

wharf. The letter proceeded: "They threatened to kill me on the way. They put me in handcuffs all the night. I do not want to spoil my life with this uneducated group of savages. They will not let me go near the gangway." This letter was marked "urgent."

Mr. MacNeill's Views.

Mr. A. H. MacNeill came ashore about 11.30 after his visit to the Komagata. He was followed by H. Rahim, one of the charterers of the ship. They were both smiling as were also the members of the local Hindu committee. Mr. MacNeill in an interview with "The News-Advertiser" said: "There was no trouble at all on board the ship. The trouble originated where all the reports of trouble have originated, that is in the immigration office. They have made the most of the trouble that has arisen in connection with this vessel in the harbor. When we went aboard the ship all the Hindus were asleep and had no knowledge of the troops having been ordered out or of the storm that had arisen on shore. The only complaint they had to make was about the searchlight which was continually flashing about the ship and which was hurting their eyes and continually waking them up. The Hindus did ask for more provisions, but they made no threats about not allowing the vessel to sail. In fact, they did all they could to help the captain. The captain himself was asleep in the cabin and knew nothing of any trouble. Naturally when checking over the provisions they found a lot of things which they wanted not included in the list and all they asked for was to have these omissions remedied. For instance, one man wanted live chickens and some brass pots. Some others wanted eggs. I myself have agreed to send out three cases of eggs at my own expense as a personal gift to the Hindus. I am also sending out a dozen glasses which they wanted. The members of the local Hindu colony will see that the other wants of the Hindus on board are fulfilled as far as possible. They desired to have some live goats and sheep but you will see that this is a difficult request to grant in such a short time before sailing. They all said they were as anxious to get away as any of the people of Vancouver."

Mr. H. Rahim, charterer of the ship, confirmed Mr. MacNeill's statement. It was quite clear, he said, that the Hindus had no intention of making any trouble and they were quite surprised that the people ashore should have thought for a moment that they intended to back out of their bargain. Naturally, in a body of men as large as that, he said, there were a variety of tastes to be satisfied and the applications for further provisions and for some changes in the diet were made by a few individuals on board who did not think they were asking for anything unreasonable or anything which could not be easily obtained.

Sealed Orders.

Nothing further developed in the situation until 12.30, when a boat in charge of Inspector Hopkinson, the interpreter, went out to the Rainbow to give sealed orders to Commander Hose. The commander had returned to his ship about an hour previously. From the Rainbow the boat went to the Komagata and delivered a letter to Captain Yamamota. With the inspector were H. Rahim and a number of members of the shore Hindu committee, who had signed a statement previously that they wished to go aboard the Komagata to have a further conference with some of their compatriots. They undertook to be ready to leave at 4 o'clock, when the immigration boat would again call for them. When they reached the ship the gangways were promptly lowered and they were taken on board. It was noticeable that the barricades which had been erected had been taken down.

The sealed orders to Commander Hose of the Rainbow are understood to contain suggestions as to how he should proceed in case the Hindus go quietly or in case they should create a disturbance. If there is no disturbance it is not likely that the Rainbow will proceed further than Flattery.