

# Mr. Van den Boom's Arrest Proves Case of Official Mistaken Identity

# Dramatic Arrest of Two Germans Proves a Far- cial Blunder of the "Comic Opera" Type. Hollanders Mistaken for Ger- mans by Officials

## PRESENTATION AND FAREWELL TO MR. ANDREW VAN DEN BOOM

(We have pleasure in giving due publicity to the following report which has been sent us by a body of friends of the Evening Review from Niagara Falls Centre. We print the report exactly as sent to us, verbatim et literatim, because we sympathize with Mr. Van den Boom as sincerely as do his personal friends in the indignity—happily and quickly dispelled—to which he was subjected through an inadvertence of official zeal. Nevertheless we must impress upon our readers the fact that what the writer of this communication alludes to as "misleading and damaging newspaper reports" must not be accepted as a reflection upon the honesty of the press. To blame the newspapers for the consequence of a mistake of officials at headquarters would be as unjust to the press as the (happily) wrongful arrest of Mr. Van Boom was unjust to that gentleman.—Editor Evening Review.)

Upon the arrival of the military authorities at the Armories yesterday afternoon the two young men, who are Hollanders and not Germans, were promptly dismissed, there being no charge against them. Within two of

three hours' notice a reception took place last night at the Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, many being assembled to bid "good-bye" to Mr. A. Van den Boom, who is leaving to take possession of a farm near New York City.

Addresses were given by representatives of the Sunday School, Young People's Society, Young Men's Bible Class, Ladies Aid Society, the choir, and the congregation, all deploring the unfortunate and unnecessary arrest and regretting that so many gross misrepresentations were afloat during his detention. Much regret was also expressed at the misleading and damaging newspaper reports. Some suggested that the public takes pleasure in being deluded.

Mr. Van den Boom also addressed the audience, dealing in an intensely interesting manner with the history of his native land—Holland—and its nationality. So far as his detention was concerned, he took it pleasantly, and was glad to have "three good meals on the King."

The Young People's Society presented Mr. Van den Boom with a magnificent copy of the "Book of Praise" as a very slight token of their esteem.

Regrets were expressed by all in losing so exemplary a young man and so valuable a helper in the various departments of the church.