DOCTOR DEPENDED ON ADVICE GIVEN BY HIS SERGEANT

Further Evidence Taken at Inquest Into Death of Gunner Neals.

COLD AIR HARMLESS

Counsel for Family Questions Provost Marshal About Treatment of Deserters.

Three facts were brought out at the third sitting of the coroner's jury, which is inquiring into the death of the late Gunner Albert Neals, held at the morgue last night; first, that Capt. E. A. Smith, medical officer, of the brigade, to which Gnr. Neals was attached, was so overworked that he was unable to give more than passing attention to the case; second, that he relied entirely upon the report handed him by the orderlies in charge of the ambulance in judging whether or not the case were serious, and third, it was stated by Dr. W. L. Robinson, of the Toronto General Hospital, that the exposure to which Gunner Neals was subjected, could have had no serious affect on him.

Captain Smith's duties as field medical officer on the day the Neals case was reported, kept him away from his office from 6 o'clock in the morning to 1.30 in the afternoon, and a large part of the time after that. He was the only medical officer for the 630 men in the brigade.

The hearing was not concluded, only three witnesses being called and will resume on Thursday evening next.

Pneumonia Serious Disease.

Capt. E. A. Smith was the first witness called. He stated that the case, when it first came to his notice, had not been reported as serious.

"Don't you think the fact that the man was suffering from pneumonia would make it a serious case?" asked Mr. Thurston.

"Not unless it were recorded as serious," answered Capt. Smith.

"Do you know that at this time of the year pneumonia is one of the most fatal of diseases?"

"That has nothing to do with the case," objected Capt. Smith.

"This case may take an unexpected turn that will develop serious possibilities. You had better answer every question put to you," interposed Coroner Johnson.

Witness figured that of about 35 pneumonia cases he had handled eight or nine resulted in death.

"In that case how serious is pneumonia?" asked the coroner.

Capt. Smith: "It's a very serious disease."

Major A. T. Hunter, K.C., representing the Neals family, brought out the fact that it was the ambulance orderly who finally decided whether Gunner Neals was to be left at home, or taken to a military hospital, whereas, under the King's regulations, only the A. D. M. S. for the district is supposed to exercise his discretion in deciding such matters.

Cross-examined by Col. J. A. Macdonald, K.C., for the military, Capt. Smith stated that the Neals case was the first pneumonia case reported that had not turned out to be feigned, or at worst, nothing more than a bad cold. He usually depended on the report of his orderly sergeant to find out whether or not the case were serious.

"What would you do in private practice?" asked Dr. Johnson.

Capt. Smith: "I'd go and see the patient."

Dr. Johnson: "But in military practice you depend on a telephone message or the data supplied by an orderly who knows nothing about medical matters."

Dr. W. L. Robinson, of the Toronto General Hospital, who performed the post-mortem examination, testified that nothing that happened to Gunner Neals could have accelerated the action of the disease or hastened his death. "It is hard to affect the disease either for better or worse," said Dr. Robinson. "Sometimes patients suffering from pneumonia are given cold baths."

Dr. Johnson: "What would be the effect on a patient with a temperature of 105 degrees if he were removed from a warm room into a cold ambulance, wrapped in four damp blankets?"

Dr. Robinson: "The effect of cold on a pneumonia patient is stimulating. The night air is no worse than that inside. The jolting in the ambulance might not have a very good effect."

Major J. Widgery, provost marshal, was called by Major Hunter to testify as to the procedure in dealing with defaulters who were taken ill at their homes. He stated that when a case was reported a medical officer was sent to treat the patient.

"I just called this witness to show that if the poor boy had been a deserter he would have been better treated," explained Major Hunter.

At the request of the jury the stretcher used to transport Gunner Neals was brought in as an exhibit.

