

# Sensational Sequel to Arrest of Austrians

**Toronto Ticket Agent Arrested Last Night--  
Charged With Attempting to Assist Aus-  
trians to Escape--The 17 Prisoners  
Taken to Toronto**

## **PENALTY OF DEATH POSSIBLE FOR TICKET AGENT'S OFFENCE**

The 17 Austrians arrested at Niagara Falls on Tuesday evening as war prisoners have been taken to Toronto. There some of them may be called as witnesses in an important trial which forms a sequel to the coup made by the immigration officers here. As stated in the Evening Review yesterday, a ticket agent of Toronto was in Niagara Falls, Ontario, at the same time as the party of Austrians, and returned to Toronto by first train. The ticket agent was understood to be one Gilouski, or Gurofsky. It now transpires that the man who was here and who returned to Toronto without being intercepted, but of whose identity the Toronto police were aware, was a Russian Jew named James J. Rowens of 397 Markham street, Toronto, an employe at the steamship ticket office of Louis Gurofsky.

James J. Rowens was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by Toronto detectives and handed over to the military authorities, who marched him to Stanley barracks under an armed guard. 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 evening. The men were stopped by the immigration officials, and when questioned regarding their nationality stated that they were Roumanians. To further inquiries the members of the party, it is alleged, admitted that they were Austrians and had been told by Rowens to say 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 on Tuesday evening, but were unsuccessful: He was arrested yesterday at his place of employment.

Today the 17 Austrians are being taken to Toronto from the Falls by immigration officers. They will be thoroughly examined by both police and military authorities. The police will then be able to proceed against Rowens and perhaps others.