

HARRY FERRARA AND LILLIAN BEERS FREED

Evidence Held Insufficient by Judge Rossman.

POLICE INQUIRY THOROUGH

Attorney Thomas G. Ryan Charges That Bungling Amateurish Officers Exceeded Authority.

Harry Ferrara, aged 19, and Lillian Beers, arrested by the police Saturday night and held in the city jail incommunicado while numerous serious charges were under investigation, were ordered released yesterday by Municipal Judge Rossman.

A Municipal Court hearing failed to develop any evidence against the couple which Deputy City Attorney Stadter deemed sufficient to warrant the filing of any kind of criminal complaint.

Complete investigations by both the police and Department of Justice officials resulted in exonerating young Ferrara of every charge which the police had made against him.

The boy was released from custody yesterday after his father, Albert E. Ferrara, an attorney, and Thomas G. Ryan, his attorney, had assisted officials in completing the investigation.

Youth Held Incommunicado. Mr. Ryan dictated the following statement concerning the arrest and subsequent detention of the young man:

"After various articles had appeared in the newspapers accusing Harry Ferrara of various crimes and after he had been held incommunicado for 42 hours without being permitted to see an attorney, his father, or any friends, there was no charge filed against this boy, who is but 19 years old," said Attorney Thomas A. Ryan, yesterday.

"The two officers who arrested this boy, Sullivan and Perry, are recent additions to the police force, being members of the war emergency squad, and last night caused the release of two men who were supposed to be implicated with the Ferrara boy, but insisted that Ferrara be held for trial. The prosecuting attorney, Mr. Stadter, after investigating the matter made the statement in open court that the officers had failed to produce any evidence which would warrant the filing of any charge against the boy.

Police Inquiry Thorough. Inspector Pat Maloney, who had been assigned to the case, made the statement that his investigation convinced him there was no evidence against the boy. Chief Special Agent Byron, of the U. S. Department of Justice, also stated that so far as his department was concerned, there was nothing brought forward upon which to base any charge against the boy. "I have spent some seven years as a prosecuting officer; during that time I never permitted any police officer to detain any person for investigation, or hold any person incommunicado, or the reason that there is no law in this state authorizing this procedure. Notwithstanding this fact there had been

numerous instances where innocent persons had been held incommunicado by bungling amateurish police officers and compelled to endure the indignity and humiliation of remaining in jail until it suited the pleasure of the officers to release them.

Bungling Officers Blamed. "This unwarranted assumption of authority by police officers should be stopped and persons thought guilty of crimes should be tried according to the established rules of law, the statutes of the state or the city ordinances of the city, and not be abused and discriminated against according to the whims and caprices of individuals who happen to be wearing a badge, giving them in the language of Shakespeare, 'A moment's brief authority,' which they are not competent to exercise in conformity to equity and justice.

"Both of these officers disclaimed any knowledge of the articles appearing in the various newspapers and endeavored to create the impression that they emanated from some source other than them. Wherever they emanated from they have done an incalculable amount of harm to both the boy, his father and his family, and the results have proved these stories to be the figment of some disordered mind."

TROOPS ARE LEAVING DAILY

LIMITED SERVICE SOLDIERS ON WAY TO THEIR HOMES.

Vancouver Hears Garrison of 12,000 Will Be Maintained at That Post at All Times Hereafter.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Large numbers of soldiers are leaving Vancouver Barracks daily now for various parts of the United States. A troop train left this afternoon for the Middle West, carrying troops from Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. More left for different points in California.

As troops are going out all the time, others are coming in to take their places so that about 12,000 are here all the time. While it is not known where the report came from, it is said that the Government will probably leave 12,000 men in this post at all times, when peace is declared. As the United States Army will be larger in peace times, than ever before, it is probable the posts will all have larger garrisons.

In the Spruce Division there were three canteens, or post exchanges, where the men could purchase their tobacco, candies, ice cream and many other luxuries. Two of these were closed last night and the stocks removed to Exchange No. 1, near the cutup plant, which was the first exchange established. This will be operated as long as any considerable number of men are here.

Mayor Bradner, who has been in charge of the Second Provisional Regiment, has been relieved to assist in demobilization, and Major Bauer is now in command.

Lebanon Dislikes Service.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The new train service which went into effect today on both the Albany-Lebanon-Oakridge run and the Lebanon-Woodburn line of the Southern Pacific Company, is meeting with opposition from the business people. They claim that the new schedule is the poorest this city had had for 25 years. A petition is being circulated today asking for a change.

The production of copper in the United States has increased more than 25-fold since 1880.

SHIPPING MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO CHARGES

Conspiracy to Supply German Vessels Admitted.

DEC. 21 SENTENCE DAY

Samuel Untermeyer Appears Before Senate Committee to Deny Implications.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Pleas of guilty to an alleged conspiracy to supply German warships at sea through the wholesale chartering of American and other vessels here, in violation of the neutrality laws, were entered here today by four shipping men, two shipping firms and the Chancellor of the former German Consulate here. Sentence was set for December 21.

The shipping men were Robert H. Swayne, C. D. Bunker, Thomas W. Anderson and Joseph H. Bley. The firms were C. D. Bunker & Co. and the Northern & Southern Steamship Company. The consular agent was Heinrich Kaufmann.

Charges against Philip R. Thayer, president of the Northern and Southern Company, the shipping firm of Swayne & Hoyt and John G. Hoyt, other alleged conspirators, were to be dropped by the Government and dismissals asked for, John W. Preston, Special Assistant Attorney-General, announced. It was stipulated that fines would be asked for in the cases of those pleading guilty, with the exception of Bley.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Samuel Untermeyer, of New York, whose name has been mentioned in the investigation of German propaganda, appeared today before the Senate investigating committee to answer what he described as innuendoes and implications which made it appear that previous to March, 1914, his sympathies were pro-German.

Mr. Untermeyer stated that he had declined, after being solicited, to act as counsel for the German Embassy and added:

"There is not a shred of basis for these vague implications."

Referring to his letter to Dr. H. F. Albert in February, 1916, regarding the purchase of a New York newspaper, Mr. Untermeyer said he had discussed the question with a friend whose name was not mentioned.

"The talk about this evening and morning paper being in the market had been common gossip for a long time," he said, "and we were anxious to acquire it on proper terms. I had discussed it in 1912 before the European war with the same friend. We have been and are still in negotiation for another paper on his behalf."

Mr. Untermeyer said he had met Count von Bernstorff, but had never discussed with him the purchase of the newspaper and that he did not know Dr. Karl Fuehr, an assistant of Dr. Albert. "Then if Dr. Fuehr's diary says that he conferred with you about the purchase of a newspaper, it is incorrect," asked Major Humes.

"It is a lie; there may be a great many other lies in his diary, too," he replied.

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