

overalls found in their suitcases, revealed soap particles in the clothing similar to that found at the scene of the crime.

In the meantime, the lost dog had been found in an exhausted condition, some miles from Holdfast. Samples of his hair were taken and Surgeon Powers was able to prove that they were similar to dog hairs recovered from a blanket found in the car of Alfonso.

During the investigation at the scene of the crime, (where all desk drawers had been emptied) a piece of paper was observed on the floor of the vault, which, while dirty, showed partial impressions of a rubber heel. This was taken and photographed and on the arrest of the suspects compared with impressions of their rubber heels. It was found that one of Alfonso's heel impressions showed thirteen points of comparison, identical with the impression found at the scene of the crime. This definitely established Alfonso's presence in the blown vault.

Following the arrest of these men they were placed in the cells at Regina Town Station Detachment and a member of Regina Sub-Division, familiar with the Ukrainian and other languages, was placed in an adjoining cell.

Investigation disclosed the presence of all three men in Regina, both prior and subsequent to the offence at Holdfast, Saskatchewan, also at Calgary, Alberta.

The Preliminary Hearing of this case opened in Regina before a Police Magistrate on October 7th, 1938, and concluded on October 11th, 1938.

Witnesses from Calgary, Alberta, were produced to prove that the three accused were at that point and the evidence of a member of the Laboratory Staff, Regina, was called to prove the several signatures appearing on hotel registers in Regina and Calgary. Surgeon Powers testified, as previously indicated, as to the soap and dog hairs. Evidence was also adduced by a prisoner in Regina gaol as to having been given a note by Alfonso addressed to a trusty prisoner at the R.C.M.P. Barracks Guard Room, suggesting that he secure and destroy the nitro-glycerine which was at that time stored there. At the conclusion of the Preliminary Hearing all three accused were committed for trial and subsequently elected trial by judge and jury.

However, on November 10th, 1938, these men appeared before District Court Judge J. W. Hannon in Regina, changed their election to one of Speedy Trial, and entered pleas of Guilty to all charges. They were sentenced as follows:—

James Alfonso—B.E. and Theft (Safeblowing)	5 years.
Possession of nitro-glycerine	5 years.
George Petras—B.E. and Theft (Safeblowing)	6 years.
Possession of nitro-glycerine	5 years.
Nick Grigorchuk—B.E. and Theft (Safeblowing)	7 years.
Possession of nitro-glycerine	5 years.

All the foregoing terms to be served concurrently in the Saskatchewan Penitentiary at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.