

EDWARDS IS IDENTIFIED

Mail Clerk McQuarrie Positive He is Man Who Boarded Car

Stratford Hussey Confident He Has P. R. Hold ups in the Toils and Has Called Off All Further Search

(Special to The Daily News)
Kamloops, May 16.—Assistant mail clerk McQuarrie has positively identified Edwards, one of the three men arrested at Quilchena on Monday by constable and the mounted police for conspiracy in the C. P. R. hold-up.
When the police with their prisoners shed town last evening, McQuarrie immediately took to jail to ascertain if he could identify anyone of them. The man who entered the mail car rifled the registered mail sacks, list the fact had not been made generally public, it appears that, when the man was in the mail car, his mask off, enabling McQuarrie to get a good look at his face.
Confronted with Edwards, McQuarrie positively identified him as the man who ordered him to hand over the mail.

Further circumstantial evidence against Edwards is found in the fact that the nails in the heels of his boots correspond to the imprints found on the scene of the robbery and on the train.

Edwards, alias "Shorty," displays a good deal of bravado, but the evidence against him is almost as conclusive as in the case of Edwards. It appears that after the police had made the arrest and "Shorty" was lying down in the ditch, sergeant Wilson to hand him overcoat. Wilson asked him to point out, and upon picking it up and examining the pockets, the sergeant found a "grogginess" which was the work of the men who held up the train.
"Shorty" declared last night that they taken completely by surprise and that they had a moment's warning before the approach of the police there would be some lively shooting and some of the police would not doubt have received him, a bullet wound.
Provincial constable Fernie, it now appears, passed the men on the train, and that they were armed and realizing that they might make a mess of attempting their arrest single handed, continued on his way as though entirely indifferent and in reply to a question asked by one of the constables, "What was he going, simply replied, 'You please'."

When being photographed at the jail "Shorty" asked: "Do you want me to lie or scow?" You can have it your way, please.
Edwards' person was discovered by the police on the train, and he was taken from the mail car, as well as one of the tell-tale groggies.
The men who held up the train.

Superintendent Hussey is quite satisfied that the right men have been taken and has called off further search.
The preliminary hearing opened in the court house here today morning. The crowd assembled to witness the trial of the prisoners here last night provincial constable Fernie a great deal.

The Daily News' Phoenix correspondents the following particulars concerning the hold-up gang:
Phoenix, May 16.—L. Colquhoun, who played for a time as a member of the man at the Brooklyn mine of the Union Copper Co. in this camp, but here some weeks ago, and had not heard of since. Little was known of him here.

Ermon, May 16.—Jim Christie, who was Wilson as killing something of a C. P. R. hold-up, but the police are inclined to think their arrest a mistake. Mail clerk McQuarrie of the hold-up train was here Monday and saw him. He says Christie corresponds to the unattractive robber, but he fails to identify Christie's peculiar and unmistakable voice.

Vancouver, May 16.—Provincial constable Fernie is likely to pick up \$25,000 if it is the hold-up gang. The leader of the gang of train robbers captured by a Monday afternoon.
For the arrest, dead or alive, of the men who held up the westbound C. P. R. express near Kamloops last Tuesday night there is a reward of \$12,000. It is proven that the leader of this gang is old Bill Miner he runs a good case of conviction for the robbery on C. P. R. near Mission Junction in December, 1904.

Larry Draper and T. Hopper, of Spokane, arrived from Kamloops last night in the bloodhounds belonging to the men, which were engaged in the hunt for the train robbers. Seen at the station, Mr. Draper said:
"Well, we were a little too late in getting. We were on the track but as away when a messenger arrived to us that the outlaws were caught, so we went afterwards at Quilchena. I helped to dress Shorty Dunn's hands. He is a nifty dresser. He joked at it all the time. He is probably an hand at crime.
The man called Edwards, who is to be Bill Miner, looks like a young fellow. I can't believe that he is an experienced train robber. The work was raw. When they were caught they

were only 40 miles from the scene of the hold-up, and were not prepared for a fight. Edwards was the first to throw up his hands. They look like novices to me.

