

HINDU IS CHARGED

Ram Singh, as Result of Quarrel Amongst Hindus, Is Accused of Carrying Offensive Weapon.

Struggling in the grip of half a dozen countrymen, Ram Singh, a powerfully-built Hindu, was carried bodily to police headquarters at about 8 o'clock last evening and there charged with carrying an offensive weapon. His guards were headed by Bela Singh, a well-known member of the local colony and a friend of Rahim Singh, who died from the effects of bullet wounds last month.

According to the Hindus a dispute between Ram Singh and others arose on Powell Street, near Main Street, shortly after 7 o'clock. In the midst of a wordy argument, apparently between Nana Singh and Ram Singh, the latter drew a revolver, according to the report given the police. Immediately he was seized by members of the crowd of East Indians who had been participating in the discussion and lifted from the ground. He was thus half led and half carried to the central station.

No weapon was found on his person there, but a white witness of the affair reported that he had seen the accused throw away a revolver. Over twenty cartridges were found in Ram Singh's coat pocket.

Memorial Service to Be Held.

New Westminster, April 2.—Memorial services for Private Samuel Robert

Walaite Ram, a Hindu, was arrested yesterday on a charge of carrying offensive weapons by the men whom it is alleged he attempted to shoot. According to the story told to the police by Bela Singh and several companions who brought Walaite Ram struggling and kicking to the police station, he drew a revolver from his pocket during an argument at the corner of Powell and Main streets, but before he could use it he was surrounded. During the scuffle a white man who accompanied the Hindus to the station declared Ram threw the gun away, but on his person when searched at the lockup a number of cartridges were found. He will come up for trial on Tuesday.

Officials and employees of the B. C. Electric, to a large number, gathered in the board rooms at the head office this morning, the occasion being a well presentation to Mr. F. J. Carter, who for the past six years has been connected with the company in the department of the general manager. General Manager Carter expressed deep regret was felt by the company and the staff for leaving the company.

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BELA SINGH TELLS STORY OF SHOOTING

Says He Knew What Accused Was After When He Saw Him Near Store—Jury Finds Jhaget Singh Responsible.

An inquiry held yesterday afternoon by Dr. Jeffs, the coroner and jury, into the death of Ruttan Singh, who was shot near a Hindu store at 1828 Granville Street, on Thursday evening last, resulted in a finding to the effect that the deceased died from a gunshot wound inflicted by a gun in the hands of Jhaget Singh.

The courtroom was crowded with Hindus, all of whom were carefully searched by a constable before being allowed inside. Only five witnesses were called, Dr. Curtis, two police constables who arrived at the scene of the shooting shortly after the occurrence, and Bela Singh and Balu Singh, who were detained as material witnesses by the police.

The evidence of the two police constables described their arrival on the spot, after being called to the scene by Bela Singh. P. C. Lefler said that he met Jhaget Singh running up the alley with a revolver in each hand. He ordered him to give up the guns, which he did. When the other Hindus came up the prisoner drew a sword and tried to use it, but was prevented.

Bela Singh said that he was in the store on Thursday evening with Balu Khan and Muncha Singh. The dead man, who was proprietor, was also present. Witness happened to look toward the front of the store and saw Jhaget Singh standing there. He felt suspicious that the later meant serious mischief toward him and told his companions. They rushed out the rear door, but when they came to where they could see the front Jhaget Singh had disappeared. The four then re-entered the store and soon the prisoner came back again. The four men again darted out the rear door and when they got into the alley Jhaget Singh came after them and began shooting. Witness said he thought five or six shots were fired. He then ran to call the police and came back with them.

Bela Singh said that the revolutionists among the local Hindus had received instructions to kill him and his friends. They had made an attempt on his life a few weeks ago. He said the deceased had belonged to the Indian army and was anxious to go back and volunteer for service at the front.

Balu Singh's story was much the same. He admitted that the party had had a few drinks.

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SIKH WAS KILLED BY EXPLOSION AT NIGHT

Dynamite Outrage on Third Avenue, Kitsilano.

Mutab Singh Murdered and Two Compatriots Injured.

