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C A B I N E T 21 (21).

CONCLUSIONS of a Meeting held in Mr. Chamberlain's Room, House of Commons, S.W., on Friday, April 15th. 1921 at 3.0 p.m.

P R E S E N T :-

THE PRIME MINISTER (In the Chair).

The Rt. Hon. A. Chamberlain. M.P.,
Lord Privy Seal.

The Rt. Hon. A.J. Balfour. O.M.,
M.P., Lord President of the Council.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Horne,
G.B.E., K.C., M.P., Chancellor of
the Exchequer.

The Rt. Hon. E. Shortt. K.C., M.P.,
Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

The Rt. Hon. The Earl Curzon of
Killeston. K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.,
Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs.

The Rt. Hon. E.S. Montagu. M.P.,
Secretary of State for India.

The Rt. Hon. Sir L. Worthington
Evans. Bart. M.P., Secretary of
State for War.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Lee of Fareham
G.B.E., K.C.B., First Lord of the
Admiralty.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Alfred Mond.
Bart. M.P., Minister of Health.

The Rt. Hon. H.A.L. Fisher. M.P.,
President of the Board of Education.

The Rt. Hon. Sir A. Griffith
Boscawen. M.P., Minister of
Agriculture.

The Rt. Hon. T.J. Macnamara. M.P.,
Minister of Labour.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Eric Geddes.
G.C.B., G.B.E., M.P., Minister of
Transport.

The Rt. Hon. R. Munro. K.C., M.P.,
Secretary for Scotland.

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT :-

Col. Leslie Wilson. C.M.G., D.S.O.,
M.P., Joint Parliamentary Secretary,
Treasury.

Lieut-Col. Sir M.P.A. Hankey, G.C.B. Secretary.
Mr. Thomas Jones Principal Assistant Secretary.

INDUSTRIAL
DISPUTE.
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Position at
5 p.m.
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Reply of
Miners'
Federation.

The Cabinet had before them the reply of the Miners' Federation declining to meet the owners on the terms suggested in the Prime Minister's letter (See Appendix).

After a short discussion the Cabinet agreed --

- (a) That the House of Commons, which had adjourned until 4 p.m., should be invited to re-assemble:
- (b) That the Prime Minister should read both letters to the House of Commons, preceded by a statement based on the lines of his concluding remarks at the last meeting with the Mine-owners and Miners.

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2, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.1,
April 15, 1921.

A P P E N D I X .THE MINERS' FEDERATION OF GREAT BRITAIN.

15th April 1921.

Dear Prime Minister,

My Executive Committee have fully considered your letter and ask me to state that the only condition upon which a temporary settlement can be arrived at is one that must follow the concession of the two principles already made known to you, viz., a National Wages Board and a National Pool. In these circumstances my Committee feel that no good purpose would be served in meeting the Owners today on the basis suggested in your letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) FRANK HODGES.

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