"When we arrived at Ducks we sided up the country. The trail was then five days old. I concluded that the robbers would strike southeast through the timber country, and made for it across country. Our horse played out, and before we were fairly in the race, it was all over.

"Yes, I am sorry that my dogs didn't have a chance. They have never failed before, and have a pretty good record. They are St. Huberts, that is, southern states' hounds, but both were born and raised in Texas.

"I have been in the dog business a good many years. It requires a long and endless patience and perseverance to train dogs thoroughly for their work. I prefer them country bred, they are superior in bone, muscle and constitution. A kennel bred dog is no good.

"I admit the faults of the St. Hubert hounds. They are fast trackers and were a man out of the long chase. Mine nearly exhausted the posse in the hunt for Smith in Oregon. They always attack the quarry too. I don't consider that a fault when the quarry is a law-breaker. But if I were tracking a lost child or a crazed man I should, of course, keep the hounds in leash. Besides they will obey my voice at any time, even in the thick of a fight.

"I have two English hounds arriving. I expect that they will be of some use to night. They are more patient and better fitted for city work. I like to have my dogs trained first on a range and then gradually broken to city work. In training my dogs I have every outlet of the law. The dogs enjoy it and they know that whenever they are taken out it means business. It keeps them keen.

"Yes, your police have made quick work. They always do. I have a great deal of faith in them, especially for the mounted police, they are fine fellows. I have often heard it remarked by officers on the other side of the border that they wish they had Canadian laws back here. I have always felt proud of it because I am an Englishman by birth."

Mr. Draper and his dogs leave for Spokane by this morning's train.

SNEAK THIEF AT YMIR

ROBS FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND TOUCHES HOTEL TILL

IS NOW HUNTING COVER WITH CONSTABLE ON HIS TAIL

(Special to The Daily News)
Ymir, May 14.—Saturday a man named William Hagarty, employed at the Portio Rio's company's logging camp, at Tamarac, cooly went through the contents of some of his fellow employees' baggage, taking a number of useful articles, including a savings bank book of a man named Walker, which book showed a credit of \$100 in the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Nelson. Proceeding to Ymir he drew a cheque on the account for \$20 and with the book in charge of a hotel keeper obtained \$20. Later the same hotelman caught Hagarty helping himself to the contents of the till, and promptly made him disgorge and hauled him to the Ymir house. Sunday a complaint was registered with constable Fraser, who proceeded on horse back to Erie. Although Hagarty was in Erie Sunday morning, he had left before the constable reached there. Fraser returned to Ymir and took the train south this morning in the hopes of getting sight of his man. The description of Hagarty is as follows: Height 5 ft. 10 in., weight about 175 lbs., wears mustache and has a sore on nose. It is presumed that he is making for Northport. It is also reported that this light fingered gentleman went across the river and stole from some of the females there.

Miss S. Strickland, of the Jubilee hospital, Victoria, has been engaged as nurse for the Ymir general hospital and arrived this morning.
Work today commenced on the Goodwood group recently bonded to the Ymir mine. Little was known of him here.

Last week three pre-arrests were recorded in the Salmon river valley about nine miles south of Salmo.
Miss Jean Clark and B. J. McKenzie were married on Wednesday in the Presbyterian church here.
The Ladies' Guild of Ymir are giving a dance Victoria Day in the Miners' Union hall.

STEEL FOR V. V. & B.

Track Laying to Commence at Once—Grandy's New No. 1 Furnace.

(Special to The Daily News)
Grand Port, May 16.—Thirty car loads of steel arrived in Midway yesterday, and track laying west of Midway will commence at once and the work pushed with all possible dispatch towards the Similkameen district.

