

two half-sovereigns; and a cheque on the Bank of New Zealand for £7 7s. 9d., payable to H. Melville, drawn by Debuah. Suspicion attached to *Ernest Sargent*, age twenty, height 5 ft. 1½ in., rouseabout, native of England, medium build, light hair, fresh complexion; dressed in blue suit and cap. (See *Police Gazette*, 1907, page 31.) The suspect was seen shortly after the theft with several sovereigns and a purse answering the above description, and expressed his intention of going to Dunedin.

CHRISTCHURCH.—18th or 19th March last, from the shop of WILLIAM GARRARD, gunsmith, Manchester Street, a double-barrelled second-hand shot-gun, No. 12 bore, had been newly stocked, maker Gibbs; five boxes No. 22 revolver-cartridges; two boxes No. 16 cartridges, central fire; value, £5 17s. 6d. Gun identifiable. Entrance effected by breaking a large pane of glass in the rear of the building.

DUNEDIN.—23rd April last, from the shop-counter of THOMAS SCANLON, storekeeper, Hanover Street, a ladies' small well-worn sealskin handbag, value 2s. 6d., containing about £1 5s. in mixed silver.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.—20th instant, from Charles Petterson, labourer, South Dunedin Gasworks, a gentlemen's English lever hunting-watch, No. 70342, maker Young and Co., Dunedin, "C.P." scratched on case; a ladies' double gold chain, small links, ring clasp, and fob chain attached; value, £6 10s. Suspicion attached to *Martin Hughes*, age twenty-three, height 5 ft. 7 in., labourer, native of Ireland, medium build, brown hair, clean-shaved freckled face. The vest from which the articles were stolen was lying on the ground, and the suspect was seen close to them shortly before they were missed.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

PAEROA.—GEORGE NICHOLAS has recovered the chain reported stolen. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 171.)

HAMILTON.—WILLIAM GEORGE REVELL'S horse has been found. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 226.)

WELLINGTON.—CHARLES JONES'S watch has been recovered by Acting-Detective W. Lewis, Wellington police, from W. Schwartz, second-hand dealer, Manners Street, who bought it on the 11th instant from a man who gave the name of *C. Lucas*, and false address, age about thirty-eight, height about 5 ft. 10 in. or 11 in., strong build, darkish complexion, supposed to have moustache only; dressed in dark-grey sac coat and cap. Identifiable by W. Schwartz. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 218.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Sir GEORGE CLIFFORD'S pony has been found dead. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 226.)

DESERTERS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

From H.M.S. "Psyche," at Melbourne.

Alfred C. Jones, age twenty-two, height 5 ft. 6½ in., seaman, native of Victoria, fair hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, scar on outside of right calf and on left knee-cap. Deserted 4th ultimo.

Robert W. Brunton, age twenty-two, height 5 ft. 8½ in., stoker, native of Ballarat, dark hair, brown eyes.

A reward not exceeding £3 will be paid for the apprehension of each.

From H.M.S. "Powerful," at Sydney.

Alexander V. Martin, age nineteen, height 5 ft. 7½ in., seaman, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, fresh complexion; deserted 4th May, 1908.

John E. Waters, age twenty-three, height 5 ft. 2 in., A.B., fair hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, tattooed on left arm; deserted 4th May, 1908.

Frederick Thompson, age twenty, height 5 ft. 5½ in., seaman, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, scar on fingers of left hand; deserted 3rd May, 1908.

Samuel J. Ritchie, age twenty-six, height 5 ft. 7 in., private R.M.L.I., brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, scar on right cheek, two dots on left forearm; deserted 9th May, 1908.

James Thompson, age twenty-three, height 5 ft. 4½ in., A.B., dark hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, scar on nose, dot on left arm, woman, "D. of Wellington," on left arm, dancing-woman on right arm; deserted 6th May, 1908.

