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## Attack on Crippled Soldier Results in Riotous Scenes

Toronto, Ontario. — Incensed by an alleged attack by an Austrian employee on a crippled soldier a few days ago a crowd of soldiers numbering over 500 representing several units at Exhibition camp, raided Childs restaurant at the corner of Yonge and Richmond streets at eight o'clock tonight and having taken out a Swiss and a Russian employed there, escorted them to the police station where the aliens were locked up to prevent further trouble. The soldiers then marched in a body to Young's restaurant at the corner of Yonge and Queen streets, paraded through the place without doing any damage, or securing an alien prisoner, and subsequently made similar visits to McConkey's Lunch room on Bay street, and the King Edward hotel. Later several bands paraded the streets by way of demonstration. The scene at Childs was a wild

one. As the men approached, they called on every khaki-clad figure on the street to join in avenging the alleged insult. On arrival at the restaurant they demanded the delivery of the Austrian and were told that a few of them might come in and search. In a few minutes the large dining room was packed with soldiers, and pandemonium reigned. The guests were badly frightened and the waitresses reduced to nervous helplessness. No food could be served, and the guests departed as fast as they could. Some dishes and chairs were smashed but not much damage was done. No Austrians were found and the soldiers had to be contented with the capture of an ally and a neutral. As the last soldier trailed out, the doors were locked and the place closed for some hours.

At Young's restaurant Provost Marshal Sinclair of the 48th Highlanders attempted to restore order but was roundly abused and hustled out by the irate soldiers. A picket of fifty men of the 220th Battalion under Col. J. C. Mason arrived at Child's after the men had left Young's, but the crowd had moved on and they remained on guard for a short while.