PUBLIC MEETING TO URGE ACTION

Canadian Government Will Be Advised of Vancouver's Attitude Towards Hindu Immigration.

EXTENDED POWERS FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS

Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., Asks for Operation of Section Which Will Override Court Orders.

Tonight will see a mass meeting assembled in the Dominion Hall for the purpose of urging on the government of Canada definite and immediate action with reference to the admission of the Hindus aboard the Komogata Maru. Mayor Baxter yesterday officially called this gathering, and the speakers will include His Worship and Mr. Jonathan Rogers, president of the Board of Trade.

With the intimation that the Hindus were about to bring their case before the local courts, and also as a result of the particularly violent statements made by leading Hindus and several white speakers at a public meeting on Sunday, public sentiment awoke yesterday to the fact that the situation was approaching a climax unless immediate action is taken. This sentiment was expressed by numerous citizens, who called upon or telephoned to "The News-Advertiser" office yesterday afternoon with a view to learning if any civic action was being taken in the matter.

Generally Approved of.

Upon learning that the Mayor had called a mass meeting for tonight there was general satisfaction. Inquiries yesterday in various directions demonstrated the fact that the opinion expressed by Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., in a telegram to Ottawa to the effect that a serious riot may occur in the city in the event of the Hindus on board the Komogata Maru being allowed to land, is shared by all classes.

Opinions differed to some extent as to the rights and wrongs of the case, and there were some who felt that the Hindus had been treated with a certain amount of discourtesy, but there was not one dissentient voice when it came to an expression of opinion as to the danger of landing the Hindus upon Canadian soil.

The Hindus arrived in Vancouver harbor a month ago yesterday, and at the present moment their status would appear no nearer settlement than it was the day they arrived, although the atmosphere is rapidly becoming more electrical.

In his telegram to Ottawa Mr. Stevens asks that the department give complete backing to Mr. Malcolm Reid, the head of the immigration department here, in his efforts to have the Hindus sent back as he feels that, if the matter gets into the courts, there will be a long delay and an unsatisfactory result.

Asks For Additional Power

Vancouver's representative asks that Section 23 of the Act be invoked to give the officials power to over-ride any order the court may make. In the absence of the Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, the Hon. C. J. Doherty, who has now left for Quebec, has been acting minister, and with his departure

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CITY MARSHAL'S BROTHER IS SOUGHT

Sheriff's Posse Is Seeking for Edward Fisher Following Shooting of Ex-Mayor of Copperfield.

By News-Advertiser Leased Wire.

Baker, Ore., June 22.—A posse led by Sheriff Rand is searching for Edward Fisher, brother of the city marshal of Copperfield, following the shooting from ambush there of Henry M. Stewart, a former mayor, who was removed from office last January on the ground of being a saloon keeper, that he was unfit to be mayor.

Stewart was shot while working on a farm where he has lived since he was deposed and his saloon with others was closed by Miss Fern Hobbs on orders from Governor West. Two shots were fired, both of which took effect.

Late tonight Stewart was placed on a train and started for Baker. Fisher, who is being sought, is alleged by Stewart too have threatened him recently. He was seen just prior to the shooting, but has since disappeared.

The shooting of Stewart is regarded as another incident in a feud among saloon-keepers, which began long before Copperfield was closed, and which was the indirect cause of the governor's raid. Stewart and members of his city council, who also were saloon-keepers, incurred the enmity of other liquor men who alleged they were unjustly prevented from doing business. It was charged that the governor's investigation of conditions there followed the receipt of anonymous charges against Stewart sent by his enemies.

Stewart says he has no idea who shot him.

REBELS TO MEET HUERTA DEPUTIES

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General Carranza, through Mr. Cabrera, had given his assent to the plan of holding conferences separate from the mediation and that the details were being worked out now by telegraph.

There was a report current tonight that the United States had made inquiry privately from General Villa as to whether the delegates being sent to the informal conferences represented the interests of the force he controlled, as well as those of Carranza.

