

## MURDER MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY YOUTHS

### Witnesses At Napanee Inquest Could Not Give Good Description of Burglars Who Killed Constable Beard—The Inquest Adjourned Again.

(By a Whig Reporter.)  
Napanee, Aug. 30.—Sensational evidence was given at the resumed inquest held here last night to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the killing of Constable Richard A. Beard early Sunday morning, when Vincent Bova, Italian fruit dealer, declared that a man had pointed a gun at him from a laneway off Dundas street, about three minutes after the shooting of Constable Beard took place.

Pressed on the matter later on, the witness stated that he could not say for sure whether it was a gun or a long stick the man had pointed at him.

Eight witnesses were heard at the hearing which commenced at 7.30 p.m. (standard time) and concluded at 10.15 o'clock, when an adjournment was made for two weeks in order to give the police more time to work on the case.

Of the witnesses called there was not one who could give a description of the three men said to have been in the alleyway. They stated they did not have the opportunity of getting a good view of the men. The revolver carried by the late Constable Beard was produced by Chief of Police Barrett and the fact was established that his gun had not been discharged, as all the chambers were found to be filled.

Early Monday evening a post-mortem examination was held on the body of the late Constable Beard by Dr. James Miller, Queen's University, assisted by Dr. T. W. Simpson, Napanee, and their report showed that death had resulted from a penetrating wound, probably caused by a rifle. Dr. Miller would not say that the deed was not done by a smaller gun.

Hugh Duncan, who went to the entrance to the laneway with Constable Beard when he received the call, said he only had a glimpse of the men for a instant as the flashlight was turned on by Constable Beard, and when asked for his impression stated that he thought there were three men of medium size and rather short. He could not say whether they were clean shaven or no. He would take them to be young men—mere boys.

Pressed further, the witness said that if he should be near the same fellows again, he would not be able to identify them.

The inquest was held in the police station, and was attended by a crowd that filled every available space. Several hundred people were unable to gain admittance, and remained on the outside, close by the police station. A few of the outsiders were fortunate enough to get a place at the open windows, and in this way were able to hear some of the evidence. Owing to the crowded room, the air at times was almost stifling, and from time to time many of the spectators were compelled to go outside to get some air.

Members of the Jury.  
Dr. G. H. Cowan, coroner, presided at the inquest. County Attorney U. M. Wilson was unable to attend the session, at the opening, and in his absence W. E. Grange conducted the examination of the first two witnesses for him. The jury is composed of the following men of Napanee: J. S. Ham, P. Gleason, C. A. Anderson, Herbert Daly, William Light, John Derry, E. B. Miller, William A. Templeton, J. E. Robinson.

George Greer, county constable, was the first witness called and his

evidence was regarding the summoning of the members of the jury.

Mrs. Rosa Bova Called.  
Mrs. Rosa Bova, wife of Vincent Bova, fruit dealer, was called and stated that she and her husband had closed the shop about midnight. About 12.45 a.m. her husband went to the rear of the store to throw out some refuse, when he saw three men in the laneway. He told the witness about seeing the men, and witness said that he had better go inside and lock the doors. At this time there was one light burning in the store.

Witness said her husband locked the doors, and suggested turning out all the lights, at the same time telling witness to go upstairs to their apartments. Witness did not like the idea of going upstairs alone, whereupon her husband told her not to be afraid as he would keep watch. Witness went upstairs and going to a window at the rear looking out into the laneway, glanced out to see if she could see any person. She could not see any person. She could not see anyone but heard a noise as if some person was walking around in the laneway. She was under the impression that there was more than one person. Later she heard a noise as if some person was trying to pick out something in some wood. Witness then went to a front window and called to her husband, who was on Dundas street, in front of her place, that she thought someone was trying to do something at the back of the store. Mr. Bova then went to the Royal Hotel, directly opposite their store. She saw Hugh Duncan in front of the hotel, and later she notified Constable Beard. She also heard Beard say to Duncan and her husband, "Come on, boys." She then noticed these three men go to the corner of John street and turn the corner at Smith's jewelry store. Witness then went to the rear of her premises. She again looked out the window but could not see any person. It was quite dark and she heard a sound as if some person was running. It appeared to her as if there was more than one person running.

