

IPERS ATTEMPT TO FORCE ACTION

sistent Reports Reach the Capital of Continued Operations.

ta's Men. Believed to Be Trying to Compel In- tervention.

Washington, June 24.—Persistent reports of sniping by Mexican Federal American outposts at Vera Cruz advances toward Mexico City, today to stir interest in the situation. Though the war department will publish no reports from Gen. in regarding sniping on the can forces, it is known here here has been investigation of ad reports to that effect. There been man, inference that a force were attempting to a flight with the American and force intervention. ent waiting on mediation con- today to be the attitude of the stration. The coming of Alfredo a, a representative of Carranza, hington was waited with inter- official quarters. Breceda and his colleagues are to participate in conferences of the Washington Gov- t is declared to be a fact, hut r they or other "Constitution- ill go to Niagara Falls to join erica and Huerta delegates in t discussion of peace still problematical. stration leaders insisted that mediation prospects eful.

Indians Are Intolerable. board U. S. S. California, Ma- June 24.—(By wireless to San — Conditions at Acapulco, ave long been deplorable, are y becoming intolerable. ing to subvert, the Federal gar- der General Salido is making ally loans, ranging from fifty id to twenty-five dollars on ans who have that much dis- wealth. tionalists, operating under ership of Zapata, keep the htly hemmed in. Federal re restless and the citizens eased. as the news brought here to- the Pacific mail liner Peru, so carried two refugees: An t, A. F. Flynn and Dr. C. a Frenchman. They came the coast at the little ban- of San Blas, where the Peru em up.

SUICIDE; REPENTS

uth Policeman Shoots Him- Then 'Phones for Help. Beach, Cal., June 24.—Be- because of a quarrel with his t, Stewart, a policeman, shot ad night through the neck revolver. A moment later tly changed his mind, stag- a telephone in his home. a police station and begged officers to hurry to his as- Stewart was removed to a ital, where surgeons report- ances for recovery as slight.

The Hindu question is now to be fought out in the courts. Ever since the arrival of the Komagata Maru, the policy of the immigration officials has been to handle the matter in such a way as to cause all the delay that could be reasonably put in the way of the Hindus to the gowned judges of the Supreme Court. To this end the officials have declined to give decisions in many of the examinations, because formal decisions gave chance for appeals to the courts, by way of habeas corpus. A week ago Mr. J. E. Bird, counsel for the Hindus, issued a writ for mandamus asking Mr. Justice Murphy to compel the immigration board to say definitely whether or not they would admit the first one of the 355 newly-arrived Singhs.

This was to come up on Monday, but it was adjourned until Tuesday, the application was laid over until Wednesday, which was today. And today it got another little hold—and, as a matter of fact, it may never again be heard of.

Habeas Corpus Thursday. Instead, there will be an actual trial of the merits of the law which seeks to keep out artisans and Oriental immigrants who do not come from the land of their origin, of birth, or whatever the term is, as contained in the order-in-council. It is recognized by both parties that the issues have now been raised in such a manner that they have got to be met once for all, and fought out. It is recognized too, that as this is inevitable, that it is better to face the issues before the courts and expedite a final decision as soon as possible.

Tomorrow, instead of the writ of mandamus in the case of Warir Singh, being pursued, the writ will be given a long hold, and a new motion for habeas corpus will be laid before Mr. Justice Murphy. The direct object of the application for habeas corpus will be to test the order-in-council restricting immigration to those immigrants who come direct from the land of their nativity. This issue is the vital one, and it will be fought out to a finish. In order to expedite matters, counsel have agreed to accept a pro forma dismissal of the application at the hands of Mr. Justice Murphy tomorrow. This will enable the matter to be brought on appeal proceedings before the Court of Appeal at Victoria before the end of the present month. Representations will be made to the court to request an early decision in the case.

To the Privy Council. Whichever way the Court of Appeal may regard the order-in-council it is likely that the unsuccessful party will appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which opens after the legal vacation early in the month of September. This is the highest tribunal in Canada, and it is quite possible that that eminent court may consider the test case in September. After that there remains only the Privy Council, and it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the test case will travel to London before it is finally disposed of.

What will happen to the excursionists on the Komagata Maru in the meantime? Are they to be liberated on bond, detained in the detention shed, or confined on board the Komagata Maru? That is a question that is being asked. In regard to this, the stand of the immigration authorities will be very clear. They will not consider for a moment liberating the men on

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WOULD SET ASIDE WEDDING CEREMONY

Grandson Opposes Marriage of Grandsire to Young Nurse.

New York, June 24.—An action to set aside the marriage of Charles W. Scofield to his nurse, Jane Winifred Fitz Simmons, three hours before he died at the hotel St. George on February 3, last, was begun yesterday in the Supreme Court by Lieutenant Seth W. Scofield, U. S. A., grandson of Charles W. Scofield. At the time of the marriage Miss Fitz Simmons was 23 years old and the bridegroom 79. The question of the validity of the marriage involves the control of an estate of \$50,000, it is said. Of this \$40,000 was left Charles W. Scofield by his first wife, the actress, Lillie Stowell, who died in Los Angeles twenty-five years after their separation. The plaintiff alleges that his grandfather was mentally incapable of legally contracting a marriage at the time of the ceremony uniting him and Miss Fitz Simmons was performed, and asks to have the marriage set aside as null and void.

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