

Detectives Use Army Uniforms To Trap Girls

"Officers" Engage Young Women in Conversation as Mates Follow and Arrest Them as Offenders

Many Disapprove of Trick

Believe Olive Drab Regarded as Mark of Gentility by Many Innocent Victims

When Miss Lillian Cohen and Miss Sally Cobin were arrested by Detective John P. Gunson, charged with disorderly conduct, they had been talking, according to the testimony given by Gunson in court, to two men "who were dressed in uniforms of United States army second lieutenants."

The young women, it will be remembered, were found guilty by Magistrate Mancuso, appealed, and were released and exonerated by Judge Rosalsky.

It was learned yesterday that members of the vice squad, commanded by Inspector McDonald, have made it a practice for some time past to go two by two about the city at night disguised as officers of the army or navy. In this manner the number of arrests has been increased.

The method is as follows: The policemen in military uniform stroll along followed by two plain clothes men. The pair in muff wait until their comrades in uniform have engaged young women in conversation. Then the plain clothes men approach.

Spoke to Uniformed Men

In the case of Misses Cobin and Cohen, Detective Gunson testified:

"At a point midway of the block between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets (on Broadway) I saw them stop and engage in conversation with two men walking north and who were dressed in uniforms of United States army second lieutenants."

That corresponds exactly to a description of regular vice squad practice.

The plain clothes men, on approaching their mates who have succeeded in

starting a conversation with the women, ask the men in uniform:

"Do you know these women?"

If the men in uniform answer, "No," the women are arrested, and the masquerading detectives go on their way. Gunson's testimony read: "I said to the army officers, 'Do you know these women?' They said, 'No.'"

Some Disapprove of Trick

It is not known how long men of the Vice Squad have been following this practice. Early in May Commissioner Enright ordered the old Bureau of Information closed to the public, put up grated doors at its entrance and quartered his Vice Squad there, with lockers to hold their costumes.

Even in Headquarters itself this scheme is not meeting with entire approval. One who has long been connected with the hospitality accorded to officers of the army and navy during the war and the friendliness with which they were received still holds. Many women, it was pointed out, who would never think of speaking to a civilian will engage in conversation with an army or navy officer, believing that the uniform he wears is a badge of gentility.

Grand Jury to Investigate

As an aftermath of the case of Misses Cobin and Cohen the grand jury will begin next month to investigate the methods of arrest and conviction for disorderly conduct or being employed by the police and magistrates. It is probable that Chief Magistrate McAdoo and Magistrate Mancuso will be called as witnesses.

Either the regular or an additional grand jury will consider the situation. The regular jury will be impaneled on July 7 by Judge McIntyre, who for the last two years has been a violent opponent of the procedure used when women are arrested for disorderly conduct.

Liner Sails for Brazil With \$18,500,000 Gold

Vauban Carries Largest Shipment of U. S. Coin Ever Trusted to One Bottom

The Lamport & Holt liner Vauban sailed yesterday for Brazil and the Argentine with \$18,500,000 in American gold coin, the biggest gold shipment ever sent out of this port in one vessel. The shipment, which was taken to the vessel at Pier 8, Brooklyn, in small instalments, was guarded by ten armed men who kept watch about the strong room of the Vauban until the last keg of gold was put aboard.

Five special safes, made of armor plate steel, were installed in the Vauban's strong room, and into these were placed the 370 kegs containing \$50,000 each. An armed guard will be maintained at the entrance to the vault throughout the run of twenty-two days

The City's Jar

JOSEPH RAGAS, a Filipino, employed as a waiter on a Fall River liner, detailed, in the Adams Street Court yesterday, the unhappy outcome of his plans to wed Anna Decker, nineteen, living at 182 High Street, Brooklyn.

Miss Decker's mother, he said, introduced him to her daughter, and later accepted \$65 to pay an installment on a piano. A few days ago, with the wedding plans all made, Ragas said he gave Miss Decker \$200 to buy furniture, and also two diamond rings which were to be cleaned for use at the wedding.