MISSIONARIES REPORT ON WORK IN CITY

The monthly meeting of the board of the Toronto City Mission was held yesterday in the Central Y. M. C. A., when reports from the four missionaries were presented for the month of February. The treasruer, H. L. Stark, also presented his report and all were heartily approved.

The missionaries reported interesting incidents of their visits to the homes of the people, both in details of conversion and in the method of relieving destitute cases in a way most likely to restore them to conditions of self-support, instead of relying on the help of others.

Over 500 families were visited in spite of the severe weather, and 300 garments were distributed. Fourteen gospel services were held, and $55.95 was expended in providing food and coal for families in pressing need.

Mr. Hall reported the gift of six bags of potatoes from a Toronto firm, and 168 pairs of rubber shoes from a rubber firm in Kitchener, for use among the needy.

Arrangements are being made for resuming the gospel wagon services, and for the opening of the mission fresh air home at Bronte as early in the season as possible.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

FARMERS ARE FEEDING WHEAT TO THEIR HOGS

Farmer and Miller in Markham Township is Authority for Statement to The World.

Alex Bruce, of Almira, a leading farmer and mill owner in Markham Township, told The World last night that the farmers were feeding wheat largely in the fattening of their hogs, and that at the prevailing price as compared with barley or oats it was considered the cheapest feed that could be got. The feeding qualities of wheat were very high, and the farmers are getting it cracked or ground before feeding. At the present high prices of feedstuffs he said it was questionable if the farmers could, however, feed to advantage. In this connection Mr. Bruce cited the case of one man who, after keeping close tab on the cost of his hogs from start to finish, claimed to have lost $60, as compared with what he could have got for the feed.

This was an isolated case, but the farmer was a good feeder, and loss could not be charged to any lack of attention. The outlook for the coming summer for the fall wheat crop was not encouraging, owing to the poor start it got in the fall, and the fact that the fields were pretty well covered with ice, but for all that it might come out pretty good, as had often been the case in other years.

"TORONTO TO ALASKA"

Beautiful Canadian Views Shown at Deer Park Presbyterian Church.

The error that Canadians seeking instructive, beautiful and picturesque scenery must leave their native soil was fully emphasized in Deer Park Presbyterian Church last night when under the auspices of the Women's Association of the church, M. Parkinson of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, gave one of the most interesting travel lectures ever heard in the district. The subject was "From Toronto to Alaska." Mr. Parkinson's views of interesting places on the journey were bright, clear and educative. Leaving Toronto, he visited the chief points of interest in the Dominion, calling at Algonquin Park with its numberless views of lake, stream, and forest, where a boat could travel thousands of miles without being more than one mile from land.

Cobalt, the mecca of many Toronto millionaires, with its mountains of crushed quart, the clay-belt, with its miles of river beds without an atom of gravel, the beautiful views of Frederick House and Abitibi River were all shown. Winnipeg, and the illimitable wheat fields to the west, with the cultivating of grain, and on to the beautiful and majestic Rockies, were all clearly outlined. Edith Cavell mountain, where the snow never melts, Mount Robson and the 10,000 waterfalls, each vieing with the other in artistic grandeur, were all passed before the delighted crowd.

The salmon-infested rivers of British Columbia, the Pacific trip up to the Indian villages of Alaska were all full of interest to the audience.

REAL ESTATE GETTING ACTIVE.

Earlscourt District Shows Signs of Much Activity This Spring.

During the past few days of comparatively mild weather, activity in real estate circles has been very noticeable in the Earlscourt district. According to the statement of a prominent official in the York Township Council, numerous enquiries have been made for houses of the five or six-room type in the southern section adjoining the city limits. "I am certain there is not an empty house to be had at the present time in York Township around North Earlscourt, Oakwood or Fairbank, and I look forward to much activity in the purchase of lots and building of houses during the spring and summer," he said.

BUILDING WILL BOOM.

Contractors Are Optimistic Concerning Conditions This Season.

