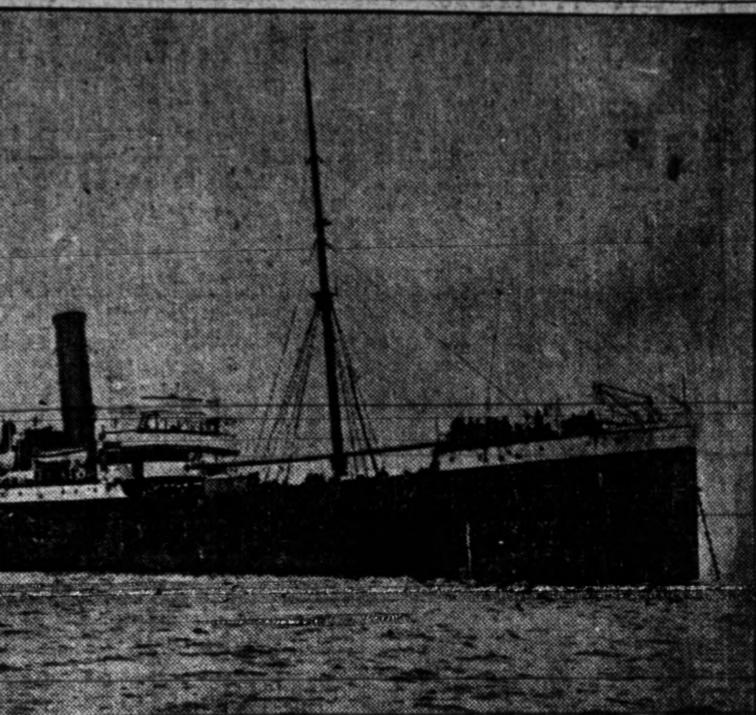


INGING IN THE STREAM



at anchor in Burrard Inlet. The Hindus she brought across Pacific are still on board her.

HINDUS' CHANCES TO LAND HERE GROW SMALLER

Leader of Komagata Maru's Human Cargo Appeals Again.

Government Has No Intention of Receding from Its Fixed Position.

Vancouver Hindus Willing to Provide Bail for Compatriots on Ship.

Short-cut to Court of Appeal May Shorten Legal Proceedings.

Ottawa, May 23.—Dr. Sundar Singh, leader of the British Columbia Hindus, who is in Ottawa to press the claims of his fellow countrymen who are seeking to enter Canada, had another interview today with Hon. Dr. Roche, minister of interior.

He again urged that the Hindus should be allowed to enter the Dominion on the grounds of their British citizenship, and the fact that most of those on board the Komagata Maru were old residents. While no threats were made, it was intimated that if the Hindus were not allowed to enter Canada freely it might add to the unrest in India. Dr. Singh again strongly urged that a Royal Commission be appointed to consider the whole question of immigration from India to Canada. It is understood that the government has no intention of receding from its position, and the law will be carried out to the letter in regard to the Hindus now quarantined at Vancouver. There is practically no chance of their being allowed to enter.

While they may evade the order-in-council prohibiting the entrance of all artisans and laborers into British Columbia on the grounds that they are farmers, they will be shut out under the regulation that they have not come by direct passage. The Hindus themselves admit that they did not sail direct from India. A wire has been received from the counsel of the Hindus at Vancouver, asking that a number of those on board the ship be allowed to land for consultation purposes. He was notified that the question was entirely in the hands of Mr. Malcolm Reid, immigration agent at the coast.

The whole matter in regard to the question of the shipload of Hindus on board the Komagata Maru who are clamoring for admission to British Columbia may be fought out before the Court of Appeal at Victoria next week. This was decided at a conference held yesterday in the offices of Messrs. Messer, Reid & Wallbridge, between Mr. W. B. A. Ritchie, K.C., counsel for the immigration department, and Mr. J. Edward Bird, counsel for Gurdit Singh and his compatriots. For two hours the conference lasted, while proposals were discussed as to the best means of bringing the issues to a head. Mr. Ritchie, it is said, proved a somewhat obdurate contender, the immigration department being inclined to sit tight upon its rights and evincing no desire to precipitate matters too hastily.

With a big vessel lying idle in the harbor and its 376 passengers unable to get into communication with their friends on shore, and with no certainty as to how long the Komagata Maru and its company of excursionists might have to lay out in the stream, the prospect of unlimited delay in getting before the courts was a galling one to Mr. Bird and his associates.

In the end it was decided between counsel for the immigration department and counsel for the Hindus, to have a formal application for habeas corpus made on their behalf, and a formal dismissal of the application for a writ, entered by consent. The object of this is to get the matter brought speedily before the Court of Appeal, which sits at Victoria next week, and to save the long delay of arguing the matters before a Supreme Court judge in chambers, merely to have to re-argue the matter before the Court of Appeal later on.

