

INTERNMENT WILL HELP UNEMPLOYED IN COAST CITIES

Alien Enemies by the Wholesale Are Being Rounded Up at Vancouver

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VANCOUVER, B.C., May 26.—Internment 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 Southfield, Cumberland and Nanaimo mines were taken out and placed on a special train bound for the internment 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 harm's 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.