

ALIENS INTERNED; ROOM MADE FOR BRITISH MINERS

Austrians and Germans Dis- placed in Island Collieries by Order of Provincial Government.

NANAIMO, June 3.—Provincial Relief Officer Fleming is visiting Nanaimo and other coal mine regions on Vancouver Island, making arrangements that the places of alien enemies, recently interned, shall be taken in the mines by local miners. Since the recent strike a large number of miners, many of them heads of families, have been without employment, and acting-Premier Bowser has written the mine managers at Ladysmith, Cumberland, Extension and Nanaimo, stating that the government hopes that every effort will be made to fill places vacated by Germans and Austrians from deserving unemployed, particularly those men, heads of families, who have been out of work a long time, and who have been in receipt of relief from the government.

So far 115 foreigners have been disposed of and Cumberland has not yet been heard from.

The Austrians and Germans entered the employ of the local mines largely at the time of the strike, taking the places of striking miners or continuing at work when the others quit. At the conclusion of the strike they retained their places and since the outbreak of the war this has been a thorn in the side of the unemployed, culminating a short time ago when riots were feared at the time of the Victoria disturbances and when the government took action.