But They Would Fight.

There are a number of legal technicalities which might affect either side, which can be avoided by accepting a pro-forma dismissal of the application, the only difficulty being among the Hindus themselves, who

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The Weather.

Vancouver—Meteorological observations at Vancouver Observatory: Precipitation for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. May 27, 0.24; bright sunshine yesterday, 8 hours 48 minutes; barometer at 5 p.m. yesterday, 30.09; barometer at 5 a.m. today, 30.30. The sun rose this morning at 4:10

VOLUNTEERS CHAFING AT BEING KEPT IDLE

Men Who Have Drilled for Months in Ulster Grumble at Inactivity—Keep Contest Yesterday in County Tyrone Local Election

Special Copyright Cable to the Vancouver Daily Province and Montreal Star) Belfast, May 28.—Yesterday's local government elections in County Tyrone show that despite their arm-and-drilling. Nationalists and Unionists can still find time for a contest at the polls. The fact that the Unionists gained a victory in a majority of one member out of nine districts is declared by the men to mean that if the ex-plebiscite were taken in this county the strongly Nationalist county Covenants would win. There has never been a keener contest in Ireland. Ninety-nine per cent. of the register polled. The returning officer told me seven voters, two of whom were women, were brought from Canada, one coming from the west as Winnipeg. Eleven of the men were from the United States, fares being paid by the United States League. One old man at the poll, who was on his death-bed and had made his will, was carried to the poll where he made his feeble vote. North Ireland remains quiet.

The volunteers are marling time, but there is no cessation of drills on either side. Yesterday I asked Joseph Devlin for a few words on the political situation. "I am resting from politics. There is nothing I could say now," he said. But I hear he believes there is still a rocky road ahead and his followers here have never been so politically vigilant. On the other hand there seems to be two distinct divisions among the Ulster volunteers. One section, composed of business men—Ulster is losing thousands of dollars daily during this impasse—are openly out for compromise. The militants are grumbling because some coup was not attempted last Monday.

When Sir Edward Carson arrives on Saturday he will have hard work reconciling his own followers who do not understand political finesse and who are getting a little tired of inactivity. Summing up the situation in the North, the Nationalists seem to have gained a slight tactical advantage. Their leaders put no faith in the renewed conversations or even in Mr. Asquith's amending bill and they will not yet admit that exclusion is the only road to settlement.

WINDERMERE.

INVITE BIDS FOR UNIVERSITY

Board of Governors Will Visit Victoria to Confer With the Provincial Executive.

Block Plan Showing Proposed Buildings in Detail Has Been Prepared.

Next week the board of governors of the University of British Columbia expect to be able to advertise tenders for the science building, the first of the buildings to be erected on the university site, and the plans which were recently shown in The Province.

Yesterday afternoon Sir Richard Irvine, was taken over the site by the board of governors and was shown the location of the building by Archibald Sharpe. Matters of detail in connection with the building were initially discussed, and an arrangement was made for the board of governors to visit Victoria tomorrow. A conference to be arranged in the science building, the final matters to be necessary before the tenders are called for and contracts let, have gone into.

A block plan showing the whole of the university buildings in miniature will be upon the university grounds, has been prepared, and will be shown on exhibition in one of the local public buildings.

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GREAT FIRES ARE SWEEPING EAST

Dense Clouds of Smoke Cover New Brunswick for Miles.

Trains Called Out to Fight Demon in Its Wild Career.

St. John, N. B., May 28.—Dense clouds of smoke hanging in a pall over the country side for miles along the Canadian Pacific Railway line between Blagden and Westfield, marked the approach of the terrible conflagration which has raged in the back lands since Sunday afternoon and which now threatens destruction to several villages in a district covering upwards of ten miles along the line of the danger zone. The flames have advanced fourteen miles towards the railroad track since Monday and have swept the country bare for upwards of ten miles along the right-of-way.

Preparations are being made at Enniskillen, Blagden and other villages to fight the fire and the roofs of the houses have been drenched with water as the intense heat has already made the buildings as dry as tinder. The air is dark with flying cinders and the trees and grass are dying for want of moisture. Gaspereaux district is in grave danger as the flames are sweeping rapidly in the direction of the village. Fire trains have been ordered out to fight the flames on the Brownsville division of the Canadian Pacific Railway and it is expected that the railway will be compelled to order out crews here in the vicinity of the city if the blaze continues to approach the right-of-way.

The property in the fire zone is said to be owned by John E. Moore of this city. Powell & Eastman Company, the

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ions, is being erected at the eastern end of the structure. Nearly one-third of the upper portion of the bridge has been erected, and the work is expected to be completed in November. The structure is 1750 feet in length, and will be the largest of its kind on the British Columbia division of the C. P. R.

