

MRJR/W.

Vancouver, B.C. July 19

Sir:-

I beg to confirm my night wire of the 17th. instant as follows:-

" Harnam Singh, Balwant Singh, priest, and Bhag Singh, alleged charterer of Komagata Maru went Sumas today American side, meeting Taraknath Dass who either gave or assisted in purchasing revolvers and ammunition the three Hindus having secured permission American authorities one day's visit. One man allowed to re-enter by our officers found to have revolver and 500 rounds ammunition now confined Abbotsford gaol. Have asked our officers and U.S. authorities Sumas hold others who also have weapons. They have for the time being consented. Harnam Singh previously deported after securing permission temporary visit surreptitiously re-entered Canada so in any case he would be deportable India. Have assured American officers this is act of courtesy on their part. Deportable possibly when matter fully placed before you. Request American authorities deport India possibly at our expense. Agitators of the worst type and have created constant trouble here. Threats made of assassinating myself and other officials. Too many important events transpiring here in the meantime to admit me giving evidence before Friday next and have therefore put charges under way carrying concealed weapons, etc., asking remand for one week."

and also embody following wire sent in connection with this interesting case;

"Vancouver, B.C. July 17, 1914.

Chief Provincial Police,
Victoria, B.C.

One Hindu well known agitator Vancouver held Abbotsford. Crossed American side after being unable secure revolvers and ammunition here. Purchased same at Sumas crossed the line and now being held Provincial gaol Abbotsford. Kindly instruct your officer hold him until I can go Abbotsford with Counsel. Too busy tonight owing to developments Komagata Maru. Instruct constable lay charge carrying concealed weapons and evading Customs.

And his reply as follows:-

"Have instructed Chief Constable Smith as per your telegram re Hindoo at Abbotsford take matter up with him in morning."

I have now interviewed the Local Provincial Officials

