



SWEAR SOHAN LAL INCITED MURDER

Well-known Hindu Is on Trial
as Result of Killing of
Hopkinson.

Witnesses Swear He Had In-
cited Audiences at Sikh
Temple to Murder.

Sohan Lal, a Hindu, who is alleged to be an agent of the United India League and as such delivered seditious speeches, in facing trial by jury today in the assizes on the charge of abetting, counselling and procuring Mewah Singh to murder the late immigration inspector W. C. Hopkinson. The charge recited that Sohan Lal advocated the killing of Superintendent Malcolm R. J. Reid, Inspector Hopkinson, Bela Singh, Baboo Singh and Gangoo Rham, the three latter being Sikhs and Hindus employed by the immigration department.

Sohan Lal is a slim, smally-built Hindu with very nervous manners. He has renounced the turban for a felt hat, and wears his clothes like a European. He was with Mewa Singh at the time Mewa attacked and killed Hopkinson, but made no attempt to run away, appearing overcome by fright. He, together with seven other men who later attempted to leave the scene of the shooting, was arrested in the courthouse after Hopkinson was shot. The others were released in due course, but Sohan Lal and another Hindu named Rahim have been committed for trial.

Dr. Raganath Singh, an intelligent-looking young Sikh who is an army surgeon in the Indian army and accompanied the Komagata Maru by way of a holiday trip, was an important witness against Sohan Lal. He said that Sohan Lal had repeatedly urged him to attend the meetings of the United India League at the Sikh Temple, assuring him that there was no ill-feeling towards him but only against those who were giving evidence to the government.

Describing the meeting at the Sikh Temple, Dr. Raganath Singh said that there were about a hundred East Indians present and guards with heavy sticks were mounted at the doors to keep out any government spies. Sohan Lal read an article from a native publication called "Mutiny," urging the overthrow of the British Government and saying that the cause could not prosper unless the immigration dogs were "finished."

Several other Sikhs who were present at Sohan Lal's meetings gave evidence, including Pertab Singh, the brother of Harnan Singh, whose dead body with the throat cut was recently found in some bush near the Kitsilano car barns. He said that Sohan Lal referred to "immigration dogs" and said that if Bela Singh, Baboo Singh, Gangoo Ram, Mr. Reid and Inspector Hopkinson were killed the work would go on better. At one stage of the meeting Bhag Singh, the chairman, announced, "If there are any immigration dogs here they had better go out or they will be killed" and Sohan Lal added "I agree with what Bhag Singh has said."

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Local Brevities

The German name of the Dominion Government dredge "Fruhling" has been changed to "303."

Mr. H. J. Steeple, general agent for the Erie Railroad Company, is in the city consulting with local representatives of his line.

Mr. Joseph Martin, M. P., will address the Liberals of South Vancouver on Friday evening. It has already been reported that Mr. Martin may be a candidate for South Vancouver at the time of the next election.

Mr. Jonathan Miller, Vancouver's first postmaster and one of the best known of the old timers of the city who was recently stricken with paralysis in California, returned to town this morning.

The Y. M. C. A. Debating Club will this evening form itself into a mock parliament with strong speakers on both sides of the House. A reciprocity bill will be introduced by the government. All interested are extended an invitation.

Rev. J. H. Miller was on Tuesday inducted into the pastorate of the Cedar Cottage Presbyterian Church in succession to the Rev. J. C. Madill, who is now in the East. Several clergymen were present and the reception given to the new minister was enthusiastic.

The Yorkshire Society will hold another of their successful whist drives and dances in the O'Brien Hall this evening, commencing at 8:15. The attendance of the public this year to these social events has been very gratifying to the society's officials, and together with a large number of new members, has helped them in their desire to carry them on as usual.

A paper on "Fuel Oil and Its Application" will be read by Mr. J. J. Ferris, superintendent of oil service on the Canadian Pacific Railway, at the regular meeting of the Vancouver branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, which will be held in the Board of Trade rooms tonight at 8:15. All who are interested in the subject to be discussed will be made welcome.

Mr. Thomas Adams' appointment as assessor of the civic centre plans was ratified by the plans committee yesterday afternoon. He is the advisor on town planning for the Dominion Government's commission of conservation, and will arrive in Vancouver on December 11. In all 45 sets of plans have been received, most of them being from designers in the vicinity of Vancouver, with four from other parts of Canada and one from the United States.

Two men who applied to the city relief office on Railway street this morning gave their address as 242 Cordova street east. But men claiming the police station as their residence could get no work from the city. Curiously, they did not apply at the same time but were evidently strangers to each other. As an indication of how men try to "put one over" on the officials, out of 22 cases of alleged married men investigated this morning, only 13 were bona fide. The rest were either single or had wives but in another part of the country.

