but quickly recovered himself and closed with his assailant. At this point Mr. Henry S. Brick, of the S.S. Niagara, and Mr. C. E. Michaelson, of the Wilbur Rooms, appeared on the scene and soon settled the altercation. While the officer was recovering from the effects of the first blow the Hindoo struck him a second time, almost breaking his wrist.

A subsequent examination elicited the fact that the visor of the officer's helmet alone saved him from a fractured skull. The accused man is of large proportions, standing well over 6 feet in height. The officer will be unable to resume his duties for a day or two.

## "BY WIRELESS" FROM THE GERMAN CAPITAL

(Associated Press, World's Leased Wire.)

BERLIN, Oct. 23 (By Wireless).—The general in command of the German Seventh army corps, it was stated officially in Berlin today, has declared that the calling of the landsturm is unnecessary, as enormous numbers of the landwehr were still available. Nor has it yet been necessary to call out volunteers.

BERLIN, Oct. 23 (By Wireless).—According to information given out today in Berlin, the number of Belgians returning to Antwerp is increasing as a result of the good treatment accorded them by the German authorities in possession of the city.

### DIAZ VERY MUCH ALIVE.

BIARRITZ, France, Oct. 23.—Via Paris—There is no truth in the report of the death of Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico. Senor Diaz has been suffering from a slight gastric trouble, but he has taken rides daily, for several days and today he took a walk on the beach.

### YOUNG MEN, USE CANDY.

Doctors now assert that candy is a good heart tonic. Does this explain why so many young men buy candy when they go a-wooing?

# JURY CHARGES HOPKINSON'S DEATH TO MEWA

Strongly urging that the federal and provincial governments adopt measures which will serve to give better protection to the officers of the law, the jury empanelled by Coroner T. W. Jeffs yesterday afternoon to inquire into the death of William C. Hopkinson, who was foully murdered in the provincial court house on Wednesday morning, found that Mewa Singh committed the murder.

The following is the wording of the verdict:

"We find that William C. Hopkinson came to his death from wounds and hemorrhage caused by shots fired by the prisoner, said to be Mewa Singh, and we herewith recommend that both Dominion and provincial authorities formulate some plan for the better protection of those brave officers whose duties call upon them to risk their persons in defence of law and order. We further recommend that special attention be paid to watching Hindoos and other foreigners."

Although from the evidence it was very clear that the prisoner committed the murder, the jury felt disposed to add a rider which would impress upon the authorities the fact that in the Hindoos the police and immigration officials had a difficult class of citizens to deal with.

Sitting in the dock at the police court the accused Hindoo listened attentively to the evidehce. In contrast to his actions imediately after the murder, he was in an uncomfortable frame of mind. He was carefully watched by several officers who stood to his actions immediately after the is looking for some opportunity to do away with himself.

When the verdict had been rendered, Mewa Singh was asked if he wished to get a lawyer to look after his interests. After pondering over the matter for a few moments he replied that he did not wish to retain counsel, but that if his friends saw fit to do this he would be pleased. So far his friends have failed to take action in the matter.

Formal medical evidence to the effect that four bullet wounds were found in the body of the deceased was given by the physician conducting the post-mortem examination. The deceased was wounded in the knee, the chest and the back. Death was caused by hemorrhage.

**Grappled With Murderer.**

The detailed account of the murder was given by James McCann, caretaker of the courthouse, who rushed to the assistance of the deceased, and who snatched the smoking revolvers from the hands of the alleged murderer.

He was on the lawn in front of the courthouse when he heard shots. He rushed upstairs and saw a Hindoo with two revolvers in his hands standing over the body of a white man. He identified the prisoner as the Hindoo who did the shooting. He stated that he at once closed with the Hindoo who turned a weapon on him, pressing it against his vest. He knocked the weapon aside and soon took him prisoner. He took the two guns from his hands. One was a blue-steel weapon with all five chambers discharged, and the other was of the "bulldog" type, which had three loaded chambers.

When he had seized the Hindoo, the latter had said: "I shoot—I go to station."

