

# KEPT SAVINGS AMONGST HUNS

## Austrian Government Had Close Watch on Its Own Emigrants

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

New York, July 12.—How the Austro-Hungarian Government got control of the savings of its immigrants to this country through the Transatlantic Trust Company, now seized by the Government, was told to-day by Francis P. Garvan, investigator for the Allen Property Custodian.

Austro-Hungarian immigrants, upon their arrival in New York before the war, he stated, were met at the dock by an agent of the bank, who directed them to the boarding-houses, the keepers of which were representatives of the Transatlantic institution. Even the services of clergymen were utilized by the bank's officials to impress Austro-Hungarians with the importance of placing all their funds and savings with the establishment whose controlling hand reached over from Vienna.

Millions of dollars' worth of Austro-Hungarian and German war bonds, advertised by the bank in George Sylvester Vliereck's weekly paper, called The Fatherland, among other publications, were sold to these immigrants and even to others who had taken up American citizenship.

On the day it was seized by the Federal authorities the bank had 14,000 depositors and 60,000 customers located throughout the country. Its deposits totalled \$7,000,000. Since its organization, and prior to America's entry into the war, it had sent a total of 182,000,000 kronen (\$72,800,000) to Austria-Hungary.

The Austro-Hungarian Government, according to Mr. Garvan, subsidized the institution by placing with it 4,000,000 kronen at one-half per cent. interest. Commercial bankers of the Dual Monarchy increased the subsidy by 4,000,000 kronen without interest, a total investment of approximately \$3,200,000.

## Are Moving Civilians Out of Zeebrugge

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Amsterdam, July 12.—Reports received from the Belgian frontier to-day declared that civilians are being evacuated from Zeebrugge and are being moved eastward.

### REOPEN PRINT PAPER CASE.

Washington, July 12. — The Federal Trade Commission will reopen the print paper case July 29 at the request of the manufacturers, who asked that the Commission take cognizance of the recent decision of the War Labor Board, awarding employees of paper mills increased wages. The Trade Commission fixed a price of \$3.10 per hundred pounds for roll news in carload lots before the wage increase was granted.