ABSCONDING FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

CHRISTCHURCH.—20th April last, from licensed service with David Curry, **Charles Long**, age nineteen, native of New Zealand, is accustomed to cattle, blue eyes, brown hair, dressed in dark-tweed suit and cap. He left Lyttelton on the 22nd April by the s.s. "Rotomahana" for Wellington, and will probably be found working for some dairy-farmer in the North Island. He was licensed out from the Receiving Home, Christchurch.

MISSING.

PONSONBY.—Since 14th April last, **Ronald Edward Morrison**, age thirty-one, height 5 ft. 6 in., cook, native of New Zealand, medium build, black curly hair, fair complexion and moustache, blue eyes, scar on left forehead running back to his hair, large scar on inside of right knee causing him sometimes to limp. He left his home to work at the Masonic Hotel, Napier, about the middle of February last. He then went to Palmerston North, and was last heard of on above dates near Stratford, where he was employed as cook at a contractor's camp. Inquiry by his wife.

MOUNT ROSKILL.—Since 5th ultimo, **William Leaney Hayman**, age thirteen, height 4 ft. 4 in., medium build, fair hair, fresh complexion, big toe on left foot deformed, having been crushed with a cart-wheel passing over it; dressed in light-grey Norfolk coat, crape on left arm, short dark-tweed trousers, grey cap, no boots or socks. Inquiry by his mother.

MARTON.—Since 19th ultimo, **David John Kenny**, age about thirty, height about 5 ft. 10 in. or 11 in., labourer, supposed native of New Zealand, dark complexion hair and moustache, strong build. He was employed on the ballast-train at Marton, and left the camp on the above date without taking away any of his belongings. Fears are entertained for his safety, as he appeared strange in his manner.

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

SYDNEY.—A warrant has been issued by the Water Police Bench for the arrest of **J. H. Orde**, charged with obtaining jewellery, &c., value £33, from Messrs. Angus and Coote, 492 George Street, on the 30th April last, by means of false pretences. Offender is from thirty to thirty-five years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. or 5 in. high, thin to medium build, sandy complexion, light-brown crisp hair, slight brown moustache only, rather prominent nose; when looking at a document holds same up to left side of face; may be dressed in a new grey-tweed sac suit, black stripe running through material, black button-boots, either black hard or soft fawn-coloured hat; has with him small brown-leather kit-bag and new brown-leather suitcase containing a quantity of gentlemen's new underwear, and new Mossiel rug in new straps, silver-mounted new umbrella; lately a resident of Taree, where he was traveling for a wine company. He is a good pianist and singer, and when in Taree sang in the Wesleyan Church choir; smart appearance; is said to be a French-Canadian, and speaks French and German. Description of the jewellery, viz.: Gentlemen's 18 ct. gold hunting Waltham watch; a 15 ct. gold double curb albert, 2 oz. in weight; a 9 ct. gold sovereign-purse; a 9 ct. gold shield-shape locket, half engraved; and a two-bar gold brooch. He is also charged with obtaining the following jewellery by false pretences from Hardy Bros., Hunter Street, Sydney: A gold ring set with three emeralds and two diamonds, claw setting, "M. 4333, VSORS" scratched and "4833" stamped on it; gold ring, set with an emerald and a diamond, claw setting, "M. 5010, VSTS" scratched and "4833" stamped on it; gold ring, set with three rubies and two diamonds, claw setting, "M. 4319, OMRT" scratched and "4833" stamped on it; a gold eight-pointed combination star brooch and pendant, diamond centre, diamonds and half-pearls on points, "Y. 403" on it; a fine-gold necklace. Offender is evidently a clever false-pretences man, and may come to New Zealand. Arrest desired, and extradition expenses guaranteed. (See *New South Wales Police Gazette*, 1908, pages 172 and 173.) (08/1224.)

SYDNEY.—**William Hunter Walker** is charged on warrant with larceny as a bailee on Edith Florence Merrifield, 6 Hawksburn Road, Hawksburn, at Melbourne, on the 5th December, 1907, of 400 preference shares in the Dunlop Rubber Company of Australasia (Limited). Description: Thirty-four years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. high, stout build, about 11 st. weight, very erect, dark complexion, dark-brown