

FACTS OF HINDU PLOT RECEIVED BY THE EMPRESS

**Money from East Indians in America Used to
Further Sedition.**

**Letters from Har Dyal, Who Recently Left San
Francisco.**

**Fourteen Are Committed for Trial in Delhi's
Magistrate's Court.**

**Diabolical Literature Regarding Use of Secret
Poisons Is Unearthed.**

That there is now proceeding in India a remarkable case of alleged conspiracy to overthrow(Sic) the British Government in that country is related in newspapers received in Vancouver yesterday aboard the steamer Empress of India. The most serious feature is the fact that money collected from Hindus in America has, according to the disclosures made, been used to promote the cause of sedition in India.

In the preliminary enquiry, held before Mr. V. Connolly, I. C. S., the magistrate of Delhi, fourteen persons were sent up for trial under charges of murder and conspiracy to overthrow the Government of India, and also charged with the infraction of the Indian Explosives Act. The leader of this movement is a Bengali, names Rash Behari Bose. This man has not yet been apprehended, and the government have(Sic) offered a large reward for his arrest. Hitherto the terrorist movement was confined principally to the

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Province of Bengal, and the present enquiry went to show that Bose is responsible for the introduction of this anarchistic propaganda from Bengal into Northern India. The other conspirators were to be the heads of the Punjab and United Province movement; but nothing was to be done without consulting Bose.

In furtherance of the aims of the conspiracy, bombs (sic) were secured by members, and one of these used in Lahore, which resulted in the death of one of their own countrymen, a servant of the Gymkhana. The element of religion was introduced into this movement and Bose preached, that a man should be ready to sacrifice his life in such work and that if he did so, he would be given a good birth in the transmigration of his soul.

Literature Is Circulated.

A large amount of seditious literature was printed and circulated in the Punjab. Members were set to reading literature such as: "The Life of Michael Davitt," "The Career of a Nihilist," and "The Confessions of a Nihilist," etc. From sources outside of India, namely San Francisco and points in British Columbia, large numbers of the Hindu newspaper called the Ghadar, or Mutiny, were received and distributed at large by members of this band.

Shortly after the arrest of these people, one of them confessed and was granted a pardon. This man's evidence was corroborated in nearly every detail before he was put up to give evidence. He was Dina Nath, head of the terrorist movement for Northern India. He made a full confession and in doing so disclosed the whole undertaking. He was one of the men present when they undertook to blow up the gymkhana at Lahore, at a time when this club was full of military and civil officers. It was also the intention of the conspirators to throw a bomb at Lord Hardinge, Viceroy of India, during his visit to Kapurthala, a native state, in December 1913. It will be remembered that some time ago the United States immigration officers in San Francisco arrested an alleged notorious Hindu seditionist name Har Dayal and rather than face deportation proceedings Har Dayal skipped the country and forfeited the sum of \$1000 bail. The police conducting the investigation in the

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Indian conspiracy found that Har Dayal was in constant communication with the leaders of this movement, and in particular with one of the accused, Amir Chand, formerly a teacher in the St. Stephen's School at Delhi, where Har Dayal received his elementary education.

Poisons Were Described.

In the course of house searches conducted by the police, bombs and parts of bombs were found in Amir Chand's house, as also in the house of three or four of the other conspirators. A large amount of seditious literature ready for distribution and in the course of preparation was seized by the police. Among the documents seized was a Hindu manuscript dealing with the use of poisons for political purposes, and when read can only be described as diabolical in its nature. It details methods for administration of poisons to the English people and to those who favor English rule, as also methods for perpetrating robberies with the object of obtaining money for political purposes. Another document, which was proved to be in the handwriting of Amir Chand, advocated the massacre of Europeans, especially the English, all over India.

To what extent the funds of the terrorist organization are augmented by robberies and murder was partly disclosed by the confession of another of the accused. It would appear that four of the members were deputed to obtain by fair means or foul, funds for the treasury. These men went miles and miles away from headquarters to a place called Arrah in the United Provinces, where they murdered a non-suspecting Hindu priest in his temple, as also a young lad, the servant of the priest and secured a large sum of money. When the murder was discovered, investigations disclosed that strangers had been seen in the temple, and in the course of other enquiries, the police arrested the four, one of them Dina Nath, confessed and disclosed the link between this murder and the activities of the terrorists in Delhi.

Dina Nath appears to have been, while at school in Lahore a disciple of Har Dayal. Har Dayal left for England, but one of his followers handed over his disciples to Amir Chand. Har Dayal having disciples in India, naturally took it

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on himself to furnish them with all kinds of literature, and in furtherance of this object, he published a Hindu newspaper called, "The Mutiny" in San Francisco. The introduction of this paper into India is prohibited by the customs Act of India, but the revolutionary society in the United States found a means of introducing this literature in letter form by sending them to Vancouver, Victoria and vicinity, to local Hindus, and in the course of time, the copies were transmitted to friends in India.

All accused have been committed for trial at the next Sessions Court of Delhi, and in the meantime a wide search is being made for the arch-conspirator Bose.