Deputy Reeve Fred Miller of York Township is very optimistic regarding the outlook for the building trade in the Oakwood and Earlscourt districts and looks for a busy summer. The Miller Bros. last year built in the neighborhood of 70 houses and it looks as tho this record would be equaled this summer.

Just recently the firm sold four houses at satisfactory prices, ranging from $5000 up. The type of houses that would have sold before the war at $5000, now sells at around $5700, due to the increased cost of material and labor, rather than any increase in land values. The installation of the local sewerage and water system is having a good effect on all the districts where it will be in operation, and will undoubtedly have a stimulating effect on the building and renting conditions all around the outlying portions of the city.

EGLINTON BOYS' CLUB.

Everyone Chose His Own Subject and Made Speech.

At the Eglinton Boys' Club last night, at which John Keith presided, several of the members discussed current events, the war, of course, being the outstanding feature. Each choosing his own subject the members discoursed on the topic chosen, the idea being to cultivate and stimulate the art of speaking. William Hamilton, lately returned from China, exhibited many interesting photos of that country. As the season is drawing to a close it is planned to make the few remaining meetings of especial interest and profit. A number of the boys will shortly leave to go on the farms. Among the speakers will be John A. Patterson, K.C., who will talk on astronomy, and another event will be a debate with the boys' club of the Eglinton Methodist Church.

TENDERS ARE CALLED FOR.

In connection with the forthcoming summer's work on the new water mains in the Township of York, tenders are being called for for pipes, specials and hydrants, and preparations are now being made for pushing the work of construction to completion as speedily as possible.

SPEAKS TO BOY SCOUTS.

At St. Clement's Parish Hall, North Toronto, Troop 23, boy scouts, met last night at their monthly meeting. Ernest Carter, a former boy scout, now a returned soldier, spoke to the boys, relating some of his recent experiences overseas. Provincial Secretary H. J. Hammond and District Commissioner Charles Mitchell, who were present for a short time, spoke briefly, imparting a few words of encouragement and cheer.

AGINCOURT CURLERS WIN FOR SECOND TIME

Take Local League Trophy From Stouffville at Markham Yesterday Afternoon in Good Game.

For the second time in succession the two Agincourt curling rinks have succeeded in carrying off the local league trophy, open to the York county teams, and comprising Agincourt, Claremont, Locust Hill, Markham and Stouffville. Earlier in the season all but the Agincourt and Stouffville rinks were eliminated, each having won six games, and yesterday's game, played off at Markham Village, was the final. There was a large attendance of curling enthusiasts, and great interest was manifested thruout. The score was as follows:

Agincourt—		Stouffville—	
G. Preston		W. Clarke	
James Malcolm		F. L. Button	
A. Doherty		J. Doherty	
G. A. Mason, sk.	12	H. Saunders, sk.	12
Robt. Forfar		W. Armstrong	
R. Green		G. Urquhart	
Andrew Hood		H. Perry	
W. G. Rennie, sk.	18	H. Armstrong, sk.	10
Total	30	Total	22

A feature of the game was the playing of Andrew Hood for the winners, where, as third man for Rennie, he showed great skill and steadiness, contributing largely to bringing victory to the Agincourt Heathers. Mr. Hood is 75 years old, and besides being a famous curler, at one time was the champion plowman of Canada, winning that honor in open competition. The club winning the trophy three times becomes the owner.

ELECTIONS DEFERRED.

Small Attendance Forces Postponement of Board of Trade Meeting.

Weston Board of Trade held a meeting in the town hall last night for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Owing to poor attendance the elections were deferred for another three months. The majority of the members present expressed their desire to have Dr. E. F. Irwin retain the presidency for another year.

It was decided that in the near future a public meeting would be held to be addressed by Charles Chambers, commissioner of parks, and T. A. Russell, with a view to establishing a park in the town.

CHANGE OF DATES.

York Highway Commission to Meet Hereafter on Fridays.

