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HIGHWAY ROBBERY AND STEALING FROM THE PERSON.

HELGEMSON, Mrs., widow, c/o Post Office, Hastings, reports stolen from her, in Chapel-street, Prahran, on the 12th inst., a small black leather purse, containing a gent's old fashioned gold chain, Prince of Wales pattern, with the exception that it has a single twist in place of the double twist, and has flat connecting links with spiral wire in centre of links; with an old-fashioned oval shaped engraved locket, containing two or three threepenny pieces, and a small German coin, attached; and about 10s. in silver. Value £10 10s.—O.3222. 18th April, 1918.

NELSON, CHARLES, engine-driver, Powlett Town, reports stolen from him in a picture theatre in Bourke-street, Melbourne, on the 20th inst., a silver keyless watch, No. 95312, "C.N." on the inside case; a brass chain, with an American 5 cent piece, dated 1835, attached. Value £3.—O.3303. 22nd April, 1918.

POSTANCE, GEORGE, fireman, Alphington, reports stolen from him at the Fairfield Railway Station, on the 22nd inst., a pig-skin purse, containing 2 10s.-notes; and a second-class monthly ticket, Fairfield to Melbourne. Value £1 2s.—O.3356. 23rd April, 1918.

SHACKLEY, EDWIN, 46 Morrow-street, Williamstown, reports stolen from him in Little Bourke-street, near Spencer-street, Melbourne, on the 22nd inst., a red leather pocket-book, containing 14 £1-notes; a 10s.-note; a leave pass; a ship's book, No. 104 or 140; and some private papers. Value £16.—O.3358. 23rd April, 1918.

16 inches long, "W. Blacklock" on a plate on side; a dress basket, about 24 inches long; a cane suit case 18 inches long, corners bound with leather; 2 small plain E.P. vases; an E.P. afternoon tea set; an electric iron, "Hotpoint" stamped on it, No. 1053; a pair of ladies' shoes, size 5; a pair of gent's tan bowling shoes, rubber soles, size 7; two dark stains on the front; a black fox fur; a lady's black costume, double belts at the sides; a black and white costume, very fine stripe, black silk collar and small vest; a black and white blouse, narrow stripe; a lady's black lace coat, satin cuffs; a lady's grey tweed coat, large plain grey buttons; 4 pairs of ladies' white knickers; 3 chemises; 2 flannelette nightgowns; a calico nightgown; and a small brass round clock, "Made in Germany" on it. Value £25.—O.3317. 22nd April, 1918.

BROMLEY, RAYMOND JOHN, 254 Queen-street, Melbourne, reports stolen from his dwelling, between the 20th and 22nd inst., a brown woollen check rug. Value £2.—O.3359. 23rd April, 1918.

BROWN, ALFRED JAMES, reporter, 18 Curtain-street, North Carlton, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 22nd inst., a £1-note; 10s. in silver and coppers; about 10s. in mixed coins; a gold tie-pin and stud (combination), set with pearls around the edge and a diamond in the centre; a gent's gold signet ring, set with a blue stone, engraved with a key in the centre; a six-chambered revolver; a gold bar brooch, with a row of pearls on each edge; and a flat electric torch. Value £7. A young man, name unknown, was seen climbing over the dividing fence. He is described as about 20 years of age; wore a blue suit, fawn-colour raincoat, and a beaver hat. He cannot be identified.—O.3345. 23rd April, 1918.

CARPENTER, FREDERICK, invalid pensioner, Nar-Nar-Goon, reports stolen from his dwelling, between the 9th ult. and 15th inst., a pair of single blue blankets, stained in centre; 2 Bengal razors, black handles, two file marks on blades; a "Klein" razor, black handle, 2 file marks on blade; a black handle Bengal razor; a pair of barbers' hair clippers, first tooth in comb broken; and a pair of barbers' scissors. Value 50s. Percy O'Keefe, suspected, as he was seen near the place carrying a parcel. Description:—About 40 years of age, 5 ft. 7 or 8 in. high, medium build, sallow swarthy complexion, clean shaven; dressed in labouring clothes. His wife and family reside at Garfield.—O.3244. 19th April, 1918.

