

and good men occupied or evaded, the munda would be put aboard the Rainbow and the whole party sent to take forcible possession of the Komagata.

At 1 o'clock the party returned with news that Gurdit Singh would agree to the compromise and give possession of the steamer. At that hour it looked as if all danger of conflict had passed.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Gurdit Singh sent ashore a reply to the ultimatum sent out this morning by the immigration authorities. "We will obey the law if you give us sufficient provisions immediately and provide us with passages across the Pacific," was the gist of his reply. As nearly as could be learned from the letter, Gurdit appeared to be asking for the cash to purchase tickets back to India.

He made no answer to the demand of the officials that the Japanese on board be reinstated in command of the Komagata Maru. The reply was practically the same as that made to the authorities several days ago.

Just before 2 o'clock the letter was sent back to Gurdit Singh because a part of the epistle at least was so vague that it could not be understood.

Summarizing the whole matter of the letter, Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., said that it might be stated that Gurdit Singh was making demands which could not be met. With this delay in sight, it looked as if there would be further "stay of proceedings" for negotiations.

CITY HINDUS GO OUT TO KOMAGATA.

At 2 o'clock a heated conference was proceeding in Mr. Malcolm Reid's office between the Vancouver Hindu committee and the officials.

The conference concluded at 2:15 o'clock and the Hindu committee immediately went out with Inspector Hopkinson to the Komagata Maru, where they agreed that they would release the Gurdit party of all obligations which they owed the Vancouver Hindus in respect to the charter money they had put up. The position apparently is that the Gurdit people are supposed to be under obligation to stick it out in Vancouver in order to protect the local Hindus' money.

During the noon hours there was not much doing in the Battle of the Komagata Maru. Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture in the Dominion cabinet, went out in one of the official boats and spent some time in conference with the local authorities.

An official who came in at noon said that the ultimatum giving him a few hours in which to surrender was delivered to Gurdit Singh by Mr. Hopkinson. At the time the Hindus aboard were repeating their familiar cries of defiance and there was no sign aboard of anything but a determined resistance. At 1 o'clock the Hindus were executing a war dance on the deck, which was taken as a serious sign.

The first warning given this morning following the official conference on the Rainbow, was that reprisals could be expected at noon. But this time was extended until 2 o'clock in order to give every possible chance for a settlement. A boat was sent ashore for the Hindu committee, whose seven members were reported to have desired to go out to assist in the negotiations, but several hitches occurred and before noon it did not look as if there would be much accomplished in this direction. The Hindus continued their attitude of saying that they would be good if the provisions were placed on board immediately. But when the officials insisted on a condition that they give up their mutiny and allow the Japanese to take control of the ship—well, that was a horse of another color, isn't it the kind of a horse that wins anything at Minorca either.

On Board Cruiser Rainbow, 9:30 a.m.—H. H. Stevens, M.P., accompanied by Chief of Police McLennan, Superintendent of Immigration Reid and other officials, including Col. Duff Stuart and Col. McSpadden, came on board at 9 o'clock for a conference with Commander Hogg.

From one side of the ship three large gangways have been arranged, ready to be let down on the deck of the Komagata Maru the moment the cruiser goes alongside the Japanese vessel. From the end of each of these gangways a big water hose has been run out ready for action.

The hospital aboard the ship is ready for all emergencies.

The conference lasted a short time and at the conclusion the authorities decided to give the Hindus until noon to submit. If they do not agree by that time to surrender, the military will be taken aboard the Rainbow and the combined land and naval forces will be taken alongside the Komagata Maru. The naval officer will be in command from the high pressure pumps of the cruiser will be used to force water into the Komagata Maru.

The following ultimatum, signed by Mr. Reid, was sent to the Komagata Maru:

"I am instructed by the authorities of this country to say that much regret is felt that the injury be done to you and to the people of this country. Your presence here is a great burden on the government and the people of this country. You are asked to leave this country immediately."

and newspaper people looking in.

