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NOTICE.—For instructions as to the manner in which reports are required to be furnished for the compilation of the *Police Gazette* see *Gazette* No. 1 of this year.

The arrest of offenders described in the *Police Gazette*, or respecting whom crime reports have been forwarded for insertion in the *Gazette*, should be promptly notified by the member of the Force effecting the arrest.

When notifying the arrest of persons charged with theft or suspected of theft, it should be stated whether the property stolen, or any portion of it, has been recovered.

A description of property supposed to be stolen, found in the possession of offenders, for which owners cannot be found, should be furnished for insertion in the *Gazette*.

All communications concerning this *Gazette* should be addressed to the Commissioner of Police, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*." Members of the Force in charge of out-stations will forward them *direct*.

PERSONS WANTED.

AUCKLAND.—24th ultimo, on **warrant** for deserting his wife, Margaret May Smith, at Auckland, **Frederick Smith**, age twenty-eight, height 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in., fireman and wharf labourer, stout build, dark complexion and eyes, dark-brown hair, clean-shaved, crucifix tattooed on chest, sailor on right arm, King George and Dragon on one arm; bunch of roses and "Rose" on left arm; also a Volunteer and peacock. He signed on the articles of the s.s. "Devon," at Auckland, but failed to join.

GISBORNE.—15th instant, on **warrant** for forgery and uttering, **J. H. Davis**, age about fifty, height about 5 ft. 6 in., supposed cook, stout build, pale complexion, fair hair and moustache turning grey; dressed in light-tweed suit and hard black hat; supposed to be slightly lame, and using a walking-stick. Offender purchased a saddle from Messrs. Primrose and Leslie, and gave in payment a cheque for £5 drawn on the Bank of New Zealand, Gisborne, purporting to be signed by Con. Neenan, and received £2 7s. 6d. in cash.

NAPIER.—16th March last, on **warrant** of commitment to Napier Gaol for seven days in default of paying 15s. fine and costs for being unlawfully engaged in a boxing contest, **Richard Valentine**, age about twenty-five, height 5 ft. 9 in., labourer, native of Auckland, medium build, dark complexion, brown eyes, clean-shaved.

HASTINGS.—9th March last, on **warrant** for failing to provide for the maintenance of his wife and children, **Francis Schdroski**, age twenty-nine, height 5 ft. 8 in., butcher and labourer, native of Australia, medium build, upright active carriage, dark-brown hair and brown moustache, sunburnt complexion, brown eyes, aquiline nose; generally wears dark suit and hard black hat. Is an athlete, and may be found on sports-grounds or at race-meetings. He was seen at Inglewood on the 7th instant, and was then clean-shaved, and dressed in greyish suit and dark-grey tweed cap. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 127.)

ORMONDVILLE.—15th instant, on **warrant** for failing to provide his wife with adequate means of support, **Reginald H. Bedingfield**, age forty, height 5 ft. 8½ in., sawmiller, native of England, slight build, reddish moustache, large Roman nose, grey eyes, erect figure, dark hair; usually wears a shoddy brown suit and hard black hat; fond of drink.

MASTERTON.—26th April last, on **warrant** for theft from the Knox Church choir-room, property of Louis McGregor, school-teacher, a ladies' gold watch, a purse containing two sovereigns, a match-box, and other articles recovered, value £9, **Donald McCaskill**, age fifteen, height 5 ft. 1 in., school boy, native of Australia, fresh complexion, fair hair. (See *Police Gazette*, 1907, page 205.) His parents reside in Wellington, and he telegraphed to them on the 18th ultimo from Takapau. His accomplice, Francis Berg, was arrested by the Hastings police, and convicted on the 30th ultimo.

PETONE.—2nd ultimo, on **warrant** of commitment to Wellington Prison for one month for assault, and six months for obscene language, **Cornelius O'Brien**, age thirty-two, height 5 ft. 11 in., labourer, native of Ireland, stout build, round features, dark complexion, brown hair, clean-shaved except dark moustache, talks through his nose; generally wears grey-tweed suit and black-felt hat; supposed to have gone to the West Coast.

PETONE.—26th February last, on **warrant** of commitment to Wellington Prison for seven days in default of paying £2 fine for assault, **Joseph Neary**, age twenty-three, height 5 ft. 4 in., blacksmith, native of New Zealand, medium build, dark complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, clean-shaved, dressed in dark-tweed suit and hard-felt hat.

PETONE.—26th February last, on **warrant** of commitment to Wellington Prison for seven days in default of paying £2 for assault, **Frank Ashton**, age twenty-five, height 5 ft. 4 in., jockey, medium build, fair curly hair, blue eyes, clean-shaved; dressed in fawn-coloured tweed suit and hard black hat. Is a disqualified jockey.