

REBEL COMMANDER IS HOSTILE TO CONSULS AND MAKES THREATS

Despite Protests of Foreign Diplomats, Villa Continues to Confiscate Much Property.

THREATENS TO SEND GERMAN CONSUL AWAY

Impossible to Obtain Definite Information as to Treatment of Foreigners.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 14.—Ameri-

cans, Germans and Spaniards who arrived today from Chihuahua, Mexico, report that Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, virtually had constituted himself dictator there and that he refused to heed the request of representatives of foreign governments.

They asserted that the rebel leader had seized \$5,000,000 worth of property belonging to foreigners; had put to death about twenty Mexican civilians, including Sergeic Sanchez, a lawyer and former state official, and had commanded the American, German and British consuls to obey rebel orders.

Seizes Property.

The happenings in Chihuahua since

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MR. FRANK GILBERT, OLD STAGE DRIVER, DIES FROM INJURY

Following an accident which resulted in the fracturing of his skull while working in Messrs. Champion & White's barns, Harris street, Saturday afternoon, Mr. Frank Gilbert, pioneer of the city, known by old timers as the stage driver between old Gastown and New Westminster, passed away early yesterday morning in the General hospital.

The accident occurred when Mr. Gilbert was struck by part of a hood of a cutting box which broke. Mr. Gilbert had raised the hood just after shutting off the power when it was caught by the knives of the cutting box, the result being that the clipped part of the hood struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious.

Mr. Robert Leatherale, brother of Acting-Deputy Chief Leatherale, of the Vancouver police force, witnessed the accident and called the ambulance, having the unfortunate man removed to the hospital.

ASIATIC IMMIGRATION STRONGLY DENOUNCED AT RELIGIOUS MEETING

Gathering Not Wholly in Sympathy with H. H. Stevens, M.P., But He Issues Defiant Challenge.

HINDUS MAY BE BRITISH SUBJECTS; NOT CITIZENS

Why They Are Not Wanted Here Is Succinctly Explained by Local Member.

"I threw out a challenge in Toronto, and I throw it out here. I challenge any man living to bring out a single instance in the whole history of the Indian nation to show that their civilization has done anything at all to uplift the other races of the world. I say that their civilization is unproductive of good to the human race as a whole."

Speaking before the Men's Adult school in the Sailors' home, Powell street, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., gave a direct and closely compressed epitome of his principal reasons for opposing the immigration of Asiatic races into Canada. He spoke most particularly of the Hindu race, but gave arguments which generally covered his views also in regard to the Chinese and Japanese.

A Pointed Question.

Mr. Stevens spoke to an audience not considered entirely in sympathy with the motion to exclude the Indian Asiatics. The president of the meeting was Mr. Ernest Monnying, who teaches English to the Hindus, and whose striking question given at the end of the address, illustrates his personal feeling. The question was:

"Suppose Jesus Christ, who was also an Asiatic, appeared on Granville street in a turban, would we call on the immigration officers and the police to muddle Him aboard a ship and hurry Him back to His own country?"

Mr. Stevens' reply was that he did not think that if Vancouver were privileged to have a visit from the Savior, the Nazarene would be found preaching virulent sedition such as was certainly preached by the priest, Bhagwan Singh, and further, he did not think that Jesus Christ would have challenged the law courts of the country as Bhagwan Singh has done.

Mr. Stevens addressed himself to three classes of opponents to the sentiment that would exclude the Hindus

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VANCOUVER'S PROGRESS MARKED BY PUBLICATION

THE eyes of the world are on British Columbia. Twenty-five years ago it was considered a wilderness; today it is the most-talked-of province in the Dominion.

This is the day of progress. Vancouver has become a city of towering office buildings and magnificent homes. In just the same way the science of publishing has advanced and the Christmas number of the B. C. Saturday Sunset, published this week,

