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NANAIMO COAL MINERS' STRIKE

The coal mining industry of Vancouver Island has for several months been in very bad condition. Recently grave disorders have occurred and damage has been done to life and property.

It is stated that strikers have set fires underground and burned mine buildings and dwellings. Men trying to put out the fires and save property have been attacked and brutally assaulted. Desperate characters, who were not in the employ of the companies when the trouble started last September, are now present in large numbers. There seems to be reason to believe that such men have been brought in solely to bring about the present conditions at Nanaimo. If this be true, the organization responsible for bringing them into Canada cannot be too strongly condemned.

The trouble started at the Canadian Collieries, where the miners went out on strike last September. Since May 24 the other collieries have also been idle, the men not going back to work after the holiday. A series of riots has occurred.

As the local authorities were quite unable to enforce the law and prevent disorders, the militia were called in. Several of the leaders of the United Mine Workers, the organization which is endeavouring to gain a foothold in Nanaimo, have been imprisoned and order restored.

For the present the most important duty of the Government is to teach the disorderly element that the laws of the country must be obeyed, that violence will not be tolerated, and that prompt punishment will be meted out to offenders. Until this lesson has been taught no lasting settlement of disputes between operators and strikers is likely to be arrived at.

THE RUSH TO SHUSHANNA

During the past few months there has been a rush of prospectors to the Shushanna district, Alaska. The reports state that Mr. James, the original discoverer, took out \$300 per day from the creek bottoms. Others have not been so fortunate; but a large area has been staked. Dr. D. D. Cairnes, of the Geological Survey of Canada, who is familiar with the district, has issued a warning to stamperders, stating that it will be inadvisable to go in without a good outfit. It will be necessary to spend the winter there. Already a large number of prospectors are on the ground and the most promising ground was staked some time ago. There