

# CHARGES AGAINST SUPERIOR GIRL

**Deputy Collector Thos. B. Mills Complains of Miss Helen Karon  
to the Treasury Department—Specific Offense  
Is Not Made Public.**

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Charges were received today at the treasury department from Thomas B. Mills, deputy collector of customs of Superior against Miss Helen Karon, inspectress in his office. The department refused to disclose the charges, but have ordered a deputy collector of customs to investigate and report to the department.

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The announcement that charges have been preferred against Miss Helen Karon, will be received with wonder and surprise among her friends in Superior. The fact that the officials both in Washington and Superior refuse to disclose their character adds mystery to the affair. Those who know Miss Karon and are her friends declare that there is nothing any more substantial to the charges than alleged "incompetency." She has been in the customs house office here less than a year and previous to that time was employed at a Superior mercantile establishment as a stenographer.

O. A. Berg, who is deputy collector of United States customs for the Port of Superior, was seen last night by a News Tribune reporter. Berg has charge of the office during the absence of T. B. Mills. He at first refused to state the nature of the charges last night. He said:

"In the absence of Mr. Mills I feel it my duty to say nothing concerning the charges. Of course, I know of them, and in fact have for some little time. I do not believe publicity had best be given them as yet. When Mr. Mills returns he will probably talk concerning the charges, but you must excuse me."

When pressed for an answer relative

to the seriousness of the charges Mr. Berg continued:

"All appointments in the civil service in our department are made on a six month's probation. At the end of the six months a report is asked for concerning the work of the person appointed. Miss Karon was appointed June 1 and at the same time Mr. Roycroft was also appointed. When the department asked for reports upon the appointments they were forwarded to the office of the district collector in Marquette. The report upon Miss Maren's appointment was unfavorable. It was made with certain notations by Mr. Mills who is in charge of the office. Mr. Roycroft's appointment was commented upon in favorable manner. There is nothing more serious than I have indicated."

Miss Karon would not discuss the matter last night, but it was learned from a reliable source that there was something doing which does not appear on the surface.

It is said Miss Karon was laid off about a week ago with the statement that as navigation was now closed her services would not be needed again until spring and at that time she would be reinstated.

It is also said that Miss Karon and Deputy Collector T. E. Mills have not been on the most friendly terms and that it has not been all harmony in the office. The reason of this is said to be the fact that when the appointment was made Mr. Mills had in view another person for the position, but owing to the result of the examination Miss Karon was awarded the position.

Miss Karon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Karon, 609 John avenue. She has lived in this city for several years and has a large circle of friends.