

# Gang of 17 Austrians Arrested Last Night

## Extraordinary Conduct of Transportation Ticket Agents

Between 4 and 5 o'clock last night a party of Austrians, numbering 17, were rounded up at the Grand Trunk station, arrested and conducted to the Armoury, where they are now incarcerated.

These men, it transpires, have, like the previous 23 arrested last week, been engaged in work in and about purlieus of the Niagara river. They attempted to book to the coast, with the view of leaving the country, and on being questioned represented that they were Roumanians who were anxious to return to their homes.

On being more closely questioned and called upon to exhibit their effects, they were found to be Austrians in possession of papers calling upon them to mobilize, return to their country and take up arms. This constituted them, of course, war prisoners, and as such the military authorities took charge of the whole company.

An interesting and somewhat sig-

nificant feature of the incident is that during yesterday a ticket agent of Toronto, known by the name of Gil-ouski, was in Niagara Falls, Ont., and in communication with these very Austrians, or Roumanians as they pretended to be, and was negotiating the booking of them through to their European destination.

The ticket agent returned to Toronto by the first train after discovering that the party were made war prisoners.

Another gentleman also anxious to secure the booking order came over from the New York side, but was scared on discovering that the nationality of the gang had been divulged. This hustling agent jumped back over the river as speedily as possible.

Both ticket agents are in danger of being charged with aiding and abetting the enemies' subjects to mobilize.

The immigration authorities are significantly reticent about the whole incident.