

DID DR. KOHLMAN TRY TO GET BERLIN TICKET?

Judge Coatsworth Issued an Order for His Arrest—Now in a Detention Camp.

Dr. Ervin Kohlman, the German engineer formerly in the city's employ, is now at the detention camp at the Exhibition Grounds. He was nabbed by the police yesterday afternoon as he was about to board a train for Buffalo.

It is said that Kohlman was negotiating for a ticket through to Berlin, Germany, via Naples, and the authorities had the notion that he might find a place in the Kaiser's army if he got to the Fatherland. He had his baggage at the station.

The police took him to the detective headquarters, where he was searched and questioned, and then taken over to Judge Coatsworth, who ordered that he be taken to the detention camp.

Kohlman recently wrote to Premier Borden and got a special permit to leave Canada. He had stated to Works Commissioner Harris, his former employer, that he wanted to take a post-graduate course at Harvard and had no intention of doing any fighting. To others he stated that he intended to go to Spain.

"Negotiating," Says the Judge.

"Because Dr. Kohlman was negotiating for a ticket for Naples and intimated the fact to the steamship agent that he would probably go on to Berlin was the reason why Dr. Kohlman was arrested and ~~interned~~," said Judge Coatsworth, Registrar of Aliens, to The Star.

"I think the doctor acted injudiciously throughout. If he had acted square there would have been no trouble. His actions became so suspicious that Inspector Kennedy came to me and I ordered his detention.

"In the first place Kohlman got a special permit to leave Canada for United States from Ottawa and intimated that he was going to take a position at Harvard. Later, he said he was trying to get a position in Barcelona, Spain. In fact, he had the job in Spain. It was secured through an American living in Toronto, who was going with the doctor. Kohlman stated that he was going to Spain and asked for another permit. For this he was referred to the authorities at Washington. In the meantime he went to a local steamship agent and asked for a berth to Barcelona, Spain. The booking agent told him he could not secure passage on account of the uncertainty of boats on the ocean. The steamship man then suggested that he could get a ticket for Naples. Then Kohlman intimated that he might be able to get to Berlin. In fact, he had his berth reserved for Naples to sail on December 30th. When he showed his intentions the steamship man notified the police.

Police Act Rapidly.

"Kohlman was called up on the telephone and asked to come to Inspector Kennedy's office. He said he would come right away. The time was a little longer than the police said he needed to make the trip, so they called at his apartments again, but the landlady notified the detective that Kohlman had paid up his bills and left, leaving no messages behind of his destination. Then the police became suspicious, and detectives were stationed at the depot to watch. Constable Morrow, who is doing special alien work, arrested him as he got on the train. When searched Kohlman had a ticket for Buffalo. He was brought before me and I ordered that he be ~~interned~~. Had Kohlman acted fair with the authorities he would not have been arrested, but I think he acted very foolishly."

"I also gave August Reiser, of the Marlboro Apartments, sales manager of the Frederick Bayer Co., dye manufacturers, permission to go to Providence, R.I. Reiser is a German and goes to take over the branch in Providence, filling the post of a manager who was taken ill.