

HILLOREST MINES REOPEN.

Officials Refuse Demands of British Miners to Discuss Alien Enemies.

Fernie, B.C., June 19—The Hillcrest Collieries, Ltd., opened their mines yesterday, which were forced to remain idle since Tuesday by British miners refusing to work with the alien enemies and approximately 150 responded, these being entirely Austrians and Germans. No threatening attitude or serious demonstrations occurred although the situation is now extremely critical.

At a mass meeting of Coleman miners Thursday it was decided not to cease work in sympathy with Hillcrest and Fernie as internment could be effected legally under the existing order-in-council or proclamation. No action has been taken as yet at neighboring camps of Frank and Blairmore, while the possible cause for some action at Bellevue mines was removed when the company voluntarily dismissed enemy aliens from their employment some months ago. The result of the habeas corpus proceedings regarding Fernie internees at Vancouver on Monday is expected to have a moral effect on the entire situation.