

W.C. HOPKINSON WAS KILLED BY HINDU THIS MORNING

Mewa Singh Freely Confesses;
Says He Is Glad
He Did It.

Attacked Official With Pair of
Guns, One of Which He
Emptied.

Unfortunate Inspector Prob-
ably Shot Through Heart
by Second Bullet.

Mayor Baxter Speaks Bitterly
Over the Killing of This
Brave Man.

Mr. William C. Hopkinson, chief assistant to Malcolm Reid in the Dominion government immigration inspection service in Vancouver, was shot in the Vancouver courthouse on Georgia street this morning by a Hindu named Mewa Singh.

Mr. Hopkinson was killed almost instantly. His assassin attempted to escape, but he, as well as other Hindus in the corridor, were arrested. Mewa Singh is understood to have freely admitted that he killed the official.

Shooting by Mewa Only.

Five shots in all were fired. Hopkinson tried to grapple with Mewa when the first shot was fired, but the second brought him to his knees. Then Hopkinson collapsed to the floor and three other shots were poured into him.

Including Mewa Singh, there were in all nine Hindus in the party which filed along the Courthouse corridor this morning. Hopkinson was standing at the door of the Assize Court which was to be called in session within a few minutes. The official was standing with his hands in his trousers' pockets. Mewa came along and suddenly pulled his hands from underneath his overcoat, a revolver in each hand. He fired the first shot into Hopkinson's breast, holding the muzzle of the revolver within a few inches of the unfortunate man's body. Hopkinson grappled with the man, but the Hindu fired again, and this bullet probably penetrated Hopkinson's heart, for the poor fellow collapsed on his knees and then on his side. Mewa continued to shoot into the prostrate body of his victim until five shots in all were fired. This apparently exhausted one revolver's capacity and then Mewa turned and attempted to flee.

Tried to Shoot McCann.

He had moved only a few feet when James McCann, the Courthouse janitor, seized him in a grip that prevented Mewa from getting away. Mewa struggled and tried to shoot McCann, but the latter was too strong and several police officers coming forward disarmed Mewa before he could do any further damage. One of his revolvers had not been discharged at all.

Immediately the shooting began, there was a great scattering of the Hindus, who had been standing in the hall. Eight of them fled towards the front door, but all were stopped by policemen before they could leave the building. All have been locked up in the cells of the provincial police at the courthouse. No other Hindus are allowed into the courthouse this morning until they have been searched by the police.

Intend to Hurry Case.

Hopkinson was threatened at the time of the Komagata Maru visit to Vancouver, but the reason of the action this morning probably arises out of a trial now pending at the assizes. He was to have been a witness today in the case of Bela Singh, which was to have been taken up by the grand jury this morning. Yesterday, Ram Singh, another Hindu, was acquitted on a charge of murder. Hopkinson gave testimony favorable to Ram Singh, who was an enemy of Mewa Singh. The police intend to proceed immediately with the charge against Mewa Singh, so that the matter may be disposed of at the present assize. The court opening was delayed this morning by the shooting, for the body of poor Hopkinson was left for a few minutes lying on the floor at the door where he fell in order that a careful examination might be made by the police and the coroner.

Saw the Shooting.

Mr. W. A. Campbell, a witness in one of the cases now before the court, saw the shooting. He declared that Mewa Singh had committed the murder. Not a word was spoken, he told a Province reporter. Hopkinson was standing just outside of the door of the witness room in the corridor when Mewa Singh stepped towards him, and without saying a word shot. The wounded man turned and grappled with his assailant, who shot him again and again.

Head Janitor James McCann heard the shots and turning dashed towards the place with City Detectives Norman McDonald, Crews and Sunstrum. They met seven or eight Sikhs and Hindus running down the corridor and calling to the detectives to stop them. McCann and McDonald continued to the place where Hopkinson's body lay. Mewa Singh, with the two guns in his hands, turned and threatened McCann as he dashed towards him. Never hesitating, McCann sprang upon the man and grappled with him for the possession of the revolvers. He succeeded in wrenching them from his hands and threw the fanatical Sikh towards McDonald, saying "Here, take him." McDonald caught him while McCann put the guns in his pockets.

"I shoot. I don't care," is what Mewa Singh is understood to have said to McCann when arrested. The other Sikhs and Hindus arrested and held as witnesses are Julia

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Germans Are Driven and Berlin Is

Belgian Artillerymen Facing the German



BRITISH FLEET MORE OF FACTOR

Aid Given to Army in Belgium
Is Discussed by London
Papers.

Decided Bend Has Been Ap-
plied to German Line
Near Roulers.

London, Oct. 21.—While England paid homage today to Nelson on this the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, the forces of Germany and the Allies continued to fight back and forth along the battle line in France and Belgium, to the south from trenches and to the north over a web of waterways, the presence of which seems likely to give the struggle there the name of the Battle of the Canals.