The Toronto and York Highway Commission met yesterday and changed the day of meeting from Thursdays to Fridays to suit the convience of Thomas Foster, M.P., the chairman, who will be in Ottawa attending to his parliamentary duties. The various claims for flooding were referred to the solicitor for settlement.

WANT O'CONNOR IN CONTROL.

No Reply to Earlscourt Citizens Concerning Fixing of Prices.

Secretary W. E. Pilley of the Citizens' Committee of Earlscourt is still awaiting a reply to his communication to Food Controller Thompson, asking for the fixing of the price of potatoes.

"I think the big interests are too strong for the food controller, and our demand is being ignored," said Mr. Pilley, who pointed out that the right man for the food controllership should be W. F. O'Connor, K. C., the only man in Canada who has come right out from the shoulder with hard facts, backed up by figures regarding the food situation.

TAKING A HOLIDAY.

T. H. Brunton, magistrate for the County of York, leaves on March 14 for California, where he will remain for some time. Mr. Brunton has been in poor health recently, and as he has not had a holiday for three years he feels he is entitled to one now.

PUTTING SNOW ON ROAD.

Ira Gooderham, foreman of good roads, has been busy for the past day or so hauling snow onto the Don Mills road, so that the farmers can get into the city with their produce.

"LIFE IN A LUMBER CAMP."

The second of a series of lectures on "Life in a Lumber Camp" was delivered by Rev. E. Crossley Hunter at the mother's meeting in Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance.

SPECIAL SERVICES HELD.

St. Chad's Anglican Church, Dufferin street, Earlscourt, was well attended last evening when intercessory service was conducted by Rev. Harold Snartt, curate in charge. Lenten services were also held at St. Clare's Church, Earlscourt, and Holy Rosary Church, St. Clair avenue. Large congregations were present at both churches.

HALF GRANT RECEIVED.

The Weston resources committee met yesterday afternoon, when it was stated that $500 had been received from the town treasurer as the first payment of the $1000 grant recently voted by the Weston Town Council to aid in food production in the town.

WOMEN KNITTING SOX.

The women of the Grand International Auxiliary of Locomotive Engineers, Division 369, held a successful meeting in Colvin Hall yesterday afternoon. The women meet every week and are engaged in knitting sox for the soldiers. At present they have 20 pairs of sox on hand, which will shortly be shipped overseas. Many of the women have sons at the front.

LAKEVIEW LODGE MEETS.

Lakeview Lodge, No. 272, L.O.O.F., met, in St. James' Hall last night. Eight candidates received their second degree.

TWO BADLY INJURED

H. Sharp and E. Taylor, Hydro-Electric Employes, Hurt When Truck Is Struck by Street Car.

While driving to repair electric street lamps early this morning, Harry Sharp, 176 Gladstone avenue, and Edward Taylor, 364 Dupont street, were both badly injured about the head when the Hydro-Electric truck they were driving was hit by a street car on Teraulay street. Both men were removed to St. Michael's Hospital in the police ambulance.

ONE SOLUTION TO SAD MUDDLE

That is to Take Over Bankrupt Roads, Says Sir Adam Beck at Brantford.

RATHER LATE IN DAY

Canada Will Gladly Bear Burden of Expense to Control the Railways.

Special to The Toronto World.

Brantford, Saturday, March 9.—Speaking to an appreciative audience which taxed Victoria Hall to its capacity last night, Sir Adam Beck of London told the people that while he, personally, would not suggest the electrification of the railways in Canada, he was in a position to state that if such were the case at least $60,000,000 annually would remain in Canada which now goes to the south for coal.

"As it is," said Sir Adam, "we are saving four and one-half million tons of coal in the Niagara district alone, and one and one-half million tons of coal in the other parts of the province, and if the railways should be taken over by the people and public ownership recognized and these railways electrified, still a further saving of three and one-half million tons of coal would be effected, making a grand total of ten millions of tons, or, in other words, at an average of $6 per ton, $60,000,000."

