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## **THINKS IT LIMIT OF COMIC OPERA.**

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**Ottawa Newspaper Jokingly Refers To Sunday  
Morning Attack.**

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**Montreal Paper Glad That At Last Rainbow Has  
Something To Do.**

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**Ottawa, July 21, 1914.**--Some contradictory views relating to Hindu situation at Vancouver are appearing in the Eastern press. The Montreal Daily Mall, Independent, says:

“By the refusal to accept the order of the courts of British Columbia upholding the Government if 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. This 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 Niobe. 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-Conservatives, 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 am matter to be left to a few machine politicians, both provincial

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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 8 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 statement-ship of Sir Richard McBride and Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., to get Canada out of the meddle the Dominion and the Empire is now in over it. Nor will the latest official move to introduce the cruiser Rainbow on the scene add to the dignity. The Rainbow has been in 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' wold seems to be the height of inconsistent "Imperialism".

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