

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 Sergei 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 mundle 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,

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CONSERVATIVE RIDING SUPPORTS CANDIDATE IN FEDERAL ELECTION

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early in the summer of this year. Hon. Alex. Morris represented it from 1867 until his death in 1872.

The split in the Conservative party in this election occurred when Col. Balderson announced he had not been given a square deal by the convention and announced his candidature. Mr. Hawkes coming into the riding was a surprise as he was unknown, which probably accounts for his small vote.

The following is the vote in detail:

	1913	1911			
Riding.	Hanna (Con.)	Balderson (Indep.)	Hawkes (Canada)	Hagart (Con.)	McKinnon (Lib.)
Bathurst	235	206	2	7	252
Beckwith	148	116	12	187	161
N. Burgess	91	46	5	43	...
Drummond	120	240	..	127	...
N. Emsley	118	58	4	117	40
Montague	290	221	..	114	...
Perth	336	224	7	371	175
Smith Falls	509	592	40	19	70
S. Sherbrook	73	82	..	125	215

WINNIPEG, Dec. 14.—Mr. Alex. Morrison, Conservative, was elected in the Macdonald constituency of the federal parliament today with a majority of 911, with one poll to come. A heavier vote was polled at the previous election, when Mr. Morrison was elected and later unseated on petition and the majority was increased from 748.

Increased Majority.

Six polls in the Winnipeg suburbs ran up the increased majority, showing an advance of 186 over the former majority they gave the Conservative candidate.

Mr. Morrison's opponent in the second election was Mr. Miles, Liberal. Mr. Walter Burnsides was arrested in St. James, charged with perjury. Beyond this incident the election was quiet.

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and other Asiatics. The types of opponents to exclusion and friends to the Asiatic immigrants he illustrated, first, by men like Mr. Campbell-Johnson, who, according to the speaker, are not able to estimate the menace of the Hindu from the point of view of the average man, but judge him a fine fellow because their experience of him is gained from the point of view of, say, the British military officer in India who sees the Hindu and the Sikh under discipline, and not as a competitor in the labor market.

Religious Aspect.

The second type of opponent to exclusion Mr. Stevens described as the type of men like Mr. Hall, the missionary to the Sikhs, who appeared before the government at Ottawa two years ago, and whom Mr. Stevens has met and spoken with. Mr. Stevens declared that he believed such men would, if surrounded by other environment, become converts to the Asiatic religions in one form or other. He believed Mr. Hall was a proselyte of the Sikh religion which professes belief in one God. To Mr. Stevens the prime objection to the Asiatic religions is that even the best of them has not one tithe of the uplifting power of the Christian religion.

Third type of objector to the exclusion policy Mr. Stevens finds in the thinking type of average citizen who cannot understand why a Christian race should discriminate against any other people on earth, and why British subjects should discriminate against British subjects such as Hindus. Mr. Stevens believed that his audience of yesterday morning consisted to a certain extent of such thinkers.

His arguments against the immigration of Hindus were systematized

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and succulent. First he referred to the prime argument of self preservation the first law of nature. To those who argued that this was contrary to the self-sacrificing law of Christ, Mr. Stevens pointed out that the Holy Writ has many texts indicating that the Jewish nation was warned against allowing contamination from alien races, and severely punished by Jehovah for having truck and trade or other relations with alien races. Even the Apostle Paul did not begin to preach to the Gentiles until he had failed with the Jews.

To Produce Best Type.

If Christianity as the religion of the white British race is to continue to be the uplifting lever it has been then its "heel" in the substance of the race must not be softened by the admixture of alien blood amongst the people to produce lower types of humanity than the lowest of either race intermarrying. Mr. Stevens cited instances to prove the effect of the admixture of races as a deteriorating influence.

On the principles of justice, liberty and equity, or fairplay, the strength of the British empire and its sway are based. No admixture of the races whose characteristics had not ever been for the good or humanity at large could help to continue the beneficial influences of the British rule. That the best conditions of Indian society are the result of arbitrary British rule counteracting the evils of the uncontrolled Hindu regime, Mr. Stevens declared. If British rule is relaxed or removed India will return to its original darkness, he felt sure.

