

AN OBJECT LESSON FOR WAR TIMES

A Montreal steamship ticket agent is under arrest on a charge of treason, his offense being that he gave comfort to the King's enemies by selling tickets to a number of Austrian reservists and advised them as to the best way to avoid detection in their attempted escape from Canada to the firing-line.

The case is one of considerable interest for the reason that it makes clear the fact that it is an offense to even sell a ticket to either an Austrian or a German during progress of the war, if the ticket contemplates a trip beyond the boundaries of Canada.

This is something few people have realized and serves to make more clear just what a "state of war" really is. The fact that persons guilty under such a charge are subject to the death penalty, unless executive clemency intervenes, will still further impress upon the public mind the seriousness of the crime, which, under ordinary and normal conditions, would not be a crime at all.