

SMOKE IS RISING FROM THE MARU; TO LEAVE AT 5 A. M. TOMORROW

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prepare for departure, the hour of sailing being set at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.

A portion of the provisions for the return journey across the Pacific were put on the Maru late last night and more are to be added today. Steam will be up by noon, it was said early this morning.

The local Hindu committee, which carried on the negotiations of the day, meeting with their solicitor, Mr. A. H. MacNeill at his office, and later conferring on the Komagata Maru, and at the immigration offices, comprised Gunga Singh, Mitt Singh, secretary of the Sikh Temple; Tara Singh, Rattan Singh, Arjan Singh, Uttun Singh, Natha Singh, Karter Singh, Mohamed Akbar and Gurdit Singh. This last named is a local Gurdit, and not he of Komagata Maru fame.

Many Conferences.

Conference followed conference all during the day yesterday, and the Rainbow meanwhile lying at anchor, and the troops "standing easy" on the docks. Pleasure craft, filled with sightseers ran up and down the inlet and around the big boats. Thousands of citizens lined the docks and covered the roofs of neighboring buildings. Every available window was filled with faces, every telegraph pole and vantage point had its quota, and the expectant spectators stuck to it from 6 o'clock in the morning to 8 at night waiting for the battle that never came. The story of the day leading from the government ultimatum in the morning up to the final surrender of the Hindus at night was told in detail in The Province extra and regular editions yesterday. Further particulars come in additional stories in inside pages of this edition.

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the ship must have had a very quietening effect upon them and did much to induce them to go back peaceably. Vancouver should be proud of her volunteer militiamen who had shown by what they had done yesterday that they are second to none in the whole Dominion, he said.

As the 72nd and 6th Regiments both have large detachments still doing duty on the island the first call for men yesterday was made upon the Irish Fusiliers, the city's youngest regiment. At first 200 men were requisitioned for from the Irish, but as some difficulty was anticipated in getting together that number in the short time given it was decided to call upon the two older regiments to supply seventy-five men between them and to ask the Irish Fusiliers for 125. The Irish thus furnished 125 men and the other two infantry regiments seventy-five men, making the total combatant force 200. In addition some twenty-five men and several officers of the 78th Field Ambulance, Canadian Army Medical Corps, turned out and made preparations for establishing a clearing hospital at the C. P. R. wharf.

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Thanked by Stevens.

Just before the various detachments were marched off to their headquarters at 8:30 o'clock to be dismissed for the night, Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., made a short speech to the militiamen.

He thanked the militiamen for their excellent behavior and stated that he thought a great deal of the credit for the happy ending to the trouble must be given to them. Although not needed, he said the fact that there was such a well trained and disciplined lot of men ready for anything was known by the Hindus on

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Steamer Canada Refloated.

Quebec, July 22.—The Gaspe Line Steamer Canada was floated at six o'clock this morning with the help of the wrecking tug "Lord Strathcona." She is unharmed and is now on her way to Quebec.

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