

SAY BAYONET WOULD MAKE MINERS WORK

League Favors Treating Enemy Strikers as War Prisoners.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 27.—Enemy aliens employed in the Fernie mines and forceful methods by the government in dealing with Germans and Austrians who can endanger the winter coal supply of Canada by striking at the beginning of winter were subjects which a committee of the League of Patriots will take up with Hon. N. W. Rowell if an appointment can be made with the minister during his visit to this city.

Bitter comments on the action of the government in allowing such a state of affairs to exist were passed at the meeting of the league held last night at the Belmont Building. Among the opinions expressed was that the enemy aliens in the mines should be made to work at the point of a bayonet under a guard of returned soldiers and should receive twenty-five cents a day on a basis of interned enemy aliens. The mines could be utilized as interment camps, said one of the speakers, and the men treated as prisoners, while another suggestion was that the Germans and Austrians in the interment camps at Vernon and other parts of Canada should be sent to the mines to work, instead of spending a life of idleness at the expense of the government.