Next day, he continued, he called with his best man, Peter Buenaventura, but there was no wedding. Instead, according to his story, his prospective mother-in-law threw him and the best man out of the house. The \$200 did not follow and the only thing connected with the rings was two pawn tickets, which, he said, were thrown to him.

After Buenaventura had corroborated Ragas's testimony, the magistrate held Miss Decker for the grand jury.

THE Verity Woman's Athletic Club, whose purpose it is "to advance and encourage many sports," was incorporated yesterday in the Supreme Court.

ONE OF 6,000 tickets deposited by persons gussing at the number of cigarettes filling a show window in the Flatiron Building led Detective Frank Cassassa, former head of the pick-pocket squad, yesterday to arrest Jacob Davis, a Brooklyn boy, on a charge of stealing silk from George Oestricher, 459 Fourth Avenue. The silk disappeared Thursday. It had been entrusted for delivery to a boy just employed who gave the name of Berkowitz. After the theft it was found that the name was fictitious. But Cassassa found another boy who remembered that he and "Berkowitz" had each made a guess at the number of cigarettes in the show window and that the missing youth's guess was 6,000,000. There were six thousand tickets in the

box. Cassassa had to go all through them. But he found only one 6,000,000 ticket and the ticket bearing that number also bore the name of Jacob Davis, 649 Sackman Street, Brooklyn. Davis is said to have confessed, and on the strength of his statement Solomon Lehrman, 35 Ridge Street, was also arrested and charged with having received stolen goods.

to Buenos Ayres. The gold unit of the \$18,500,000 is a twenty-dollar gold piece.

The Vauban carried 416 cabin passengers, among them being Mme. da Gama, wife of the Brazilian Ambassador to the United States.

Fire Scare at Movie

Blazing Film Causes Hasty Exit by Park Row Audience

Eight hundred persons ran from the

Briefs

Julia Adler, five years old, of 198 Third Avenue, played with matches while lying on a bed. Her clothing was ignited and she was burned severely.

Since its opening in April the city's re-employment bureau reports that it has found jobs for nearly 5,000 men discharged from military service.

Office employees of the American Tobacco Company held their annual outing at New Dorp, Staten Island, Wednes and a fleet of automobiles took the party, numbering 500, from the offices of the company, at 111 Fifth Avenue, to Staten Island.

Frame barracks and other structures erected for the accommodation of the 1st Provisional Regiment during the period it was guarding the airport will be sold next Thursday by Controller Craig. Campers are planning to invest.

Sixty-five tons of knitting yarn, originally intended for socks and sweaters for soldiers, has been turned into cloth and shawls by the Red Cross and sent to war sufferers in Europe.

One of three bullets fired by Patrolman William Lamotte at a fleeing burglar struck Mrs. Leah Weiner, 156 Third Avenue, as she turned into Eleventh Street from Second Avenue. The burglar escaped. Mrs. Weiner will recover.

Another silk robbery, unreported by the police, occurred Wednesday, when the Heleneora Company, at 114 East Twenty-eighth Street, lost materials valued at \$4,000.

City Hall Theatre, at 31 Park Row, opposite the Post Office, at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a piece of film caught fire in the booth of the operator. No one was injured.

Some one in the audience cried "Fire" when flames were seen shooting from the booth, and the crowd made a scramble to get out. The Fire Department was called, but the blazing film had been extinguished when the firemen arrived. The theatre was not damaged.

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(Third Floor)

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exceptionally low prices

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in a carefully-chosen selection of chic models designed especially for Summer wear, is displayed in the semi-private salons reserved on the Third Floor for the Mourning Department.

Very soft, cool and comfortable are the materials adopted for really smart mourning this season; nor is the sombre note too apparent. Supple crepes (including the indispensable georgette), silks and nets, in white as well as in black, are used for the frocks most in demand, while the modish suits are composed of light-weight serge or tricotine, or silk poplin.

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