

# MINERS REACH AN AGREEMENT AT HILLCREST

Kernie, B. C., June 22.—The habeas corpus proceedings relative to the internment of aliens at Fernie, which were to have been taken in court to-day at Victoria, have been postponed for one week.

At Hillcrest the miners have returned to work. The Austrians and Germans worked three shifts last week, and upon suggestion of Manager Drinnen, the British and allied workmen are to work three shifts this week.

There are over 300 men at the camp, about two-thirds British and allies, and the remainder Austria-Hungary and German miners.

A few of the Austrians employed upon the haulage and others necessary to complete the working force, were not objected to by the allies, but no coal diggers are to be allowed to go below.

The places of the aliens laid off are not to be filled until the whole question has been settled.

In the meantime the charges laid against the aliens are to be investigated and the investigation committee will be asked to be specific in their charges and proofs.

The charges against the alien enemies as presented by those opposed to working with them have been of a general character, but it is understood that Manager Drinnen has taken the ground that if any miner can be proven upon any evidence substantiating the charges made against them, to be in the least possible way dangerous, he will summarily dismiss him, thus removing any cause for legal action of any kind. This arrangement seems to meet with the approval of all parties and work is proceeding without interruption.