

RUSSIAN JEW FACES A SERIOUS CHARGE

**Alleged That He Assisted Party of Austrians Who Sought
to Escape From Canada—Claimed They Were Rou-
manians—Detained at the Barracks**

James J. Rowens, 397 Markham street, was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by local detectives and handed over to the military authorities, who marched him to Stanley Barracks under an armed guard. Rowens is a Russian Jew, and is employed in the steamship offices of Mr. Louis Gurofsky. His arrest was due to the watchfulness of the immigration officers at Niagara Falls, Ont. He is charged with attempting to assist Austrians to escape from Canada with the alleged intention of going to their native land to assist their country in the present war.

As the police investigate the case more thoroughly others may be involved. The penalty for this offence may be death.

Rowens, the police allege, obtained tickets to the United States for thirty Austrians and accompanied them as far as Niagara Falls on Tuesday even-

ing. The men were stopped by the immigration officials, and when questioned regarding their nationality stated that they were Roumanians. Rowens in some manner managed to evade the officials and returned the same evening to Toronto. To further inquiries, the members of the party, it is alleged, admitted that they were Austrians, and had been told by Rowens to say that they were Roumanians.

The immigration officers obtained from the Austrians the name of the man who is alleged to have piloted the party as far as the Falls, and at once notified the Toronto police. Officers endeavored to locate Rowens or Tuesday evening, but were unsuccessful. He was arrested yesterday at his place of employment.

To-day the party of Austrians will be brought from the Falls by immigration officers. They will be thoroughly examined by both police and the military authorities. The police will then be able to proceed against Rowens and perhaps others.