Rapid progress is reported on the Harrison River bridge, a structure of a similar type to the Pitt River bridge, and 950 feet long. The superstructure is nearing completion, the swing span having been installed and work well advanced from both ends. It will be ready for service, it is anticipated, by the end of July.

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are disposed to fight every inch of the way, and who look askance at the suggestion of accepting what looks to them like a defeat in the first court they wish to appeal to. This aspect of the case is still under consideration by the committee of Hindus who are working on shore to secure the release of their friends from the Komagata Maru.

If the arrangements entered into by Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Bird are carried out, Immigration Inspector Reid will tomorrow summon his board of enquiry and proceed to take evidence in regard to two or three of the Hindus, whose cases are typical and which cover the various legal points involved. The attack on the order-in-council excluding the Hindus will be centred upon the question of whether the Dominion Government has power to pass an order-in-council excluding British subjects in the special manner mentioned. A Privy Council judgment has upheld the right of the government to pass order-in-council as against aliens, but it will be argued that such power does not extend to British subjects, who so long as they come within the scope of the Immigration Act, can not be excluded by order-in-council. Mr. Bird is sanguine that as in the case of Harnan Singh last year, he will be able to show that the order-in-council is ultra vires.

Ready to Put Up Ball.

The best evidence of the manner in which the Hindu colony is deeply affected at the proceedings, was shown yesterday at the conference, by the startling request that the government consent to allow the whole of the 376 Hindus come ashore on bail. No figures were mentioned because the proposal was not entertained for a moment by the immigration authorities, but the Hindu committee, who were behind the request are quite conversant with the heavy ball demanded by the immigration authorities in individual cases. "Every Hindu in Vancouver is ready to pledge every bit of land or money he has to secure the freedom of our brethren on the Komagata Maru," stated one of the Hindu spokesmen, who scorned the idea that if the request for bail was granted that the Hindus would not be able to raise the required amount.

The captain and agents of the Kamagatu Maru made the suggestion this morning that they would relieve the local authorities of any further trouble by taking their vessel to Squamish (Newport) or Port Alberni. They were informed that this could not be allowed, and that the vessel would have to remain here till either her passengers were let ashore or she was given definite orders to take them back from whence they came. There are no immigration officers at either of the ports named, and only one customs officer at each so that there is no machinery for handling such an important problem as the Kamagatu Maru and her Indian passengers presents.

In the meantime the physical examinations of the Hindus are being continued on the ship. It is probable that some at least of the 22 "old-timers"—men who are returning after formerly having lived in Vancouver—will be released this evening. All the others are, however, still safely aboard the Komagata.

Munsey Visits Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 25.—Frank A. Munsey, one of the leaders of the progressive campaign in 1912, came to Oyster Bay today to see Col. Roosevelt. It was Mr. Munsey who, after the campaign, launched a movement for amalgamation of the Progressive and Republican parties, which Col. Roosevelt would not approve. Mr. Munsey motored from New York with George W. Perkins.

Those sections most urgently needed will be started first, however, he said.

SCORE FACE CHARGES

Twenty-six Must Answer to Murder Charge Growing Out of Strike.

Canon City, Colo., May 25.—Twenty-six are charged with murder in rioting in the report of the Fremont county grand jury, which returned yesterday sixteen true bills against 105 defendants on charges growing out of the fight at the Chandler mine on April 25, in which Wm. King was killed.

Twelve of those charged with murder are under arrest, including Chas. Batley, district organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, Thos. Easton, president of the Rockville local union, and Felix Pogliano and Thos. Scott, union officials. F. C. Hedges, editor of the Fremont County Democrat at Florence, is among those indicted. He is charged with inciting riot by means of articles published in his paper.

USE OF CARBON MON-OXIDE

Royal Society of Canada Will Ask Government to Limit It.

Montreal, May 25.—The Royal Society this morning took steps to cut down the number of accidental deaths by illuminating gas. The society proposes, next year, to ask the government to limit the use of carbon monoxide in gas manufacture, because of its danger to human life, and its lasting ill-effects upon health.

FED ON PICKLES AND CREAM

Cleveland Woman Complains and Court Orders Better Diet.

Cleveland, May 25.—When it comes to a daily diet of ice cream and pickles, Mrs. William Jones objects. Ice cream as a desert and pickles as a tasteful accompaniment to nourishing food are satisfactory.

Mrs. Jones explained to Judge Levine in the Municipal Court that her husband brought them home every day and declined to bring anything else, she said.

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he was the "Indian of mystery" in the Government hospital at Washington. Recently some Blackfeet were shown through the institution and through them Spope made known his identity to the authorities and told his story.

Thaw on Vacation.

Journal of Harry K. Shaw in this city ended today when he left for Gorham, in the White Mountains, where he will spend the summer at a hotel. He was accompanied by his custodians, Sheriff Holman A. Drew and Deputy Clark D. Stevens.



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