Shutting the Door.

He referred to the deputation of Sikhs, who, with Mr. Hall, visited Ottawa two years ago. These people, he said, were themselves logically shutting the door on the Indian races, for they asked that only the Sikhs should be allowed to enter Canada, there being only 2,000,000 Sikhs, as against 340,000,000 of the other Indians. These petitioning Sikhs were actually asking that a British government commit the unfairness of admitting Sikhs only, while closing the doors against 340,000,000 other equally qualified British subjects. On that ground alone their request should be refused, but there were other and far stronger reasons against admitting any Asiatics. It was not necessary to refer to certain objectionable practices of the Hindu race and the Asiatics of kindred origin.

The question of the admission of Hindu women had been made cleverly enough, a very strong appeal by very skilled Hindu workers on the sympathies of humanity all through the Eastern provinces. This appeal is the strongest card the Asiatics play in the East, and upon it rests the strongest opposition of Canadians to the exclusion of the Asiatics and their wives. Mr. Stevens suggested that the fitting reply to the man who has left his wife to seek financial gain for himself in a country into which she may not follow him, and who there raises a piteous appeal for her society, is "Go back to your wife if you want her."

"Which Wife."

As for admission of the Hindu women the question would be "which

wife should be admitted?" Out of nine or ten wives sometimes possessed by these polygamous people it would be unfair to favor one only. All the others would have equal rights to enter Canada and join their husbands. Was Canada prepared in admitting these Asiatics to recognize their custom of polygamy?

Then the child-wife question arose. Did the Canadians opposing exclusion of Hindus and their wives realize that there are 9,000,000 child-wives in India all under 14 years of age, and married in many cases to men as old as fifty? Did they realize that 26 per cent. of these child-wives die annually from physical crimes committed upon them as the result of their union with these mature mates in the marriage bond? Was Canada ready to recognize the child-wife? If so, then let her admit the Indian Asiatics with all their train.

Not British Citizens.

Again, there was the question of these Asiatics being British subjects, and therefore entitled to enter a Dominion under the British flag. To that Mr. Stevens emphatically answered that they may be British "subjects," but they are certainly not British "citizens." He explained that of the population of India amounting to hundreds of millions, only 16,000,000 are entitled to be called "citizens." This number includes Calcutta, Bombay and Rangoon. His hearers might judge for themselves the proportion of white people in that 16,000,000. As to the claim that even the 16,000,000 are all strictly speaking citizens, Mr. Stevens pointed out that the representatives of these people are not chosen according to the white British plan. One half are elected as in Britain or by British citizens, the other half are nominated by the British government. There was a difference. These Asiatics had not only never exercised the full rights of British citizens, but they had not even the right to ask for

the privilege of being admitted to British dominion.

Very briefly Mr. Stevens touched on a further reason against the admission of the Asiatic races to Canada, the imperial aspect of the question. If a British dominion gives access to these Asiatics then is the empire prepared to submit, not necessarily at once, but sooner or later, to the domination of the Asiatic races, force of numerical superiority and our system of government? To Mr. Stevens it seemed as he stated in his concluding sentences, that the whole uplifting power upon the nations influenced by the British stock through the principles of British government and the Christian religion, would be undermined and weakened by the admixture of the Asiatic element in the manner apparently desired by the opponents to the exclusion of all Asiatics and especially the Hindu. Was the British race prepared to modify its great standpoint of justice, equity, liberty and religion to meet the influx of Asiatic races?

These reasons Mr. Stevens gave his principal reasons for the rigid exclusion of Asiatics. In reply to critical questioner, he pointed out that in regard to the matter of polygamy he had spoken sweepingly, but in the main, accurately as regards the general custom and practice of the Asiatics referred to. He did not by any means imply that all Hindus had dozen wives.

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