of the judges in this respect. Every courtroom should be provided with copies of the statutes and rules."

Police Constables (122) Milner and (144) McAfee were the means of preventing a disastrous fire which broke out yesterday morning in the seventh story of Kelly Douglas & Co.'s warehouse on Cordova street. The two policemen noticed the reflection of the fire and broke into the building. One ran to the nearest alarm box and the other fought the flames with a hose attached to a hydrant in the building until the arrival of the fire department.

Speedy judgment was obtained yesterday morning by Mrs. Grace Haner against John E. Claughton, a lawyer, on a note endorsed by W. R. Sprott, whose question of liability was adjourned. A criminal charge which has been preferred by Mrs. Haner against Claughton will be heard by Judge McInnes next Wednesday afternoon.

In the coming lectures on questions of vital interest, Rev. J. K. Unsworth will speak next Sunday evening in the First Congregational church on "What Shall we do with the Hindus."

George McBroom, David Weber and J. Simpson, who are held on a charge of highway robbery arising out of the raid made by four masked men upon a number of card players in a private club at 336 Hastings street west, one night last week, were called in the police court yesterday but owing to the absence of Inspector McLeod who had to be present at an assize trial at New Westminster, an adjournment was ordered.

Judgment was given yesterday morning by Judge Grant in favor of David Spencer Limited for $432.10 against E. Stanley Mitton, an architect, for decorative work. The suit was undefended and it was stated that Mr. Mitton is now living in Toronto.

A meeting called by the joint committee of the Employment and Relief association, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the council chamber of the city hall. The object of the meeting is to lay before the various organizations and individuals who are interested in this work, the character of employment and relief which it proposes to undertake this winter and also to consider the formation of a permanant general committee, from which shall be elected members to consititute aboard of directors, to govern the association, the duties of this board to commence January 1st, 1915.

B. C. Electric employees contributed $485.22 to the Citizens' War fund this morning, and the B. C. Breweries $200. Other subscriptions were: T. G. Wall, $5; starter and elevator boys, Rogers building, $3; F. C. Butterfield, $10; J. Galloway, $15; C. Frederiksson, $3; K. W. Gunn $3.50; F. W. Mitton, $2; George Thomas, $2; Miss J. Smith, $2; Miss L. Sandel, $2; Miss M. Park, $2; George I. Wilson, $100; employees, Tisdalls Limited, $25; gas and electricity inspectors, inland revenue, $7.50; J. McKinnon, $4; Canadian-Australian SS. line staff, $11.50; Union Bank of Canada, staff, $62.50; Union Bank of Canada, $5.

Springridge Lodge No. 79, International Order of Good Templars, held their weekly meeting in the Cedar Cottage hall, Victoria road. Reports for the closing term showed an increase in membership. New officers were installed by Bro. J. H. Jones, D. G. C. T. as follows: C. T., H. R. Tyerman; V. T., M. A. Timms; P. C. T., P. S. Lesher; C., M. E. McPhie; sec., C. F. Timms; A. S., O. V. Baxter; T., W. Brotherton; O., M. G. Brown; M., W. H. Brotherton jr.; D. M., E. Tedford; G. W. W. Telford; S., R. Fordham. Other officers: F. S., M. McPhie; S. T. E., M. E. M. McPhie; E. S., E. Tyerman; R., O. Baxter and P. C., C. Timms.

HOLD SMOKING CONCERT IN LIBERAL QUARTERS MAIN STREET TONIGHT

An attractive musical programme, short speeches on local topics and a generally enjoyable time, await those who attend at the Liberal rooms, 4362 Main street at 8 o'clock this evening when a smoker under the auspices of the Main Street Liberal association will be held. Dominion and provincial politics will be taboo during the evening which will be given over to the form of entertainment mentioned. Mr. Ralph Smith, Mr. Joseph Martin and Mr. Donald Downie will be the principal speakers, all of whom will have something of more than passing interest to say. The attendance is anticipated to be large and the proceedings will commence sharp at the hour stated.

BAPTIST MISSION.

After twelve months' successful services at the Mission it is felt the time has come to extend and consolidate the work. Rev. F. G. West has accepted an unanimous invitation to take charge of the services Sunday morning and evening. The subject in the morning will be, "The Priest who can be touched and grace to help." Evening subject at 7:30, "Ecce Homo." The Sunday school Bible classes will be held at 12 noon instead of 2:30. The young people's meeting will be held at 6:30 before the evening service. Mrs. West has started a successful women's meeting which is held every Thursday at 2:30 p. m., and open to all. Mrs. West is giving a series of stereopticon lectures in co-operation with Mr. Angel Stoeff. These lectures are given fortnightly and have attracted full meetings. The third was given on Wednesday last.

BOXES OF APPLES FREE.

Twelve boes of rosy B. C. apples will be distributed by the management of the Columbia theatre today to those of their patrons who are lucky enough to draw the lucky numbers. On entering the theatre, each person will be given a coupon with a number. Twelve of these coupons will have numbers corresponding with the numbers on the boxes of luscious fruit for which British Columbia is famed. All will have an equal chance.

