

DIFFICULTIES BESET THEIR SEARCH FOR ART KNOWLEDGE.



Stewart Edie (left) and Paul Lantz, two Kansas City art students who have been returned to New York by the British immigration authorities after they had worked their way to Liverpool as

British sailors on a White Star liner. The line employs only British seamen, and for this reason the boys were refused entrance. They were endeavoring to work their way to Munich, Germany, to complete their art studies.



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Strauss-Peyton Portrait

PAUL LANTZ

formerly student of the Kansas City Art Institute, now is studying at the Students' Art League in New York.

A TRICK FOR ART FAILS

TWO KANSAS CITY STUDENTS CROSS THE SEA TO ENGLAND IN VAIN.

Trip Back Ordered When London Address Given to Get Coal-Passing Job Proves to Belong to Famous Surgeon.

NEW YORK, June 16.—Paul Lantz and Stewart Edie, two young Kansas City artists, who through false representations obtained jobs as coal passers on a British vessel last month and were excluded by the English authorities upon their arrival in Liverpool, were returned here today slightly disgruntled, but undiscouraged in their efforts to pursue their studies abroad.

Edie is 17 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Edie of 3643 Olive street. Lantz, a year older, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lantz, 2201 Hardesty avenue. Both attended the Northeast high school and for three years prior to last March were enrolled at the Kansas City Art Institute.

EAST ON CATTLE CARS.

Deciding to continue their art work at the Royal Academy in Munich, Germany, they made the first leg of their journey from Kansas City to New York in cattle cars. These accommodations were arranged upon their agreement to water and feed the other occupants.

Upon arrival here they found that inexperienced seamen were plentiful and undesired. A weary round of the barge offices followed, until chance took them to the White Star line.

There they signed on as "trimmers" or coal passers, giving a fictitious London address. Only British seamen are signed by the company and the falsehood was necessary to obtain even such humble employment.

A British seaman took the occasion while they were in the office, however, to indulge his sense of humor, by supplying them with the address of a famous surgeon in the fashionable West End of London. This subsequently led to their undoing.

They were assigned to the liner Adriatic and after a week in the coal hole landed in Liverpool. There the remainder of the crew who had been signed on in England were allowed to pass the alien officers, but they were stopped.

"Depending on the British sailor's suggestion we insisted our address was 44 St. James street, London," Edie said. "That was a bad steer, for the chief alien officer only laughed. Then he told us to stop kidding and we admitted coming from the United States.

NO JOKE TO THE OFFICIAL.

"At first we believed he would take it as a joke, so we told him never to believe all he read. This he seemed to resent. Immediately he began to make trouble. After a good deal of talk about the dignity of his majesty's ship and the gravity of the offense, he called a consultation and directed us to the White Star hotel, which is run by the company.

"We had only \$12 each, so the first question of the old man at the hotel was how long we intended to stay. We told him until we could get money from the United States, which would be about three weeks, and he said he would feel awfully sorry for us if the money failed to arrive.

"After three days the hotel appealed to the supervisor of British immigration and we were forced to sign cruise articles as seamen on the return voyage of the Adriatic. In similar cases, those refused admission have been sent back third class, but we went back into the sailors' quarters. We were not made to work, however, and spent most of our time mingling with the group of Irish immigrants.

Both boys obtained seamen's insurance papers and other identifications which they feel will be of value. Lantz said they felt that with the experience gained they would encounter no difficulty now in getting work. They hope to sail for Hamburg as seamen on an American liner in the next few days.

Before leaving Kansas City they placed some pictures on sale, and with the money thus obtained, sent to Munich by their parents, they hope to tide over until they can find employment.

The two boys left here the night of March 4 to begin their adventures. Each had \$100 to finance the trip at the time they departed. They expected to remain in Germany two years.