It was a strange coincidence that Britons learned on Trafalgar Day for the first time officially that the British fleet was co-operating with the Allied army on the French coast, and the unusual number of wreaths placed on the Nelson monument were indicative of an expectancy that the day possibly might be marked with cheering news for the admiral's countrymen.

What units of the fleet are harboring in the Straits of Dover, at times throwing shells into the German columns operating on the French side of the waterway, of course, are not known, but the presence of gunboats has been mentioned, which upholds the theory advanced soon after the Germans took Ostend that the British navy had taken charge of the extreme left of the Allied line.

"The power of the British fleet and England's mastery over the sea are slowly becoming more and more factors in the great war," says a London paper today. England has been fretting in the face of a situation which so far has precluded any general engagement with the German fleet.

Thus the mention of British ships as being active off the Belgian coast is hailed with particular public satisfaction.

All reports that the Allies had retaken Ostend proved incorrect and little faith is placed in the despatches saying they had occupied Bruges. If they have done so, it would mean that the German line has been pushed so far back as to be virtually cut and German forces in the vicinity of Neuport isolated. As it is a decided bend has been made in the German line in the neighborhood of Roulers, as compared with the line which recently stretched due south from Ostend through Ypres to Lille.

SIX HOURS COMPANY DRILL

Canadian Soldiers Hard at Work on
Salisbury Plain.

(Special Copyright Cable to the Vancouver Daily Province and Montreal Star)
Salisbury, Oct. 21.—The Canadians today got through six solid hours of company drill and two hours of route marching. The health of the camp is perfect and the way the camp is laid out is a great improvement on Valcartier.

WINDERMERE.

Negroes Testifies Adversely.
Mineola, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Celia Coleman, negro maid in the Carman household, after witness for the state, testified today at the trial of Mrs. Florence Conklin Carman, accused of the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey, that Mrs. Carman had appeared, revolver in hand, a moment after Mrs. Bailey had been shot and said: "I shot him." Celia thought Mrs. Carman referred to her husband, Dr. Carman.

Shot and Killed In Courthouse



INSPECTOR WILLIAM C. HOPKINSON
of the Canadian Immigration service, who
was shot and killed by a Hindu this
morning.

SHELL GERMAN TRENCHES

Good Work Done by British Gunboats
on Belgian Coast.

London, Oct. 21.—A newspaper correspondent at Dover has sent to London some details of the recent operations of British warships off the coast of Belgium. He says that last Saturday night the ships watched a force of Germans digging trenches along the coast under a flare of lights. This enabled the British boats to get the exact range, and at daylight they shelled the enemy's positions heavily. It is declared that the guns of the British vessels accounted for 1600 Germans in killed and wounded, in addition to putting six batteries of artillery out of action. This despatch is not confirmed.

KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Two Canadians Meet Death in
England.

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London, Oct. 21.—The death is announced as the result of a motor accident of Edward Morwood of the King Edward's Hotel, late of St. Thomas, Ontario, a son of George Morwood of London. James Edwin Chipp, son of the late Dr. John Chipp of Vancouver was killed in the same accident.

WINDERMERE.

TIME FOR LEPPEDIN
RAID HAS GONE BY

London, Oct. 21.—The expectation of an aerial raid, generally entertained in London last week, is slackening. As I previously indicated, the Germans have lost their best opportunity and must now face adverse weather conditions. This fact is being recognized in Berlin, where the correspondents of Dutch papers say the Germans are unable to disguise from themselves the fact that the right time for a Zeppelin campaign is over as the winter storms might wreck any such expedition.

F. A. MCKENZIE.

Germans and

Fierce Battle
in

London, Oct. 21.—The reports of the London field have been through some along the Channel. The reports have met with the German. The Belgian Telegraph, in having reports that the banded villages had occupied, the south of the. Then the on infantry to advance the noise of the rattle of machine guns were caused and their line slowly gave way of the infantry. "The strength then increased, line resting on retreat." In a despatch at 1 o'clock the correspondent of the

COURT TO ALV

Assets Are
Over a M
Says

An order of the winding up of von Alvensleben Chief Justice H the application Fordham a cro monies lent to Kerr Houlgate a ntee Company liquidator. Mr. W. Martin for the petition the company h in October, 190 \$50,000 to take Mr. von Alvens into voluntary l of this year. T the neighborhood the assets, con mining claims a ments, are expect million dollars.

HAD OIL

Why American S
Captured
London, Oct. 2 understands that er Brindilla, cap Halifax by the a is the property of leum Gasolapha tor is now the p oil for the Germa war broke out, a vessel was turned Oil Company so American flag. The Express that the Brindilla was intended for ers and partit

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