CALDER, WILLIAM, fitter, 205 Melbourne-road, Newport, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 7th inst., about 6 £1 notes; and 15s. in silver.

CALDER, DAVID, mechanic, reports stolen at the same time and place, a £5 note; 24 £1 notes; a sovereign; a half-sovereign; a pair of gold sleeve links, shield shape pattern; a bank book on the Savings Bank, Currie-street, Adelaide, South Australia, showing a balance of something between £330 and £350; portion of one sleeve link has been found in complainant's garden, evidently dropped by offender. A man, name unknown, suspected, as he was seen leaving the house by complainant's wife. Description:—About 5 ft. 6 in. high, dark complexion; wearing dark-brown clothes, and dark slouch hat.—O.3209. 18th April, 1918.

HOUSEBREAKING AND STEALING FROM DWELLING-HOUSES.

See *Police Gazette*, 1917, p. 669.

ANDERSON'S, JOSEPH, larceny in a dwelling.—The cheque has been found, not stolen.—O.9694. 20th April, 1918.

ANDERSON, FLORENCE, nurse, 147 Green-street, Richmond South, reports stolen from "St. Leonards," St. Leonard's avenue, St. Kilda, on the 1st inst., a square leather suit case, "H. D. Luxton" marked on case, containing 2 dozen collars; 3 dozen belts, in a leather collar box; 3 dozen drill blouses; a white drill skirt; a navy blue serge skirt; a white rubber hot water bottle, fur cover; 3 pairs of white kid washing gloves; a hair brush; a tooth brush; 2 night dresses; 2 new Wolseley flannels; and a Wolseley vest; most of the articles are marked "F.A.A." or "F. A. Anderson." Value £10.—O.3232. 19th April, 1918.

BLACKLOCK, WILLIAM, "Nirvana," Orrong-road, Caulfield, reports stolen from his dwelling on the 20th inst., 3 gold shirt studs, star pattern, "W.B." on each stud; a pair of gold sleeve links, shield and torpedo pattern, "W.B." on them; an E.P. jewel case, 7 inches x 5 inches; a leather kit bag, *Police Gazette*, No. 17.—5874

REYNOLDS, MRS., florist, 245 Russell-street, Melbourne, reports stolen from Russell-street, Melbourne, on the 17th or 18th inst., a small Maltese poodle slut, white curly hair, near front leg off above knee, the other has been crushed, answers to the name of "Flossie."—O.3227. 18th April, 1918.

ROBERTSON, Miss S., Allambee, reports stolen from her pad-dock, on the 13th inst., 15 rabbit traps, file mark on the main bar under the trip plate. Value £1 10s.—O.3368. 23rd April, 1918.

ROBINSON, MRS. VIOLET, Herne Hill, reports stolen from the Market Square, Geelong, on the 23rd inst., a lady's black and white three-quarter tweed coat, lined half way with white silk, black velvet collar. Value £2.—O.3390. 24th April, 1918.

SCHMITT, F., engineer, 483 Bridge-road, Burnley, reports stolen from his factory, on the 19th or 20th inst., an 8 horse-power petrol engine, about 28-lbs. weight, 1½-in. bore in cylinder, two fly wheels 9 inches in diameter, polished face on fly wheels, square crank, pump rod operates on the exhaust, needle valve, brass carburetter; and a small magneto. Value £10.—O.3305. 22nd April, 1918.

SMITH, FRANK, corner of Victoria and Crowther streets, Eaglehawk, reports stolen from his bicycle at the Business College, View-street, Bendigo, on the 16th inst., an acetylene gas lamp, handle on top. Value 12s. 6d.—O.3235. 19th April, 1918.

