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INCENDIARISM.

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WICKERT'S, FRANK, incendiarism.—George Hawkins has been arrested by the Rainbow police, and identified as the suspect. O.952. 18th March, 1919.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY AND STEALING FROM THE PERSON.

ANNOLLY, BARTHOLOMEW STEPHEN, master mariner, 70 Albert-street, East Melbourne, reports having been assaulted and robbed, in Alexandra Gardens, off St. Kilda-road, on the 14th inst., of a gold wristlet watch, "Keepsake West & Coy." dial, second hand missing, a new link added to expansion bracelet, spring band; a gold claddagh ring, heart with two hands clasping it, and crown in centre; a gold cable chain, with 10 keys attached; a silver cigarette case, 1914, B.S.C. in monogram; 6 £1-notes; a 10s. note; a passport, Melbourne to Sydney; private papers; a light felt hat; a cherrywood walking stick, with silver band on it; and some silver. Value £30. The young man, names unknown, clean shaven, one with foreign appearance, committed the offence; no description.—O.1757. 15th March, 1919.

SMILLAN, JOHN, grazier, 50 Victoria-street, Fitzroy, reports stolen from him, at the corner of Johnson and Nicholson streets, Fitzroy, on the 12th inst., a silver hunting Rotherham watch, N. 26771; a gold chain, curb pattern, gold locket, shield shape, with diamond in centre attached. Value £15. A man, name unknown, snatched the property from complainant's vest and ran down Argyle-street. Description:—24 or 25 years, 5 ft. 6 in., clean shaven; wore a dark suit and dark felt hat.—O.1704. 13th March, 1919.

MURK, JAMES, clerk, 120 Hotham-street, East Melbourne, reports being assaulted and robbed in the Fitzroy Gardens, on the 15th inst., of a leather wallet, containing 10 £1-notes; a few shillings; 2 military discharges; and a black soft-felt hat. Two men, names unknown, committed the offence. One is described as 30 to 35 years, 5 ft. 10 in., clean shaven; the other wore a long overcoat.—O.1775. 17th March, 1919.

HOUSEBREAKING AND STEALING FROM DWELLING-HOUSES.

ACKMAN, MARIEE, waitress, Melbourne Coffee Palace, Bourke-street, Melbourne, reports stolen from her room, on the 17th inst., a cane suit-case, leather corners, leather handle, lock and two clasps at top, containing an Assam silk coat, three-quarter length, large collar, two outer cross pockets, belt and buttons same material; a gabardine costume, coat and skirt buff colour, pleated, with belt; a flowered dress, cream ground, with blue flower effect, has a sash of same material, fastens at side; a black straw hat, trimmed with a band of small pink flowers; a pair of lady's buckle patent leather shoes, size 5, rubber heels; 3 linen camisoles; 2 linen nightgowns.

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white open fronts, lace insertion; 2 pairs of navy-blue woollen bloomers; 3 waitresses' aprons; a number of handkerchiefs, collar, and cuffs. Value £15.—O.1887. 19th March, 1919.

AN MOY FOU, merchant, 262 Swanston-street, Melbourne, reports stolen from his house, at Montrose, near Lilydale, during the last two weeks, 4 pairs of grey blankets; a white sheet; 3 honeycomb quilts; a tin billy; a toasting fork; an enamel dish; 11 saucers, three gold lined; 10 pudding plates, red flowers; a glass jug; 2 white china jugs, barrel shape; 2 boot brushes; a telescope; a soldering iron; a chisel; 10 white plates, 6 inches in diameter. Value £15.—O.1821. 17th March, 1919.

ASHLEY, RALPH, clerk, 31 Beaconsfield-parade, St. Kilda, reports stolen from his room, on the 13th inst., a fibre suit-case, 2 ft. 6 in. by 18 inches deep, containing a woollen rug, green and brown colour, has the name "Kaparinga Woollen Mills, South Australia," on tab and "R. Ashley" written in ink. Value £5 10s.—O.1776. 16th March, 1919.

BIRT, MRS. ELLEN A., "The Bungalow," Shaftesbury-avenue, Malvern, reports stolen from her dwelling, on the 12th inst., 2 ladies' silver keyless open-face watches; a gold brooch, set with pearls and emeralds; a gold horseshoe brooch, set with a diamond on bar across centre; a gold cable bangle; a gold band ring, with "Nell" inscribed on it; and £3 10s. Value £10. Entrance was effected by forcing a kitchen window.—O.1787. 17th March, 1919.

