

strike-breakers were sent to Victoria and comfortably quartered in hotels; later some went to Cumberland, and later still it is learned a few have returned to Extension.

Meantime soldiers and special police continued to pour into the city equipped with tents, horses, arms and machine guns. Travellers coming to or leaving the city had to pass through the lines. Military rule was apparently established. Who sent for the militia and why they remain are questions as yet unanswered. With the exception of the work of the first day there has been nothing whatever for them to do. The union miners having taken the men out of the mine, there was no further cause for disturbance.

On the 15th, Mr. Farrington was to address an open air meeting on the waterfront, but was called off by the colonel in command.

On Monday, August 18th, a meeting of the miners was held in the Athletic Club to discuss a proposed agreement between the Vancouver and Nanaimo Coal Co. and the union. About 1,200 men were present. The meeting began at 7:30 and at 8:00 it was announced that soldiers were surrounding the building. At 9:00 the colonel in command asked for the chairman. Upon going outside he was shown the soldiers on every side of the building and a machine gun in the rear. On his return he informed the men that they had been commanded to begin leaving the hall in two minutes in single file, and any man running would be instantly shot or bayoneted. This arbitrary command issued when the men were in the midst of important business was most exasperating, yet there was no panic. The men proceeded to close the meeting and carry out the command. Then the colonel gave further orders that