SMITH, LESLIE FRANCIS, clothing manufacturer, 59 Bourke-street, Melbourne, reports stolen from his motor car in Bourke-street, Melbourne, on the 17th inst., 2 motor-car tubes, "L. F. Smith" in indelible ink on each tube; a motor pump; a lifting jack; 5 spanners; a wheel puller; and a khaki cloth rug. Value £5 5s.—O.3199. 18th April, 1918.

SMITH, MARGARET, Oak-grove, East Malvern, reports stolen from the Railway Station, Caulfield, on the 20th inst., an old-fashioned brown leather portmanteau, "D. N. J." on the side, handle is made from a piece of fishing-rod, containing a quantity of ladies' and gents' underclothing; fishing tackle and a reel; a lady's brown gabardine skirt; a pink check dress; a gent's chesterfield overcoat, velvet collar; and a black and white knitted woollen vest. Value £9.—O.3381. 24th April, 1918.

SOMERVILLE, Mrs. G., 129 Mollison-street, Bendigo, reports stolen from her yard, on the 16th inst., 4 white leghorn hens, each hen has its left wing cut. Value £2.—O.3324. 23rd April, 1918.

STEPHEN, JOHN WILLIAM, traveller, White Hart Hotel, Horsham, reports stolen from a railway carriage at the Murtoa Railway Station, on the 16th inst., a gent's light fawn-coloured gabardine overcoat, very soft material, "Woolelip" brand on tag, dark check lining, square pockets and flaps, single breasted. Value £4. A man, name unknown, suspected. Description:—About 19 years of age, 5 ft. 5 or 6 in. high, medium build, dark hair, clean shaven; dressed in a dark coat and trousers.—O.3223. 18th April, 1918.

See *Police Gazette*, 1918, pp. 197 and 210.

THE COMMONWEALTH DEFENCE DEPARTMENT'S larceny.—The rifles have been recovered, in the possession of Lawrence Malcolm Walker and Cyril Milton Westgarth, of Hamilton, who will be proceeded against on summons.—O.2934. 22nd April, 1918.

THE MOTHER SUPERIOR, Abbotsford Convent, reports stolen from a shed in the yard at the rear of the Convent, on the 20th or 21st inst., 60 feet of ¾-inch wire-bound hose, brass connexions. Value £4.—O.3343. 23rd April, 1918.

THE VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS, Melbourne, report stolen from the Flinders-street Railway Station, on the 26th ult., a green suit-case, with name "A. Male" on end, also on inside of lid, containing a black crepe-de-chine costume; a nigger-brown costume; a white voile dress; a white linen costume; a cream skirt, with black bands; a black serge costume; 2 pairs of shoes; a number of black and white stockings; a light cane suit-case, containing a silk dust coat; a black silk sports coat; a black voile dress; a black silk costume; a black satin underskirt; a black serge underskirt; a white linen jacket; 3 pairs of shoes and stockings; a child's embroidered white dress; and a fancy box, containing handkerchiefs.—O.3219. 18th April, 1918.

THE VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS report stolen from a truck between Melbourne and Horsham, between the 15th and 18th ult., 2 packages containing 6 pairs tan leggings; 3 pairs black leggings; 3 pairs of tan putties; 3 pairs of black putties; a suit case; an attache bag; a red case; 5 knapsack school bags; 12 pairs of braces; 6 pairs of rug straps; 3 razor strops; 3 rug straps; 3 pairs of harvest gloves; and a gross of laces. Value £15 19s. 11d.—O.3282. 22nd April, 1918.

THE VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS, Melbourne, report stolen from the Albert Park Railway Station, on the night of the 12th inst., 3 parcels, containing a new brown sac suit, value £5; a lady's gabardine costume, partly finished; 3½ yards of cretonne; a lady's coat, value £8; and a gent's dark-grey sac suit, value £5 5s.—O.3080. 24th April, 1918.

THE VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS, Melbourne, report stolen from the railway ballast pit, Gellibrand, between the 1st ult. and 13th inst., about half a case of gelignite, Flag brand; a piece of chain, about 12 feet long. Value £2.—O.3389. 24th April, 1918.

