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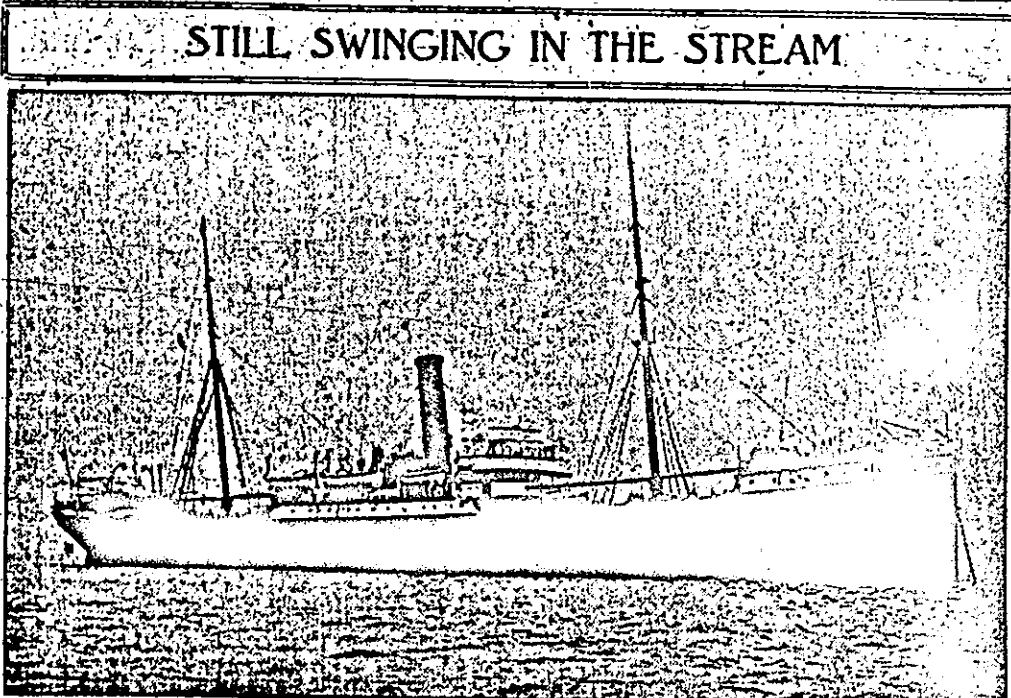
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The Japanese steamer Komagata Maru at anchor in Burrard Inlet. The Hindus she brought across the Pacific are still on board her.

MORE RAILWAYS FOR OKANAGAN

C. P. R. Will Gridiron the Val-
ley Shortly, Says Vice-
president.

Mr. David McNicoll Reaches
Winnipeg After Week Spent
in Fruit Belt.

Winnipeg, May 28.—Mr. David McNicoll, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, arrived in Winnipeg today. Mr. McNicoll spent a week in Penticton and other points in the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia on a pleasure trip. He will return to Montreal tonight.

On every hand throughout Okanagan Valley there is evidence of great development in fruit farming, he said. "I was struck with the number of new orchards which are dotted all over the district. Prospects are for a splendid crop this year. I motored from Kelowna to Vernon, and everywhere found farmers very optimistic. Market for British Columbia fruit is increasing every year. In sympathy with the settlement and development of prairie provinces. The quality of produce, in my opinion, compares very favorably with the fruit of Nova Scotia and Ontario and is ahead of the California article.

Transportation facilities for fruit from British Columbia have often been criticized but the fact remains that the fruit is there and it has to be got out of there. The valley is tapped by different Canadian railways

VOLUNTEERS CHAFING AT BEING KEPT IDLE

Men Who Have Drilled for Months In Ulster
Grumble at Inactivity—Keen Contest Yesterday In County Tyrone Local Election

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Belfast, May 28.—Yesterday's local government elections in County Tyrone show that despite their arming and drilling, Nationalists and Covenanters can still find time for a keen contest at the polls. The fact that the Unionists gained a victory by a majority of one member out of the nine districts is declared by Ulstermen to mean that if the exclusion plebiscite were taken in this hitherto strongly Nationalist county the Covenanters would win. There has never been a keener contest in North Ireland. Ninety-nine per cent. of the register polled. The returning officer told me seven voters, two of them Unionist women, were brought over from Canada, one coming from as far west as Winnipeg. Eleven came over from the United States, their fares being paid by the United States League. One old man at Omagh, who was on his death-bed and had made his will, was carried to the poll where he made his feeble mark.

All North Ireland remains quiet.

The volunteers are marking time, but there is no cessation of drills on either side. Yesterday I asked Joseph Davlin for a few words on the political situation. "I am resting from politics. There is nothing I could say now," he said. But I hear he believes there is still a rocky road ahead and his followers here have never been so politically vigilant. On the other hand there seems to be two distinct divisions among the Ulster volunteers. One section, composed of business men—Ulster is losing thousands of dollars daily during this impasse—are openly out for compromise. The militants are grumbling because some coup was not attempted last Monday.

When Sir Edward Carson arrives on Saturday he will have hard work reconciling his own followers who do not understand political finesse, and who are getting a little tired of inactivity. Summing up the situation in the North, the Nationalists seem to have gained a slight tactical advantage. Their leaders put no faith in the renewed conversations or even in Mr. Asquith's amending bill and they will not yet admit that exclusion is the only road to settlement.

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**TO INVITE BIDS
FOR UNIVERSITY**

**GREAT FIRES ARE
SWEEPING EAST**

HINDUS' CHANCES TO LAND HERE GROW SMALLER

Leader of Komagata Maru's
Human Cargo Appeals
Again.

Government Has No Intention
of Receding from Its Fixed
Position.

Vancouver Hindus Willing to
Provide Bail for Compat-
riots on Ship.

Short-cut to Court of Appeal
May Shorten Legal
Proceedings.

Ottawa, May 28.—Dr. Sundar Singh, leader of the British Columbia Hindus, who is in Ottawa to press the claims of his fellow countrymen who are seeking to enter Canada, had another interview today with Hon. Dr. Roche, minister of interior.

He again urged that the Hindus should be allowed to enter the Dominion on the grounds of their British citizenship, and the fact that most of those on board the Komagata Maru were old Sikh soldiers. While no threats were made, it was intimated that if the Hindus were not allowed to enter Canada freely it might add to the unrest in India. Dr. Singh again strongly urged that a Royal Commission be appointed to consider the whole question of immigration from India to Canada. It is understood that the government has no intention of receding from its position, and the law will be carried out to the letter in regard to the Hindus now quarantined at Vancouver. There is practically no chance of their being allowed to enter.

While they may evade the order-in-council prohibiting the entrance of all artisans and laborers into British Columbia on the grounds that they are farmers, they will be shut out under the regulation that they have not come by direct passage. The Hindus themselves admit that they did not sail direct from India. A wire has been received from the counsel of the Hindus at Vancouver, asking that a number of those on board the ship be allowed to land for consultation purposes. He was notified that the question was entirely in the hands of Mr. Malcolm Reid, immigration agent at the coast.

The whole matter in regard to the question of the shipload of Hindus on board the Komagata Maru who are clamoring for admission to British Columbia may be fought out before the Court of Appeal at Victoria next week. This was decided at a conference held yesterday in the offices of Messrs. Reid & Wallbridge, between Mr. W. B. A. Ritchie, K.C., counsel