

MOB OF ALIENS AWED BY POLICE

Brave Work of Mounted Police at Coal Mine Strike in Alberta

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Calgary, Feb. 5. — The story of how Inspector Newcombe and Corporal Hutchings of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police stood off a mob of 350 infuriated coal-miners at Drumheller on Saturday last will go on the records of the R.N.W.M.P. as one of the finest bits of police work in the history of the force.

The trouble started at the Rose-dale mine, Drumheller, which is operated by Frank Moody, and which is not a union mine. Two organizers were ejected from the property and later spread reports of having been badly manhandled. This aroused the ire of the rest of the miners in the Drumheller field, some 2,000 in number, and on Saturday afternoon 350 of them marched on the Moody property, threatening to destroy the mine and to kill Moody. The two police officers, amid calls of "kill Moody," stood their ground with the mob of excited foreigners surging around them. Inspector Newcomb informed them that the police were not taking sides in the labor dispute, but were there to protect life and property, and intended to do so.

Police Win Out.

The slightest break would have kindled a fire which would have resulted in the death of mine officials and the wrecking of valuable property.

The mob continued to utter threats, but the superior and commanding attitude of the police, and what they stand for, finally won out after a strenuous hour and a half. The mob left the scene uttering threats.

Later in the day the miners held a meeting and announced that on Monday morning they would return to the mine, 500 strong and kill Moody and destroy the property. The police in the meantime had sent for reinforcements, and sixteen men with a machine-gun from Calgary, under Major Fitzharrigan, reached the scene late Sunday night.

Word of their arrival reached the miners on Sunday, and, perhaps, on Monday morning there was no attempt made to gather for the attack. In the meantime the police are guarding the property and will remain there until the strike is settled.

Of the mob on Saturday fully 50 per cent. were aliens, the majority being Austrians, Poles and Germans.