

INTERNE ALIENS AT
FERNIE; MINERS AGREE
TO RETURN TO WORK

Total of 306 are Interned at Fernie and Michel Camps

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Fernie, B.C., June 10.—The instructions sent to Col. McKay, D.O.C. of this district, to have all single men of German or Austrian birth, who have not been naturalized, interned, allowing married men with families to support to remain at liberty, were carried out here today, resulting in the internment of 108 here and 198 at Michel.

The Fernie and Coal Creek interns are being quartered in the skating rink tonight, but efforts are being made to have a permanent camp established, probably at Morrissey, where all the interns of the district can be housed.

Of the 306 men interned, only 18 are Germans, the remainder being of Austrian or Hungarian birth.

American Consul Downman had four applications for aid from Austrians, who claim naturalization in the United States, and he is investigating the claims.

To Resume Work

At the adjourned meeting of the miners held in the Grand Theatre tonight, a resolution advising the men to return to work tomorrow morning, pending an investigation into the internment by a committee appointed to confer with the government authorities regarding the omission of married aliens from the list of foreigners interned today. Many of the miners insist upon all alien enemies being interned, but after a full discussion, in which President Phillips of District 13, spoke effectively in favor of moderation in their actions, it was finally decided to take action by the resolution above reported.

The mines were idle today, but will resume in the morning, with bright prospects of no further trouble arising out of what yesterday seemed a critical situation.