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house. The body was lying under wreckage in the hole caused by the explosion, face downwards. To the best of his knowledge dynamite must have been used. There were eleven Hindus in the house at the time of the explosion. Two others had been sent to the hospital suffering from wounds. The other eight could not give any account of what happened, as they were all excited.

Constable Crighton (187), stated he was proceeding down Pine Street about 11.15. When opposite the Kitsilano police station he heard an explosion and ran in the direction of the noise. He had helped Sergeant MacLennan make a search of the ruined house. Besides the deceased they had found the two injured men, Dulcep Singh and Ban Singh. One of them was lying in the centre of the building and he had carried the other man in his arms from the second storey. Describing the house as he had found it Constable Crighton said the front wall had been blown out, most of it lying on the sidewalk. The northeast wall had been blown about three feet against the wall of an adjoining house. All the rooms of the first storey were badly wrecked and the second storey was swinging from the support of the flooring. He was of the opinion that dynamite had been used, judging from the smell. The charge had been placed under the building and not at the side.

Coroner Jeffs—Do you think it possible that it was accidental?

Constable Crighton—It is possible. It is probable that dynamite may have been stored in the house.

On being questioned by one of the jurymen the constable stated he had passed the particular spot about fifteen minutes previous to the explosion. There were no lights in the house at that time and the street was dark.

Much Damage.

Inspector David Scott testified that he was in bed at the time the explosion occurred. He dressed immediately and made his way to the scene of the explosion. By that time the officers had secured the body. An officer was left to watch the place for the remainder of the night. He secured photographs of the house and made a thorough search of the premises in daylight. The inspector produced the piece of fuse found near the corner of the house by a young school girl.

It was a very frail building, there being no lath or plaster on the interior. The partition of one of the rooms had been tipped over and caught the roof above. Other lives had probably been saved by this fortunate occurrence said the inspector. Pieces of stone were chipped off a large rock near the place where the explosion occurred, and large spike nails had been driven into adjoining houses. There was scarcely a house in the block that remained undamaged. A large three-storey building had every window broken and had been unfastened. The inspector was of the opinion a very heavy charge had been used. A hole three or four feet deep had been torn in the ground.

A jurymen—Would it be necessary to remove a board in order to place the charge under the building?

Inspector Scott—The earth had probably been scratched away and the charge placed there with very little noise. The house to the east was occupied by other Hindus while the one to the west was occupied by Mr. Green, who was ill at the time.

Coroner Jeffs—Do you think the dynamite was placed there with the definite purpose of blowing up the house?

Inspector Scott—There is not the slightest doubt in the world but that it was placed there for that purpose.

Mrs. Daisy Dalton was then sworn as interpreter for the Hindu witnesses. Gormac Singh testified that he was in the house on the night of the explosion.

HINDU FRACAS IS STOPPED BY POLICE

Bela Singh Alleged to Have Caused Disturbance After Arrest of Fellow-countrymen in Kitsilano.

Bela Singh, the leader of one faction of Hindus here, and two of his countrymen were arrested as a result of a disturbance on the steps of the Kitsilano police sub-station last night. The arrest followed upon that of two Hindus on a "drunk and disorderly" charge. Bela Singh, Lucham Singh and Hira Singh are alleged to have caused the affray.

Shortly before seven the police were called into Hira Singh's house at 1678 Second Avenue West where two Hindus named Nina Singh and Sewa Singh, allegedly under the influence of liquor, were accused of trying to assault Lucham Singh, a friend of Hira Singh. The two, according to Lucham Singh's complaint to P. C. Crighton, had pursued him along Second Avenue and he had fled into the home of Hira Singh for safety.

The police officers were followed to the divisional police station by a crowd of some 300 Hindus, all gesticulating and shouting. On the steps of the station Bela Singh, who had suddenly appeared on the scene, is said to have got into an argument with Lucham Singh and Hira Singh, and it is stated that blows passed. The police put an end to the argument by arresting all three. Lucham Singh, who claimed that he was being chased by other Hindus, is a banker.

The police, up to last night, had not made any arrest in connection with the alleged murder of Mutab Singh. A Hindu sentry stood all night on guard in front of Hira Singh's house, in which a large number of East Indians live. Sentries have also been posted in front of some of the other dwellings.

Stamps Are Interchangeable — An enormous number of postcards and letters are being received at the post office without the necessary number of stamps. There must be three cents worth of stamps on a letter which previous to April 15 required only two cents. Three one-cent war stamps will take a letter to its destination as quickly as three one-cent ordinary stamps.

GRUESOME DISCOVERY

Kamloops Man Finds Bound and Decaying Body Buried in Cellar of His Shack.

Kamloops, April 16.—The body of a man with hands tied behind the back and with rope coiled around it was found by Angelo Perrin in the cellar of his shack on River Street yesterday. Chief Henderson of the police department was notified of the discovery.

Detecting an unpleasant odor emanating from the cellar, Perrin raised a trap door, which had been nailed down, and, descending into the basement, discovered the body, which had been covered with earth. There was a decayed mattress lying alongside. In the clothing were found a few handkerchiefs, some loose pieces of underwear and some packages labelled "tobacco."

Last November a Serbian and a Montenegrin lived in the shack together.

missal of Mr. Breckon.

The recommendations which go forward to the City Council from the water committee as a result of their private meeting yesterday in the city engineer's office will not involve the dismissal of either Mr. Breckon, the water engineer, or Mr. Harry Lewis, the foreman, but they will come definitely and distinctly under the direct jurisdiction of the city engineer. Mr. Fellowes will be as fully responsible for the water department as he is for the various departments of the board of works, such as sewer construction, scavenging, road work and so on. Some aldermen claim that always has been their understanding of the relationship, but in any event it is proposed now to clearly settle all misapprehensions as to division of responsibility.

The movement for dispensing with Mr. Breckon's services originated, it was claimed, in a desire to cut down expenses. However, certain retrenchments are recommended, which will obviate the dismissal of either Mr. Breckon or Mr. Lewis, whose position was also called into question. Such rearrangement is recommended as will mean doing without the services of a watchman and a timekeeper and it is proposed to reduce Mr. Breckon's salary from \$3000 to \$2400 a year.

MR. FRANK OLIVER DEFENDS ACTIONS

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like circumstances have received a great deal more consideration than they would be entitled to in being permitted to speculate in Indian lands not so much with their own money as on the leniency of the Government.

The blackmailing letter from Mr. S. H. Fahrni, to which the Hon. Dr. Pugsley pointed out the Minister of the Interior made himself a party, was replied to by my solicitor in Edmonton informing Mr. Fahrni that if he desired to take any proceedings the solicitor would receive papers on my behalf. In consequence of my declining to be blackmailed, a copy of Fahrni's letter was sent to the Minister, who sought to use it in the House to my injury.

The Government's reason for laying the Ferguson report on the table of the House at the very close of the session, when its full discussion was impossible, was very frankly stated by both the Hon. Mr. Meighen, Solicitor-General, and Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior. Hansard quotes Mr. Meighen as saying:

Non-Controversial Session.

"What are the subjects before us? and why are we here? It was thought at one time that the session of Parliament upon which we are launched and which is now nearing its conclusion would be a non-controversial session. If the Opposition had made it possible for the Government to have carried out that intention, then, indeed, in my opinion, this report could not have been presented."

And if there is one honorable gentleman more than another who had addressed himself with assiduity to that task (attacking the Government) it is the member for Edmonton."

The interview then continued:

The Hon. Dr. Roche said in his opening remarks: "I do this personally against my will, but the events of the past few weeks and the efforts of hon. gentlemen opposite and the Liberal

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