BODEN, MINNIE, herbalist, 299 Gore-street, Fitzroy, reports stolen from her house at "Denrae," Chelsea-road, Chelsea, on the 9th inst., a lady's brown gabardine raincoat; a bath towel; ½ dozen small white-handle knives; ½ dozen forks; and ½ dozen spoons. Value £1. Entrance was effected by breaking the back window.—O.1791. 17th March, 1919.

BROOKS, HANNA, married woman, Manse, at Wesley Church, Lonsdale-street, Melbourne, reports stolen from the Manse, on the 17th inst., a lady's keyless gold double case watch, inscription on inside, "Presented to Mrs. Hanna Brooks by the Burwood Methodist Church"; a long gold muff chain; a lady's small keyless gold watch, scroll work on case; a gold diamond-shape brooch, with a diamond in centre, back missing, has a piece of cardboard fitted in, has I.B., or I. Brooks, and date, 1st May, 1880, on edge of brooch, very old fashioned; a black leather hand-bag, containing a small purse, with about 10s. in it; a black glassy silk three-quarter jacket collar, has black fancy trimming on it; a black and white georgette vest; a purple underskirt, trimmed with black velvet; a black skirt, corded material; and a plain black satin blouse, new.

COOTES, ANNIE, married woman, reports stolen, at the same time and place, a gold bracelet, square links, chased, about an inch long; and a quantity of gent's underclothing.—O.1826. 18th March, 1919.

ZERCHO, CHARLES HENRY, clergyman, 305 Dandenong-road, East Prahran, reports stolen from his garden, on the 14th inst., 30 feet of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. red rubber hose, with four brass clamps, and a new brass nozzle attached. Value £2 10s.—O.1850. 19th March, 1919.

DESERTERS OF WIVES AND CHILDREN.

HANLON, THOMAS HENRY, is charged, on warrant, with deserting his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Hanlon, Warracknabeal, at Warracknabeal, on the 27th ult. Description:—Labourer, 30 years, 5 ft. 6 or 7 in., stoutish build, fair complexion, bald, freckled face, clean shaven; wore a dark suit and a grey felt hat. Supposed to be in Portland or Mt. Gambier.—O.672A. 14th March, 1919.

O'DONNELL, THOMAS, is charged, on warrant, for deserting his wife, Veronica Margaret O'Donnell, 36 Homer-street, Moonee Ponds, at Moonee Ponds, on the 7th February, 1919. Description:—A motor-car driver, 24 years, 5 ft. 5 in., thin build, dark complexion and hair; usually dresses in dark clothes. He is supposed to be about Melbourne.—O.710A. 17th March, 1919.

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WELLS, JOHN THOMAS, on warrant for deserting his children.—The warrant has been withdrawn.—O.1004A. 19th March, 1919.

WOODFORD, ROBERT ALBERT EDWARD, is charged, on warrant, with deserting his wife, Ruby Hazel Woodford, 27 Tyrone-street, South Yarra, at Camberwell, on the 1st inst. Description:—An electric motorman, 27 years, about 5 ft. 9 in., 12 st. weight, sturdy build, ruddy complexion, brown hair, curly at front, clean shaven; wears a navy-blue suit and a black boxer hat; has a silk ribbon watch-guard with three gold medals bearing his name. Supposed to be at Launceston, Tasmania.—O.727A. 18th March, 1919.

MISSING FRIENDS.

BAYARD, SYDNEY, is inquired for by Sadie Dearlove, "Arrawatta," St. Kilda-road, Melbourne. Description:—26 years, 5 ft. 10 in., very fair complexion, light-brown hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, good set of teeth, finger nails burnt with acid; wore a grey suit, light felt hat with black band, soft collar, and black boots. Stated he was going to Seymour. His letters were addressed to the Soldiers and Sailors' Institute, Flinders-street, Melbourne.—O.679A. 15th March, 1919.

