

Bhagut Rahm was attacked by four of his countrymen on the waterfront Saturday night shortly after the shooting affray at the temple. He was brought to the hospital and was placed in the ward with those who had been wounded by Bela Singh's revolver. The police have not been able to determine whether or not the attack on Bhagut Rahm was in any way connected with the more serious affray at the temple.

Police Constable Bliss of South Vancouver with Detective Crewe of Vancouver on Sunday evening arrested Jagta and Ralaka Rahm at a house on Fifty-second avenue and Main street in connection with the alleged assault on Bhagut Rahm of 48 Main street at the C. P. R. station on Saturday evening.

JAGAT SINGH TO PAY THE DEATH PENALTY

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Jury Recommends Mercy and
Wants Sale of Liquor to
Indians Stopped.

Jagat Singh, the Sikh who shot to death Rattan Singh in a store on South Granville street on the evening of March 18, is to pay the death penalty on August 4. An assize court jury yesterday evening found him guilty of the crime of wilful murder with a recommendation to mercy, and Mr. Justice Murphy at once passed the death sentence.

An important recommendation that East Indians be prohibited from obtaining supplies of liquor, was made by the jury, the evidence in the case showing that Jagat Singh and some of the other East Indians present at the time of the tragedy were under the influence of liquor.

Jagat Singh heard the sentence passed without any show of emotion, and in answer to the usual question of the judge, said he had nothing to say. Mr. Justice Murphy will forward to Ottawa the recommendation of the jury and their request that steps be taken to prohibit liquor sellers from supplying liquor to East Indians.

The trial did not appear to excite any great interest in the Sikh community, only a handful of East Indians being present any stage of the trial.

MEWA SINGH TO BE TRIED ON FRIDAY

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Hindu Proposes to Go into the
Box and Tell Why He Shot
at Hopkinson.

The trial of Mewa Singh for the murder of Immigration Inspector W. C. Hopkinson has been fixed for Friday, and is said will be made the occasion by Mewa Singh to make a public statement of the motives which led him to the shooting. This statement, it is said, will show that the shooting had nothing whatever to do with the Komagata Maru affair, but is connected with the shooting affray in the Sikh temple and the prosecution of Bela Singh.

Mr. E. M. N. Woods has been retained by the friends of the accused to appear for him at the trial, but what line of defence will be adopted is not yet known. Mr. Woods appeared this morning in the Assize Court on behalf of Mewa Singh when the case was set down for hearing on Friday morning.

The trial will be a short one, and will, it is expected, be over before the court adjourns on Friday evening.

RAM SINGH HELD GUILTY BY JURY

Coroner's Jury Says He Held
Gun When Argan Was
Shot.

Revolver Was Later Found in
Garbage Can—Varying
Stories.

That Argan Singh came to his death as a result of a revolver shot from a gun in the hands of Ram Singh was the decision of the jury empanelled by Coroner Jeffs to enquire into the death of a Hindu at 1747 Third avenue west, on Thursday evening. The jury refused to say whether the shooting was accidental or whether it was a deliberate murder on the part of Ram Singh, whom it held by the police on that charge.

According to medical testimony given at the inquest, Argan Singh had been shot in the neck, the bullet travelling downward into the body. The man had died almost instantly.

Detective Sergeant John H. Jewett testified to finding a revolver and box of cartridges wrapped up in a handkerchief and hidden in a garbage can in the rear of the lot.

Inspector Scott of C division explained having been called to the address on Third avenue by Bela Singh over the telephone. On arriving there he found Argan Singh on the floor with a blanket partially covering him. He was lying in a pool of blood in the door of a bedroom. He described searching the premises and finding Sucha Singh in bed in a shack in the rear of the yard.

On first seeing the dead man, the inspector said, he thought that there might be a flicker of life left and summoned medical aid, but Dr. Corry, who responded to the call, said that he had been dead for some time, and that it would not have been possible for him to have moved after having been shot. The Hindus in the building declared upon the arrival of the police that Argan Singh had been outside in the yard and had run in, exclaiming that he had been shot, and dropped on the floor in the position that the police found him.

Sucha Singh called to the stand declared that he was in the next room when the shooting occurred. He ran into the room and found Argan on the floor with Ram Singh leaning over him with his hand on the dead man's neck. He had asked what was the matter and had been told that Ram had accidentally shot him. Frightened at what had occurred, he had gone out to the shack in the rear of the lot and covered himself up until the arrival of the police.

Bahal Singh told several different versions of what had occurred. He first declared that he was not in the room when the shot was fired, but later admitted that he was standing directly behind Ram Singh. He declared that Argan had given Ram the revolver telling him that it was not loaded, although every chamber was discovered subsequently to have contained a cartridge. The revolver went off and Argan fell to the floor.

Frightened that another shooting affray might result, the witness said that he took up the gun which was now in the corner of the room and the box of cartridges, which had somehow appeared from no place. He also took a convenient handkerchief. He wrapped up the gun and cartridges in the handkerchief and deposited them in the garbage can.

Inspector of Immigration W. C. Hopkinson cross-examined the witnesses, while Mr. Gwyther of the same department acted as check interpreter on the Hindu interpreter.

JURY FINDS HINDU GUILTY OF WOUNDING

Autumn Assizes Close at New
Westminster—Eleven
Convictions.

New Westminster, Dec. 4.—The autumn Assize Court for the trial of criminal cases was concluded yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Murphy and today the convicted prisoners will come up for sentence. The hearing of a number of civil actions will follow.

Yesterday Jewel Singh, a Hindu, was found guilty of unlawful wounding by a jury, and another jury, who were out at the same time returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of David Flack, charged with assaulting a Hindu. The Flack case, which was a very short one, was tried immediately after the conclusion of the Jewel case.

Jewel Singh was charged with murderous assault and with assault to do grievous bodily harm in connection with an attack on Fred Kerr, a local teamster, last June. In his first trial at the present assizes the jury disagreed. In the second trial a great deal of conflicting evidence was given. By request the jury was yesterday taken to view the scene of the alleged assault in this city. The evidence of accused and his friends was that in his attack on Kerr he acted in self-defence and that there was trouble brewing at the time between the whites and Hindus over the Komagata Maru incident. The Hindus said Kerr had brushed up against the accused and his friends had knocked off a turban, a great insult to a Hindu.

After deliberating for three hours the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the instructions of Mr. Justice Murphy, who said that in event of doubt they might bring in a verdict of unlawful wounding. This the jury did with a recommendation for mercy.

David Flack of Rand Station, was charged with assaulting a Hindu named Thakar Singh. Liquor was at the bottom of the affair. Crown witnesses, Hindus, said the accused had hit the complainant with a peavy and a general fight followed. The accused said he was under the influence of liquor at the time and that he acted in self-defence. The jury found the accused not guilty.

In the case of Rex vs. Grill, charged with escaping from unlawful custody, the crown entered a stay of proceedings.

The following sentences were handed out:

William Cole, manslaughter at Ladner, seven years.

E. Muracourt, robbery with violence at Port Mann, five years.

H. E. Cooper, false pretences, municipality of Surrey, two years.

Edward Porter and Frank Allen, robbery of store Mission City, two years each.

Syme and Flupp, two fishermen, Port Moody, theft, two years each.

Alex. Tommy, Indian, arson, one year, Okalla farm.

Jewel Singh, unlawful wounding, eight months at Burnaby prison farm.

F. E. West, false pretences, four months.

Frederick Klein, attempted murder, suspended sentence.

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