

RESTAURANTS RAIDED BY ANGRY SOLDIERS

On a Hunt for Alien Enemies, Following Insult by One, as Alleged, They Enter Many Places, but Do Little Damage — Lively Scenes on Down-town Streets

Resenting an insult to a returned soldier by an alleged Austrian employed in Child's Restaurant, Yonge and Richmond streets, upwards of one hundred soldiers from various units at Exhibition Camp made a raid on the restaurant at 8 o'clock last evening in an effort to capture **alien enemies** thought to be employed there. Scenes that outrivalled anything that has taken place in Toronto in years were enacted on the main streets. Soldiers to the number of five hundred or more marched along Yonge street, calling to all men in khaki to join them in their crusade to wipe out the **enemy** in their midst. **Russian and Swiss Found.**

Frank Stein, a Russian, Eaton avenue, and Frank Fisch, a Swiss, 30 Wilton avenue, were seized in Child's by soldiers and hustled to the detective office. Detective Sergeant Alexander Mackie was on duty. He questioned the soldiers, then their alleged Austrians, and concluded by warning the soldiers that a picket was on its way down the street. He took their names, however, before they departed, since one of their prisoners exhibited several ugly welts across the face. Further he told the astounded soldiers that they were guilty of disorderly conduct.

Gen. Logie on the Scene.

After he had made a tour of the restaurants visited by the soldiers, Major-Gen. Logie, who had hurried away from a dinner being given by the Army Medical Corps, went to the detective office. He pointed out that viciousness had only been shown in Child's Restaurant, and that here but a few dishes and chairs were broken. The restaurant suffered more through the cessation of business for several hours. He was thankful that the temperance legislation was in effect.

"In cases of this nature I think the police should do their part to quell disorder and restore conditions by keeping the general public moving," he said to Sergeant Mackie.

Will Restore Picket.

General Logie said that he would arrange with Mayor Church to return to the system of last winter until the troops from headquarters were moved to the east, which will be a matter of a few days. A picket will be stationed at the City Hall or in downtown police stations. One soldier was placed under arrest by the picket last night.

Little Damage Done.

The damage done, apart from a few chairs and dishes being smashed in Child's, was slight. Fully twenty restaurants were entered by the mob, but no real **enemies** were located. In an effort to quell the disturbance a picket of fifty men of the 220th Battalion were brought from Exhibition Camp, and surrounded Child's restaurant. Col. J. C. Mason, D.S.O., Commanding Officer of the 10th Grenadiers, was soon on the scene. When seen by The Globe he was inclined to treat the matter lightly. He was not prepared to say what action would be taken in regard to the affair. "There has been very little damage done," he stated. "It has only been a little deviltry.

The Row at Its Height.

When the leaders of the soldier mob entered Child's at 8 o'clock they asked to see the foreigner who had insulted the crippled soldier. They were told that they could go through the place, if they wished, in an effort to find the man they wanted.

The irate lads in khaki were quick to take advantage of the offer, and soon the place was literally packed

with soldiers. Pandemonium reigned and business was at a standstill. It was impossible to serve the waiting public. The waitresses were stricken with fear, and assembled together in angry parley, some upholding and some resenting the action of the soldiers. Everywhere the raiders went in search of the **enemy**. One fellow was located in the cellar, where he had taken refuge, and brought out. Along with two others he was removed to No. 1 police station. Plates were hurled about and chairs smashed in the scuffle.

Struck an Ally.

Joe Felice, an inoffensive Italian, employed as a cook, was hit in the eye with a broken plate. On discovering that he was not an Austrian, humble apologies were made by the soldier who did the deed. Felice was later seen busily engaged applying raw beef to the injured optic, in an effort to reduce the swelling.

Raiding the Restaurants.

From Child's the enraged leaders of the gang called to their comrades to fall in, and they proceeded to Young's restaurant at Yonge and Queen streets, yelling and shouting with all the rancor and vengeful purpose of troops ready to attack the German front lines. Entering the Yonge street door they marched through the building. Provost-Marshal Alex. Sinclair of the 45th Highlanders ordered the crowd to disperse, but little heed was paid to his command. They left by way of Queen street. Still endeavoring to break up the crowd, Provost-Marshal Sinclair's efforts were in vain. He was jostled and rushed by the crowd.

Paraded for Hours.

Marching to several other eating-houses in the downtown district, the soldiers went through the premises, but no damage was done. The streets were paraded until late in the evening, and the boys in khaki were followed by an immense crowd of civilians, men, women and children.

Police Inspector's Version.

"There was no profane language, no damage done to property, and no necessity for the police to take action against any civilian. I will take any responsibility for any failure of my men to do their duty," said Inspector Samuel Dickson of Court Street Station last night to The Globe. "What is more, I did not intend to precipitate a riot by giving a wrong order. Inspector Geddes and myself were witnesses of the whole affair, and I think if you question him he will agree with my opinion of the affair."

What Might Have Been.

Inspector Dickson said that he had heard that Major-General Logie had criticized the police adversely in connection with the disturbance. He told The Globe that he did not wish to criticize the different officers from Headquarters, but thought that they should have been able to control their own men.

Through an arrangement between the Chief Constable and the Officer Commanding the camp the military authorities are permitted to patrol the streets with their own police. "An officer approached me and asked if the civilians could not be moved on. I told him to take his picket up a side street where they would not attract attention and he could witness the departure of the crowd. In five minutes the street was cleared," said Inspector Dickson.