

# INTERNMENT OF ALIENS ON A WHOLESALE SCALE

## Germans and Austrians Working in Coal Mines at Nanaimo Being Interned.

Vancouver, B.C., May 25—Interment of alien enemies on a wholesale scale was commenced today in the coal mining district of Vancouver Island. Military officials reached Nanaimo this morning from Victoria and before noon 115 Austrians and Germans working in the south field, Cumberland and Nanaimo mines were taken out and placed on a special train bound for the interment camp. In taking this action the authorities frankly admit that they are solving a labor problem as well as placing the Austrians and Germans where they will be out of harms way. The alien enemies were taken into the mines a year ago as strike-breakers when the coal pits were tied up by the Western Federation strike. Since then there has been no room for former workmen, but the latter are now to resume their own jobs as rapidly as the military authorities take away the aliens. There are several hundred still employed and these are to be interned as rapidly as room can be made for them.