The work of enlarging No. 1 furnace at the Grandby smelter is now completed, which makes this furnace the largest one in the smelter, having now a daily capacity of 50 tons.
H. W. Worthington, superintendent of the Kettle Valley railway, has gone to Kelowna to look after the work of the Kelowna Colville reservation for the purpose of arranging for the right of way for the proposed Kettle Valley railway from Spokane to Republic, which, however, will not now be commenced until the branch up the North Fork is completed.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL AT NELSON

(Special to The Daily News)
Cranbrook, May 16.—The Ymir VanDam, possessed of some \$135 and the over dose of liquor which he was given, was such unusual conduct, woke this morning minus his wealth. One Denis Macdonald, who all the time the early hours yesterday could not raise the price of a drink, flowered in the evening into a full and night-blooming cereus, through a verger of elegant long, light green bell-shaped flowers and ten denominated. Puts VanDam's complaint, the five and ten and a few other matters together, but the police court magistrate was not to be had. It resulted in his being committed to jail at Nelson this morning. The magistrate showed that if VanDam did not actually take the money from the Ymir mine, while he slept, he had the opportunity of doing so and he had others.

OF INTEREST TO MINERS

SPECIAL WEEKLY ARTICLE ON MORE PROMINENT METALS.

THE YELLOW METAL IS DEALT WITH INTERESTINGLY.

Our article on the more prominent metals this week is on gold. It is a difficult subject to treat upon in a way to make it the least entertaining to the ordinary mining man. The writer of this particular article in talking the matter over with a well known prospector for this last few days, was asked what is the use of writing upon that subject (gold)? "Why gold is found everywhere and anywhere, you can't tell us where to find it!" It is certainly a short way of putting it but not the least correct, as nearly all the country rock in this district carries gold in small quantities. Besides that gold has recently been found in one of the neighbourhoods of Nelson, which has always been considered a rather low-grade silver camp, and yet within the last few days, ore has been found there assaying over \$400 per ton in gold.
In writing the following article the writer has been led more to giving information about gold, and the ore bearing it, than with the intention to instruct prospectors and others where to find it.

Regarding our correspondence column we are pleased to see that senders of samples are following the instructions that we have so often printed. If all will do this we shall be only too pleased to answer all queries and send our opinion upon all samples submitted.

GOLD

It would hardly seem necessary to give a description of gold, to our readers as gold is so common (and yet so rare) in British Columbia yet in conformity with this series of articles we think it better to do so.

NATIVE GOLD has a color and streak of orange-yellow often inclining to a silver-white, seldom to an orange-red. It has a metallic luster and is opaque. It is very malleable and difficult to harden. It varies from 2.5 to 3, and its gravity from 19.3 to 19.3, the latter being the gravity when pure. In this latter state it is never found native, as it nearly always contains silver, copper, or iron. Like silver it is also found native in combination with mercury, samples having been obtained containing 60 to 71 per cent of mercury. Ordinary metallic gold as found in nature, comes in a range up to 16 per cent of silver. The purest gold that has been found, so far, being obtained from Queensland, where it was found in Mount Morgan district. This gold yields 98.7 per cent of gold (of \$19.34 with gold) and 1.3 per cent of silver. It is being called "very pure." No doubt they do, but in our opinion, the quartz, which owes its color to iron stains, will carry very little or no values. Possibly by exploring the small strings of quartz which are so common, we may run into more solid formation and from the description you give and our knowledge of the country you may possibly obtain a good showing of copper-gold ore.

Z. Ymir, B. C.—Writes asking if we can tell him what marcasita argentaria is. The letter arrived late in the week and we should like a few days to look the matter up. In the meantime any of our foreign readers know what the mineral is we shall be pleased to hear from them.

A. McD., Kaslo, B. C.—Your No. 1 sample is pyrites and blende in quartz. The 2nd sample is very similar, with a little galena intermixed. If we advised at all we should advise assaying for gold and silver; the fee for which will be \$1.50 in each instance.

N. McD., Nelson—We cannot reply to your questions as you do not conform with conditions published.

CANADA'S GROWING DAYS

Ottawa, May 15.—(Special)—Canada's aggregate trade for the ten months ending with April was \$435,742,355, an increase of \$53,801,548 over the ten months of last year.