Refers to Sunday Morning Attack.

Montreal Paper Glad that at Last Rainbow Has Something to Do.

Montreal, July 21.—Some contradictory views relating to the Hindu situation at Vancouver are appearing in the Eastern press. The Montreal Daily Mail, Independent, says:

"By their refusal to accept the order of the courts of British Columbia upholding the Government of Canada in its decision to deport them, the Hindus now on the Komagata Maru at the Pacific Coast have alienated whatever public sympathy had gone out to them in this country. Thus the Canadian Government may now take action to deport them as drastic as it chooses. In one way the Hindus have done the Canadian people a service. They have provided some kind of work to be done by the Rainbow and the Nobie. By their exhibition of militancy they have afforded the government an opportunity to use the Canadian navy in the service of the people of the country for the first time, since its use at political picnics has gone out of style."

The Ottawa Morning Citizen, Independent-Conservative, on the other hand, says:

"It would seem to be about time that someone in authority realized the gravity of the Hindu problem in British Columbia. The handling of the Japanese steamer Komagata Maru with its shipload of British subjects from India is clearly not a matter to be left to a few machine politicians. It should never have been left to them. Since the coming of the ship to Vancouver it has been painfully evident that the petty politicians, both provincial and federal, were out of their depths. The latest exploit of sending a tug laden with police and armed gunmen to deal with the Hindus at 3 o'clock on a Sunday morning is surely the limit of comic opera government."

After describing the scene at Vancouver on Sunday morning, the Citizen continues:

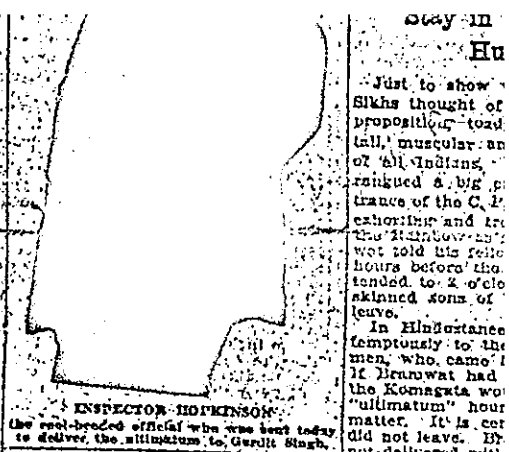
"The Canadian immigration law with regard to the landing of the Hindus would seem to have been conceived in an evasive way by the Liberals, but it will take something bigger than the statesmanship of Sir Richard McBride and Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., to get Canada out of the middle the Dominion and the Empire is now in over it. Nor will the last official move to introduce the cruiser Rainbow on to the scene add to its dignity. The Rainbow has been a subject for stupid partisan ridicule ever since it came to Canada. After ridiculing it, to use the little British-Canadian cruiser against British Indian subjects would seem to be the height of inconsistent Imperialism."

MORE FOREST FIRES

Outbreaks Reported at Cheekoke River and in Powell Lake District.

Two more forest fires have been reported today to the government timber office, one being on the line of the P. C. R. Railway near Cheekoke River at Yapp's old clearing and the other at Powell Lake on Lot 124. The fire at Cheekoke River is still burning and is not yet under control. That at Powell Lake is reported to be under control by the Forest Service.

Further reports of fires which have been reported to the government timber office are being received.



INSPECTOR HOPKINSON

The red-headed official who was sent today to deliver the ultimatum to Gurdit Singh.

HUERTA LEAVES COUNTRY

Former Chief of Mexico Departs With His Family for Jamaica.

Puerto Rico, July 21.—The German cruiser Dresden, with former President Huerta and his family and former War Minister Blanquet, Senora Blanquet and their daughter aboard, sailed at 7:30 o'clock this evening for Jamaica.

The departure of the former chief executive was without incident, there not being even any shout of "Good bye" to him from the dock.

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Seriously of how to crack the Hindu under Hogg stands on the left Mr. F. J. Reid, Minister of Agriculture.

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