

HER FRIENDS ARE INDIGNANT

Say Charges Preferred Against Miss Karon Are Flimsy.

A reporter for the News Tribune called yesterday at the home of Miss Helen Karon, 609 John avenue, against whom charges have been preferred by Deputy Collector T. B. Mills, but was unable to see Miss Karon.

The first intimation that charges had been preferred came to Miss Karon through the story published in this paper yesterday morning and proved to be a great shock to her and she was yesterday laboring under a nervous strain which rendered it impossible for anyone to see her.

This paper has made an investigation of the situation in the local customs house. A quiet canvass among those acquainted with the work done by Miss Karon in that office discloses the fact that they are at a loss to understand the nature or reason for the charges made. Miss Karon, so they say, was only a stenographer in the office and entrusted only with the work which comes to a stenographer.

The office force has four members and only during a portion of the sum-

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mer is the force at all rushed. Miss Karon had nothing to do with the bookkeeping or making out of the reports but merely wrote letters for Mr. Mills and did the work which falls to the office stenographer.

It would therefore, so her friends say, be impossible to make any charges on any account save that of alleged incompetency, and as the amount of the work she is called upon to do is light and does not compare with that she had done while employed as stenographer for the Lake Superior Bag company, which position she filled creditably, such charge can hardly be sustained.

Her friends are inclined to be very indignant at the manner in which she has been treated.