

ULLRICH RELEASED BY COLONEL ELLIOT

American Citizen, Held as German, Freed After Week of Internment

WAS JOKE ON MR. BAYLISS

Statement From That Gentleman, However, Finally Solved Problem

Mr. Richard Ullrich, American citizen, was freed from Stanley barracks this afternoon, where, for almost a week, he has been held as an alien enemy.

This denouement came as the climax to a burlesque wherein one mild mannered man was taken prisoner in a bayonet charge on his shop in Mount Dennis last week. The beginning thereof was in a practical joke played upon Mr. John Bayliss, Justice of the Peace of Mount Dennis, on whose authority Ullrich's arrest was made. Some facetious-minded citizens of Mount Dennis started a rumor to the effect that Ullrich was a German citizen, and these persisted to such an extent that a warrant for his arrest was finally granted by Mr. Bayliss.

Then the bayonet charge took place. Ullrich was made a prisoner and brought to Toronto, where he was lodged in Stanley Barracks. Here, proof was brought that he was an American subject, and at once there began to be trouble.

Everybody's Hands Tied.

Neither Mr. Snow nor Captain Wandless of the registry office for alien enemies would have anything to do with the case. The military authorities could do nothing of their own volition until the matter had been brought officially to their attention. At last, on Friday afternoon, Mr. Julius Dreher, the American Consul, was advised of the affair, and at once took steps to secure Ullrich's release.

A statement from Mr. Bayliss was obtained to-day by Col. Elliott and as a result Ullrich was released.

His freedom, however, has been made conditional on his reporting once a week to the authorities.

"Mr. Bayliss said I told him that Ullrich had been refused naturalization in the north country. That is not true," said Captain Wandless, assistant registrar of alien enemies, to The Daily News to-day, referring to a report published in an evening newspaper on Saturday.

Captain Again Refused.

The telephone rang during this conversation. It was Mr. Bayliss calling Captain Wandless.

"You can do what you like about it. We are not going to touch it at this end." was the captain's contribution to the conversation.

Mr. Bayliss has admitted that some of the humorists of Mount Dennis had been successful in "stringing" him into having Ullrich taken into custody. Since then Mr. Bayliss has been having an unpleasant time wondering who was going to get Ullrich free again. The registrar would not recognize his authority, and the military authorities claimed that, having made the arrest, they could not release the prisoner till they should receive instructions from General Otter. Mr. Bayliss was instructed to make a statement as to the information on which he laid his complaint, and thus, finally, the tangle was straightened out.