Head Shot Fired.  
Just at the time she heard this noise she also heard a shot fired. It was a very loud report. Following the shot witness heard a noise as if a man had been hurt. It sounded like a couple of groans. Witness then ran from her back window to the hall to go downstairs to the front entrance. She went down to the street to see if she could see her husband, and made her way to Smith's corner. She saw her husband and Hugh Duncan there. Both men were standing near the corner, and witness asked her husband if they had caught anyone. Her husband said, "No, I think they have killed the night watchman." Duncan did not say anything.

Witness said that afterwards she went into the laneway at the rear of her store and saw the body of the dead constable. Nothing was missed from her store. Witness also inspected the broken window pane in her store at the rear, and also viewed the hole made by the bullet. Witness had no reasons to suspect that the men in the laneway were about to rob her store.

Evidence of Vincent Bova.  
Vincent Bova, the fruit store proprietor, told his story. He corroborated the evidence given by his wife about the hearing of a noise in the rear of the shop. He noticed three men at the back of Smith's jewelry store, close to John street. The men were standing between the window and the door. He could not get a good view of the men as it was dark. Witness said he had made two trips to the rear of his store to dump refuse, and that on both occasions he had noticed the men there. There were three men in the party. At no time did the witness see more than three men.

Continuing his story, the witness told about going for Constable Beard after his wife had informed him that she believed that some person was endeavoring to do something in the laneway. Witness told Beard that three men had been at the back of Smith's store for half an hour. Beard remarked to the witness, "Go after them." Witness then told about starting out for the laneway with Constable Beard and Hugh Duncan. Just before going into the laneway, Constable Beard got his revolver out of his pocket and also his flashlight. Witness believed that the constable had his revolver and flashlight in his right hand. Constable Beard went into the lane first. He turned on his flashlight as he went into the lane, and witness could see somebody point something at Constable Beard.

"Can you describe the person who did this?" asked Crown Attorney Wilson.

"No. The flashlight was off in a minute." Witness said he stood back of Hugh Duncan, and that he and Dun-

can started back from the laneway when they noticed the person pointing what they believed to be a gun towards them.

Pointed Gun at Him.  
At this stage the witness created quite a sensation when he declared that after he had made his way back to the corner of Dundas and John streets, that he heard a shot fired, and that about three minutes later, while he was still near the corner, a man came out of Oliver's laneway, on Dundas street, and pointed a gun at him.

Witness gave a graphic rehearsal of how the man pointed the weapon at him.

Pressed further, witness then stated that he was not sure if the man had pointed a gun or a stick at him. He did not get a good view of the man and could not give a description of him. Witness described the report he had heard as something like the bursting of an automobile tire.

Witness further stated that after the man had pointed what he at first believed to be a gun at him, he went to the front of his store and met his wife and afterwards went into the laneway where Constable Beard was found. The man in the laneway, who had pointed something at him, made his way east on Dundas street. He could not say how this man was dressed or say anything as to his height, as he was too far away from him. The man had moved back quickly after pointing what he had in his hand, at him. Witness was under the impression that the fellow had singled him out as he believed the witness was chasing him.

It was estimated by the Crown Attorney that the distance between Bova and the man who pointed something at him from the laneway, was about 150 feet.

The Medical Evidence.  
Dr. James Miller, of Queen's University, who held a post mortem examination on the body of the late Constable Beard, assisted by Dr. Simpson, submitted his report, giving in detail the condition of the various organs of the body. His summing up was that Constable Beard's death was due to a penetrating wound in the chest which had caused a rupture of the heart. There was a penetrating bullet wound probably caused by a smaller gun. Constable Beard could be regarded as a man in perfect health for his age.

Dr. T. W. Simpson corroborated the evidence of Dr. Miller in every particular.