Search for Two Hindus Seen in Vicinity Just Before the Explosion.

Outrage Regarded as a Continuation of the Komagata Maru Feud.

No one has as yet been arrested in connection with the dynamiting outrage in Kitsilano last night, when Mutab Singh was killed outright and Deelega Singh and Payhan Singh were seriously wounded, although the detectives were at work all night in an effort to locate two Hindus who were seen running away from the vicinity of the explosion a moment before it occurred. The house at 1748 Third avenue west, in which Mutab Singh and his companions were asleep at the time, was totally wrecked, while a dozen houses in the vicinity were badly shaken by the shock of the explosion and hardly a single pane of glass remains whole in the neighborhood.

Following the murder, several weeks ago, of Rattan Singh, a member of the Bela Singh faction in the Sikh community and the open statements that other murders would follow, the authorities are of the opinion that it is a continuation of the Komagata Maru feud which has already resulted in the violent deaths of many persons connected directly or indirectly with the Komagata Maru.

A Friend of Bela.

Mutab Singh, it is stated, was a warm friend of Bela Singh, as were also all the men who were resident in the dynamited house.

Last night, they retired to bed early in the evening, and were all asleep before 11 o'clock, when, without warning, a terrific explosion occurred beneath the northeast corner of the cottage, directly under the room in which Mutab Singh was sleeping.

Several sticks of dynamite must have been used as the whole front of the house was literally blown into match wood while earth and rocks were hurled for a distance of hundreds of yards. The houses in the immediate vicinity rocked and shook with the concussion, while every window in the neighborhood was blown out. Great stones crashed through the fronts of several of the houses opposite the devastated residence.

Men, and women with little children rushed out into the street in their night clothing, only to hear the horrified shrieks of the wounded and frightened inhabitants of the wrecked building. In the darkness it was impossible for them to tell the extent of the damage, and it was not until the arrival of the fire brigade with a powerful searchlight that the police, who had arrived from C. substation, under the direction of Sergeant Murdock MacLennan, could organize a systematic search of the ruins.

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The police ambulance arrived a few moments later and the injured men were rushed to the General Hospital, where it is thought they will recover.

Just before the explosion, two East Indians were seen running along Third avenue, and it is suspected that they were the men who placed the dynamite bomb under the house. The charge must have been a large one—too large for the work for which it was intended, experts in powder work declare, for the greatest force of the explosion went downward and tore a great hole in the earth, shattering a great granite boulder which served as a portion of the foundations.

The rocks and debris of the building were hurled with awful force across the street. One rock went right through a house occupied by East Indians, while another boulder crashed through a residence and knocked the base board of the front room away from the wall and against a woman who was sitting on a chair nursing an infant.

A little table which was in the front room of the wrecked house was thrown fifty feet in the air and fell again on the roof, where it remains. The mattress of the bed on which Mutab Singh was sleeping was blown to atoms and the felt filling is scattered around the vicinity.

Murder Not Unexpected.

The body of Mutab Singh, who was a foreman at the False Creek Mill, was horribly dismembered, and it was some time before it could be gathered together. It was removed to the T. Edwards undertaking parlors, where Coroner Jeffs will hold an inquest.

Before he left for the Orient several weeks ago, Dr. Raganath Singh informed the authorities that there would be more murders, as he had learned that an attempt would be made to exterminate all the friends of Bela Singh as well as Bela Singh himself.

Today Walaite Ram, a Hindu, will appear in the Police Court on a charge

of carrying offensive weapons. He is alleged, attempted to draw a revolver on Bela Singh about ten days ago, but was overpowered by Bela Singh and several of his companions and was carried to the police station, where a plentiful supply of ammunition was found in his pockets.

It is stated that a seditious publication printed in California is being circulated amongst the East Indian colony, in which the murderer of Inspector Hopkinson is extolled, and in which Jaget Singh, the man alleged to have been the murderer of Rattan Singh, is praised for his work. It is thought that this publication is having the effect of inciting the Hindu revolutionists in this city to further deeds of violence. The paper was refused the privileges of the mail shortly before the death of Inspector Hopkinson, but it is still being brought into the country.