The imports of goods for consumption for the past ten months were \$255,297,575, an increase of \$28,880,590.

The exports of Canadian products were \$189,757,171, an increase of \$25,280,000. There was an increase of over six millions in the duty collected. Every branch of trade shows an increase. There was an increase of two and half millions in the output of the mines, four millions and a quarter in the fisheries, three millions and a quarter in the forests, three millions and a half in animals and their products, eight millions and a quarter in agricultural products, and nearly three millions in manufactures.

The imports for the month of April show an increase of two millions and a quarter and the exports four millions and a quarter.

GUN CLUB TOURNAMENT

Arrangements for Meeting of Trap Shooters on last of July.
The members of the Nelson gun club are preparing to hold a tournament on Dominion Day. The traps, which are already in good condition, will be considerably improved for the event.

The club has a large active membership list and has some funds in the treasury. The members hope to be able to offer prizes attractive enough to draw a number of trap shooters from neighboring towns, as they did for the tournament held last Dominion Day. As it is not likely that there will be any municipal celebration this year, on account of the number of things for which the club and others have already been asked to subscribe, and as the boat club regatta will be held on the same day, the gun club's tournament seems likely to be the only Dominion Day attraction in Nelson. Arrangements for the tournament are in charge of a committee consisting of C. D. Blackwood, G. F. Wells and C. H. Ink.

strictly called gold minerals. The three we give below are the most important. SYLVANITE, or graphic tellurium, has a brilliant metallic luster. It is very brittle and has an uneven fracture. Its color and streak are either a steel gray or silver-white. It is the most abundant compound of gold and tellurium carrying about 25 per cent of gold, 12 per cent silver, the balance being tellurium. Its resemblance, in crystalline form, to the written characters gives it its name of graphic tellurium.

NAGYAGITE, or foliated tellurium, is a compound of gold, lead, tellurium and sulphur, carrying about 9 per cent gold. It has a blackish lead gray color and streak, and as its name would imply a foliated structure with a metallic luster. It is frequently called black tellurium.

PETZITE. This mineral is a telluride of gold and silver, carrying about 25 per cent of gold, 43 per cent silver, and 32 per cent tellurium.
It is usually found in a massive form either compact or in fine granulations. It has a metallic luster and is brittle. Its color varies from a steel gray to an iron black. Native gold is often interspersed between the granulations. This ore is frequently found in Colorado, in Republic, Wash., as well as several places in British Columbia, the Gold Cup mine at Ymir being one instance.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. N. Waneta, B.C.—The rock you send us this time is very similar to that submitted in April. Your No. 1 sample as stated in our last reply (April 29) will probably carry a little gold and silver. The fee for this assay will be \$1.50; for gold only it is \$1.00. Your No. 2 sample will possibly carry as much in values if not more, as the quartz is more solid and of better appearance for carrying values. We will hold both assays one week and then advise you as to which we should have assayed. You must enclose fee for one or both samples.

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(From Tuesday's Daily)
What may yet prove to be a case of murder and under any circumstances was a most serious assault, took place at the boatman's houses at the lower pool west of Sloan Junction, yesterday morning about 5 o'clock, when Charlie Street was attacked by George Anderson with an axe and very dangerously wounded.
Both the men are fishermen and boatmen at the lower pool below the second Bonnington Falls, and as such, are well known to all city fishermen and visitors to the falls. Street, the man so murderously assaulted, is said to be of a particularly quiet and inoffensive disposition, while Anderson's reputation is said to be rather the reverse. Anderson is known locally as "Skin-the-Goat."

Both men met at the Junction hotel on Sunday night and it is said there was a row between them over a game of cards, ending in Anderson catching hold of Street's long beard and pulling some of it out, when the latter promptly knocked Anderson down. Those present at the incident were of the opinion that the matter was done with Anderson's intent to kill. Street remained at the hotel until shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday morning when he started off for his cabin at the pool which adjoins the lower pool. Anderson followed him, and upon Street making his appearance, rushed at him and struck him with an ordinary woodman's axe, falling him to the ground and inflicting a serious wound on the head.