Asked by the Crown Attorney, witness stated that from an examination of the body and the clothing, he believed that death had been caused by a shot from a bullet. Constable Beard, he thought, had been in a stooping position and leaning to one side when struck.

Benjamin Luffman's Story.  
Benjamin Luffman, one of the proprietors of the Royal hotel, said that at 12.45 Sunday morning he was sitting outside his hotel door. Hugh Duncan came along and later on Constable Beard. All engaged in conversation. Constable Beard went inside the hotel to fix the soles on his shoes, and came outside again. This was about 1 o'clock. At this time Mr. Bova came across to the hotel from his store, and told Constable Beard that three men were in the rear of Smith's jewelry store or thereabouts. Constable Beard said to Duncan, "Come on, boys." Duncan and Bova then went around the corner of Dundas and John street. This was the last time witness saw Constable Beard alive.

Witness then told about his going across the road directly in front of his hotel to Davis and Coates laneway. He entered the laneway for a distance of about eighteen feet. He then heard what he believed to be a shuffle on John street. Witness then turned around and ran to Smith's corner, and while there heard a very loud report. Duncan came to the corner and said, "Uncle got one," meaning Constable Beard, as the latter was often referred to as "Uncle." Witness asked where Con-

stable Beard was and Duncan said, "Around there." Witness turned Smith's corner and afterward turned back on to Dundas street and as he did so he saw three men running on the sidewalk on Dundas street in an easterly direction, and then south near Miller's livery. Witness could not give a description of the men as they were running and soon disappeared around a corner. He thought the fleeing men were of medium height, but could not describe the clothing they wore, nor could he tell if they were carrying anything. After witness noticed the men running he went over to the hotel and got his gun and came out again. He met Duncan and asked the latter if he saw Constable Beard come out of the laneway. Duncan said, "No." Witness then returned to the hotel, and coming out again asked Duncan a second time if Constable Beard had come out of the laneway. Witness then remarked that there must be something wrong and said that he was going over to see.

Went Into Laneway.  
"I then ran to Smith's corner," said the witness, "and in getting into the laneway I found Constable Beard's body lying on the ground. His flashlight was about ten inches from his right hand, and was turned on. I picked up the flashlight. Constable Beard was lying on his face, with his arms outstretched. I reached down and turned his body over. Duncan came into the laneway at this time and I said to him, 'They got Dick.'"

Witness then told of summoning a doctor and Chief of Police Barrett. He also called "central," at the telephone office, and asked her to give the fire alarm, but "central" said that she could not give the fire alarm because there was no authority for it. Witness believed that three-and-a-half or four minutes elapsed from the time Bova came to his place till the shooting occurred. Witness said he had noticed no autos on the street at the time. It was very quiet on the streets at the time. He recalled seeing two men standing on the Campbell hotel corner. He did not see a man come out of any of the laneways with a rifle. The light was very poor on Dundas street. One of the three men he noticed running away turned as he was rounding a corner, but witness said his eyesight was not good, and he could not describe him.

Dr. Vrooman, who was called to the scene of the tragedy, said it was 1.15 a.m. when he was summoned and told about how he found the body of the late Constable Beard. He was dead when witness arrived. He did not examine the body at this time. He notified Dr. Cowan, coroner, and later on made an examination of the body at the undertaking parlors of Ming & Hamby. After describing the wound witness gave it as his opinion that deceased had been in a crouching position, judging from the course the bullet had taken.

Might Have Been Boys.  
Hugh Duncan said he lived in Napanee and that for a time he had served as night watchman. Witness told about being at the Royal hotel and going over to the laneway with Constable Beard and Bova. Constable Beard stepped into the laneway and witness stepped in behind him. Constable Beard turned on his flashlight for a minute, and then the constable was either pushed or jumped back. When he stepped back the constable reached for his pocket with his right hand. At this witness backed up too. Three men were standing near the window in the rear of Smith's store. Witness looked over Constable Beard's shoulder as he was two or three steps inside of the laneway. Bova was close by witness.

"I could not describe the men as the flashlight was only on for a minute," said the witness.