CHADWICK, GLADYS, is inquired for by her mother, Annie Chadwick, Princes-street, Korumburra. Description:—19 years, 5 ft. 7 in., fair complexion, light-brown hair, grey eyes, freckled face, false teeth top jaw, smart appearance; dressed in a blue silk blouse and tweed pleated skirt, or grey costume.—O.713A. 18th March, 1919.

CUTTEN, JOHN, is missing from his home, at 16 Loller-street, Middle Brighton, since 10 a.m. on the 15th inst. Description:—43 years, 5 ft. 7 in., clean shaven, fair complexion and hair; wearing a brown suit, black lace-up boots, pyjama coat beneath his shirt, slate-coloured hat, and blue tie. He is in very bad health.—O.721A. 18th March, 1919.

KELLS, LOTTIE, is inquired for by her brother, Robert Henry Kells, 87 Chapel-street, Prahran. Description:—17 years, fairly tall, well built, stout, red curly hair, reddish complexion, freckles on face. Missing from 46 Essex-street, Prahran, for about four months. Last seen in Lonsdale-street about two weeks ago, in company with an elderly man.—O.671A. 15th March, 1919.

LEWIS, IVY, is inquired for by her father, Alfred Lewis, F.G.S., consulting engineer, 349 Collins-street, Melbourne, and 185 Hoddle-street, West Richmond. Description:—20 years, 5 ft. 2 in., round features, medium build, brown hair; wore a dark dress. This girl was in the care of the Salvation Army Home, West Brunswick. On the 13th inst., three men, in a motor car, called at the home, representing themselves as plumbers, and assisted the girl to abscond. It is thought that a man named Edmonds, employed at the Gramophone Talkeries, Little Collins-street, next to Cole's Arcade, is one of the three men. He is said to have been going out with the girl, and resides in Hoddle-street, West Richmond. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Ivy Lewis for vagrancy.—O.663A. 13th March, 1919.

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McINTOSH, DAVID, missing friend, has been traced.—O.648A. 18th March, 1919.

OWEN, STANLEY WM., is missing from Cobden since the 2nd inst. Description:—15½ years, 5 ft. 7 in., dark complexion, medium build, large nose, slight hoop on bridge of nose, tattooed on right forearm between wrist and elbow, hands across the sea. Is accompanied by a boy named Claude Dusting.—O.717A. 18th March, 1919.

NORMAN, SAMUEL JOSEPH, is inquired for by the Inspector-General of Police, Sydney, New South Wales. Description:—Showman, about 30 years, 5 ft. 4 in., medium build, ruddy complexion, fair hair, clean shaven. Location required in connexion with the support of his illegitimate child. Arrears amount to £6 18s. Supposed to have recently kept an hotel near Melbourne. Follows country shows.—O.660A. 13th March, 1919.

WILKINS, LESLIE ARTHUR, is inquired for by his father, Frederick Wilkins, 87 De Carle-street, Brunswick. Description:—12½ years, 4 ft. 8 in., thick set, fair complexion and hair, blue eyes; wore a knicker suit.—O.683A. 15th March, 1919.

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WINDUSE, GEORGE, missing friend, has been traced.—O.600A. 17th March, 1919.

CHILD ABANDONED.

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MALE child, found at East Malvern.—The child was brought before the Children's Court, on the 15th inst., and committed to the care of the Department for Neglected Children.—O.1583. 17th March, 1919.

ESCAPED PRISONERS.

WALTER JONES.



HENRY EDWARD MEAKIN.



FROM the Macleod Settlement, French Island, on the night of the 16th inst:—

JONES, WALTER, Victorian, 25 years, 5 ft. 5½ in., 8 stone, brown hair and eyes, scar back of left shoulder. Was convicted at the Melbourne G.S., 1st December, 1914, for shop-breaking (three years), and on the 4th August, 1915, was sentenced to six months at the Beechworth G.S. for escaping from gaol.

MEAKIN, HENRY EDWARD, Victorian, 35 years, 5 ft. 10½ in., dark hair, grey eyes, two scars on chin, scar right side of mouth, scar lower right arm, little finger of left hand has been broken, scar outside right knee, scar calf of left leg, scar inside left thigh. Was convicted at the Melbourne G.S., on 3rd July, 1916, for escaping from gaol, and sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, with detention in a reformatory prison. Warrants have been issued for their arrest on charges of escaping and larceny of a dinghy.—O.719A. 18th March, 1919.