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# NEW ZEALAND POLICE GAZETTE.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE.

### Theft from Ship "Rangitata."

AUCKLAND.—Between about 3 p.m. on the 9th ultimo and 10 a.m. on the 13th, the sum of about £1,600, the property of the New Zealand Shipping Co., was stolen from a safe in the captain's cabin on the ship "Rangitata" which was berthed at Auckland. The safe was apparently opened with a key. The captain was absent from the ship from the 9th to the 11th ultimo, and shortly after returning he discovered a small flat Canadian Nicholson file in his cabin probably left there by the offender, and it was also discovered that a white serviette with "N.Z.S. Coy." worked in flag on it was missing. Some of the stolen money is described as follows: Five Bank of England £10 notes, old issue; about £375 in Bank of England £5 notes, old issue; five hundred Bank of England £1 Treasury notes, three hundred of which had not been used; two hundred 10s. notes drawn on the Treasury Bank, England; and about £350 in travellers' cheques, drawn on Cook's, Lloyd's, Midland, Westminster, Barclay's, Australian, and other banks, some payable to the New Zealand Shipping Co., denominations are £10, £5, and £2, not negotiable; and about £15 in English silver. The following are the numbers of seven of the £1 notes: 42A.253032, 23D.778595, 41U.607995, 69U.567507, 29A.331736, 48Y.845449, and 80Z.758780. Urgent inquiries are to be made at banks and at Thos. Cook and Sons, tourist agents.

*see 25/1/39*

## PERSONS WANTED.

AUCKLAND.—On or about the 14th September last, for theft of a cheque for £23 11s. 9d., the property of the Amalgamated Theatres, Ltd., and also forgery of the cheque, **Man** (name unknown), age about twenty-seven, height 5 ft. 9 in., medium build, fresh complexion, dark hair, good teeth. The above-mentioned cheque was forwarded by post by Amalgamated Theatres, Ltd., in an envelope addressed "W. Goodfellow, C/o Amalgamated Dairies, Ltd., Anzac Avenue, Auckland," but it did not reach the addressee. On the 16th September last the man described purchased goods, value 15s., at the shop of the Farmers' Trading Co., Otahuhu, and in payment thereof he tendered the cheque which had been endorsed "W. Goodfellow," receiving £22 16s. 9d. in change. On the day preceding this transaction the following described **Hindu** attempted to have the cheque cashed by the Robinson Loan and Finance Co., Hobson Street: Age about forty, height about 5 ft. 6 in., strong build, dark complexion, hair, and eyes, small moustache, sharp features. **No warrant.**

AUCKLAND.—1st October last, that **two summonses** for breaches of the Licensing Act may be served on him, **Arthur Lauchlan Grant**, age about twenty-eight, height 6 ft., labourer, native of New Zealand, medium build, fair complexion, brown hair; dressed in a light-grey sports suit, and black boots (no hat.)

HASTINGS.—21st ultimo, on **warrant** for false pretences, **Hector Kenneth Claude Hodges**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1938, page 627, and Photographs, 1923, page 48. Accused obtained £13 11s. from Stewart Nesbitt, licensee of the Stortford Lodge Hotel, by means of a valueless cheque for that amount on the Bank of Australia, Napier, dated 30th November, 1938, and signed T. H. Lowry. Accused who was employed as a cook on Thomas Henry Lowry's station at Okawa, was given on the 2nd ultimo a cheque for £13 11s. being his wages due. Later Mr. Lowry stopped payment of this cheque and gave Hodges a second cheque, as accused said he had lost the first one. This statement was evidently not true as he subsequently had it cashed at the Stortford Lodge Hotel.

*arrested 16/8/39*

HUNTERVILLE.—19th October last, on **warrant** of commitment to Palmerston North Prison for fourteen days in default of paying £3 5s. fines and costs for (1) driving a motor-cycle without a side-car and carrying thereon more than two persons, and (2) failing to carry warrant of fitness, **Stanley Matthews**, age twenty-two, height 5 ft. 7 in., motor mechanic, native of New Zealand, medium build, fair complexion and hair, blue eyes. (See Police Gazette, 1934, page 572.)

*paid 1/2/39*

WANGANUI.—On or about the 24th October last, for forgery and uttering, **Man** (name unknown). Accused forged the signature of R. Collier to a cheque for £5 10s. drawn on the Bank of Australasia, Taihape, and uttered it to Wong Jang, fruiterer, Hautapu Street, Taihape, in payment of 2s. for fruit, receiving £5 8s. in change. He may be identical with **Richard Alexander Henry Malam**, age thirty-eight, height 5 ft. 8½ in., labourer, native of New Zealand, medium build, fresh complexion, dark hair, brown eyes, scar on top of head, three scars on left leg; dressed in a navy-blue suit and navy-blue overcoat. The cheque was from the cheque-book of Mrs. **Lisa Nielsen**, fish shop proprietress, Taihape. It has been ascertained that Malam, at her request, obtained the cheque-book for her from the bank on the 12th October last, and the writing on the cheque resembles his handwriting. When he is located an urgent communication is to be sent to the Inspector of Police, Wanganui, who will forward the file. **No warrant.** (See Police Gazette, 1929, page 542, and Photographs, 1928, page 4.)