FIND 8 MAGAZINE GUNS HIDDEN IN LINER'S HOLD

President Arthur's Crew Deny Knowledge of Weapons Seized by Customs Men.

Eight Colt magazine guns were found late yesterday afternoon in the afterhold of the President Arthur of the United States Lines when she was searched by customs officials at Pier 8, Hoboken, on her arrival from Danzig and Bremen. The vessel arrived with 266 cabin and 199 third class passengers, mails and freight chiefly from Bremen.

The guns were brought over to New York and the customs officials will endeavor to ascertain to whom they were sold and hope by that means to obtain a clue as to the identity of the persons who smuggled the guns on board. It was evident that the guns had been smuggled, as they were stowed behind a bulkhead next the hull of the ship. Captain P. H. Kreibohm, master of the President Arthur, officers and members of the crew were questioned by Inspector Albert Hokenson, in charge of the special squad who found the concealed arms, and all hands professed entire ignorance of the guns or how they came to be found on the ship.

When the liner arrived she was searched as usual to see if any drugs or liquors were concealed on board, and nothing of a contraband nature was discovered. After the passengers had all gone ashore Inspector Hokenson with his squad of expert rummagers went on board and searched the steamer from the forepeak to the stern sheets, and during this examination the magazine guns were discovered.

The President Harding, also from Bremen, docked yesterday in Hoboken within three hours of the President Arthur. It left port four days earlier, being a much slower vessel.

The President Harding brought 305 passengers, 1,000 sacks of mail and 5,000 canaries from the Hartz Mountains, which are hardy birds and renowned for their wonderful notes.

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