

# ELUDED THEIR GUARDS

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## Austrians on Way to Vernon Attempt to Escape.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 18.—Springing from the end doors of their coach and eluding the soldier guards, three Austrian prisoners, who were being taken to the internment camp at Vernon via the Imperial Limited, last night, made a sensational attempt to escape while the train stopped for a few moments at Port Coquitlam. Two of the men were re-captured, but the other escaped in the woods back of the town and although the train was held up for almost half an hour, his whereabouts could not be discovered.

Intense excitement prevailed on the station platform and about the business houses when the escape was attempted. The soldiers were quickly in pursuit of the fleeing men and one shot was fired to intimidate them.

The men seized a moment when the soldier's back was momentarily turned and all three burst through the door simultaneously.