

DOCTORS' REPORTS SAY THAT LOUISA MARKESFELDT IS SANE

One Calls Her a "Colossal Liar" Posing for Notoriety

REMANDED AGAIN UNTIL MONDAY

Magistrate Kingsford Finds She Understands Some German

The case of Louisa Markesfeldt, which has been puzzling doctors, lawyers, detectives and judges came up again this morning in the Woman's Court after the girl had been kept for a week in the detention hospital, to be examined as to her sanity. Mr. Corley opened the case by reading the statements of the doctors who have been watching her.

Dr. Harvey Clare's letter read: "After observing this girl carefully for a week, I find no symptoms of insanity."

Dr. Parry's report was: "I hereby certify to having examined this girl and declare that she is a colossal liar. She is simply posing for notoriety. She is not insane."

"Are you ready to be tried on the charge of vagrancy?" Magistrate Kingsford asked the girl, who merely nodded and was led back to her seat to await the arrival of witnesses.

The first to give evidence was Detective Maurer, who stated that on May 26th, the girl came to town and took a room at the Y.W.C.A. in St. Patrick street. She registered under an assumed name. When asked if it was her right name, she said it was, and then denied her statement and finally gave the name Louisa Markesfeldt, which she said she had used since coming to Canada.

She was a servant girl and claimed to have been at Niagara Falls, where she had a sister. She told Detective Maurer that she used to watch Mr. Wilkes, the inspector at the bridge, and when he left his post she would tell Germans how they could get into the States.

She had also said she was interested in the movement of ships.

"In what way?" asked Judge Kingsford.

"She claimed to have been back and forth several times," said the witness.

"She said she had gone across into the States herself disguised as a boy," he added.

"She claimed that she had been born in Alsace, in Germany."

"Did she ever deny that?"

"No, she always stuck to that."

Spoke Only English.

"What language did she speak?"

"She only spoke English to me, but she had a German book. I tried her but she would speak nothing but English."

"She said she had been in Toronto several times. She had only 75 cents on her, and I asked how she expected to go away; whether she had made any arrangements, but she refused to give any information."

Before the witness retired the

girl was asked by the Magistrate if she wanted to put any questions.

"No!"

The next witness was Mr. O'Neil, Chief Constable of Berlin. In November last the girl had reported in Berlin. She first worked in a factory and later as a domestic. "Her reputation," said Mr. O'Neil "was that she was a German spy."

"She told me she wanted to go to the States, to get to Germany."

"Did she ever speak German to you?"

"No, she never spoke German."

"Did you ever know of her speaking German to anyone?"

"She never spoke German at all," declared Mr. O'Neil.

Inspector Kennedy was then called, but could give no further information. Magistrate Kingsford then spoke a few words to the girl in German, telling her to go to his desk, but she did not understand and he repeated it in English and she went forward.

For about five minutes the magistrate talked to her in a low voice, and apparently in German for at the conclusion, said "she understands some German."

Remanded Till Monday.

"If her story is true, she's a spy. If not true, she is not respectable," was the magistrate's remark, and after a hopeless effort to decide what punishment should be meted out, the case was remanded until other cases were finished. He finally remanded the case again, this time till Monday.

The girl was strangely stolid and disinterested, throughout the proceedings, but was apparently pleased to have baffled the court, for she got down smiling broadly, as though vastly amused.

As other cases were dealt with, she was talking with Mr. O'Neil, and judging from her enjoyment of the situation, she had not a worry in the world. She laughed quietly during their conversation, and shook hands smilingly with Mr. O'Neil when he left.

Her smile is a quality which lights up her face and makes her appear very much amused at the entire proceedings.

Attitude Changed.

Her whole attitude underwent a complete change, however, when she was led out of the courtroom by Policewoman Miss Minty. The girl appeared to become strangely weak and staggered along the corridor leading to the Police Court. She made her way down the stairs to the cells slowly and painfully. Her feet seemed to drag as she stumbled down the stairs and upon several occasions it appeared as if she was going to fall. Quite a few minutes were spent ere she went down the score or so of steps. Her face, which upon ordinary occasions is very pale, was highly flushed, her eyes were wet, and she appeared to be laboring under suppressed excitement. While it is not yet known how the girl will be disposed of, it is believed that she will be sent to the Mercer on the vagrancy charge.

"It is absolutely essential that she should be put in some place where she can do no harm," said Inspector of Detectives George Kennedy to The Daily News, "we did not need the doctors' reports to tell us that she was sane. We were certain she was."

The inspector was unable to say what would be done with the girl.