

ORDERS FROM OTTAWA CAUSE CONSTERNATION

Provincial Officials at Loss to Understand Release of Alien Miners at Fernie.

The order from Ottawa giving instructions to release the interned Austrian and German miners in the upper country, as published in last night's World, has created much discussion on the streets. Acting Premier Bowser hurriedly left for Victoria last night and is handling the situation from there. Several federal members have been communicated with and this morning a long telegram setting forth the whole question was despatched to Sir Robert Borden.

It is the general opinion that the order was inspired by internment officials in British Columbia rather than from Ottawa, where the whole circumstances concerning the miners who quit work are not so well known. It is also generally believed that when the government at Ottawa is in full possession of the facts of the case there will be a modification of the order. It is presumed that the reason underlying the recommendations from the British Columbia internment officers is on the ground of the big expense of keeping so many men confined. At the same time it is pointed out by provincial government officials that interning Austrian and German miners leaves more opening for British miners, many of whom are now out of employment and sadly in need of relief from their present circumstances.