See *Police Gazette*, 1918, p. 210.

THE STATE RIVERS AND WATER SUPPLY COMMISSIONERS' larceny.—Albert Herbert Scarborough and Walter Cook have been arrested by the Melbourne C.I. and Frankston police, and portion of the stolen property found in their possession.—O.3169. 24th April, 1918.

TRANGMAR, MRS. CHRISTINA, widow, Ferntree Gully-road, Oakleigh, reports stolen from her premises, on the 16th inst., 3 double-bed sheets; a single-bed sheet; a large white table cloth; a blue and white striped blouse; 2 nightdresses; a white bath towel; a pillow-slip; a white petticoat, with deep frill of lace; and 2 chemises, one marked "J. John." Value £4.—O.3210. 19th April, 1918.

TUCKER, ARTHUR, wood merchant, 77 North-road, Newport, reports stolen from his stable, on the night of the 19th inst., a set of spring-cart harness, consisting of a saddle, a breeching, a collar, a pair of blinkers, and a pair of reins, "N.5" stamped on each piece in several places. Value £3.—O.3327. 22nd April, 1918.

UNDERWOOD, A., wood turner, 30 St. David-street, Fitzroy, reports stolen from Montague-street, South Melbourne, on the 20th inst., a gent's bicycle, enamelled dark red, wooden rims, one spoke broken in the back wheel, New Departure hub, B.S.A. pedal on one side, old pedal on the other, Major Taylor handles, acetylene gas lamp on front. Value £9 10s.—O.3332. 22nd April, 1918.

VINEY, CHARLOTTE G., "Clontarf," Grant-street, East Malvern, reports stolen from her yard, on the 20th inst., 6 white leghorns; and 4 black orpington hens. Value £7.—O.3316. 22nd April, 1918.

DESERTERS OF WIVES AND CHILDREN.

McCALLUM, SAMUEL FREDERICK, is charged, on warrant, with deserting his wife, Alice Maud McCallum, 14 Lennox-street, Moonee Ponds, at Flemington, on or about the 17th inst. Description:—59 years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, stoutish build, fresh complexion, small eyes, full face, bald head, grey stubbly moustache, dresses well, probably in fawn raincoat, grey suit, or a black beaufort suit. He was recently licensee of the Cricket Club Hotel, Flemington-road, and is supposed to have gone to Western Australia.—O.1032A. 24th April, 1918.

McGRATH, JOHN JOSEPH, is charged, on warrant, with deserting his wife, Ellen Ann McGrath, old-age pensioner, 104 Queen-street, Bendigo, at Bendigo, on the 17th January, 1918. Description:—Victorian, labourer, 46 years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high, thin build, dark complexion and hair, fair moustache; generally wears a grey suit. He is supposed to be working in the country.—O.1002A. 20th April, 1918.

SHRIMPTON, ALLAN, is charged, on warrant, with deserting his wife, 109 Sackville-street, Collingwood, at Collingwood, on or about the 30th September, 1917. Description:—A gardener, 24 years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. high, medium build, light brown hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, little finger of the left hand is deformed, dressed in soldier's uniform, and wore a returned soldier's badge. Speaks with a broad accent.—O.1033A. 24th April, 1918.

See *Police Gazette*, 1917, p. 578.

THURLEY, EDWARD JAMES, on warrant, for child desertion, has been arrested by the Box Hill police.—O.2887A. 22nd April, 1918.

WELLS, JOHN THOMAS, is charged, on warrant, issued at the instance of Sarah Fitzgerald, 12 Stafford-street, Abbotsford, with deserting his two illegitimate children, at Abbotsford, on the 19th inst. Description:—About 24 years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, dark complexion and hair, clean shaven, left arm 3 inches shorter than right arm; wearing a grey sac suit and grey alpine hat with black band.—O.1004A. 20th April, 1918.