"And what impression did you gather of the men in that short time?" queried Mr. Wilson.

"I got the impression that they were three men of medium size, rather short. I could not say as to whether they were clean shaven. I had the impression that they were young men—mere boys."

Witness said that after the flashlight was turned on he heard a noise and he ran to the corner of John and Dundas street. As he reached the corner he heard a shot fired. He stopped and listened, and then met Mr. Luffman and spoke to him just about the same time as he heard the shot. Witness said to Luffman, "Uncle has got one of them," being under the impression that it was Constable Beard's gun that had been fired.

"I think Luffman then went to the hotel. I do not remember if I turned the corner again. Mr. Luffman afterwards came over from the hotel with a gun."

Witness said everything was quiet on the streets that night. There were few people around.

"If you happened to be near these three men again would you be able to identify them as a result of what you saw when the flashlight was turned on?" asked Mr. Wilson. "No, sir. It would be absolutely impossible."

Chief of Police F. W. Barrett was the last witness. With the other witnesses he identified plans presented of the scene of the shooting. He said he was called to the scene at 1.10 a.m. Sunday and found Constable Beard dead. He told of the examination he made into the circumstances and about the warnings sent out around the district. He told also about Provincial Constable Ward finding a cartridge case, and a bullet imbedded in some casing in Bova's window. Witness was satisfied that Constable Beard had met death as a result of being struck by a bullet from a .30 or .32 rifle cartridge.

## NORTHERN IRISH RAILWAY WAS COMPLETELY TIED UP

### Engineers And Firemen Went on Strike At Midnight—Rioting Is Renewed in Belfast—Two Persons Reported Killed And Several Wounded.

Belfast, Aug. 30.—For the first time in its history the Great Northern Railway was completely tied up to-day by a strike of engineers and firemen, who ceased work at midnight. Stations staffs were automatically disemployed because of the walk-out. The main line of this railroad runs between Dublin and Belfast and its branches extend throughout the province of Ulster.

Strikers Return to Work.  
Belfast, Aug. 30.—Engineers and firemen on the Great Northern Irish railway, who struck last night as the result of a dispute with the management, returned to their posts this afternoon, on the advice of J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Severe Rioting in Belfast.  
Belfast, Aug. 30.—Rioting which broke out in this city at noon yesterday and continued until after midnight, began again at seven o'clock this morning. One hour later it was reported that three had been added to the list of wounded, one being a woman. During the fighting period yesterday and last night, two persons were killed and six wounded.

Street fighting became particularly violent after one o'clock to-day, the dinner hour at ninety factories in the side streets radiating from Ducaine Gardens and North Queen street. One laborer was shot dead and several other persons were wounded, including one army sergeant. Citizens placed sand bags in the middle of the streets and maintained a heavy firing against the police and military, who were forced to abandon the streets. Armed cars were summoned. At one time the pattern of bullets resembled a hail storm.

THE SINN FEIN REPLY TO BRITISH PREMIER  
About Ready to Be Dispatched—Lloyd George Is in Scotland.  
Dublin, Aug. 30.—The Daily Eir-gann's reply to the latest letter from Premier Lloyd George regarding the Irish peace proposals is expected to be despatched to London this evening. This was learned officially to-day after Eamonn de Valera, Irish republican leader, had held a conference with the Daily "cabinet."

Special Carrier Awaits.  
London, Aug. 30.—A special carrier is being held in readiness at Lloyd George's official residence in Downing street to take the premier, who is now in Scotland, the Irish reply to his last letter to Eamonn de Valera.

Professor Kills a Bear Near New Liskeard  
New Liskeard, Aug. 30.—Observing a large bear headed in the direction of the pasture where he was finishing his evening milking, Professor John Sharp, county director of the U. F. O. in Temiskaming armed himself and later in the evening was able to bag one of the few remaining relics of the wilderness which have appeared recently in this district. He is having the carcass mounted and may present the specimen to the newly formed New Liskeard Historical society.

Prof. Sharp is a Queen's University graduate, and lived in Kingston for some years.

