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Charges of mal-administration on Ellis Island were made yesterday by Miss Anna Hans, a trained nurse from Germany, who was deported on the Hamburg-American line steamship Westphalia on the ground that she was in danger of becoming a public charge. Commissioner of Immigration Henry H. Curran later denied all of the charges specifically.

Miss Hans arrived here July 8 as a companion to Mrs. Malvina Schleicher of this city, who is a sister of Mrs. Alfred Koenig, wife of a German-American banker living at the Hotel Woodstock. Just before the Westphalia sailed she charged that she had been held incommunicado at Ellis Island, that her mail was kept from her and that she was compelled to sleep in a room with twenty women and children and to share the same bed with a negress.

When she protested at this, Miss Hans says she was told, "That's all right. Her color won't come off."

During one of the nights she slept in the room with the twenty women and children, Miss Hans, said that a baby was born to one of the immigrant women. There was not sufficient running water in the room, or in vessels, to care properly for the mother and the child, she declared.

"It was a shocking situation," she said. "There was no privacy whatever. Even in the most unfortunate cities of Germany I have never seen a mother herded in a room with twenty others where she would have to remain until her baby was born."

The Rev. Frederick E. Bogner of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, in Hoboken, was at the pier to see if he could aid in having the deportation stayed, but Miss Hans said she would not remain in the United States after the treatment she had been subjected to on Ellis Island.

Mrs. Schleicher sailed with Miss Hans, saying that she would not remain in the country without her nurse, who had been with her almost constantly since 1914, when she received injuries to her left hip while visiting in Germany.

In commenting on Miss Hans's charges Commissioner Curran said:

"This woman is just one of many deported immigrants who are all smiles when they want to come into the United States, but, as soon as they discover that they have come in violation of the law and have to go back, they depart leaving a trail of falsehoods and abuse against the United States in general and Ellis Island in particular.

"I have investigated all of her charges and all are maliciously false. She was never compelled to sleep with a colored woman, nor was any colored woman on Ellis Island ever compelled to sleep with her. This did not happen.

"No child was born on Ellis Island, unless in the hospital here where every comfort and care is provided. There is running water, and ample bathing and toilet facilities in every bedroom on the island. She had a clean, comfortable bed to sleep in in a room that was not overcrowded."