

BRITAIN REJECTS PLAN TO BUY MINES

Lloyd George Says Miners' Demand Is Not in Interest of Nation

REFUSAL BRINGS CRISIS

By the Associated Press
London, Oct. 10.—Premier Lloyd George, answering demands made by British miners at yesterday's conference, admitted that many advantages could be secured from a complete control of mines by capital and labor, but declared the government was unable to frame its policies on the lines of the miners' suggestion.

The premier spoke for one hour and made it clear the government was not prepared to accept the recommendations of the coal commission, headed by Sir John Sankey, to acquire and run the mines as state property. He expressed the hope the miners' federation and the trade union movement as a whole would co-operate to obtain the largest possible measure of agreement for the government's scheme, as already outlined by himself in the House of Commons, according to official reports.

Premier Rejects Plan

Mr. Lloyd George conceded that the demand for nationalization had been a plank in the labor platform for years and that the deputations which called upon him yesterday was acting not from any selfish interest, but with a desire to benefit society as a whole. The government, however, felt, he said, that nationalization was not a step which was in the interest of the state.

At the close of the conference the deputations promised to report its result to members of the various unions on October 22 and that subsequent action would be left to the parliamentary committee, which was appointed at the Trades Union Congress, recently held at Glasgow. It is understood that, in the view of the deputations, the premier's statement was most unsatisfactory, one

delegates characterizing it as "positively disheartening."

An official statement was issued yesterday that Mr. Lloyd George had agreed to the deputations' request for payment of wages to miners made idle by the railway strike, instead of giving them an unemployment allowance.

Frank Hodges, miners' secretary, said: "The government's attitude had created a very grave situation. Addresses by members of the deputations to Mr. Lloyd George were full of passion and a complete absence of bluntness. Their statements were intended to show by reasoned arguments that nationalization of the mines was entirely in the interests of the community and that the miners were supported by the whole body of trade unionists."

Opinion of the Press
"The nationalization of mines," says the Herald, labor organ, "is the question immediately at issue, but is, of course, a precursor to a complete policy of nationalization of industry. Here is the battle joined."

On the other side in there any doubt that the fight will be stern. The Herald recognizing this, says: "The possessing class, the class which lives on labor of others, has everything at stake and will shrink from nothing in an attempt to frustrate the movement."

Representing the anti-nationalization view, the Telegraph does not expect the miners to be converted from their present opinion, although it sees some little ground in the appeal to other trade unionists. It adds: "The prospect is the reverse of attractive. It means renewed trouble, anxiety and unrest, and that at a time when the nation can least afford it."

NOSKE ASSAILS CRITICS

"Licking Boots of Allies" by Criticism of Army, He Says
Berlin, Oct. 10.—(By A. P.)—Independent Socialists were accused by Gustav Noske, minister of defense, in the National Assembly of "licking the boots of the British and the French commissars in Berlin."

Dr. Herman Mueller, minister of foreign affairs, admitted that many soldiers were going to the Baltic coast for fraudulent passports, adding they were chiefly "adventurers, who expect a free and easy life there and expect eventually to settle down."

ALTRI VOLONTARI PER D'ANNUNZIO

Due Valorosi Generali si Uniscono ai Difensori della Citta' di Fiume

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Fiume, 8 ottobre (privato).—Il generale Ceccherini, comandante del 11° brigata di bersaglieri, ha raggiunto Fiume. Si annunzia che egli assumerà il comando dell'armata fiumana. Il generale Tannato è stato nominato capo dello Stato Maggiore di D'Annunzio.

Il corrispondente del "Public Ledger" telegrafa da Roma: Roma, 9 ottobre.—Il vostro corrispondente è in una posizione di poter assicurare l'andamento spirituale delle relazioni tra Roma e Londra. Il governo italiano è unentusiasta dispostosi di venire ad una soluzione della questione di Fiume. Nessuno pretende che il governo dovrà prendere qualsiasi azione smentita per la sua stessa ragione interna della Nazione.

I piani contemplano che il generale Badoglio dovrà essere eletto capo del governo regolare, prendendo possesso e nominare una conferenza, nella quale ogni finale decisione sul problema adriatico dovrà essere presa. Speciali inviati sono stati mandati a Fiume per conferire con D'Annunzio e indurlo ad accettare tale piano, ma sfortunatamente uno di loro è scomparso.

Trieste, 9 ottobre.—Il generale Grazioli, già comandante della guarnigione di Fiume, è partito, questa sera, diretto a Roma e durante il viaggio si fermerà in Fiume, ove per incarico del governo italiano conferirà con Gabriele D'Annunzio, capo della forza irregolare di occupazione della detta città.

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GERMANS ATTACK LETTS

Letvia Appeals to Allies to Take Decisive Action
Paris, Oct. 10.—(By A. P.)—German troops attacked Lettish forces October 8, according to a protest received by the Peace Conference from the Lettish Government.

The Allies are asked to take decisive action against this "violation of the peace treaty" and to compel Germany to comply with the terms of the Versailles pact. It is claimed German troops in Letvia are "threatening the world and uniting with pro-German Russians."

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