

## PATHETIC STORY TOLD TO POLICE

## Soldier's Family Hungry and Small Lad Driven to Steal

BUSHEL      OF POTATOES

and Sisters Without En-  
ough to Eat.

The boy told the sergeant at No. 1 station that often, especially of late, the children had gone to bed with no supper, and that during last winter they had no coal, but they had been five in a bed to keep warm. When asked if the patriotic fund did not provide them with the necessities of life, the boy said he did not know of any

The stolen potatoes belonged to A. A. Mackinnon, provision merchant, and he wished to drop the charge, but the police thought it best for the lad to be kept in custody until he could be traced. He remained overnight at the Children's Shelter.

**Charge of Theft.**  
George Taylor, 15 Agnes street, and A. P. Applebaum, 62½ Centre avenue, were arrested last night on charges of theft and attempted fraud.

Some unknown person, after purchasing a pair of pants from a departmental store, left them lying on

stolen tin and sold them for \$2 to Applebaum. The latter took the trousers and ticket back to Simpson's and, representing himself as the purchaser, tried to get the \$4 purchase money back.

Mary Richardson, Southampton, Ont., was arrested by Detective Montgomery yesterday, charged with stealing two diamond rings from a departmental store.

Ira Shank, Ardberg, Ont., was arrested last evening by Detective Montgomery and Croome, charged with the theft of \$13.75 from the Telfer estate, with whom he was employed as a salesman.

Many stiff sentences were handed

disorderly conduct on Saturday night. Herbert Latchford went down to the dock at 7 m. Pickens received the same sentence. John Thackeray and Michael Wailan went to jail for 30 days.

John Boland was sent to jail for 30 days for the theft of three rabbits from George Hodgson at the market.

George J. Cowan, chairman of the \$40 fine from Sainsbury Bros. cigar manufacturers, Church street, was let out on bail to appear again Thursday.

Cowan claimed the \$40 was lent to him by A. Sainsbury, to be used as a first payment on a motor car.

A sentence of 30 days in jail was

Ephraim Stocks, charged with wounding J. Seymour, a Pole, by hitting him with a baseball bat, was released until Thursday.

George Elliott, charged with hiring a horse and rig and not returning it for six days was fined \$25 and cost. George F. Smith, the owner of the rig, is to receive \$20 of the money.

Members of a gang who had been drinking and then fighting the police were arrested. The following were named as follows: Andrew Cruickshank and Albert Cluteman, \$10 and cost or 30 days; Joseph Black, James Smith, Thomas Mullen and Frank

For making love to a wax figure in the store window of a Yonge street corset-maker, Nikola Palesti was fined \$1 and costs.

Henry Meyers is said to have costed laid passengers on one of the Niagara-to-Toronto steamers and then stolen money from their chatelaines.

The captain of the boat used the "wireless." This resulted in Meyer's arrest when he stepped ashore on Saturday night.

In the police court yesterday the accused was fined on the blanket charge of vagrancy. He was sentenced without bail and appears again to-day.

A Greek, Wm. Smith, 198 Mavel street, appeared in the police court yesterday accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of a scion of the famous Burnett E. Shearson family, 1872 Dundas street, on Sunday.

The facts possessed by the police are that the little boy was playing with his 11-year-old brother at the rear door of Gerald's restaurant, a pair of boiling water stood nearby. When it is alleged, the Greek in question passed the scalding door and the child was thrown into the scalding water.

The accused Greek was remanded until Friday without plea or election.

### ATTRACTION PROGRAM AT STRAND THEATRE

The Strand Theatre's exceptional attractive program of photo-play offerings this week is drawing large crowds. The cascades, which run 23 gallons of water per minute over 20 picturesque rocks and boulders, make the theatre appreciably cooler than the outside streets. In addition, the cascades form quite a scenic novel.

A Lasky production, presenting Blanche Sweet in "Stolen Goods," was the feature film yesterday, and continues today. Its sub-title is "The Story of a Red Cross Nurse in Borneo."

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Hazel Dawn will be presented. Clarissa in the photo-play version "The Gambler's Advocate."