At the meeting of the grain committee of the Vancouver Board of Trade, which was mentioned as being in session yesterday afternoon, Mr. George E. Graham, chairman of the committee; Mr. J. E. Hall and Secretary W. A. Blair were appointed a committee to take up the matter of the cost of haulage of wheat from the prairies to the coast with the representatives of the railway companies interested, more particularly with Mr. W. B. Langan of the freight department of the C. P. R. As mentioned the report of this committee will be submitted, if it can be made ready, to the general meeting of the board on Tuesday evening next.

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BANK PANICS SEEM A THING OF THE PAST

Bad Conditions, Due to Dis-
trust, Now in Museum of
Antiquities.

New York, Dec. 3.—Panic, due to distrust of banks, has been relegated to the museum of antiquities by the new reserve banking system, in the opinion of C. S. Hamlin, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, voiced this afternoon in a speech before the New York Chamber of Commerce.

"The federal reserve system will relegate to its proper place the museum of antiquities, the panic generated by distrust in our banking system, leading to a struggle of self-preservation between bank and bank and individual and individual, and ultimate hoarding by the people," Mr. Hamlin asserted. "Such hoarding usually follows hoarding by the banks and does not precede it. If hoarding by banks should cease, hoarding by individuals would never occur, and both, I believe, will be relegated to obscurity under the federal reserve system."

Mr. Hamlin did not think that all panics would be done away with, of necessity, by the new system.

STRATHCONA GEMS SEIZED

Customs Officers Say They Were
Undervalued—Appeal to McAdoo.

New York, Dec. 3.—Appeal is likely to be made to Secretary of Treasury McAdoo to prevent the sale at public auction of jewelry of the late Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner at London, which was seized by the customs officials for alleged undervaluation.

The gems were consigned to an attorney in this city for delivery to Lord Strathcona's stepson, James H. Smith of Brookline, Mass., to whom they were bequeathed. Examiner Treadwell held that some of the jewels were undervalued from 75 to 100 per cent.

The re-appraisal by Judge Sullivan, sustaining Treadwell, was affirmed today by a board sitting on the case, and the jewelry was ordered sold at public auction. Counsel for the estate is expected to appeal to Secretary McAdoo.

Under Military Arrest.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—Walter Schuster, a grain broker, with the Grain Exchange firm of Simpson, Hepworth & Co., was arrested today by a file of soldiers and his home was searched. It is alleged that he had frequently expressed strong pro-German sentiments.

The Quebec Bank this morning obtained speedy judgment against the Fernridge Lumber Co. for \$1926 on a promissory note. The application was undefended.

Giuseppe Locasso, the Italian, who was arrested when he attempted to inform on some fellow countrymen, who, he said, were conducting a blind pig, and who was taken into custody for carrying a revolver, was this morning sentenced to one month in jail.

The appeal of Mr. Edward Gold against the judgment of Mr. Justice Morrison in the South Vancouver election case is on the list for hearing in the Appeal Court today, and counsel are in attendance. It will probably be reached late this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

At the regular meeting of Ridgely Lodge, I. O. O. F., held last Monday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: N. G., Bro. F. D. Davies; V. G., Bro. F. W. Hall; R. S., Bro. H. Large; F. S., Bro. Bateman; treasurer, Bro. O. G. Hawes; trustees, Bros. A. E. Smith, Bennett, Woodman,

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RAILWAY BOARD

Hold Brief Session at
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A decision will be
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Halls to rent, from \$5 up. Lester
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Tulips, all colors, 15c; dozen, \$1.00
per 100. Crocus, 35c and \$1.00 per
100. Snowdrops, 75c per 100. Ritchie,
Brand Co., 723 Robson street.

GREAT EVENT.

Big crowds are being attracted to
the sale of the Montreal Salvage
Brokers, which opened today. The
large enthusiastic crowd speaks vol-
umes for the numerous bargains to be
had at this sale, which should be a
blessing to the community, as it gives
the people a chance to economize.
Coming at this time of the year, most
stores expect full prices for their
goods, so this sale should be a huge
success with its wonderful bargains.
The sale of the Montreal Salvage
Brokers is on at 104 Cordova street.
Rae Shoe Store old stand. 166-1-214

WHAT'S YOUR STANDARD?

Ours is a square deal to every pur-
chaser. Try us. Our goods have the
right price. Millar & Coe, 120 Hast-
ings west, for china, toys, etc.

Duke's Grocery places on sale to-
morrow morning 100 49-lb. sacks Five
Rose, Robin Hood, Our Best and
now Flake flour, at the very low
price, \$1.65 per sack. Not over one
pound to each customer and must be
with other goods if delivered.

Harvey's No. 1 Newfoundland
cod, 4 lbs. for 25c. At Duke's Gro-
cery.