Wear Hopeful Smiles.

Washington, June 22.—Officials of the Washington Government, whose hopes for peace in Mexico had been somewhat dampened by the events of the past week, were wearing hopeful smiles again today when the announcement came from Niagara Falls that the United States had extended an invitation to representatives of the Mexican constitutionalists to meet the American and Huerta delegates to the mediation conference for an informal discussion of peace proposals.

That the United States had for some time been exerting strong influence to bring the constitutionalists leaders into the mediation conference on such a basis, one that would not involve an armistice in the campaign against the Huerta government, was not denied here. The intimation was given that this influence had met with success and that before many days representatives of the constitutionalists would proceed to Niagara Falls.

This development, it is declared, is an assurance that mediation will be prolonged for some time with an increased hope of an ultimate agreement being reached upon a provisional government of Mexico to succeed the Huerta regime.

The announcement from the mediators today was reported here to have been the culmination of prolonged informal negotiations by the Washington administration with General Carranza, General Villa and other revolutionist chieftains in Mexico, and the conferences held here last week by one of the mediators, Dr. Naon, the Argentina minister, with President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and representatives of the Constitutionalists in Washington.

Following the conference, General Carranza and his agents here were in telegraphic communication for several hours. Subsequently there started from Mexico for Washington Fernando Iglesias Calderon, Alfredo Breçada and Leopoldo Hurtado Espinosa, as representatives of the Constitutionalist movement. These men, it is believed, are to take charge of the proposed informal negotiations with the mediation conference, or at least to direct the general policy with reference thereto.

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Premier Borden is in charge of the department.

Mayor Baxter yesterday assented to the proposals that a public meeting should be held to protest against the admission of the Hindus aboard the Komagata Maru and expressed the hope that a demand will go out to the Dominion government from the meeting called by him at the Dominion Hall tonight for the immediate removal of the ships from the harbor. The Mayor agrees that the labor market in Vancouver at the present time is in no condition for assimilating such a large body of laborers and in any event regards the Hindus as undesirable immigrants. He points also to the fact that the immigration authorities have a precedent for dealing summarily with undesirables.

Similar to Thaw Case.

"A certain undesirable citizen by the name of Thaw came into the country several months ago," said the Mayor, "and the government did not wait for Mr. Thaw to take his case into the courts. They awakened him one morning, put him in an automobile and whisked him across the border to his own country.

"Here is a similar situation, although the Hindus, of course, are not criminals. But they would be undesirable citizens of Canada. They are trying to force themselves in and I would like to see the government handle this question in the same way. I should like to see them get a couple of tugs, hitch on to the Komagata Maru and tow her out to sea. They should not let these people go into court.

Case Should Not Go to Courts.

"It is not as if the Hindus did not know that admission would be refused them. It was a deliberately-planned scheme to force themselves in and I fail to see why we should allow them to trouble us much further and the country put to the costs of court proceedings. I think the public should get out, not in a fiery way, but calmly, to show the government and all concerned that we are right behind the regulations providing for exclusion and we want this matter cleaned up.

"The government should run no chances of letting the Hindus in through the courts, because I don't know what we will do with them. There are hundreds here now wanting work. We had 56 applications in one day a little while ago and it will be a serious question if these Hindus are dumped in. If labor was in demand, it would not be so bad, but when I say that the Hindu is not a desirable citizen I think I am backed up by the great weight of public opinion here and we Canadian have without doubt the right to say who shall and who shall not enter this country."

Wazir Singh Test Case.

The motion for a mandamus to compel the immigration authorities to bring down their ruling in the case of Wazir Singh was adjourned until this morning in Supreme Court chambers, Mr. R. M. Macdonald appeared on behalf of Singh and Mr. W. H. D. Ladner on behalf of the immigration department. The adjournment was made in order that Inspector Reid may be properly served with papers and to give counsel further opportunity to prepare affadavits. In the case of Wazir Singh the court of inquiry heard the evidence ten days ago, but has not yet given its decision.

