EIGHT SIKHS ARE SHOT AT FUNERAL

Members of Funeral Party at Sikh Temple Are Shot, Three Probably Fatally, While Attending Ceremony.

WOUNDED ACCUSE BELA SINGH OF FIRING SHOTS

Accused, Who Was Afterwards Taken in Charge, Is Said to Have Opened Fire With Two Revolvers.

Eight Sikhs, members of a funeral party, were shot, three probably fatally, last night while attending a religious ceremony at the Sikh Temple, 1866 Second Avenue West. Among those not expected to live is Bagh Singh, a priest at the temple. Another of the injured is Argan Singh, of Fraser Mills, brother of Arhan Singh who was fatally shot Thursday night at 1474 Third Avenue West, and from whose funeral the party had returned to the temple for the purpose of holding the final rites. The wounded were practically unanimous in their assertions to the police that the shooting was done by Bela Singh, member of the immigration Department staff, whom they accused of opening fire upon them with two revolvers while they were at prayer.

List of Those Shot.

In addition to the priest and Jowalla Singh, those shot are: Badan Singh, resident of the temple, shot twice in the left shoulder and twice in the left chest, and not expected to live; Uttum Singh, also a temple resident, shot through the right side from the rear and not expected to live; Labh Singh, Wilson Road, Point Grey, wounded twice in the right forearm and through the right knee; Dalip Singh, Victoria, flesh wound in the right thigh; Buttan Singh, North Vancouver, shot in the left knee, and Sohan Lal, Forty-eighth Avenue, East, South Vancouver, shot in right knee.

According to the story told the police of the afafir, thirty Sikhs who had witnessed the cremation of Argan Singh's body were assembled in the temple for religious incantations in behalf of the soul of the departed when Bela Singh entered the temple from the rear and took a seat on the floor near Bagh Singh and in front of the assembly. Balwant Singh was reading a scriptural service at the time.

Fired Two Revolvers.

According to the statement made at the hospital by Uttum Singh, the prayers were interrupted by Bela Singh rising to his feet and firing at Bagh Singh with two revolvers. The authorities were told that Bela Singh then turned the weapons on the other Sikhs who tried to escape. In the resulting confusion several Sikhs leaped from the porch on the second storey of the temple, among them being Badan Singh, who, although suffering from four severe wounds, ran to 1672 Third Avenue West, where he sought shelter.

Bela Singh Arrested.

Residents in the vicinity notified the police of the Kitsilano station of the shooting, and Inspector Scott, Sergeant Latimer, Constable Lester, Detective-Sergeant Jewitt and Detectives McLeod, Ricci and Denning hurried to the place. The wounded were sent to the General Hospital, and Immigration Inspectors Reid, Hopkinson and Gwyther were informed of the affair. Bela Singh was taken into custody while standing beside an ambulance in which one of the injured was placed and after he had been accused by other Sikhs of doing the shooting. Shortly after the affair, Detective Ricci found at Bela Singh's home nearly three hundred cartridges and other ammunition, as well as one of the weapons with which it is believed the shooting was done. The other revolver was found in the street in front of the temple. Sohan Lal fled to South Vancouver after the shooting, but afterwards sought the assistance of the police in having his injury attended. Sohan Lal and thirteen other Sikhs were taken to the police headquarters, where they are being held as material witnesses.

Another affair of violence among East Indians which received attention from the police last night was the assault of Bhagut Rahm, 48 Main Street, who was severely beaten by three countrymen when at the C. P. R. passenger station. Rahm was taken to the hospital to have a scalp wound attended. Rahm was unable to give the police any reason for the assault. The police have been unable to learn the cause of either the shooting or the assault.

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GERMAN LOSS IN FRANCE

Identification Plates of 62,000 Soldiers Killed in France Pass Through Brussels.

By News-Advertiser Leased Wire.

London, Sept. 6.—A dispatch to "The Observer" from Antwerp says that a bag containing 62,000 aluminum identification plates of Germans who have been killed in the fighting has reached Brussels from France. These plates are destined for Berlin.

BOMBS DROPPED IN GHENT

Aeroplane Drops Three Bombs in City Without Doing Any Damage, Says Amsterdam Dispatch.

By News-Advertiser Leased Wire.

London, Sept. 6.—A dispatch to the "Chronicle" from Paris says that an aeroplane dropped three bombs in Ghent and Eecloo without doing damage to either city.

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