

ARGAN SINGH IS SHOT IN THROAT

**Another Hindu Tragedy for the Police to Solve
Follows Harnan Singh's Death.**

**Again Alleged, as Was Harnan, to Be Friend of
Immigration Men.**

While the police had not completed their work of investigating the strange death of Harnan Singh, a Hindu priest, alleged to have given information to the government, the mystery was further complicated by the shooting last night at his home 1747 Third Avenue west, of Argan Singh, a friend of Herman, and also an alleged friend of the authorities. The man died within a few minutes of the time that he was shot, without being able to give a very definite statement as to the identity of the man who shot him. Eleven Hindus who were in the house at the time were arrested, and are held as material witnesses.

Inspector of Immigration W.C. Hopkinson, who speaks Hindustanee(Sic) fluently, was secured by the police last night to question the Hindu who were present at the time of the shooting, and worked all night, getting it is understood, several different versions of the affair.

As far as could be learned from the police, who are very uncommunicative upon the matter, a dispute arose in the Hindu boarding house on third Avenue, probably over the death of Harnan Singh, a topic which has been causing a good deal of discussion and Argan Singh was accused of being a friend of the immigration authorities. The quarrel grew until it was terminated by the firing of a shot which penetrated Argan's throat.

Called the Police

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A Hindu rushed to a policeman and informed him of the shooting. Inspector Dave Scott of C division was summoned, and with his men surrounded the house. Deputy Chief of police McRae and Detective Inspector McLeod were summoned, and with two uniformed officers rushed the house, securing the eleven inmates. A hurried search of the place discovered two revolvers, one of which showed faint traces of having been used lately.

Inspector of Immigration Hopkinson was sent for, and spent the night at the police station questioning the men to ascertain if he could the manner in which Argan met his death.

Hernan Singh, who was picked up near the Kitsilano car barns several days ago with his throat cut from ear to ear, and his legs tied by his turban, was declared by the police yesterday to have committed suicide, but in the light of the death of his friend, the detectives are not so positive now that he was not murdered, probably by the same persons that have intimate knowledge of the death of Argan.

Threatened with death

Members of the immigration department, as well as several Sikhs, including the two men who are now dead have been threatened with death by the Hindu revolutionaries in this city, but these threats have always been taken lightly. In view of the mystery surrounding the death of the two friends who were loyal to the government, the authorities are not so sure that there is not a band of assassins, who have sworn to carry out the threats.

Charged In Court

Ram Singh, a big surly looking Hindu, was charged in the police court this morning with the murder of Argan Singh. He was adjourned until next Thursday, when the police expect to be able to proceed with the case against him. What connection Ram had with the murder the police will not say, but it is understood that he is the one whom the authorities believe fired the fatal shot. It was Bela Singh who informed the authorities of the shooting.

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Friends of the accused man, who maintained a very haughty attitude while in the dock this morning, have been invading the police station with food and clothing for him. One Hindu brought a Sikh Bible wrapped in silk and asked that it be handed to the prisoner, but for fear that it might contain some written instructions as to his conduct, the authorities would not allow him to have it and Ram must gain solace from what passages of the holy word that he can remember.