

### AMERICANS THROWN INTO BELGIUM JAIL

Are Locked Up in Brussels for Six Days After Making Bet in Poolroom.

### SUBJECTED TO RIDICULE

Freeman Bernstein Sends Cable to Hughes Asking for Investigation.

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Locked up in three Belgian prisons from last Wednesday until Monday night, much of the time without food, and subjected to the ridicule of crowds and the insults of policemen, and with their appeals to the American Embassy in Brussels unanswered, was the experience of Freeman Bernstein, a theatrical and sporting promoter, and Harold Swift, a meat salesman, according to a story Bernstein told THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent here to-day. All this he asserted, he felt them because they were in a Brussels poolroom when it was raided by the police.

The poolroom was owned by Dave Linn of New York, who is known in sporting circles as Daniel Lee, and who also was arrested. Another American arrested, Bernstein said, was William Daly, a magnet salesman. Both Linn and Daly are still in jail in Brussels, Bernstein added.

Bernstein to-night, in a despatch to Charles E. Hughes, American Secretary of State, asked for the fullest kind of an investigation of "the uncivilized treatment" accorded him "at the hands of Belgian officials, with all my applications to the American Embassy unheeded," and pleading for the release of the two other Americans who are held "on insignificant charges without any assistance from American officials."

Bernstein refers the Secretary of State to Representative Christopher D. Sullivan and Daniel J. Flordan of New York, who have been informed by Bernstein that the Belgian police refused to accept a million francs bail offered for the release of the prisoners.

Bernstein, who was accompanied by his wife, May Ward, a cinematograph actress, said he had sent a despatch to certain Representatives in Congress demanding an investigation of the treatment he received. Bernstein, who said he was advised to leave Belgium as soon as he was released from jail, told an exciting tale of his experiences.

"Our treatment should be a warning to all Americans," he said. "We entered the poolroom merely to put down a bet on the day's races. When the police entered the place every one there was searched. All the Belgians were released, but four Americans were put in cells without food for thirty-six hours. The Chief of Police telling us that Americans had monopolized Brussels too long and he refused to allow us to communicate with the American Consul.

"At 10 o'clock that night we were removed to an underground prison known as the 'Tunnel.' Water was pouring in through the ceiling. There was no light, and vermin infested straw on a raised platform was the only bed.

"The next morning we were hustled back to the central prison, while crowds shouted about the 'damned Americans.' Still we were without food. We were brought before the Chief of Police again and he repeated his declaration of his intention to clear Brussels of Americans. After dark we were taken to another prison, where we were given a soapless bath, finger printed and put in dungeon cells. Finally a chunk of black bread was thrown in to us in the dark. This was followed on Friday morning by a bowl of warm coffee made of unroasted beans, and we were ordered to scrub our cells and to exercise under an armed guard for ten minutes.

"We sent several messages to Ambassador Whitlock at the American Embassy, but we never heard from the Ambassador. Finally Mr. Rockwell, a consulate official, appeared and obtained food from a hotel for \$50 and secured a hearing before a judge. Finally on Monday we were discharged, after we had been paraded in the streets handcuffed under an escort of eight armed guards. All Sunday armed soldiers were placed outside our cells.

"The only reason for this treatment was that Belgian bookmakers protested to the police in Brussels against outside pool rooms." Bernstein said he left Lion quite ill and that he understood from Mr. Rockwell that it might be several months before he was released.

### MELTON ARRAIGNED ON PERJURY CHARGE

He Is Charged With Giving Contradictory Testimony.

Walter Melton, contractor, of 636 Ninth avenue, Astoria, who appeared as a witness in the trials of Peter Stadtmuller and Joseph Moran, recently convicted of extortion, was arraigned yesterday before Judge John F. McIntyre in General Sessions charged with perjury.

It was brought out at the trials that Moran and Stadtmuller had coerced Max Minnsohn of the Interstate Wrecking Company to take Melton into partnership on a wrecking job and that they also extorted \$1,000 from Minnsohn, in return for which workmen from the Brindell controlled Building Trades Council were supplied to the contractor.

Melton's account of this transaction at the two trials did not agree. At Moran's trial he said Moran had nothing to do with the demand made on Minnsohn, reversing in this respect his testimony at the Stadtmuller trial.

### CLEANUP ORDERED AT ATLANTIC CITY

Mayor Tells Police to Rid City of Undesirables From New York and Philadelphia.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, ATLANTIC CITY, June 15.—Mayor Edward L. Bader said this afternoon that he had instructed the Police Department to clean up Atlantic City and rid the city at once of the large numbers of questionable characters who have almost taken complete charge of certain sections of the city during the last two weeks.

Most of these persons, many of them criminals, came to Atlantic City from New York and Philadelphia, apparently attracted by the training camp where Jack Dempsey is preparing for his fight with Georges Carpentier. Mayor Bader, however, took especial pains to exonerate Dempsey or his managers from any blame for their presence.

"We have to make this cleanup every year," he said, "and while conditions this year may be worse than usual, this is due to the general industrial depression, which has driven many crooks from their accustomed haunts and sent them to this resort, where the financial stringency is less in evidence." In addition to ordering the police to run out of town numerous suspicious characters, Mayor Bader has ordered the department to close gambling and disorderly houses which have been opened since the spring rush to this city began. Because of the prominence of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight and the interest in the champion's trainings, larger crowds have come to Atlantic City than usual, and with them have come more criminals and near criminals than the resort has had in many years. During the last few weeks there has been a shooting, which followed a joy ride, a battle in front of a beach hotel, and many holdups and robberies, all petty in character but alarming in their number.

### SEARCH FOR BANDITS WHO KILLED KOSTA

One Reported Seen Driving Truck Near Allentown.

NEWTON, N. J., June 15.—The detectives who are investigating the killing of Charles Kosta and the holdup of a truck loaded with silk on the road near Cat Swamp yesterday afternoon, are investigating a report that one of the six bandits was seen some time after the crime driving the truck between Allentown and Bethlehem, Pa. The authorities there have been asked to search for the man, but so far they have obtained no trace of him.

Chief of Police Irons of Franklin and Deputy Sheriff James Traylor of Sussex county have begun to search the country around Allentown for the missing truck and the bandits. The supposition is that the bandits drove the truck to that city in an effort to sell the stolen silk. Magistrate Clop of Newton and the driver of the truck, one of the two men who were tied to a tree by the bandits and left to starve, went to Newark to-night to see if they could find photographs of the bandits in the rogues' gallery there.

### WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN NEW JERSEY LAKE

Identity of Probable Suicide Near Hotel in Lakewood Is Not Known.

### YOUTHS DISCOVER BODY

Letter Indicates That She Has Relatives Travelling in Brazil.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, LAKEWOOD, N. J., June 15.—The body of a woman, clad in expensive clothing and giving every indication that she had lived in a comfortable station in life, was found early to-day in Lake Carasajo, near the Laurel in the Pines Hotel.

Mystery cloaks the identity of the woman as well as the manner in which she died. It is assumed that she committed suicide by leaping into the lake. A few cards and the shreds of a letter found in a handbag and the pockets of a jacket discovered in a clump of bushes on the lake shore lead the police and the coroner to believe the woman had two sons and a daughter. The letter was written in German, and when translated showed that her relatives are travelling in Brazil and at the time the letter was written were stopping at the Rio de Grand Country Club, Rio de Grand. The letter mentioned the name Hartman, and it is believed this may be the woman's name.

There were no marks of violence on the body. The autopsy proved that death was caused by drowning. It was evident that the body had been in the water not longer than twelve hours. Benjamin Rau and Victor Levine, Lakewood youths, were fishing in Lake

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