Street has a very heavy head of black hair and wears it unusually long, and this fact probably saved him from instant death. The first blow hit the skull between the ear and the forehead, penetrating the skull but just how far Dr. Hawkey, who is in charge of the case, cannot now say for certain. The second blow cut the left ear in two and the third struck on the ground and in the back of the neck. At three blows appear to have glanced a little, otherwise any one of them might have proved instantly fatal.

The Jones brothers, who are also boatmen at the pool, and who witnessed the assault, later drove Anderson off, and he was left lying on the ground covered with blood and went away howling further vengeance.

Dr. Hawkey was sent for and went down on the first train yesterday morning. He found Street in an exhausted condition but able, with help, to walk up to the Junction station. He was brought into the city on the Sloan train and taken to the Kootenay Lake hospital in a cab about 5 o'clock last evening.

Dr. Hawkey thinks Street will recover in time, but admits that he is in a very serious condition indeed, how serious, the next few days will disclose.

Anderson disappeared from his home shortly after making the assault, and could not be found yesterday. Word of the affair was sent into W. H. Bullock-Webster, chief constable of the provincial police, and he at once set out for the lower pool and crossed over at Miles' Ferry.

Anderson was traced some four miles up Rover creek by the chief, but the man had got too long a start to be captured easily, and eventually two men followed him to the lower pool, where he returned to the city last night on the coast train. This morning he will go south on the Great Northern so as to head off Anderson at Erie if he succeeds in making his way to the lower pool. Webster says that but for the interference of the Jones brothers Anderson would undoubtedly have killed Street when he made the attack. The axe got so close to the man's head that he was interested in a large sawmill plant at Spokane, is at the time, asked last evening if the intended killing in here was to make use of the property to the east of the C.P.R. shipyard purchased by the city some time ago and on which an option proposed to erect a large lumber mill. Mr. Lammers replied that the Spokane mill was not yet started, and that the Nelson undertaking would have been started by the time being though in due course, when they could arrange other matters they hoped to take up the erection of their sawmill in the city of Nelson. Mr. Lammers added that he could not say whether they would move the Nelson sawmill to the city or not.

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"We were very sorry," he continued, "that the people of Nelson did not have the full use of our property last year for a summer park where the people could have enjoyed the view of the falls. I think if one of us had been here there would have been no trouble. I am quite willing to prevent the people of this city from having the use of the grounds, while waiting to put up our mill, and quite willing that the city should have the use of the grounds this summer if the council will pay the taxes on the property. I think that would be a fair proposition. Anyway I will be very glad to listen and consider any suggestion the council may make in the matter. Mr. McDermick has not yet sent me his report, but I expect to spend tomorrow here and then return south."

It is understood that Mr. Lammers declined to discuss it, that the object of his visit at the present time is to arrange for the surveying of his company's timber limits near Crawford Bay, and the marking out of the most convenient road, and possibly for a light railway. W. S. Drewry, P. E. S., of New Denver, has been in the city several days, and accompanied by Mr. Lammers and has a gang engaged. Mr. Drewry will leave for the timber limits tomorrow morning, accompanied by T. G. Proctor.

The development of the Crawford Bay timber limits and the operation of the mill near Nelson, which Mr. Lammers has previously stated will probably be begun during the fall of this year.

MINING RECORDS

Two locations were recorded in the Nelson mining office on May 15.
William Kennedy recorded the Resurrection, situated on Lost creek, adjoining the Mastodon on the north, located May 16.

The Pinnacle, in the same locality, adjoining the Resurrection on the north, located also on May 15, was recorded by William Claffey.

A letter signed by W. J. Astley, H. L. Lindsay and W. G. Adams and by J.

PROGRESS OF CRANBROOK

FINK MERCANTILE CO. ABOUT TO ERECT STORE BUILDING.

STAPLES' MILL REDUCED TO HALF TIME TEMPORARILY.