BANK ROBBED OF \$35,000 BY CHECK-SWITCHING  
A Clever Scheme Pulled Off on Bank of Commerce in Toronto.  
Toronto, Aug. 30.—The Bank of Commerce was on Saturday morning robbed of a sum said to reach \$35,000 as the result of a check-switching scheme. An unknown man presented two checks for payment, one at the foreign exchange department, and in each case was told to have them marked before presenting them for payment. Later he returned with the "marked" checks and payment was given. It was later learned that the individual in question had no account at the bank and that none of the bank clerks had certified the checks. It is thought that he possessed a fac-simile stamp, and thus was able to victimize the bank.

Customs Officer Dies  
Brockville, Aug. 30.—Cyrenus Stowell, aged eighty-seven, who was connected with the customs staff here for a number of years and in earlier life was a cheese manufacturer and school teacher in the surrounding country died Monday morning.

Virtually all the wreckage of the ZR-2, which fell into the Hamber river last week, has now been raised. Hope is still expressed that the majority of the bodies of the airman who lost their lives in the accident would be recovered.

The treaty of peace between the United States and Hungary was signed at Budapest Monday afternoon by Foreign Minister Banffy and Grant Smith, United States commissioner.

This is children's day at the Canadian National exhibition in Toronto. There are over 200,000 in attendance.

## GERMANY PLACED UNDER SEVERE RESTRICTIONS

### President Ebert Forbids Meetings Likely to Encourage Seditious Movements.

Berlin, Germany, Aug. 30.—Germany was to-day under restrictions closely approaching martial law, as the result of the decree issued late yesterday by President Ebert. Meetings, processions, demonstrations and the issuance of publications "likely to encourage seditious movements" were forbidden in the decree and a warning was given that "any and every insurrection" would be suppressed with relentless severity.

TO HOLD STATE FUNERAL FOR THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR  
The Governor-General to Attend—The Body Lies in State.  
Toronto, Aug. 30.—Many people of all distinctions called at Government House to-day to pay their respects to the memory of His Honor, Lionel Herbert Clarke, whose remains laid in state at the official residence today from 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. There was a steady stream of visitors past the bier, which was banked with beautiful floral tributes from all parts of the dominion.

