

LITTLE GIRL TORN

BY DOGS IN HARLEM

Elevated Guard's Daughter May
Die After Attack in a
Vacant Lot.

NEIGHBORHOOD IN UPROAR

Policemen with Nightsticks and
Bullets Kill Animals Owned by
Apartment House Janitor.

Tenants of apartment houses and stores near a vacant lot in the rear of the Park View Apartments, at 124th Street and Madison Avenue, ran to their windows late yesterday afternoon when they heard a child screaming and crying and the growling and snarling of dogs. They saw a little girl struggling with two bulldogs, one a big white one and the other a smaller brindle-colored animal.

The child was on the ground and the dogs were worrying her, biting her now on the arms and body and again on the face and neck. They sprang about her, dropping her sometimes only to grab the little one and shake her again. Sometimes, with teeth tangled in her scalp and hair, they dragged her about the lot.

Several women fainted. Others screamed. In an instant the neighborhood was in an uproar. Policemen Gilgan and Greene of the East 126th Street Station heard the cries of the child, and they ran to the lot. They found the dogs standing over the little girl and tearing at her neck and face, and they feared to use the revolvers they held.

Gilgan hurled his nightstick at the animals. It struck and the dogs leaped from the child, saw the policemen, and started for them, growling. Their movement put the child out of range and Gilgan and Greene fired. At sound of the shots the dogs stopped, but they started forward again at once, and again the policemen fired. The animals sprang about so that the bullets missed the mark, but the sound at last terrified the dogs, and the big white one broke and ran for the cellar of the Park View Apartments just as a bullet from Greene's revolver hit the smaller dog in the head. The animal dropped and Greene sent two more bullets into it before it ceased to twitch and to strive to regain its feet.

Gilgan went after the bigger dog, cornering it in the cellar, where it went for him, leaping for his throat. Gilgan knocked it down with a blow of his nightstick, which he had recovered. The dog sprang again and again, and each time the policeman floored it until at last it crouched before him, panting and apparently gaining strength for still another leap. Then Gilgan shot. Like its mate the dog took three bullets in the head before it ceased to fight.

Scores of excited men and women had crowded about the lot before the fight ended and among them were many who recognized the now senseless child as five-year-old Mary Minnaugh of 1,807 Park Avenue, daughter of Michael Minnaugh, a guard on the Second Avenue elevated railroad. Greene carried the little girl in his arms to the Hospital for Deformities and Joint Diseases, only a block away, and physicians there treated her until Dr. Glucksman arrived from Harlem Hospital.

He took Mary there, where it was said later she probably would die. Both arms, her face and neck and her body had been torn by the teeth of the dogs, and she had been almost scalped.

The policemen learned the dogs belonged to Charles Agello, janitor of the Park View Apartments, and Agello was summoned to appear in the Harlem Police Court today. He said he had left the dogs in the cellar with the door shut, and had supposed them safely locked up. He did not know who had released them.