

# TORONTO SHIPPING CLERK IS CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON

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## Alleged Conspiracy to Get Nineteen Austrians Out of Canada

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(Western Associated Press)

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 26.—James Rowans, a clerk in a shipping office, appeared in criminal assize court yesterday before Chief Justice Mulock to answer charges of high treason and conspiracy to commit high treason in alleged conspiracy to get nineteen Austrians out of Canada. Rowans was committed January 28. It is alleged he took deposits on tickets, telling the buyers to say they were of other nationality than German or Austrian and arranging to go to Niagara and sell tickets there.

Charles Williams, inspector of immigration at Niagara Falls, testified today Rowans had come to him and said he had twenty Roumanian applicants but did not wish to sell tickets until the applicants had been examined by the inspector. During the inspection one of them said he was an Austrian and it was later discovered all were of that nationality.

Eighteen Austrians are to appear as witnesses. One testified today that Agent Rowans gave him a receipt for \$5 deposit on a steamship ticket to cost \$55 or \$60. Rowans, he said, told him to say he was Roumanian.