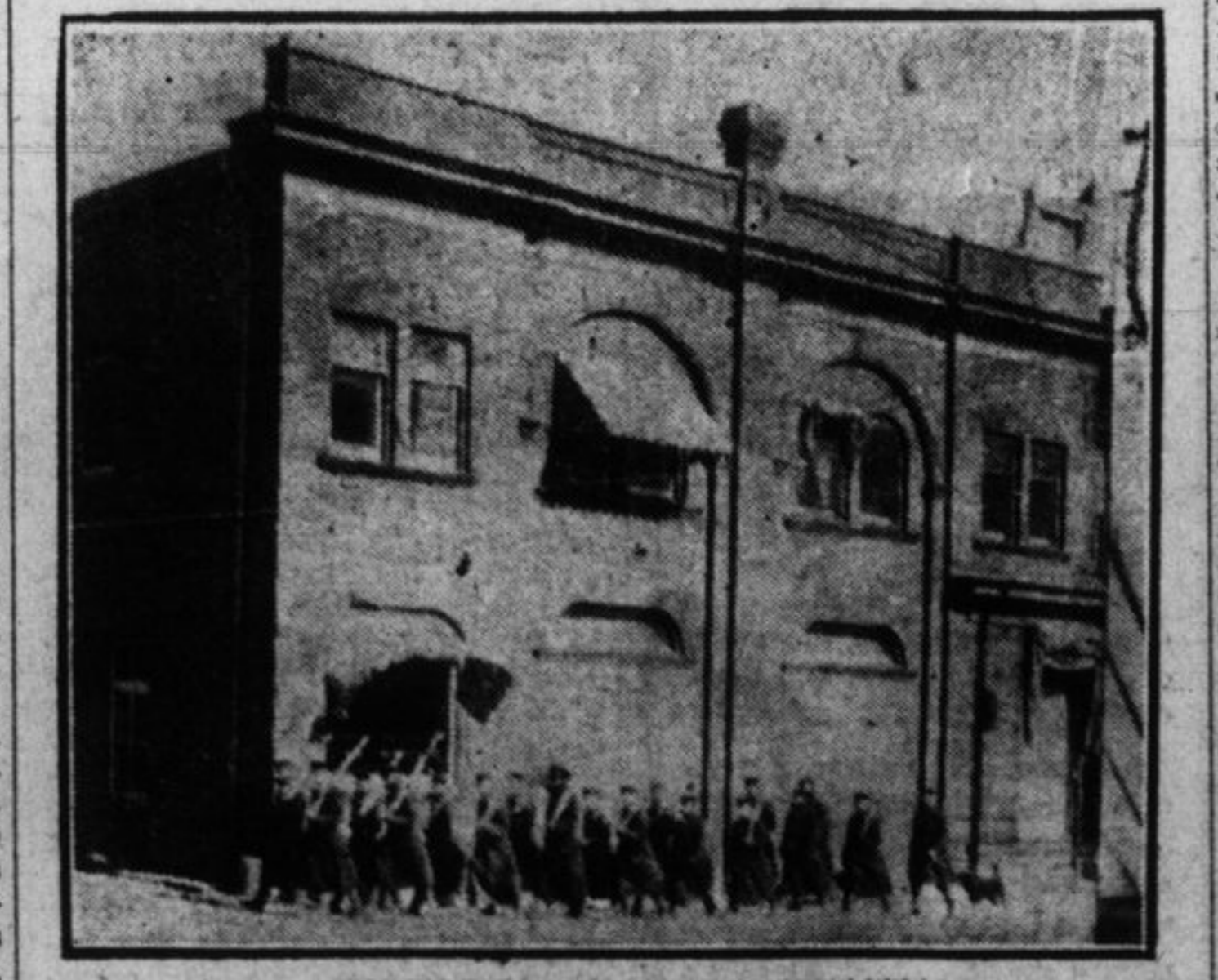
To-morrow afternoon there will be a state funeral at St. Paul's church conducted by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and Rev. Archdeacon Cody. His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Byng, who have cancelled all their official social engagements in the city on account of the death of the lieutenant-governor, will attend the service.

DETROIT BOAT WINS HONORS  
Miss America I. Averages 50.5 Miles Per Hour.  
Detroit, Mich., Aug. 30.—Averaging 50.5 miles per hour, Miss America I., of the Detroit Yacht club, with Gar Wood at the wheel took the second 30-mile heat in the gold cup race here yesterday afternoon, defeating Miss Chicago, of the Chicago Yacht club, and the sea sled Orlo III, entered from the Columbia Yacht club. The victor's time was 35.43.40.

In Possession of Insurgents.  
Vienna, Aug. 30.—Burglenland, a narrow strip of territory situated along the Hungarian border, which was awarded Austria by the treaty of St. Germain, is apparently in possession of Hungarian insurgents, with Lieut. Sejas, enacting the role of Adalbert Korfanty in Upper Silesia, or Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio in Fiume.

HUSBAND AND WIFE  
My husband always wants to go to bed.—A. W. K.  
What Does Your Husband Do?

**DREAMSTICKS**  
AFTER SHOVELING COAL ALL DAY, I LIKE TO HEAR A GOOD JOKE, SIGNED TOM.  
LUTHER TO THIS ONE, NED UP-GRAND; IF NODD WAS UPON IN THE DARK, HE'D BE AS BRIGHT AS  
DON'T ROCK HIM, YOU'VE KNOCKED HIM DOWN, NOW BE SATISFIED.



**NAPANEE JEWELRY STORE.**  
Side on John street and rear of the F. W. Smith & Son's store in Napanee. The lower rear window is the one the burglars tried to enter. The lane where shooting occurred is at the rear. One of the soldiers pictured was a son of the slain constable. The force was a section of the 30th Battalion, C.E.F.