

BULLET FROM RIFLE CRASHED THRO WALL OF BAY STREET HOME

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hiller, German Citizens, Had Exciting Experience.

RIFLE APPARENTLY FIRED AT CLOSE RANGE

Police and Militia Authorities are Making an Investigation.

Today the city police and the officers of the 51st Soo Rifles are investigating an incident which occurred yesterday afternoon at four o'clock, when a rifle bullet, said by Chief of Police Vincent to be of the regulation army style, crashed through the wooden wall of the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hiller, Bay street, and was later picked up by Mrs. Hiller on the floor of the kitchen.

Mrs. Hiller was engaged sewing in a front room of the house at the time, and heard an explosion which sounded as though it came from outside. Hearing also a disturbance in the kitchen and thinking that something might have happened to the range she hurried to the rear, examined the stove, and then discovered the badly battered bullet lying on the floor of the room. She picked it up and placed it in the hands of Chief Vincent, who is now conducting a thorough examination, co-operating with the militia authorities. Seen by the Daily Star last night Mrs. Hiller was still somewhat excited, and was showing the effect of the strain, but with her husband was emphatic in stating that while the report of the rifle was distinctly heard she placed no responsibility upon the neighbors for a wilful attempt on the family, who are German, or for carelessness in handling fire arms.

The bullet entered the west wall of the house about seven feet from the ground, and passing through the wooden wall with considerable force struck the waste pipe of the interior water service, making a heavy impression on the metal. The bullet was deflected by the iron to a cupboard to the right of the pipe, taking a splinter of wood from the closed door. It then fell to the floor where found. It was steel jacketed, and as stated above is said by the chief of police to be of the regulation army style.

Mr. Hiller permitted the Star to investigate the course of the bullet, and it was found that it had entered the wall via a horizontal line, showing that it could not have come from above. The bullet, unless fired from close proximity to the house, must have passed between two residences across the street. A number of citizens in the vicinity claim to have heard the report. One stated to the Star this morning that he believed a small blast had been shot off at the canal.

It is apparent from the course of the bullet that it could not have come from the canal, where the soldiers are stationed with ball cartridge, and had the gun been fired there the report would not have been noticed. It is possible that it may have come from that direction and been deflected, retaining sufficient force to pass through the wall.

Last evening the officers of the 51st examined the rifles of the soldiers on duty, and found that none of them had been discharged. Lieut.-Col. S. L. Penhorwood, interviewed by the Star this morning, stated that there was some doubt as to the bullet being of the army style. He stated that the officers of the regiment were making every effort to clear the matter up.