The next witness was Mr. Richard Polley, 717 Homer street, who is employed at the assize court. He stated that he was eight or ten feet from the deceased when the shots were fired. At first he did not realize what had happened, but he caught sight of the prisoner firing into a white man, who was lying on the floor. The latter managed to regain his feet and was grappling with his assailant. The prisoner fired again and the white man fell to the floor and did not rise again. The witness went up to the Hindoo and demanded the guns, but the latter said, "I give them to the police." Mr. McCann then arrived and closed with the Hindoo.

That he was standing in the corridor between the room for male witnesses and the entrance to the court when he heard the shots, was the statement of Mr. John McIntyre, 1125 Granville street, a witness at the assize court, who was called as the next witness. He saw a Hindoo pointing a gun towards the witness room door. He could not remember how many shots were fired. Next time he looked he saw the Hindoo being led away.

Mr. T. G. Goodman, Central Park, an elevator operator at the court house, was the next witness, but his evidence wa so flittle value. He heard the shots and when he arrived on the scene the deceased was prostrate on the floor, while Mr. McCann was mastering the Hindoo.

**Mewa A Fiend.**

Similar evidence was given by Mr. Paul Cadwell, Yew street, who was a witness in the assize court. He described the prisoner as a fiend. Each time he shot he jumped into the air waving the revolvers frantically. He was sure Mewa Singh was the man who did the shooting.

That he was entering the courthouse in company with Detectives Crewe and Sunstrun when he heard the shots, was the evidence of Detective Norman McDonald. He saw a number of Hindoos running down the stairs. In company with the other detective he stopped them and then he proceeded upstairs. He met Mr. McCann with the prisoner. He took charge of the prisoner, placing him in a cell. Detective Sam Crewe stated that he also heard the shots and saw the Hindoos rushing for the door. He assisted in stopping them and while the other detectives went upstairs he held five of them in a corner. He had accompanied Detective McDonald with the prisoner to the cell. The prisoner gave the name of Mewa Singh. A doctor had been summoned, and five minutes after the shooting had pronounced Mr. Hopkinson dead.

Coroner Jeffs offered the jury the evidence of the Hindoos who had run downstairs, but the jury refused to hear them. Mr. J. K. Kennedy acted for the Crown, while Mr. W. H. D. Ladner appeared for the department of the Interior, which includes the Immigration Department.

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# APPLE WEEK WILL REMIND PEOPLE OF BIG APPLE SHOW

Fifteen carloads of apples from the Okanagan, or about 9000 boxes, and many from other parts of the province, will figure in Vancouver's "Apple Week," which has now superseded the "Apple Day," which was originally proposed to the markets and industries committee of the city council by Market Manager J. McMillan.

For the week beginning Nov. 2, the apple will be king, and wholesalers, retailers, the Council of Women, the Woman's Forum, householders, school children, indeed everybody, will combine to acknowledge its reign. Producers and consumers will be brought closer together by means of the display, which will take place at the rooms of the Industrial Bureau, and in the windows of nearly all the grocery and fruit stores.

Representatives of many interests met at the city hall on Thursday afternoon under the chairmanship of Alderman Cottrell, and there was absolute unanimity on the propositions. The wholesalers already have plans well in hand for holding an apple week. Mr. F. W. Welsh promised that 90 per cent of the retail grocery trade would have special displays of apples in the store windows during the week.

Mr. A. Brenchley was equally certain of the wholesalers, who would work hand in hand with the committee to boost B. C. apipes for that week, and he said that, given equal quality, grading and price, the wholesalers would be perfectly willing to foster the sale of B. C. apples in preference to those from the other side of the line. There was no doubt about the supply from the Okanagan.

Mr. R. W. Holland was desirous of knowing if the quantity could be supplied, as it would be no use boosting provincial apples if, at the critical moment, it was discovered that the apples would not be forthcoming. However, all doubts on that score were set at rest, as, added to Mr. Brenchley's statement was the information from the market manager that he had sufficient promises to make the affair a great success so far as the City Market was concerned.

The only matter over which there was any contention was whether the week should commence on Saturday, Oct. 31, or on the following Monday. Mr. Welsh pointed out that Saturday was the last day of the month, and many people would refrain from buying on that day, as their purchases would swell their monthly accounts. If it was held on the following Monday, however, there was far better chance for the opening day being a huge success. He promised the wholehearted support of the entire retail trade, and he undertook thath all members of the Retail Grocers' Association

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