(Special to The Daily News)
Cranbrook, May 14.—The Fink Mercantile company has a notice out calling for tenders for the excavation of the foundation of a stone building. This new building is going in on the two lots between the power office and the McDermott's office and place of business. The lots cover some 50 feet frontage. It is said that the new store will run back from the street from 100 feet and be two stories in height. As the notice specifies for foundations for a stone building it may be assumed that the firm intends to take no risk from fire. The place selected is about the best business site in the city. Cranbrook appears to be an exception to the general rule that towns and cities grow to the west. Progress in the case of the queen city of the Kootenays grows about north and east.

The new Fink building will be near the proposed government offices, the proposed Masonic Temple, new postoffice and so forth. We appear to be moving away from the C. P. R. depot.

During the severe thunderstorm on Friday last a bolt ran over the wires at Staples' mill, Wycliffe, and utterly ruined the armature of the electric light dynamo. This will throw the arc lights in the yard out of action, and reduce the operation of the plant to the day shift merely, pending the arrival of a new dynamo.

It may not be generally known for a fact but we have at least a few examples of vandalism in East Kootenay. An unquestionable specimen of the copper head was killed by W. H. Whitney near Wycliffe a few days ago. This specimen was small, but was quite large enough to do mischief if one stopped to think about warping the copper head is a dark colored animal with the true viperine head-fall and lance shaped. The identification of the example killed on the St. Mary's river was absolute by parties who have seen hundreds of these snakes in the south.

Ald. Irving thought that the city clerk should be authorized to order the disconnection of the service.
City clerk Wasson explained that such a resolution was passed in 1904, but he had never been instructed to enforce it strictly.

The mayor recommended a resolution making it obligatory on the city officials to cut the service as soon as rates are in arrears.
Ald. Selous advocated a charge for cutting off the service, and after the disconnection of the service in each case, he pointed out that the city had no security for the service, and that the city was liable for the service as soon as rates are in arrears.

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It was agreed that on his visit to cut the service, the city clerk should give a final notice, and formally request payment, and that a charge should be made for the service.

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The mayor reported that the new stipend was from London, Ont., on May 17th and would arrive in about 10 days.

Ald. Irving advocated the issuing by the council of members of the fire department a card of appreciation for their services against death or injury. The council considered the matter and decided to issue the card.

The council then adjourned to May 20th at 2 p. m.

SURVEY TIMBER LIMITS

PARTY LEAVING FOR CRAWFORD BAY TO LAY OUT ROAD

G. O. LAMMERS, OF MCDERMICK COMPANY, ON MILL PLANS

George A. Lammers, of Silvertown, Minnesota, who with J. McDermick is now interested in a large sawmill plant at Spokane, is at the time, asked last evening if the intended killing in here was to make use of the property to the east of the C.P.R. shipyard purchased by the city some time ago and on which an option proposed to erect a large lumber mill. Mr. Lammers replied that the Spokane mill was not yet started, and that the Nelson undertaking would have been started by the time being though in due course, when they could arrange other matters they hoped to take up the erection of their sawmill in the city of Nelson. Mr. Lammers added that he could not say whether they would move the Nelson sawmill to the city or not.

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It is understood that Mr. Lammers declined to discuss it, that the object of his visit at the present time is to arrange for the surveying of his company's timber limits near Crawford Bay, and the marking out of the most convenient road, and possibly for a light railway. W. S. Drewry, P. E. S., of New Denver, has been in the city several days, and accompanied by Mr. Lammers and has a gang engaged. Mr. Drewry will leave for the timber limits tomorrow morning, accompanied by T. G. Proctor.

The development of the Crawford Bay timber limits and the operation of the mill near Nelson, which Mr. Lammers has previously stated will probably be begun during the fall of this year.

Two locations were recorded in the Nelson mining office on May 15.
William Kennedy recorded the Resurrection, situated on Lost creek, adjoining the Mastodon on the north, located May 16.

The Pinnacle, in the same locality, adjoining the Resurrection on the north, located also on May 15, was recorded by William Claffey.

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