

# AUSTRIAN IN P. O. NOW UNDER ARREST

Charged With Interfering With  
Money Remittances to Var-  
ious Foreign Countries

IS AN EXPERT LINGUIST

Taken Into Custody Follows  
Complaints From Remitters  
That Amounts Sent Did  
Not Reach Destination

An Austrian, Max Schachter, who was employed in the foreign letter department of the General Post Office, was arrested yesterday by Detective Giguere and was locked up at police headquarters to appear this morning in the Arraignment Court. Schachter, who has been employed in the Post Office for three years, speaks three languages, English, German and Hebrew. His duties consisted in the examination of packages of letters for foreign countries, in order to see that a letter intended for one country did not get mixed up with a package addressed to another country. For some time back complaints have been received by the Post Office authorities that letters mailed here to different countries, such as Germany, Italy, Russia and France, in which money had been enclosed, did not reach their destination. In some instances the complaints were that the letters had been received by those to whom they were sent, but the money that had been enclosed was missing.

Inspector Jacques, of the Post Office Department, with assistant-inspector Chillas, were put to work on the case, when it became evident that the letters were being stolen or the money taken from them. There was no evidence as to the place where the thefts were being committed, as the letters came in to the Montreal office from all over the country, to be examined before being sent to the countries for which they were intended. It was when they reached here that Schachter went through the packages. As he was not suspected at first, and his method of ascertaining if a letter contained money was simple but clever, it was some time before the men who were working on the case got a clue as to the one who was committing the thefts.

When the suspicions of Inspector Jacques and assistant inspector Chillas had been narrowed down, a decoy letter, with three one-dollar bills in it, was sent through the mails in the ordinary way. A close watch was kept on it, as it went along to the examining room. With the eyes of the two inspectors on him, without his knowing it, Schachter is said to have turned the envelope in the middle, in such a way that he could see the bills inside.

It was only a few moments later when Assistant Inspector Chillas went to Schachter and informed him that he was wanted by Inspector Jacques. He was asked by the inspector to turn over the letter he had taken. Schachter first denied having taken the letter, but it is said to have been found in his pocket, along with two others, addressed to foreign countries, which also contained money.

A telephone message to police headquarters brought Detective Giguere to the Post Office and Schachter was placed under arrest. When booked at police headquarters the accused gave his age as 31. He said he was married and that he resided at 1036a Cadieux street. Should he plead guilty or be found guilty, the sentence Schachter may receive for the theft of letters from the Post Office is three years or more in the penitentiary.

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