

# FEUD RENEWED IN HINDU COLONY

## Jagit Singh Caught With Two Smoking Revolvers in His Hands.

## Was Literally Loaded Down With Ammunition and Knives.

The factional war in the Hindu colony has again assumed grave proportions. Last night Rattan Singh, a follower of Bela Singh, was murdered and Amor Singh was wounded in the foot, while Bela Singh narrowly escaped death in a shooting affray which took place in a Hindu store at 1829 Granville street. Jagit Singh is held on a charge of murder.

The police have not as yet been able to get the exact details of the affair, owing to the fact that several of the witnesses were intoxicated at the time, but from what can be understood the murder was deliberately planned, and was primarily intended to effect the death of Bela Singh, who since his acquittal on the charge of murdering Bhag Singh and Baden Singh in the temple last September, has been repeatedly threatened with death. On two occasions efforts have been made to shoot him.

Bela Singh with Amor Singh, Bhal Mukand and Rattan Singh, who testified for him at his trial on the charge of murder, it appears, entered the store at 1829 about 7 o'clock last night. There they encountered Jagit Singh, and a few moments later the shooting took place. Rattan Singh was shot in the right temple, and was also wounded slightly on the back of

the head. He dropped instantly. Amor Singh was struck on the foot, while Bela Singh's coat was perforated by a bullet.

Police Constables (188) Lefler and (22) Watson, officers on duty regulating traffic, heard the sounds of the shooting and ran toward the place. Lefler reached the place a moment ahead of Watson, just as Jagit Singh, with two smoking guns in his hands, emerged from the store in pursuit of the Sikhs who escaped injury. Lefler drew his gun and ordered Jagit to throw up his hands. Up went the two guns, and as Constable Watson approached to take them away the Hindu dropped them with the intention of covering the officers. They sprang upon him and wrested the revolvers from his grasp. The ambulance was sent for, and Rattan Singh and Amor Singh were removed to the hospital.

The policemen started to take Jagit Singh to B Division station when he started to fight. Watson saw him thrust his hand into his coat. The constable anticipated that he had further arms, and after a brief struggle overpowered him. A kukri knife with a blade over two feet long was found in a sheath secured in a specially constructed pocket on the inside of his overcoat. When searched at the police station by Inspector Scott and Constables Watson and Lefler, Jagit was found to be literally loaded down with ammunition. He evidently intended to make a strenuous resistance to his capture, and had it not been for the quickness of the policemen in getting the "drop" on him he undoubtedly would have resisted arrest and had evidently planned to sell his life dearly.

Detectives Tisdale and Ellice were assigned to the case and arrested Bela Singh and Bhal Mukand as material witnesses.

Ever since the execution of Mewa Singh, the slayer of Inspector W. C. Hopkinson, the trouble has been brewing and the police have been anticipating a renewal of the open war which preceded the trial of Mewa Singh.

Two-months ago Bela Singh's life was attempted within a few paces of the place where the shooting occurred last night, and Bela at that time suspected Jagit Singh as being the would-be assassin. Bela Singh with

Rattan Singh and Amor Singh was returning home and was just turning off Granville street bridge to the plankway leading to Third avenue when a Hindu stepped from behind a lamp post and levelled a revolver at Amor Singh. "Shoot, I am not Bela Singh," declared Amor Singh, and the assassin after taking one look at the man dropped his revolver and ran.

Within the past two months pictures of Mewa Singh have been surreptitiously circulated throughout the Hindu colony. He is called "martyr" and his deed is lauded in the literature emanating from the Pacific Coast KJalsa Diwan Society, of Stockton, California, which is responsible for the circulation of the "martyr" pictures.

## JURY'S VERDICT IS IN FAVOR OF GOLD

## C. M. Woodworth Loses Suit for Legal Fees Against South Vancouver Reeve.

After only fifteen minutes deliberation a jury in the Supreme Court yesterday gave a verdict in favor of Reeve Edward Gold of South Vancouver, who was defendant to a suit brought against him by Mr. C. M. Woodworth, barrister, for a balance of \$1040 for legal fees in connection with the unsuccessful attempt last fall to unseat Reeve Kerr. Mr. Gold has been a frequent litigant in the courts, "to my sorrow" he told the jury yesterday. He was represented in the proceedings yesterday by Mr. Israel Rubinstein. Mr. Woodworth was represented by Mr. Joseph Martin, K. C., who at the close of the case intimated that his client might enter an appeal.

Mr. Woodworth, who was counsel for Mr. Gold in the abortive unseating proceedings, claimed the \$1040 as a balance due him for fees. He had previously received \$200. Mr. Gold claimed that when he embarked on the unseating proceedings, Mr. Woodworth had represented that it was a simple matter to unseat Reeve Kerr, and had agreed to act as solicitor and barrister in the case for a fee of \$200. The witnesses' fees and disbursements had been paid by Mr. Gold. Mr. Woodworth denied this arrangement, and called his stenographer as a witness. The young lady testified that she had been called in as a witness to a verbal arrangement between the parties in regard to Mr. Woodworth's remuneration.

Mr. Justice Morrison presided over the trial.

## IS GOING TO THE FRONT

Toronto's Corporation Counsel Granted Leave of Absence.

Toronto, March 19.—Lieut. G. Reginald Geary, three times mayor of Toronto, and now corporation counsel, has been posted assistant adjutant of the thirty-fifth overseas battalion, Canadian expeditionary force, and the Board of Control, yesterday by a vote of three to two, recommended that he be given leave of absence with his full civic salary of \$9000 a year, he to pay for the services of substitute counsel during his absence at the front.

## TO LEAVE TIDWORTH

Draft of Reinforcements for Canadian Division Being Made Ready.

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