

US Immigration

Department of Commerce and Labor

**WILL TEST LAW  
TO THE LIMIT,  
HINDUS DECLARE**

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Vancouver, B. C. May 20. — The Hindus now in British Columbia, expressing themselves through their leaders, believe that the whole immigration situation will be determined by the test imposed when the special steamer Komagata Maru arrives at the end of this week. The white population of the Province think the same thing.

The eyes of nearly everybody in the Province whether white, yellow or chocolate colored, are riveted just now on the little Japanese steamer. Two vessels which left Yokohama since the Komagata Maru got away have already arrived on this side, but they saw nothing of the Hindu excursion. The latter vessel is capable of only ten knots, and in a bad storm would probably not make half that, so that she can hardly get in before to-morrow night.

**TO MEET LAW IN FACE.**

The Hindus in Vancouver do not believe it likely that any surreptitious entry of the party in some isolated northern bay will be attempted. Rather the Hindus' intention is to meet the law full in the face and test it to the limit.

It is known that aboard the vessel are a few Hindus formerly living here but who are now returning from visits to India. If in good health and circumstances they are likely to be allowed to land. Regarding the others the immigration officials are saying nothing beyond the fact that they are to be kept out.

Unless the authorities spring some surprise it will be a week or two after the vessel arrives before the party can be sorted out and the undesirables ordered to be deported. Then will come the battle in the Courts. Even if the Hindus won there, which the officials say is unlikely, the five hundred will never be allowed to land.

**LABOR NOT EXCITED.**

The labor forces here are not excited particularly, but have been watching carefully and feel that if this boat load lands a million coolies will follow.

It is always easy to touch the match to the anti-Oriental feeling here, and a demonstration of bodily force to oust all the Asiatics is most likely to occur if the situation becomes acute.

In the case of the recent murder by a Chinese boy of his white mistress the police were forced for a week afterwards to take special precautions to avoid even small riots that might grow into large ones.

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