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During the end of 1905 a large number of Hindus began to arrive on the West Coast of Canada and the United States. A conflict consequently arose between Hindu labour and white labour, which eventually led, early in 1907, to the violent expulsion of Hindu labourers from mills and other places in the U.S., and to their taking refuge in Vancouver, B.C. Most of these Hindus were Sikh labourers and artisans from the Punjab. One of them, Ram Kishan, early in 1907 started a so-called labour association in San Francisco, with branches in Astoria, Oregon, and Vancouver, B.C., and published in California a lithographed Urdu periodical called the "Chiragh-i-Azadi" (Lamp of Freedom). This periodical was seditious in character, and published articles with the obvious intention of creating feelings of hatred and contempt for the British Government in India.

Before the end of 1907, Ram Kishan, was afterwards because of much greater importance than Ram Kishan. He was already associated with the Vancouver branch of the movement. This man had come to Vancouver from the United States, and in January, 1908, was in the employ of the United States Immigration Office at Vancouver. Some after he was removed of holding this position by taking bribes from the ignorant Sikh immigrants. He is mentioned in the "Chiragh-i-Azadi" as one of the Treasurers of Ram Kishan's Indian Association, and after that periodical came to an end in April, 1908, he started his own paper, the "Hindu Hindustan," in Vancouver. In about the middle of 1909, which on account of the illegal nature of his paper he because his systematic bribery had been found out,

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