

# CHARGE OF TREASON LAID AT MONTREAL

**First Time Such an Indictment  
Has Been Brought Since the  
Riel Rebellion.**

## SOLD TICKET TO AUSTRIANS

Montreal, Oct. 19.—Acting for the Dominion, Col Peers Davidson, assisted by Capt. Maurice Alexander, both barristers of Montreal, on the complaint of Maj. William Datee, assistant provost marshall of the Fourth division, Montreal, appeared before Judge Leet Saturday and had a warrant issued for the arrest of Israel Schafer, of this city, on a charge of treason.

This move by the Dominion of Canada came after a long conference with the authorities, being under consideration for some days. It is the first time since the Reil rebellion that a charge of treason has been laid in the Dominion.

The accused, who is charged with selling tickets to Austrians with a view to their returning to Europe to fight against the allies, was taken from the detention hospital and placed in the hands of the detective department and will be arraigned in court on the treason charge next week.

### Fourteen Charges.

Montreal, Oct. 19—Fourteen charges of high treason were laid in the police court this morning against Israel Schafer, an immigration and ticket agent. The charge against him was that of assisting a public enemy by furnishing steamer tickets and money to Austrian reservists to enable them to return to the ranks. He is charged with having instructed them to report themselves as Bulgarians. The charges this morning were identical with that upon which Schafer was arrested on Saturday.

Schafer after arrest was handed over to the civil authorities, and he will be tried in the civil courts. Inquiry was fixed for Thursday next. The only penalty under the law following conviction is death, which may of course, be modified by crown clemency.