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novel illusion. The Gardiner Trio, a young man and two pretty girls, offer a number of novelty dances such as "Love Waltz," Turkey Trot, Flirtation Polka, Tango Solo and Cowboy Texas Tommy. They are all-graceful dancers and have no difficulty in pleasing the audiences on account of their versatility. Byrde Crowell is a soprano soloist of much charm and with a well cultivated voice. Her repertoire of songs is a well selected one and she makes a good impression.

The Flying Henrys offer a fast aerial act in which they offer many new tricks without a slip or miss.

**Pantages Theatre.**

Daisy Harcourt came and saw and did whatever she liked with the audience which greeted her on her appearance at Pantages yesterday afternoon. It would be putting it far too mildly to say that Miss Harcourt made a hit. It was nothing short of an ovation. Her humor, her air of good fellowship, her taking of the audience into her confidence, her witty sallies and her songs resulted in a command for a curtain speech. Miss Harcourt suitably responded. Bothwell Browne's Merry Masqueraders were enthusiastically received. This producer has previously sent a number of acts over the Pantages circuit, but never has he sent anything this way that could equal the Merry Masqueraders. A pretty bevy of girls, two pretty and talented principals, Frankie Russell and Laura Vail, and a team of comedians, Frank Davis and Nate Cole, surrounded by beautiful stage settings, appear in this capital tabloid musical comedy. Mae Wood and J. S. Devlin give a pleasing performance of a skit called "That Girl," the motif being the familiar girl thief of the stage from a slightly different angle. Salt Bush Bill, from Darkest Africa, is a whip expert who made the timid quail with his feats with inconceivably long and heavy cattle persuaders, while "Davis" and his Twentieth Century Idea served to convulse the audience.

**Columbia Theatre.**

The tango and other popular dances as they should be danced, and popular ballads as they should be sung, figure prominently in the new vaudeville bill at the Columbia this week. The Lugois, a nimble-footed man and maid, perform the tango, maxixe, hesitation waltz and other modern terpsichorean favorites in a manner that shows they are adepts. Incidentally the Lugois offer a line of comedy, singing and talking prior to the dancing part of their turn. Dan Llewellyn, billed as "the hobo tenor," is a well known musical comedy star who chooses that manner of disguising himself for summer vaudeville engagements. He has a silvery tenor that is heard to particularly good advantage in a number of popular, old time arias as well as several modern operatic selections. The Keystone Trio of harmony singers fully live up to their name in the artistic turn they contribute. The blending of their voices equals if not surpasses anything in that line ever heard at the Columbia. Miss Ethel May Floranz, a charming comedy singing and dancing comedienne, sang and danced her way into the hearts of Columbia patrons last night. She has a pleasing personality and a voice to match, while her sprightly dancing also made a decided hit. Unusually interesting are the motion pictures this week comprising four reels. "The Wayward Son," "The Pursuer Pursued," both melodramas, and "The Rival Barbers" and a Keystone comedy film, both of which evoke roars of laughter.

**MACHINIST TAKES POISON**

**Royal City Resident Ends His Life by Swallowing Cyanide of Potassium.**

New Westminster, June 1.—Swallowing cyanide of potassium early Sunday morning, William Moir, a machinist, died in his room at an hotel. The body was found shortly after noon on Sun-

**ARRIVAL OF HINDUS  
BEING INVESTIGATED**

**Inquiry Into Status of Hindus on Komagata Maru Is Being Held by the Immigration Department.**

The immigration court of inquiry into the status of the Hindu passengers on the Komagata Maru is likely to prove a fairly lengthy proceeding, judging by the fact that a considerable portion of yesterday was occupied at the immigration headquarters in the examination of one Hindu, and that examination was not completed. The proceedings were private.

The superintendent of immigration, Mr. Malcolm R. J. Reid, presided, and with him were associated, the assistant superintendent, Mr. Howard, and Inspector Elliot. The immigration department was represented legally by Mr. W. H. D. Ladner and Mr. C. A. King. The Hindus were represented by Mr. J. Edward Bird.

**Mr. Bird's Statement.**

Seen last night after the inquiry Mr. J. Edward Bird while refusing to disclose the name of the Hindu examined or several other points raised, made the following statement:

"The Hindu examined was one of the seven men to whom the immigration authorities have refused entry on the ground that though they were here before, they stayed in India over three years after leaving Canada. I particularly wanted them to take the case of one of the recent arrivals in order that I might make it a test case and take it to a higher court. As a matter of fact I wanted them to take the case of Gurdit Singh, but this case they specifically stated they would take last. Judging by the length of time spent in the examination yesterday the inquiry is liable to last an endless time."

Questioned regarding the circumstances of the case considered yesterday Mr. Bird said that it was the case of a man who went back to attend the wedding of his younger brother. After that ceremony his father fell ill and lingered for six or eight months and the settlement of his father's estate left a litigation which lasted a year and a half. This litigation he (the Hindu) finally won in the Deputy Recorder's court when he came to Canada.

**Money Is Pledged.**

A sum estimated at about \$5000 in cash and \$65,000 in real estate titles was pledged by an enthusiastic body of about 500 Hindus who gathered in the Dominion Hall on Sunday afternoon to discuss the best way of effecting the landing of the 376 of their countrymen detained on board the Komagata Maru now anchored in Burrard Inlet.

Mr. H. Rahim, priest of the Sikh temple here and president of the United India League of Vancouver, presided, and the principal speech was made by Bulwant Singh. Most of the speeches were in the vernacular but one or two were in English. Considerable criticism was made of the immigration department and press of Vancouver, while the point that Canada admits Chinese and Japanese was specially emphasized. Another point upon which stress was laid was the fact that Gurdit Singh, who is in charge of the Hindus on the Komagata Maru, was not a millionaire and it was stated that the present expedition was a co-operative one, all those Hindus aboard having paid from one hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars each for their passage.

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