Sir Adam for over an hour held his audience. He scored Mackenzie and Mann, the promoters of the Canadian Northern. He referred to the recent visit to Canada by Mr. Smithers of England as one interested in the Grand Trunk Pacific, and he wondered why Mr. Smithers had so quietly and suddenly disappeared from Ottawa, sailing for the old land.

The speaker said he knew that in the not far distant future, representatives of the federal parliament of Canada would visit England, and he intimated that these gentlemen might have other business there apart from the prime issue of the day—the winning of the war.

"It has been said that Sir Robert Borden and his government cannot be blamed for the railway situation as it is today," said Sir Adam, and whether or not they can be I am not prepared to say; but this I will say, that they must have known the financial condition of the C.N.R. and G.T. in 1914, and why have they not acted earlier than this late day?"

He pointed out that it was as early as 1912 when the Government of Canada learned the financial condition of the two roads now in bankruptcy, yet as late as last year several politicians had jaunted over the C.N.R. to the coast and pronounced it a "splendid route."

Came Back Again.

At the time when Mackenzie and Mann had appealed to the government for $45,000,000, they had told the politicians at Ottawa that if this sum were not sufficient to make the road all it should be they would throw up the sponge; but in less than one year they returned to the federal house and asked for and received another $15,000,000 of the people's money.

"There is only one solution to the iniquitous muddle," said Sir Adam, "and that is for the government to take over the defunct roads, and, by consolidating the two which link eastern and western Canada together, their combined proposition would exceed the great C.P.R.

"We'll gladly bear the burden of the billions," Sir Adam went on, "just to own and control these roads. Our sons are fighting for freedom and for civilization; we have given and we don't regret our giving—thousands of men and money to win the war, and we will never regret the public ownership of the railways in Canada.

"If you had a mortgage against a farm and the farmer was in bankruptcy would you not foreclose that mortgage without a thought? Why should we hesitate on foreclosing the claim on these roads?"

Should Write to Premier.

"Had I my way in this matter tonight," said R. J. Stevenson of Toronto, "I would ask that every man and woman in this audience go to their respective homes and write individual letters to the prime minister of Canada, advising him that it was their wish for public ownership of Canada's railways.

"Resolutions and the like are all well and good," he went on, "but it is the individual co-operative effort that counts, and if it were that thousands of letters thus written and thus advising should reach Sir Robert Borden at Ottawa, tomorrow he, nor any other politician, surely could not withstand it longer, and the battle would be won."

Mr. Stevenson urged the public ownership of the railways, and also their electrification.

Ald. J. J. Kelly and Simonds delivered brief addresses, and Mayor MacBride presided.

Sir Adam Beck announced here tonight that, beginning tomorrow night, the merchants of the province may use Hydro power in lighting their windows, but this must apply to Saturdays only.

FIND ORIGINAL MIGNARD.

New Orleans, March 8. — An oil painting of Queen Anne of Austria, presenting her son, Louis XIV., to the court of France, which has been hanging in the mayor's parlor, city hall, here, for many years, was declared by art experts today to be the original picture painted in 1667 by Nicholas Mignard, court artist of Louis XIV.

WILL KILL BEAVER FOR FOOD.

Ottawa, March 8.—Ottawa has been notified that the department of forestry and fisheries of the Ontario Government proposes to kill six hundred beaver at Algonquin Park next month to be used for food purposes. The carcasses will be placed in cold storage in Toronto.

