

HINDUS' LODGINGS BURNED BY MOB

Colored Men Piteously Begged for Mercy from Rioters
in Bellingham--No Truth in Stories of Assault.

According to a passenger who arrived in Vancouver this morning from Bellingham, even more serious offences were committed against the Hindus in that city than the dispatches related. He declares that in addition to forcing the East Indians to leave the city, beating them, dragging them from their beds, etc., the enraged mob burned the entire effects of many of the ignorant foreigners, who were apparently perfectly dazed and mystified by the onslaught, unaware of their offence, and who piteously begged for mercy as their pursuers forced them to leave their lodgings.

It is also stated on the same authority that the charges against the Hindus were mainly unfounded, particularly the accusation that they insulted women or forced them from the sidewalks. One of the men accused of this was dragged from his bunk, and while beaten and forced to leave, clad only in a blanket, his tormentors set fire to his bunkhouse and all of his belongings, treating numerous others in the same way.

"It is nonsense," declared the passenger referred to, "to expect people to believe that these Hindus would try to insult or injure any one. They are the meekest creatures alive, and although I have seen much of them in various places, I have yet to witness an incident anything like it is alleged happened in Bellingham. Furthermore, I did not find any one in Bellingham who was willing to claim he had seen anything of the sort. It was merely rumor, caused by feeling against the Hindus, who were believed to have crowded out white men in the labor market there. The only trouble with them is that they are not gifted with the best of reasoning powers, and instead of realizing that the influx of so many of their people into Bellingham would create trouble, and even leave many of them idle, they flock into the place by the hundred just

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because they hear they can get good wages there, failing to see that an overplus of supply is bound to spoil the demand.

“I understand the police are to take action to see that such scenes are not repeated, and that the trouble is settled in a civilized and humane fashion.”

The exodus of Hindus from Bellingham continued to-day. All the turbaned men are leaving the city and they declare that no more of their race will ever visit the place again--they will cut it from their calling list.

Twenty are to leave to-night for Oakland where they will work in the market gardens and fields, having been hired at Bellingham for that purpose. Over one hundred are leaving for Vancouver to-day. There were no disturbances last night or to-day.