

# COMMONS TAKES UP HINDU HUNGER STRIKE

Hon. Frank Oliver Asks Questions and Dr. Roche Answers Them.

Breach in Vancouver Between Newcomers and Shore Party Widens.

Committee Ashore Does Not Agree With Gurdit Singh.

Mr. C. Gardner Johnson Discusses the Question of Starvation.

Ottawa, June 6.—The hunger strike of the Hindus on board the steamer Komagata Maru was the subject of a debate in the House of Commons this morning. In reply to a question from Hon. Frank Oliver, the minister of the interior, Hon. Dr. Roche, made a statement. He said that instructions had been sent to the authorities at Vancouver to see that the passengers on board the steamer had plenty of provisions. This morning he received word that they had offered the Hindus two tons of flour, a couple of hundred pounds of rice, bread and all the fruit necessary. That the Hindus had refused, unless they got in addition ginger, milk, fifty live sheep and goats, one hundred head of live poultry and two hundred boxes of cigarettes. The hunger strike was said to be more apparent than real, as the ship officers stated, the Hindus were secretly eating at night and were not suffering.

## Enforcing Order-in-Council.

Mr. Oliver said he was not interested in whether the Hindus ate flour or rice or ginger or smoked cigarettes. What he wanted to know was if the order-in-council was being enforced, which forbade the entrance of all artisans and laborers into Canada. He thought there had been unnecessary delay. Dr. Roche assured Mr. Oliver that the order was being enforced. A board of inquiry was holding sittings and this took time, particularly as the Hindus did not understand English and each individual case had to be passed on. Mr. Oliver said he had noticed in the press that a shipload of Chinese had been admitted. He wanted to know if the order was being enforced against these aliens. Dr. Roche assured him it was.

## Hindus Must Pay.

Messrs. C. Gardner Johnson & Co., agents here for the Japanese steamer Komagata Maru, received a cable from the owners this morning which will precipitate the whole question of the 378 Hindus aboard the vessel anchored in the harbor.

The agents were instructed today to collect the price of the coal immediately and that the balance of the charter money and all other expenses must be paid by June 11.

The steamer has 1500 tons of coal on board, purchased at Mobji by the Hindus, collectively, with the idea of selling it here at a profit and thus realizing a substantial sum whereby litigation might be carried on. The Japanese owners of the Komagata Maru went guarantors to the coal vendors for the amount of, in other words, backed the note of Gurdit Singh and his fellow voyagers for the coal, on the understanding that it would be sold here and the money repaid.

## May Lose Profit.

As such a deal has not come off and as Gurdit Singh has refused to

## Captain of Storstad



Captain Anderson of the collier Storstad, which rammed and sank the Empress of Ireland in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

# ITALIANS STIR UP REBELLION

Wish to Put the Duke of Abruzzi on Throne of Albania.

Martial Law at Durazzo—Foreigners Are Fleeing.

Rome, June 6.—It is learned from a trustworthy source that there are sixty Italian officers with the Albanian insurgents, fomenting the insurrection and bidding the insurgents to proclaim the Duke of the Abruzzi ruler of Albania.

The newspapers announce that martial law has been proclaimed at Durazzo. The situation is most alarming and foreigners are fleeing.

Vienna, June 6.—Negotiations between the Albanian insurgents and the government representative have been broken off abruptly. The insurgents' final demands were the abdication of Prince William, and the substitution of a Moslem prince, toleration for the Turkish language for nine years, religious liberty for Moslems, and the addition of the Crescent to the Albanian flag. The government will now prepare a military force to attack the insurgents on three sides. The troops will be ready in three or four days.

# BILLY SUNDAY'S MAN. MUST PAY \$20,000

Choirmaster for Evangelist Promised to Marry but Changed His Mind.

Chicago, June 6.—A verdict awarding \$20,000 damages to Miss Georgia Jay against Homer Rodeheaver, choirmaster for "Billy" Sunday, evangelist, for breach of promise, was returned today by a jury in the circuit court.

Miss Jay alleged that she met Rodeheaver in Iowa; that they became

# ARMY WILL TRY TO DISCOVER THE FLAW

Looks Upon Empress Disaster as Divine Message of Criticism.

Commissioner Mackie Will Remain in Canada Only a Few Weeks.

Bodies of Twenty-three First-class Passengers Still Missing.

Further Identifications Were Made at Quebec Today.

Toronto, June 6.—The Salvation Army looks upon its terrible loss in the sinking of the Empress of Ireland as a direct message of criticism from Above, and the Army will try to find the flaw in itself which caused it to merit divine rebuke. This was the statement made this morning by Commissioner Mackie, of the international headquarters in London, England, who has arrived as General Booth's personal representative, to take charge temporarily of Army affairs here. Although it was stated that he would be Commissioner Reed's successor, Commissioner Mackie said today that he would return to England in two or three weeks, and General Booth would announce the appointment of a Canadian commissioner later.

Montreal, June 6.—Official figures of first-class passengers who were on the Empress of Ireland now show that thirty-six were saved. Twenty-seven bodies have been identified, twenty-three missing and one identification is doubtful, making a total of eighty-seven. Of the seven hundred and seventeen souls in the third cabin, one hundred and forty were rescued. There were four hundred and thirteen in the crew on the arrival of the boat at Quebec from Liverpool. Seven deserted, making the total four hundred and six, and when the boat left Quebec, there were five additional substitutes and four supernumeraries, making four hundred and fifteen. Of these two hundred and forty-one were saved and one hundred and seventy-four lost. The following bodies have been identified today: Mrs. Tennie Newton, by William Cook, her nephew; Mrs. George Bolton, by her sister-in-law of Cascade; Mrs. Stevenson of Edmonton, by her husband, R. Stevenson; Laura Tuffey of Kamloops, B. C., by Mrs. Drinkwater; T. Scott, a baby boy, 2 1-2 years old, and also Thomas Scott, his father, by R. Purvis, of Edmonton.

# SHOOTING AFFRAY FOLLOWS QUARREL

Frenchman Is Shot By Companion, After Heated Argument on Street.

After having a more or less heated quarrel in a Cordova street drug store early this afternoon, two men of whom very little is known at present, returned to the street and then one of the pair, Henry Glasson, whipped out a revolver and fired several shots