

much ammunition in their possession, some say furnished by the company. As the union men drew near the camp they met a few of the strike-breakers' wives and children. The remainder had taken to the bush surrounding the mine. Those that could be found were offered protection and an escort to the city. Some of the union men went in search of others who were known and brought them to places of safety. As the men drew near the mine they met a fusilade of bullets from a point near the mouth of the mine. This drove the men to shelter some distance away. Later on a spectator passing near and away from the entrance of the mine was wounded by a shot fired from the mine. The question is often asked, why has the man who fired the shot not been arrested, but no answer has been received. Some flames appeared and before long eleven houses, cabins and shacks were on fire, including the Italian "bull-pen." Whether these buildings were fired by the strikers or strike-breakers has not been determined. It is supposed that many of them contained quantities of ammunition. Towards midnight the crowd dispersed and went home. With one exception no one had been hurt and he only slightly wounded. The reports of damage done to property at this camp have been greatly exaggerated, and in some cases absolutely false.

On the morning of August 14th, a detachment of militia consisting of 300 soldiers landed at Departure Bay, some two miles north of Nanaimo. They marched into the city and took up their quarters near the post office. Later on in the day a detachment went out to Extension and with the assistance of union men took the strike-breakers out of the mine and rescued the remaining women and children. The