

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1914.

THE KOMAGATA MARU.

These are exciting days on board the good ship Komagata Maru. There were rumors abroad that the anchor would be weighed and the ship berthed opposite Hestley avenue wharf. There were rumors aboard that the Hindus would allow nothing of the kind, and that Captain Yamamoto was unable to move his ship. There were further rumors that the immigration officials would tow the Hindus to their new berth if she did not go of her own accord. But if the Hindus are shrewd so are the immigration officials. They have a very good view of the Komagata Maru, where she is now, and off Hestley avenue, what they would not have quite such a good one, so it is probably within reason to suppose that they were not anxious for the ship to move. Having disposed of all these rumors by staying where she is the Komagata Maru now sends forth a fresh sheet to be harvested by the gossip.

The Komagata Maru is a Japanese vessel, and today into the harbor will sail two Japanese cruisers. At once imagination weaves another web. The Hindus are recalcitrant, it is said. It is added they refuse to obey the captain of the ship, and that he will at once appeal for help to the admiral in command of the cruisers and that the admiral will send an armed guard on board and make the Hindus behave. But imagination forgets that the harbor of Vancouver is under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government, and hitherto the Canadian Government has not found itself unable to deal with the situation. There is also the city to be considered. The city has a very efficient body of police, and if there were really trouble he doubt the police would serve the purpose of keeping order. For the Japanese cruisers to put an armed guard aboard one of their own ships while she was in Vancouver harbor would be assuming the civil power of Canada. That would be a thing no Japanese admiral would be likely to do. As long as the Komagata Maru remains within the three-mile limit she will obey Canadian laws. When she is outside it the captain can call on his countrymen for protection.

THE MINE DISASTER.

One of the greatest disasters in the history of Canadian coal mining has taken place at Hillcrest, Alta. It is reported that at least 195 miners have met their death in the explosion which took place yesterday. As the mine appears to have caught on fire afterwards hardly any had a chance of escape as they were working about 1200 feet below the surface. No doubt an enquiry will be held as to the cause of the explosion, but an enquiry while it fulfills its purpose in explaining the cause does not help to mend matters for those whose homes and families have been robbed of their breadwinners by the disaster. The rescue gangs worked hard endeavoring to get men out of the mine, and out of 236 who went down about forty appear to have been saved. These rescue gangs made up of the miners themselves invariably face the most terrible danger after an explosion of this nature. But they never hesitate and often many of them lose their own lives in attempting to rescue their fellow workmen. Fortunately the rescue work does not seem to have added to the death roll.

The officers of the mine in Montreal state that the cause of the explosion is inexplicable to them as the ventilation of the mine had always

is a self-protective association of those people whose interests are identical. Japan recognizes that the only of her own people gave her place in the world and that if the Chinese people can unify in a similar manner they are safe. She does not desire complications in China for they will mean a tremendous responsibility falling on her own shoulders which are already heavily burdened.

It is to the navy as much as the army Japan looks for safety. She is an island Empire which, like Great Britain, knows the full value of sea power. Her officers have been largely trained in the British navy and it is on the British navy that Japan has modelled her own. It is the only navy in the world which has any idea of modern war conditions. The Russian fleets which it fought are no more. Japan knows the effect of meeting ships her own equal. At the beginning of the Russian war the Russian navy, even in eastern waters, was just about her equal and the great Russian armada which set out under Admiral Rodjestvensky for Vladivostok was able to put up a fine sea fight. The battle of Tsushima Straits was Japan's Trafalgar. Since that date her supremacy in the Pacific has never been questioned. Today she has 17 battleships and five battle cruisers, 12 armored cruisers and 15 lighter cruisers which, manned by such sailors, is a formidable fighting force. Two of her recent battle cruiser acquisitions carry 14-inch guns and are about equal to the Queen Mary in the British navy.

When Turk meets Greek then comes the scimitar.

The June bride now notes that the lap of time is elapsing.

Sunday is a long day at the best, but tomorrow will be the longest of the year.

None of the military heroes can make it hotter for the enemy than General Humidity.

The A B C primer of diplomacy is not likely to be adopted as a text-book by the courts of Europe.

Instead of expecting fortunes from rich uncles the Alberta people are placing more confidence in anticlines.

The Mount Lassen volcano in California uses two exhaust pipes to get the smoke and steam out of its system. It's the climate.

An anti-noise campaign has been inaugurated in Kansas. If Carrie Nation were alive the sound of crashing glass would still be heard.

It would be a cruel blow to English sport if the militants should smash the international polo championship cup when it reaches Britain's shores.

Burgeons have succeeded in grafting the bone of a cat on to a bone of a dog. When the dog attempts to make a noise now it is not certain whether it is going to bark or mew.

The suggestion of the British Postmaster-General that a postmaster-general for the Empire be appointed is an excellent one providing a man of the right stamp and with a good delivery can be secured.