Ottawa, June 22.—The Government has been asked to send armed forces to Vancouver to prevent a riot in connection with the Hindu situation in that city. A long telegram has been received from Mr. H. H. Stevens, member for Vancouver. Mr. Stevens stated that Mr. Malcolm Reid, the immigration official in charge at Vancouver, had been summoned to the courts to give reason why certain details in connection with the examination of the intending immigrants had not been carried out and to show on what grounds they should not be allowed to land.

It appears that the examination has not been thoroughly carried out in all its technical details and the fear is expressed that the court may decide against the department and an order made to have the Hindus landed.

Mr. Stevens states that if they are landed a riot will certainly ensue and he anticipates that there will be bloodshed and disturbances of a very serious nature.

The people of Vancouver are bitterly opposed to the landing of the party. The fact that there are nearly 400 Hindus in a dangerous state of mind from their long confinement on board the vessel, and that they have friends of an equal number on shore, renders the situation one of great seriousness.

Many of the Hindus are trained soldiers and it is feared that they will put up a strenuous fight.

Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, is now in the West. The telegram therefore was sent to the Acting Minister, Hon. C. J. Doherty, but he has left for Quebec so the Premier has the matter in hand.

The result of the court proceedings at Vancouver is being awaited with considerable anxiety in official circles.

AMENDING BILL READY

English Papers Discuss Fate of Amendment to Home Rule Bill in House of Lords.

By News-Advertiser Leased Wire.

London, June 22.—The introduction of the amending bill into the Upper House today forms the chief topic for discussion in the morning papers. In no quarter, however, is there much hope entertained that it will be of such a character as to continue a basis of settlement.

It is not expected that today's proceedings will go further than the opening statement by Lord Crewe, who will explain on behalf of the government the amending bill, and Lord Lansdowne's brief reply. The bill will then be read for the first time, and the second reading will be put down for this day week.

GALES DAMAGE SHIPPING

Schooner Aleda Wrecked and Crew Missing as Result of Storms in New South Wales.

Special Cable to the News-Advertiser.

Sydney, N. S. W., June 22.—Considerable damage is reported, both on land and at sea, as the result of heavy gales which have blown through the State of New South Wales. News has just been received of the wreck of the schooner Aleda on the north coast. The crew of six men are missing.

The bark Jordanhill en route from Liverpool lost an apprentice overboard during a heavy blow. Many vessels are arriving with reports of having suffered more or less damage to their fittings and ventilators. Some, it is said, were forced to return to port owing to the intensity of the gale.

CHINESE CITIES FLOODED

Customs Officials and Foreign Staffs at Wuchow Forced to Live on Boats.

By News-Advertiser Leased Wire.

Hong Kong, June 22.—Extensive areas in the provinces of Kwangsi and Kwantung are inundated as a result of the flooding of the West River, which has risen 70 feet out of its banks. Thousands of natives who at first took refuge on the roofs of houses finally were compelled to flee to the hills for safety. The number of persons drowned is not known.

The parade ground at Wuchow, a treaty port in the province of Kwangsi, 180 miles west of Canton, is ten feet under water. The customs officials there and the members of the foreign staff are living on boats. The Chinese commissioner's house is covered by water.

London, June 22.—Cablegrams from China report devastation by floods involving thousands of lives. The damage to property and crops is estimated at more than $5,000,000 around the West River.

To Cross Ocean in Motorboat.

Winnipeg, June 22.—Lawrence Marples, aged 22 years, will in August attempt to cross the Atlantic in a thirty-foot motor boat, accompanied by three friends. The trip will be taken in an endeavor to win the $25,000 prize offered by "The London Daily Mail."

Marples, who is sales manager of a Winnipeg realty firm, believes by taking the northerly route via Belle Isle Straits, he can make the trip in seven day and seven hours, averaging 15 miles per hour. A Canadian firm of launch builders will construct Marples' craft, which will carry a miniature wireless apparatus with a radius of six miles.

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