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Scotch Tweed Suits. Regular $38. Reduction price.. $32
Scotch Bannockburn Suits. Regular $40. Reduction price $34
Overcoatings
Cork Street Cheviot Overcoats. Regular $38. Reduction price $30
English Vicuna Overcoats. Regular $42. Reduction price.... $35
Morning Coat and Waistcoat
English Vicuna, grey and black. Regular $38. Reduction price. $32
English Llamas. Regular $40. Reduction price $34
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NO AGREEMENT YET IN FREIGHT STRIKE

G. T. R. Official Denies Statement That Basis of Return to Work Has Been Reached.

It was reported yesterday that the freight handlers' strike would very likely be at an end by the evening, and that the men would return to work probably in the morning. The news received by the press was to the effect that H. E. Whittenberger, general superintendent, was being communicated with to inform him that the strike could be settled on the following terms: 28, 29 and 30 cents an hour respectively for truckers, sorters and checkers, $80 a month for straight time, and 13, 14 1-2 and 15 cents a ton for truckers, sorters and checkers on the basis of tonnage. A reply was said to be expected from the general superintendent by half past five.

W. H. Farrell, superintendent of terminals for the G.T.R., when asked in regard to the expected settlement, stated that it was all news to him, and that he did not know a word of any such proposed agreement or arrangement. This was at 8 o'clock. He also stated that so far as the G.T.R. was concerned, the strike was over, and that the officials would immediately take steps to replace the strikers, who numbered about 200 men. More than 80 men were employed yesterday at the sheds.

DR. J. M. JOHNSON IS FOUND GUILTY

"Guilty, my lord, with a strong recommendation to mercy." This was the verdict rendered by the jury yesterday at the court of general sessions presided over by Judge Winchester in the case of Dr. J. M. Johnson of Elm street, charged with performing an illegal operation upon the person of Mrs. Mary Wright. T. C. guilty. Dr. Robert J. Steuart of Charles street, Dr. Clemes and Dr. Edward Stutt, of Palmerston boulevard, presented evidence on behalf of the defendant, and Dr. Pollock for the crown, the whole gamut of the evidence being of a purely technical nature. Crown Attorney W. G. Thurston in his cross-examination of the witnesses was apparently mainly interested in the eternal question, "Do you keep books?" and from the evidence given it appeared that the only "bookkeeper" present was Dr. Pollock for the crown.

The jury were three and three-quarters hours considering their verdict, and during the course of their deliberations returned twice to the court room to receive Judge Winchester's assistance regarding some knotty problem or other. The foreman, with a due sense of his responsibilities, gravely asked the judge as to the exact wording of certain evidence given at the hearing. At 9.35 p.m. the jury came in and rendered the verdict as stated above—guilty, but strongly recommended to mercy.

RAN IN FRONT OF CAR.

Gertrude Brown, aged 9, 171 Bolton avenue, had both of her legs broken last night when she ran in front of a motor car driven by Alex. Black of East Toronto. According to the police the girl ran in front of the car at the corner of Queen street and Morley avenue. She was removed to the Hospital for Sick Children in the police ambulance.

HAMILTON NEWS

DRIVES FARMERS FROM THE MARKET

Nine o'Clock Rule in Hamilton is Likely to Be Repealed.

Hamilton, March 8.—All of the discussions anent market conditions at the meeting of the city council on Tuesday evening will not be woven around the rebuilding of the burned retail hall. Some of the members of the council, it has been learned, have let it be known they will vote for restoration only in the event of the 9 o'clock rule being suspended.

This rule, put into the bylaw books last year has never given satisfaction. It prohibits producers from selling to any but actual consumers before 9 a.m. on market days.

Opponents of it claim that it more than anything else has driven the farmers from the market and fattened the business of commission men.

Farmers unable to meet their old grocer friends before 9 o'clock turn their loads over to the commission brokers, who in turn supply the consumers, it is asserted, with the natural result that the commission man's profit is contributed by the consumer.

Many farmers who, for many years, were regular attendants at the market, have not put in an appearance since the restriction was made effective.

Claim There Was a Shortage.

For the purpose of determining whether the plaintiffs were within the law in handpicking a carload of potatoes which they had purchased, Judge Snider reserved judgment today in the action of White & Co. against A. M. Wilton of Toronto and Winnipeg, for breach of contract and unstated damages.

