

# A BIG SCARE IN NAPANEE

## There Were Many Rumors of German Plots.

## A STRANGER DETAINED

### BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT HE WILL BE RELEASED.

Book Agent Claimed To Be Russian  
But Looked Like a German— Was  
Seen Around The Town Talking to  
Strange Men.

Napanee, Feb. 16.—Napanee citizens were thrown into a state of wildest excitement last night. There were rumors of plots and dark deeds and such things were current on the street that the Armouries, gas works, and G. K. H. bridge were to be objects of attack by German sympathizers, stores and shipments of food and explosives to Napanee spread like wildfire and the excitement reached a high pitch, while the real cause of it all lay in the police cells.

It appears that a foreign looking stranger, who has been here for a couple of days, selling a Canadian publication, had been under the observation of the chief of police, and his actions aroused suspicions, with the result that it was decided by the military authorities to take proper precautions, and place him under detention and at the same time that foreign-born residents of Napanee were also apprehended as suspicious strangers had been seen in conversation with them during the day. Their premises are being carefully searched to see if any incriminating evidence can be found. Every precaution was taken last night to ensure the safety of public buildings as some of our citizens who last night were curious to know what it was all about, and who were ordered away by the vigilant military guards. The stranger under detention is a citizen of the U. S. A. looks like a German, and gives his name as Samuel Jaffe, a book agent, and claims Russia as his native land. He was subjected to a severe questioning, and was searched, together with his kit, and as nothing could be found on him that would in any way connect him with trying to do or carry out any offense against the law, he will probably be set at liberty, as will the residents of Napanee who were detained last night.

Word was received here today that Pte F. Sweet, 116th Battalion, who joined the Battalion here, and lived near Morven, died in Kingston Hospital yesterday. He complained on Friday morning of being sick, and was taken to Kingston, with the rest of the squad, who were to take part in the carnival, and he was taken to the Hospital where it could be seen his condition was serious. His patients were sent for and he died yesterday. The body is now at Morven awaiting interment at the cemetery there. He was about twenty years of age.