

HOLD-UP MEN ARE LOCATED

Regina Ranchers Identify Them-
selves as Men Who Undid

REPORT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS

The two "hold-up" men who undid the nerves of A. F. Barber of Vancouver on Monday night have been located. Through the efforts of the Coast Colonist they discovered themselves at breakfast in a restaurant Tuesday morning and the paper reported the fact to the police.

Arthur Rist and his cousin, William Rist, are the guilty ones. They are a well-known pair of sailors and have just past have been ranching near Regina, Sask. and were drawn away from their home and by stories they had read and heard of the gold fields and the moderate climate on the Pacific Coast.

On Sunday evening, about 6:30, they landed at the wharf near Charnier and the outer wharf, intending to go to the Spokane for San Francisco. Finding that they had a couple of hours to spare, they went to the city and supper, taking note of the course of the street railway tracks and the locations of various landmarks in order that they might find their way back to the

Somehow on the return trip the cousins lost their bearings. They were at Kingston and St. Lawrence streets when the electric lights went out and they were in the middle of the approach of some guiding star. Mr. Barber of Vancouver hove in sight on the far side of the street.

"Wait here," said Arthur to William.

"I will obey and ask that gentleman to direct us."

William leaned against a fence-post while Arthur made a quick move across the street in the direction of the stars.

"I say," said Arthur, but he did not get a chance to say nearly as much as he wanted to. The stranger brought himself up with a quick jerk, rapidly uttered a few words and then, in a hoarse whisper, muttered "No, you don't," and then made a bound through the confusing darkness towards the residence where William was holding up

the old chap," shouted Arthur, who, having recovered from his own fright, quickly realized that he had frightened the stranger, and made a sprint after him. Arthur reached the gate just as Barber had fallen against the house and was excitedly attempting to make a knob handle answer the door. "What is it?" he might tell me the direction of the ocean wharf," said Arthur.

"Straight ahead of you," gasped Barber. "Keep away from me."

Whereupon Cousin William, emerged from the gloom at the corner, and the two proceeded straight ahead. But they were some time locating the outer wharf, and when they found it, the Spokane had departed. They then came back to the city, feeling very angry at the man who might have assisted them to reach their boat in time.

Next morning at breakfast the cousins Rist were perusing the Colonist when the hold-up story caught their attention.

"That fellow," he asked it of them, "who had been a fellow-passenger on the Chamer, and on his advice decided to take no chance of being placed under suspicion. They accordingly told me that they were bound for San Francisco on the next steamer bound for that port."

LEPER STATION IS TO
BE MUCH IMPROVED

Health Department of Federal
Government Preparing Plans
for Buildings

The improvement of the conditions of the lepers, whose lives must be spent apart from the rest of the community, has been the problem with which officials of the Dominion government are reported to be grappling. It is not so very long ago since the federal government took the initiative in the establishment of this lazaretto. Originally it was conducted by the corporation, then it was taken over by the provincial government, and finally it was transferred to the Dominion. Soon after assuming the responsibility it was reported that the latter intended changing the site of the institution, that it was planned to move it to the Head or at least to some other isolated point adjacent to Victoria. This rumor, however, proved without foundation and now it is stated that the government has decided to remain with Darcy island but contemplated many improvements—alterations necessary in order to brighten the lives of these unfortunate exiles.

At the death of the William's Head

quarantine station, made a visit to eastern Canada a month or so ago. While there he made a close inspection of the lazaretto at Tracadie, N. B. To a Colonist representative he expressed himself as impressed with the system in vogue in connection with the eastern institution. There, he said, the patients were kept in large brick buildings, surrounded by beautifully kept gardens. They were accorded every care and at-

tion and everything possible done to make their lonely lives as pleasant as circumstances permit. The community made at Darcy Island. A man has been placed in charge and will be stationed there for some time. The new station has been made brighter and much more habitable than heretofore. The next step, from the point of view of the Government, is the construction of more buildings on the plans of those at Tracadie. So far nothing definite has been done in this direction. The Government intends making a trip to the island at an early date largely for the purpose of inspection and that the outcome will be in the form of recommendations for various improvements.

Those who have visited the lepers at their rough huts, who have seen the way some of them come with a longing to better their condition in some way. Completely isolated from the world, and without any means of communication to occupy the whole of their time and attention, present a pitiable spectacle.