After the plaintiffs had purchased the potatoes, which were in a local railway yard from the defendant, they handpicked the load, with the result that there was a shortage.

The defendant claimed that the carload was purchased as it stood, and refused to make up any shortage.

Claims for Flooding.

Seven plaintiffs figure in action commenced before Judge Snider today against City of Hamilton for unstated damages caused by flooding in the Kenilworth survey. Only one witness was called before court adjourned, so the case will continue tomorrow morning. The parties are: Harry Bullock, Arthur Kelly, Henry Taylor, Jas. Collingwood, Stanley Whittaker, Walter Leed and Mrs. Hannah Bird.

Beer Was Over-Strength.

Three local hotelkeepers—Robert Merrigold, Market Hotel; John Midwinter, Cosgriff Hotel, and John Blake, Hotel Trader—were in court today charged with violation of the Temperance act.

Tests made from ale samples taken from the Market Hotel showed four per cent. spirits; beer samples from the Cosgriff, 3.339 per cent. spirits, and spirits and porter samples from the Trader 4.81 per cent. spirits.

Midwinter was found guilty and fined $200 or three months in jail, and judgment was reserved on the other two.

May Light Windows.

The Hamilton Board of Trade has received a petition from a number of local merchants asking that the question of lighting store windows with gas be taken up, and to determine whether this is a violation of the Power Conservation Act. They claim that it is not fair to those merchants who are observing the act to have competitors illuminating their windows.

Many local stores now have gas lights to show off their windows, and the petition states that such lights will be used extensively if the power controller does not take immediate action.

FREE ROUTE GAINED TO CENTRAL ASIA

German Despatch Reports Acquisition of Highway to Afghanistan.

The Hague, March 8.—"We have acquired a direct free route via Russia to Persia and Afghanistan," says a despatch from the Wolffe Bureau, the German semi-official agency, received here today. The announcement of the Wolffe Bureau has an important bearing on the situation in western Asia, and possibly, even in India. The peace terms forced upon Russia at Brest-Litovsk took away from Russia districts in the Cis-Caucasian region, thru which it would be possible for the Germanic allies to gain entrance from the Black Sea or Turkey into Persia. Passage thru Persia probably would meet with only nominal opposition, while a still further advance into Afghanistan would be possible.

A Peking despatch, dated Feb. 27, said the governor of the Province of Siniang has reported that the Turks and Germans were active among the Mohammedans there. Sin-Kiang is just to the northeast of Afghanistan and abuts the northern border of India.

SOLDIER BADLY STABBED

Frank McDonald in Precarious Condition as Result of Wounds Received in Neck and Arms.

Frank McDonald, 6 Angus place, a private in the Central Ontario Regiment, was removed to the Western Hospital late last night suffering from severe knife wounds in the neck and arms, said to have been inflicted in a drunken brawl by his brother, Joseph McDonald, who is a private in the Forestry Battalion, stationed at Exhibition Camp.

According to the police, McDonald was stabbed by his brother, once in the neck and twice in the arms in a quarrel over a girl. The man made a clean getaway and is still at large. McDonald's condition is reported as very serious.

THIRD ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

Vera Baker Removed to Hospital After Trying to Cut Throat.

After three attempts to end her life by cutting her throat while in the home of the Rev. R. Gray, 88 Prust avenue, Vera Baker, a young girl, was removed by the police to the reception hospital last night.

According to the police the young woman was the chief witness in a case which came up in the police court recently in which a young Russian was charged with procuring for immoral purposes. This is thought to have preyed on the young woman's mind.

LITTLE BOY SCALDED.

So badly was he scalded when boiling water fell on him in his home yesterday morning little Kenneth McKew, aged two years, of 518 Eastern avenue, died last night in the hospital for sick children. Little hope was held for the child's recovery from the time of his admittance.