The press in Ontario and Manitoba publishes daily lists of prominent politicians who are renouncing their former party allegiance. Numerically they are about even and the "pairing" is not likely to affect the result.

According to present arrangements the Canadian West is to be honored by visits from three of the most notable men in the realm at an early date.

Daily Province Color Competition

The seventh week of The Province School Children's Competition opens today, and the page of Made-in-B.C. advertisements will be found on page five. The return so far for the week just past indicates a larger number of contestants and a higher standard of work than any previous week. There are many, however, who have made no attempt for the cash prize up to this time and these children should get a small box of paints and try their skill at this artistic pastime. The many different colors used in the labels of the articles advertised afford an excellent opportunity for the display of talent in mixing colors and painting. The labels should be easy to secure, as all of the goods advertised are to be had at the stores about the city. If, however, any difficulty is experienced in this regard The Province will be glad to lend their assistance in directing the children to places where they may be had.

Special Announcement.

The manufacturers of Bapco Paint and of White Swan Washing Powder announce that they will offer \$2.50 each as additional prize money for the next four weeks to the children who while complying with the rules of The Province contest produce the most faithful and artistic reproduction of the above labels. All contestants are eligible for these additional prizes as well as those offered by The Province, providing that all twelve advertisements are colored. It must be clearly understood that the additional prizes do not require the coloring of these two labels separately. They must be part of the entire colored page.

The rules of this week's contest are the same as the previous week, namely: That the children competing are to color the advertisements, appearing on page five, which are drawn in outline, with water colors or crayons, so as to reproduce the actual colored label or trade mark used by the manufacturers of these products. The prizes will be awarded to the contestants who in the opinion of The Province reproduce most faithfully and skillfully the actual colored label or trade mark appearing on the package of the goods advertised. In the case of the lumber company's signboard they may use their own discretion as to color.

This week's prizes are as follows: First prize \$5, second prize \$3, third prize \$2, fourth prize, fifth prize and sixth prize \$1 each. Children are cautioned to use water colors if possible as they will give the best results. All work must be in The Province office not later than next Saturday night, with the exception of out-of-town contestants, whose work will be accepted Monday morning, and all advertisements must be colored and the page kept intact. Announcement of the results of last week's contest will be made early next week when a photograph of the first prizewinner will be published as usual. The work of the first three prizewinners will be displayed in The Province window during the week. Children in sending in work should give name, address, age and name of school. Cash prizes will be offered each and every week of the competition.

THE RAG BAG

A Dead Certainty.

A wealthy young California woman says: "The man I would marry doesn't live." This shouldn't mean, however, that she will wed what is known in the vocabulary of the street as a dead one.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Peevish Alligator.

While picking berries near John Fessler's place Dr. Wolfman and Mr. Swinney disturbed a five-foot alligator. Mr. Swinney was standing on him quietly gathering berries when suddenly his feet fell out from under him.—Anchorage (Tex.) Progress.

Companions in Misery.

"Who are those two sad-looking women over there?" "They're a couple of neighborhood women who always get together to mourn." "Torn by some common sorrow?" "Yes, one's husband never comes home, and the other one's husband hangs around home all the time."—Houston Post.

Clever.

"Peggy says you are clever," said the girl. "Why?" asked the man. "Because you tried to guess her name."—Chicago News.

RO Baking Saves

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Lacks Variety.

Dancing Teacher—It's time for me to invent another dance. Friend—Think so? Dancing Teacher—Yes. I understand there are two towns dancing my last one alike.—Puck.

A Genius.

Farmer—Yes, sir, that hired man of mine is one of the greatest inventors of the country. City Boarder—You don't say! What did he invent? Farmer—Pettrified motion.—Judge.

Kindling.

Aunt—Wouldn't you like to study languages, Bobby? Bobby—I can talk two languages now, aunty. Aunt—You can? What are they? Bobby—English and baseball.—New York Weekly.

Too Cheerful.

"I don't care to play poker with Wombat any more. He's too optimistic."

"What do you mean?"

"Why, he can smile hard enough over two pairs to make a full hand lay down."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Promoter.

"You say that Selfridge is a promoter. What does he promote?" "His own interests, chiefly."—Boston Transcript.

Choice of Voices.

"It's Mr. Boreleigh. I think I'll send him word I'm out." "Won't the still, small voice reproach you?" "Oh, yes; but I'd rather listen to the still, small voice than Mr. Boreleigh's."

Chance to See America.

"Are you going to Europe soon?" asked one New York girl. "No," replied the other. "Now that he is out of local politics and high finance, I don't think we'll have to go to Europe so often."—Washington Star.

Patient Woman.

Mrs. Foster—Don't you really think that women have more patience than men? Mr. Foster—I'm sure of it. I've been watching you play solitaire all evening with a deck that's four or five cards short.—Chicago News.

Before and After.

Miss Sentimental—Man is changeable.