REACHES FOR SWORD TO SLAY BELA SINGH

Bedan Singh Grabs at Sacred Weapon, is Evidence at the Assizes.

SHOT IN SELF-DEFENSE

Trial of Hindu on Charge of Murder is Expected to be Finished Tonight.

That not only the life of Bela Singh, employed by the immigration department here, and who is on trial charged with the murder of Bhag Singh and Badan Sigh in the Sikh temple on September 5, but that Mr. Malcolm Reid, superintendent of immigration at this port; the late Inspector Hopkinson, who fell by an assassin's bullet; Baboo Singh and Gana Ram, also employed by the immigration officials, were marked men, were the declarations made yesterday by a number of the witnesses in the murder trial now proceeding before Mr. Justice Morrison and a jury at the assizes.

That Bela Singh defended himself against the two men for whose deaths he is held responsible in self defense, that from the time of the arrival of Bhagwan Singh, a Sikh priest in the city in 1913, he had been singled out as an "immigration dog" and hunted and harried and assaulted and his life threatened on many occasions, were also other points brought out in the evidence submitted by the defense yesterday. Bela Singh shortly after 5 o'clock last night took the witness stand in his own defense, but a few minutes later the court adjourned until 10:30 o'clock this morning. It is expected that the case will be concluded this evening.

Reaches for Sword.

All the evidence yesterday afternoon went to show that it was Bhag Singh, who had first drawn a gun; that Baden Singh had, while in a kneeling posture, reached for the sacred sword beneath the altar with which to slay Bela but that Bhag Singh had forestalled his friend by wiping out a revolver and shouting to Badan Singh to "get out of the way, I am going to fix the 'immigration dog;'" drew a gun and fired at Bela Singh. After this none of the witnesses could say exactly what happened as they had upon hearing the shot made a hasty exit from the temple.

Dr. Ragamuth, the East Indian doctor who came over on the Komagata Maru and who is an officer in the medical department of the Indian army, referred to a letter which had been read on the steamer before he had landed. It was from the Hindu colony and was read aloud by Gurdit Singh. Its contents, however, the witness was not allowed to divulge, but it is understood that it contained instructions that if Bela boarded the Komagata Maru he was to be taken, bound and held or thrown overboard. The witness said that at a meeting he had attended at the temple a number of Hindus had spoken, urging the men to go back to India and there to make themselves a nuisance. It was then charged that there were men among the colony who were telling Hindu secrets to the immigration officers and declaring that they would fix these men.

"Immigration Dog."

Pertab Singh, Jr., who followed his father on the witness stand in behalf of the defense, declared that he had been present when the shooting occurred. Angry words had been used by Bhag Singh, Badan Singh and Bela. The latter had gone to the temple to make peace with his brothers but Bhag Singh had refused to answer questions put to him by Bela and addressed him as "you immigration dog." On the Saturday previous to the shooting Bela had gone to the temple when forty or fifty Hindus, armed with peaveys and heavy sticks, had congregated outside but were dispersed by police.

Baboo Singh said he had sent for the police on the Saturday before the shooting when Bela was at the temple, in consequence of what he saw. Forty or fifty men had congregated outside with sticks and he feared there was going to be trouble. He knew Bhag Singh was an enemy of Bela because the former belonged to the revolutionary party. Pram Singh gave evidence as to the defiant and bitter feeling of the leaders of a certain portion of the colony to the immigration officials.

Ganga Singh, employed by the immigration officials, told of the threats made in the temple by Bhagwan Singh, Bhag Singh and others against loyal Indians. "There are some people here who are giving our secrets to the English which is doing harm to our movements against British rule" and "there are some traitors to our countrymen giving out our secrets and we had better fix them first," were the statements that had been made.

Amier Singh, of Victoria, told of visiting the temple here and hearing threats made against Bela's life. He was present at the time of the shooting. When he entered the temple he heard loud talking by Bhag Singh and Bela Singh. The former said to Bela: "What do you want here? You stop in the immigration house all the time." He saw the former draw a revolver and shoot at Bela. "The little dogs of the immigration department tell the big dogs," and Bhag Singh had said until Hopkinson and Bela Singh are killed we will not get along here was the chief point in the evidence given by Labh Singh.

Bela Singh, the accused man, when he took the stand, submitted an honorable discharge from the Indian army. He had served as signaller in the 36th Punjab regiment. He came to British Columbia in 1906 and came to Vancouver in 1910 and was in the real estate business. He had gone home in 1912 and returned the following year, Bhagwan Singh coming out at the same time. All the trouble Bela said had started with the deportation of Bhagwan Singh in November, 1913, and from that time his life had been in jeopardy. He will continue his evidence today.

All the witnesses were closely examined by crown counsel, Mr. A. D. Taylor, K. C., but their evidence was unshaken.

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