

MINERS STRIKE AGAINST ALIENS

Hillcrest Collieries Closed Be- cause Operators Won't Dis- charge Enemies

FERNIE, B.C.—Three hundred men are idle at Hillcrest, Alberta, as a result of the officials of the Hillcrest collieries failing to comply with the demands of the men on Tuesday morning to forthwith remove all Austrians and Germans from their employ. The men adopted a similar attitude to that adopted here exactly one week ago for the identical reason.

At Hillcrest the men held a meeting shortly before time for the shift to go on when they decided to present their demand, but as it was not sustained they returned home, forcing the mines to remain idle. During the day efforts were exerted to properly arrange the matter and at night a large mass meeting was held, but the sentiment prevalent during the morning predominated with the result that the meeting decided to indefinitely suspend operations until the request was granted.

Telegraphic communications with Ottawa and Edmonton have not elicited any response as to measures to be adopted and the men maintained an attitude of grim determination. There are approximately one hundred objectionable aliens there.

Similar sentiment is voiced in practically all neighboring camps and other cessations are certain unless the present demands are met.