

ALBERTA MINERS WALK OUT TODAY

Two Thousand Men Agitate for Union Shop—Seventy Per Cent. Aliens.

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 3.—At 9 o'clock tomorrow morning 2,000 coal miners in the Drumheller field will cease to mine coal and will agitate for a union shop. The latest trouble started on Saturday when 175 miners at the Moody mine walked out because the operators refused to run a closed shop. It is said that this strike occurred at the instigation of union miners in other parts of the field. On Saturday afternoon three union men marched to the Moody mine and demanded that the miners quit work which they did. A phone call brought 20 mounted police, headed by Major Fitz Harrigan, out to the scene of the trouble. The police promptly took control of the situation. The rest of the camp then announced that unless the other operators could persuade Mr. Moody to declare a closed shop they would strike tomorrow morning.

Anticipate Trouble

On Sunday the situation looked ugly, and the police sent a message to the military authorities here asking them to hold a body of troops in readiness. At the late hour tonight everything was reported at the field, but the authorities anticipate trouble tomorrow when the whole camp quits work.

Of the 2,000 miners, 70 per cent. are aliens, of whom 40 per cent. are alien enemies, the balance being Canadians.

At present the production of the mines, upon which Calgary largely depends for its fuel supply, has all been shipped out and there is not any too much coal in the city for domestic purposes.