

as Fitzgerald. Description: Irish, strong accent, between thirty and forty years of age, fair hair, shaved except reddish moustache, bloated face, drunken appearance; dressed in light-coloured trousers and coat, and dark skull-cap worn at back of head.

LYTTELTON.—**Alfred George Driscoll** and a man, name unknown, are charged with having, on the 22nd or 23rd instant, broken into the shop of Betsy Hildyard with intent to commit a crime therein. Driscoll is a colonial, a labourer, twenty-one years of age, 5 ft. 4½ in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, fair hair, blue eyes, shaved except small fair moustache, left arm cut off above the elbow; may be wearing a dark-grey tweed suit and cap, or a dark-blue suit and cap. The man, name unknown, is described as supposed colonial, a labourer, about twenty-one years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. or 6 in. high, stout build, dark hair and complexion, about a week's growth of hair on face; dressed in dark clothes and black skull-cap. Warrant issued on the 25th instant.

CHRISTCHURCH.—W. W. Baxter, clerk, reports stolen from outside the Empire Hotel, High Street, on the 1st instant, a gentlemen's Anglo Special bicycle, about twelve months in use, black-enamelled, Palmer tires, 26 in. frame, rat-trap pedals, felt handle grips; value, £20.

TIMARU.—Ernest Tatam, farmer, Winchester, reports stolen from the railway platform at Timaru, about the 28th December, 1899, a Woverhampton Humber bicycle, black-enamelled, Westwood rims, Dunlop tires, straight handles, No. 494864; value, about £10.

### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

AUCKLAND.—**William Costello** is charged on warrant with failing to make provision for the support of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A native of Auckland, a blacksmith, twenty-six years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, stout, strong build, fair complexion, shaved except moustache; usually wore dark clothes; was formerly working for J. J. Craig. Complainant: Alice Mary Jagger, Customs Street. (99.)

AUCKLAND.—**John D. Randall** is charged on warrant with being about to leave the colony without making provision for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: Colonial, a clerk, twenty-seven years of age, 5 ft. 3 in. high, medium build, shaved except heavy black moustache curled at ends, leans to the left side when walking; usually wears light-coloured clothes, and hard light-brown hat. Was employed by Mr. Salmon, butcher, and left on the 2nd instant, saying he was going to visit a sick brother at Dunedin.

NAPIER.—**John O'Connell** is charged with disobeying an order of Court for the maintenance of his wife, the sum of £5 being unpaid up to the 15th instant. Description: A native of New Zealand, a blacksmith, twenty-eight years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, athletic build, fresh complexion, clean-shaved but probably will now have a few days' growth of beard, dark-brown hair; when last seen was wearing a dark-blue suit (back of coat turning green), white-straw hat with black band, and black-canvas shoes. Warrant issued on 23rd instant.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 156.)

DANNEVIRKE.—John Conrad, charged with disobeying an order of Court, rendered himself to the Wellington police, and has been remanded to Dannevirke.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 15.)

WELLINGTON.—Richard Harrison, charged with wife-desertion: This warrant has been cancelled.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**William Chamberlain** is charged on warrant with failing to make provision for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, a tailor, twenty-two years of age, 5 ft. 9½ in. high, slight build, fair hair, pale complexion, hazel eyes, fair moustache only or may now be clean-shaved, long thin features, stoops slightly when walking; usually wears a dark-tweed coat and vest, light-tweed trousers, white shirt, and straw or Alpine hat. Complainant, Harriet Ada Summerton, 108, Manchester Street.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, pages 259 and 266.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Malcolm McKinley, charged with disobeying an order of Court, has been arrested by Constable Whatman, Akaroa police, and lodged in Lyttelton Gaol.

### Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Penguin," at Albany, West Australia.

On 23rd December, 1899.

**Joe Moorhouse**, leading stoker, first-class, twenty-eight years of age, born at Liversidge, near Bradford, 5 ft. 10 in. high, light-brown hair, greenish eyes, fresh complexion, mole on neck and on left side of face, clean-shaved, particularly slow manner of speaking.

**Frederick Nelson Gordon**, stoker, a native of Belfast, Ireland, twenty-four years of age, 5 ft. 5½ in. high, dark-brown hair, grey eyes, fresh complexion, clean-shaved, rather full-chested.

A reward of £3 is offered for the arrest of each.

From H.M.S. "Porpoise," at Hobart.

On 2nd January, 1900.

**Arthur James Newnham**, domestic, third-class, born at Portsmouth, Hants, twenty-nine years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, dark-brown hair, hazel eyes, dark complexion, scar over right eye, and scar on right wrist.

**Charles Mackson**, domestic, second-class, twenty-eight years of age, born at Leeds, Yorkshire, 5 ft. 8 in. high, brown hair, grey eyes, sallow complexion, abscess scar on left side of neck.

A reward of £3 is offered for the arrest of each of the above deserters.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 13.)

HENRY JONES, deserter from the "Royalist," has been arrested by Constable A. Skinner, Auckland police, and put on board the "Tauranga."

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 4.)

CHARLES OWEN OSBORNE, deserter from the "Mildura," has been arrested by Constable P. F. Carlyon, Featherston police, information leading thereto having been supplied by Constable J. Bree, of Wellington. (00/20.)

### Deserters from Merchant Vessels.

From the British Ship "Star of the East," at Wellington.

On 11th January, 1900.

**Antonio Brizzi**, A.B., a native of Italy, twenty-six years of age, about 5 ft. high, dark complexion, pleasant face, shaved except dark moustache; wore a dark suit and dark hat.

**William Mercier**, English, twenty-four years of age, 5 ft. 2 in. high, fair complexion, shaved except fair moustache, medium build, thin face; dressed in dark clothes; has the appearance of a fireman. Warrants issued. The ship left Wellington for Auckland on the 16th instant, and will probably stay at the latter port for about a month, when she will sail for New York.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 259.)

Ship "Bedford," at Napier.

J. MARSHALL has been arrested by Constable T. E. Creeks, and discharged. The warrant against JAMES PURCELL has been cancelled.

### Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

MERCER.—George McKillop, Miranda, reports stolen, on the 13th or 14th instant, a black mare, aged, 13 hands high, grey spots underneath jaw, unshod; value, £4.

GISBORNE.—Taylor Maidens reports stolen, on the 1st instant, a bay mare, 15 hands high, branded O on near shoulder, white star on forehead, long tail, goes lame on off shoulder, shod all round, value £8; a colonial-made saddle, knee-pads well worn, seat patched, rusty stirrup-irons, value 10s.; and a single-reined bridle, value 2s. 6d.

TARADALE (NAPIER).—Haka Tahi, farmer, Omaha, reports stolen from a paddock, between the 16th and 19th instant, a chestnut hack-gelding, three years old, about 15 hands 3 inches high, branded W on near rump, white star on forehead, value £20; and a bay half-draught gelding, aged, branded MI on near rump, star on forehead, one hind foot white, tail and forelock cut straight, value £20 10s.

MANAIA.—William Henry Reynolds reports stolen, on the 10th instant, a bay gelding, hack breed, four years old, 15½ hands high, star on forehead, white patch on nose, near forefoot white, shod all round, no brands, value £10; and a colonial-made saddle, breastplate, and a single-reined bridle, value £2 10s.