTREAL, Oct. 23.—"Nationalization of the British mining industry is inevitable," said Ben Spoor, member for Bishop Auckland in the British House of Commons, who is at present in Montreal, prior to sailing for England on the Metagama tomorrow.

Speaking of the miners' strike, he said: "This is not a wage dispute in the ordinary sense. It is rather an expression of protest against the violation of a pledge."

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St. Marys, Oct. 23.—Archibald J. Fairbairn, employee of the McCredie flax mill, died at his home yesterday from injuries sustained by falling from a ladder. On Wednesday afternoon he was ascending a ladder when he slipped and fell, striking his head on a beam. He was taken to the hospital, but died before he could be removed.

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Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King Addresses Moose Jaw Audience—Reform Party's Platform Similar in Fundamentals to Farmers' Policy—Duff Again Renews His Attack On the Minister of Marine.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Moose Jaw, Sask., Oct. 23.—A heavy pelting rain was falling when Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and his party stepped from the Imperial Limited here this afternoon, and although the reception committee comprised the police and the state of the weather, Moose Jaw is frankly rejoicing in the first heavy rain for many months. A down-fall of moisture which will soak the summer fallows and fall plowing and ensure good seedling conditions in the spring.

Numbered among the reception committee was Hon. W. E. Knowles, provincial secretary, who officially welcomed Mr. King on his first stop-off in Saskatchewan on behalf of the Government. Moose Jaw being interested in the prosperity of the agricultural industry, the big audience which gathered in spite of the heavy rain and the muddy roads, received with applause Mr. King's references to these aspects of the policy of the Liberal party, which have for their object the encouragement of that basic industry and the increase in production.

It is a good thing to have towns and cities," said Mr. King, "but an evil thing if towns and cities are to develop at the expense of rural centres."

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