

Russian Miner in Hillcrest Mines Had Dreams of Soviet Government For Dominion

VANCOUVER, Sept. 4.—Canada, controlled by a soviet of foreigners, principally Russians, was the dream of Paul Semanoff, of Hillcrest, Alta., who was ordered deported yesterday by the immigration board. Semanoff is a clever and well-read man who came to Canada in 1913 and went to Hillcrest to work in the mines. He is believed to be the leader of the Russian workers' union for Hillcrest, Blairmore and Coleman and was said by the R. N. W. M. P. operatives to have been very active in agitating among the foreigners in the coal camps.

According to the evidence of the prosecution Semanoff knew in January that a big strike would

take place in Canada. He told a meeting of the steps that would lead to the realization of the aims of himself and his followers. The strike would come, the miners would go out. Coal production having stopped this would result in the closing down of all industries from coast to coast. The government would be overthrown and soviet government would take its place. "After the strike," Semanoff is reported as having declared, "we can easily overthrow the Canadian government and form a soviet the same as the Russians have done." Then, the agent continued, the men at the meeting arose and sang their doxology. "Stand up workers and fight the capitalists and oppressors."