Dr. Calmette Missing.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Dr. Albert Calmette,
eminent scientist, and director of the
Pasteur Institute at Lille, who has
been acting as one of the chiefs of
medical service of the army, has
been missing some time. It is now
reported that he is a prisoner of war
in Munster, Westphalia. Dr. Cal-
mette is a brother of the late editor
of the Figaro, Gaston Calmette, who
was shot and killed by Mme. Cal-
mette, wife of the well-known French
man.

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We Are Still Handling

Scott said the commission could not
do this, but he intimated that the
board would not interfere with any
arrangement made between the gov-
ernment and the company.

An application to close three
streets in Golden was refused. So
was an application by the town of
Courtenay to have the E. & N. Rail-
way give a strip of its land there for
a public road.

Dr. J. A. J. McKenna, of the Indian
commission, drew the attention of
the board to the neglect of fencing
by railways passing through Indian
reserves.

The city of Duncan asked for the
variance of an order regarding the
placing of gates at a crossing just
outside that city. Mayor Smith said
it has never asked for this relief,
which was given on the request of
W. H. Hayward, M.L.A. It appears
that a census of persons using the
crossing was taken while an Indian
potlatch was in progress nearby and
Commissioner Goodeve commented
upon this as placing the municipality
in no enviable position. The com-
mission will view the place today.

MUST PAY FOR SHARES

Novel Point of Company Law Makes
Mr. Weston Liable as Contributory.

The Court of Appeal yesterday
afternoon allowed the appeal of Mr.
J. Perrin, assignee of the Western
Plate Glass & Importing Co., against
the judgment of Judge McInnes dis-
missing an action which the assignee
had brought against A. H. Weston for
payment of five shares. At the trial
Weston, who appeared on the books
of the company as a contributory for
ten shares, stated that he had only
subscribed for five, the agreement be-
ing that the other five were to come
out of the profits of the business, and
not to be subscribed for.

Before the appeal judges, Mr. J. B.
Patullo, K. C. for the appellant
argued that under the B. C. Companies
Act no shares can be purchased ex-
cept for cash, unless a written agree-
ment is made and registered with the
registrar of joint stock companies at
Victoria. Their lordships held that
this point was fatal to Weston and al-
lowed the appeal with costs. Mr. R.
Maitland appeared on behalf of
the respondent.

Added Shipping to World.

New York, Dec. 3.—During the last
fiscal year there were added to the
shipping of the world 713 new vessels,
with a gross tonnage of 2,020,185 ac-
cording to the annual report of Lloyds
register of shipping, made public here
today. This is said to be the highest
total for any one year recorded in
the history of the society. About 60
per cent. of the total was for the
British Empire, the remainder divided
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and linen collar and well-pressed blue
serge suit with very modish-looking
brown boots. He told of being pres-
ent at a meeting in the temple on
Nov. 8, 1913, where Sohan Lal, speak-
ing in Punjabi, urged the assembly to
"Faisla" all their opponents. "Faisla,"
he said, meant to put an end to them.
Mr. Reid and Mr. Hopkinson were
mentioned by name but not the
Hindus on the immigration staff. On
a previous occasion Sohan Lal had
made a speech warning anyone pres-
ent from working for the government.
After Harnan Singh's death, Sohan
Lal had come to him on the street
and said, "If you don't keep away
from the job, you will be killed too."
As a result of the feeling aroused
against him, Bela Singh said he had
ceased from attending the services at
the temple, and had only gone as a
compulsory religious duty after the
funeral of Harnan Singh and Argan
souls. It was on the latter occasion
that the shooting of Bhag Singh oc-
curred.

Chief Janitor James McCann and
Mr. Polly of the courthouse staff, who
arrested Mewa Singh after the shoot-
ing of Inspector Hopkinson, testified
to Sohan Lal being present at the time
of the shooting.

The precincts of the courthouse are
thronged with Hindus and Sikhs, who
are evincing very keen interest in the
trial. Mr. A. D. Taylor, K. C., is con-
ducting the prosecution. The trial is
presided over by Mr. Justice Macdon-
ald.

This morning the defence in the
case was opened by Mr. George E.
McCrossan, who called a number of
Hindu and Sikh witnesses to the box,
who swore that they had been pres-
ent at the meeting in the Sikh Temple
throughout last year and this. They
were very positive that at no date had
Sohan Lal ever advocated the killing
of Mr. Reid, Mr. Hopkinson or any of
the staff of the immigration depart-
ment.

Contrary to rumor, Mewa Singh,
now awaiting the death penalty for
the murder of Inspector Hopkinson
was not called by either side today.
An precaution against the possibility
of any further troubles arising at the
Courthouse, every East Indian who
entered was "frisked" to see that he
did not bring in any weapons conceal-
ed in his clothing or turban. The
men went through the ordeal as if it
were a good joke and tickled their
sense of humor.

Subscriptions to the citizens' war
fund received recently are: K. A. A.

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