

Two attempts to get the five marooned Hindus back on the Komagata Maru were made at 2:20 o'clock this afternoon when the immigration launch drew up to the side of the steamer and ordered Gurdit Singh to lower the gangplank. This he refused to do and amid the imprecations and threats of the crowd of Hindus on board the Maru, the launch headed for shore. An appeal to the police to take charge of the situation is now being made.

The Japanese consul went aboard the Komagata Maru this morning by means of a rope ladder and Captain Yamamoto, who had obtained his services, followed. The consul has given the Hindus on the ship an ultimatum that they must permit the five marooned ones back on again before 2 o'clock, otherwise stringent measures will be taken.

It is proposed to have a vessel draw up to the Komagata Maru and play a steam jet on the Hindus aboard her if they resist the efforts to have the gangplank lowered and the "solid five" put back on board.

The whole situation was discussed this morning by the immigration officials, Mr. C. Gardner Johnson, representing the Japanese owners of the boat, and the Japanese consul, Y. A. Hori, who was aboard the steamer. When Mr. Hori went up the rope ladder he had the cap of Captain Yamamoto on his head, apparently in an endeavor either to disguise himself from the Hindus until he got on or else to disguise himself from the interested white men watching proceedings from the waterfront.

There was a great noise on the Komagata Maru today—the Hindus beat the deck and rails with their clubs, beat their breasts as well and in short worked themselves into a fine frenzy. And the youthful Boy Scouts on board the Charlotte en route to Victoria were responsible for it all. The Hindus apparently thought that the uniformed scouts on the Princess boat were approaching them with the grim purpose of capturing the Maru and putting its passengers to the sword. Desperate resistance was resolved on, to judge from all the tom-tom noise that came from the dusky-laden Jap boat.

Might Have Been Trouble.

That there might have been bloodshed on the waterfront had the Hindus tried to land today was shown when the immigration launch bearing the "solid five" Hindus marooned the other day from the Maru approached the wharf. Two or three hundred white men on the shore made quite a demonstration as the boat came up, being under the impression that the Komagata Maru was landing her passengers under a favorable Court of Appeal ruling. But the launch simply held some immigration men and the five lonely East Indians, who had no home either ashore or afloat.

A last attempt at peaceable means in getting them back aboard the Maru was to be made at 2 o'clock this afternoon, according to the ultimatum given to Gurdit Singh by Consul Hori. The plan then was for the immigration officials, the Japanese consul and the Jap captain to ask for the assistance of the police. That was, of course, in the event of the Gurdit Singh crowd refusing to lower the gangplank, which at noon today was still triced up.

Yesterday the "solid five," otherwise known as the "lonely Singhs," spent a pleasant hour sunning themselves on the wooden buoy in the harbor to which the coal hulks tie. In the meantime the immigration men took their launch to the detention shed wharf and had lunch. The Singhs squatted on the bare surface of the buoy and abstractedly speculated as to the theory of transmigration of souls and the possibility of indulging in their favorite pursuit—a lawsuit—this time with Gurdit Singh, once a friend but now their treacherous opponent in the many sided game being played on Burrard Inlet.

Mr. Reid's Views.

"I have nothing to say about the Hindus on the Komagata Maru except that my department is endeavoring to have the law complied with," said superintendent of immigration for British Columbia, Malcolm R. J. Reid this morning. "If the Panama Canal